

**Birch Communications of the Northeast, Inc.**  
**d/b/a Birch**  
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LOCAL AND INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

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

2.6 Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd.)

2.6.3 Verification of Nonpayment

Telephone service shall not be suspended or terminated for nonpayment of a bill rendered or a required deposit unless:

- A. The Company has verified, in a manner approved by the Department of Public Service, that payment has not been received at any office of the Company or at any office of an authorized collection agent through the end of the period indicated in the notice, and
- B. The Company has checked the Customer's account on the day that suspension or termination is to occur to determine whether payment has been posted to the Customer's account as of the opening of business on that day.

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