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ACCESS SERVICES

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D)

2.20 Allowances for Interruptions in Service (Cont'd.)

2.20.4 Application of Credits for Interruptions in Service

- A. Except as provided in Section 2.20.2 A., if a Customer's service is interrupted, and it remains interrupted for eight normal working hours or longer after access to the premises is made available and after being reported to be out of order, appropriate adjustments or refunds shall be made to the Customer, when such adjustment exceeds \$1.00.
- B. The amount of adjustment or refund shall be determined on the basis of the known period of interruption, generally beginning from the time the service interruption is first reported. The refund to the Customer shall be a pro rata part of the month's flat rate charges (if any) for the period of days and that portion of the service facilities rendered useless or inoperative. The refund may be accomplished by a credit on a subsequent bill for the service.
- C. For purposes of credit computation every month shall be considered to have seven hundred and twenty (720) hours. For services with a monthly recurring charge, no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of continuous duration of less than eight (8) hours. The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of eight (8) or more hours at the rate of 1/720th of the monthly charge for the services affected for each day that the interruption continues. The formula used for computation of credits is as follows:
$$\text{Credit} = A/720 \times B$$

A = outage time in hours (must be 8 or more)
B = total monthly recurring charge for affected service.
- D. No credits will be provided for usage sensitive services.

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