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## LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

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### SECTION 2 - GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)

#### **2.10 Additional Provisions Applicable to Residential Customers (Cont'd.)**

##### **2.10.8 Dishonored Payments**

When a check or other form of payment received from a residential customer is dishonored, the company shall make two attempts, one outside of normal business hours, to contact the customer within 24 hours. The customer shall be given an additional 24 hours to pay before suspension/termination. The additional notice will be given provided that the customer has not submitted a dishonored check or other form of payment within the past 12 months.

##### **2.10.9 Suspension or Termination - Abandonment**

Suspension/termination of residential service for abandonment or unauthorized use may occur only after the Company makes a reasonable attempt to determine occupancy or authorized use, or the customer takes reasonable steps to prevent unauthorized use. A notice must be sent to the customer five days before such suspension or termination. The notification requirement is waived when previous mailings are returned by the Post Office or the company is advised that a new customer has moved into the location.

##### **2.10.10 Suspension or Termination - Medical Emergencies**

In the event of a medical emergency as defined in 16NYCRR, Sec. 609, an additional 30 days will be allowed for a residential customer before suspension or termination. A medical certificate as defined in 16NYCRR, Sec. 609, must be supplied. The medical emergency status may be extended beyond 30 days upon submission of specified documentation. During the emergency, the customer will be able to defer payment of monthly charges up to an amount specified by the Commission until the emergency ceases or it is determined that the customer has the ability to pay the charges. Charges in any month in excess of the amount specified are due by the due date of the bill.

##### **2.10.11 Suspension or Termination - Elderly, Blind or Disabled**

An additional 20 days will be allowed before suspension or termination may occur when:

- a) the customer is known to or identified to the Company as being blind or disabled, as defined in 16NYCRR, Sec. 609, or