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14. METER READING, ESTIMATED BILLS AND BACKBILLING (Cont'd)

C. <u>BACKBILLING</u> (Cont'd)

2. <u>Nonresidential Accounts</u> (Cont'd)

- a. Notice (Cont'd)
 - (4) A backbill will be accompanied by an offer of a deferred payment agreement in accordance with Section 20. of this tariff, if applicable.

b. Limitations on Backbill Rendering

- (1) The Company shall not render a backbill more than six months after the Company actually became aware of the circumstance, error or condition that caused the underbilling, unless a court extends the time to render a backbill.
- (2) The Company will not upwardly revise a backbill unless the first backbill explicitly stated that the Company reserved the right to do so, the revised backbill is rendered within 12 months after the Company actually became aware of the circumstance, error or condition that caused the underbilling, and
 - (a) the customer knew or reasonably should have known that the original billing or the first backbill was incorrect; or
 - (b) new information shows that the first backbill was incorrect.
- (3) The Company shall render a downwardly revised backbill as soon as reasonably possible and within two months after the Company becomes aware that the first backbill was excessive.

Issued by: Arthur R. Upright, Senior Vice President, Poughkeepsie, New York