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41. RETAIL ACCESS PROGRAM (Cont'd)

L. <u>BILLING OF CUSTOMER</u> (Cont'd)

The party that issues the combined bill shall be responsible for:

- (1) printing and mailing the combined bill;
- (2) printing standard bill messages for the non-billing party, with a minimum of a 400-character allowance;
- (3) forwarding the non-billing party's bill inserts that are mandated by Commission Order, statute or regulation;
- (4) receiving and processing payments;
- (5) apportioning and remitting the non-billing party's portion of the accounts collected; and,
- (6) providing payment details by account to the non-billing party.

The billing party is not responsible for paying or remitting to taxing authorities, on behalf of the non-billing party, any federal, state or local taxes. Each billing party will calculate and identify the taxes applicable to its charges.

Retail Suppliers Requirements

Retail Suppliers who are offering customers a single-bill option must:

- be in compliance with the Commission's Order in Case 98-M-0667 -In the Matter of Electronic Data Interchange;
- (2) provide Central Hudson with their written procedures for billing and mailing, including controls that are in place to ensure billing accuracy and proper distribution of Central Hudson's messages and inserts;
- (3) satisfy Central Hudson's creditworthiness standards as described in General Information, Section 41.0;
- (4) satisfy Central Hudson's security requirements, as discussed below;
- (5) establish and test electronic data interchange with Central Hudson to verify they are capable of rendering an accurate and timely consolidated bill;
- (6) allow Central Hudson 60 days to verify that they have met the above standards; and,
- (7) enter into a Billing Services Agreement with Central Hudson.