## LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES TARIFF

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

2.6 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd.)
2.6.2 Billing and Collection of Charges (Cont'd.)
E. All past due amounts shall bear interest at $1.5 \%$ per month for business Customers and $1.0 \%$ per month for residential Customers. Such amount will apply to checks or drafts presented for payment which are returned, plus an additional service charge up to the maximum allowed by law. If an attorney or collection agency is required to collect any amounts due, the Customer shall pay the Company's reasonable costs. A late payment charge is not applicable to subsequent rebilling of any amount to which a late payment charge has already been applied. Late payment charges are to be applied without discrimination.

Late payment charges do not apply to those portions (and only those portions) of unpaid balances that are associated with disputed amounts.

Late payment charges do not apply to final accounts.
Late payment charges do not apply to governmental agencies of the State of New York. These agencies are required to make payment in accordance with the provisions of Article XI-A of the State Finance Law (Chapter 153 of the Laws of 1984).

