## 16. Payment of Bills

Except as otherwise provided in this Tariff, bills for electric service shall be rendered monthly based upon the Company's read and billing schedule and are due and payable by the Customer to the Company upon presentation by the Company for service furnished during the preceding period.

Remittances mailed by the Customer for the amount(s) due shall be accepted by the Company as if tendered within the period to avoid late payment charges, if such payment is received by the Company no more than five (5) days after the due date of the bill.

All bills for Residential and Non-Residential Customers are due when personally served or three (3) days after the mailing of the bill except for state agencies. Residential bills paid more than twenty-two (22) days after the bill is due and Non-Residential bills paid more than twenty (20) days after the bill is due, except for state agencies, shall be required to pay a late payment charge. If payment is not made on or before the date shown on the bill, a late payment charge of $1.50 \%$, per month, shall be applied to all unpaid and overdue amounts, and may be applied to unpaid late payment charges applied to previous bills.

Late payment charges are applicable to Non-Residential Customers where the amount billed for service used that was previously unbilled because the service was being provided through tampered equipment and the Company can demonstrate either that the condition began since the Customer initiated service or that the Customer actually knew or reasonably should have known the original billing was incorrect; and where there is a balance due under a Deferred Payment Agreement.

Service to state agencies shall be rendered in accordance with the provisions of Article XI-A of the State Finance Law (Chapter 153 of the Laws of 1984, effective July 1, 1984).

All payments made by or on behalf of a Customer shall be applied to a Customer's account in accordance with the Commission's payment posting rules should any posting rules exist.

A Customer's account is delinquent when not paid in full by the due date stated on the bill or otherwise agreed upon by the Customer and the Company. The Company shall pursue collections of outstanding Residential delinquent account balances in accordance with this Tariff and Commission Regulations. Termination of service shall occur only for nonpayment of undisputed delinquent accounts associated with the Company's regulated charges.

