ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

- 2.3 Obligations of the Customer
 - 2.3.1 The Customer shall be responsible for:
 - A. the payment of all applicable charges pursuant to this tariff. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any other provision in this tariff or other Customer service agreement or arrangement, including but not limited to Meet Point Billing arrangements, in addition to service charges imposed by the Company for the Service, the Customer shall be responsible for and reimburse the Company for any and all charges, fees, assessments of any kind or nature, including but not limited to interstate and intrastate switched access charges, imposed by any third party (collectively "Third Party Charges") upon the Company relating to usage incurred by the Customer in connection with the Services. The Customer hereby indemnifies the Company for all Third Party Charges and agrees to defend and hold the Company harmless for all damages, losses, claims or judgments arising out any Third Party Charges;
 - B. reimbursing the Company for damage to, or loss of, the Company's facilities or equipment caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer, or the noncompliance by the Customer with these regulations, or by fire or theft or other casualty on the Customer premises, unless caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the employees or agents of the Company. The Company will, upon reimbursement for damages to its facilities or equipment, cooperate with the Customer in prosecuting a claim against the person causing such damage and the Customer shall be subjugated in the Company's right of recovery of damages to the extent of such payment;
 - C. providing at no charge, as specified from time to time by the Company, any needed personnel, equipment, space, and power to operate Company facilities and equipment installed on the Customer premises, and the level of heating and air conditioning necessary to maintain the proper operating environment on such premises;