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## LOCAL AND INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

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

- 2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd.)
  - Limitations on Liability (Cont'd.)
    - The Company shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the Customer from and D. against all loss, liability, damage and expense, including reasonable counsel fees, due to:
      - 1. Any act or omission of: (a) the Customer, (b) any other entity furnishing service, equipment or facilities for use in conjunction with services or facilities provided by the Company; or (c) common carriers or warehousemen, except as contracted by the Company;
      - 2. Any delay or failure of performance or equipment due to causes beyond the Company's control, including but not limited to, acts of God, fires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, or other catastrophes; national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars or other civil commotions; strikes, lockouts, work stoppages or other labor difficulties; criminal actions taken against the Company; unavailability, failure or malfunction of equipment or facilities provided by the Customer or third parties; and any law, order, regulation or other action of any governing authority or agency thereof;
      - 3. Any unlawful or unauthorized use of the Company's facilities and services;
      - 4. Libel, slander, invasion of privacy or infringement of patents, trade secrets, or copyrights arising from or in connection with the material transmitted by means of Company-provided facilities or services; or by means of the combination of Company-provided facilities or services;
      - 5. Breach in the privacy or security of communications transmitted over the Company's facilities;

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