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

## 2.12 Deposits and Advanced Payments (Cont'd.)

## 2.12.3 Advance Payments

To safeguard its interests, the Company may require a Customer to make an advance payment before services and facilities are furnished. The advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to one (1) month=s estimated billing. This will be applied against the next month's charges and a new advance payment may be collected for the next month, if necessary. Advance payments do not accrue interest. An advance payment may be required in addition to a deposit.

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