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LOCAL AND INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

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

2.19 Additional Provisions Applicable to Residential Customers (Cont'd.)

2.19.8 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.

2.19.9 Suspension or Termination - Medical Emergencies

In the event of a medical emergency as defined in 16NYCRR, Sec. 609.5, an additional 30 days will be allowed for a residential Customer before suspension or termination. A medical certificate as defined in 16NYCRR, Sec. 609.5, 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 Department 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.

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