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## 2. RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

## 2.9 Advance Payments

For Customers whom the Company feels an advance payment is necessary, the Company reserves the right to collect an amount not to exceed one (1) month's estimated charges as an advance payment for service. This will be applied against the next month's charges and if necessary a new advance payment will be collected for the next month.

## 2.10 <u>Taxes</u>

All federal, state and local taxes, assessments, surcharges, or fees (i.e., gross receipts tax, sales tax, use tax, municipal utilities tax) are listed as separate line items and are not included in the quoted rates.

## 2.11 Billing and Charges

- 2.11.1 Stratus Networks, Inc. will bill its customers directly. Billing will be payable upon receipt and will be considered past due if not paid within 20 days.
- 2.11.2 The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services furnished to the Customer, as well as to all persons using the Customer's codes, exchange lines, facilities, or equipment, with or without the knowledge or consent of the Customer. The security of the Customer's Authorization Codes, subscribed exchange lines, and direct connect facilities is the responsibility of the Customer. All calls placed using direct connect facilities, subscribed exchange lines, or Authorization Codes will be billed to and must be paid by the Customer. Recurring charges and non-recurring charges are billed in advance. Charges based on actual usage during a month and any accrued interest will be billed monthly in arrears.