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## ACCESS SERVICES

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

#### 2.9 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd.)

2.9.2 With regard to access services provided by the Company, specific Customer responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

A. Design of Customer Services

The Customer shall be responsible for its own expense for the overall design of its services and for any redesigning or rearrangements of its services which may be required because of changes in facilities, operations or procedures of the Company, minimum protection criteria, or operating or maintenance characteristics of the facilities.

B. Network Contingency Coordination

The Customer shall, in cooperation with the Company, coordinate in planning the actions to be taken to maintain maximum network capability following natural or man-made disasters which affect telecommunications service.

C. Jurisdictional Reports

The jurisdictional reporting requirements will be as specified below. When a Customer orders Access Service, its projected Percent Interstate Usage (PIU) must be provided in whole numbers to the Company. These whole number percentages will be used by the Company to apportion the use and/or charges between interstate and intrastate until a revised report is received as set forth herein. Reported or default PIU factors are used only where the call detail is insufficient to determine the appropriate jurisdiction of the traffic.

- 1) Originating Access: Originating access minutes consist of traffic originating from the Company Local Switching Center(s). The Customer must provide the Company with a projected PIU factor on an annual basis. If no PIU for originating minutes is submitted as specified herein, a default PIU of 50% will be applied by the Company.
- 2) Terminating Access: Terminating access minutes consist of traffic terminating to the Company Local Switching Center(s). The Customer must provide the Company with a projected PIU factor on an annual basis. If no PIU for terminating minutes is submitted as specified herein, a default PIU of 50% will be applied by the Company.

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