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

2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Cont'd.)

2.10.3 Payment for Service (Cont'd.)

- I. The Company will endeavor to bill usage charges monthly for the preceding billing period; however, the Company's failure to do so shall not affect the Customer's liability for such charges irrespective of the length of delay between the date of usage and the Company's billing for such usage. Company is permitted to backbill for usage within two (2) years of the date upon which service was provided.

2.10.4 Disputed Charges

- A. In the event that a billing dispute occurs concerning any charges billed to the Customer by the Company, the Customer must submit a documented claim for the disputed amount. The Customer will submit all documentation as may reasonably be required to support the claim, including but not limited to the specific invoices and amounts disputed, and all reasons therefor, for the dispute to be considered a good faith dispute. (C)
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The Company shall review Customer disputes in a reasonably timely fashion, and the Company shall resolve each dispute based on the terms of this tariff.

- B. Customer shall pay any undisputed charges in full by the due date of the disputed invoice(s) and in any event, prior to or at the time of submitting a good faith dispute. Failure to tender payment for undisputed invoices, or portions of disputed invoices that are undisputed, is sufficient evidence for the Company to deny a dispute due to the Customer's failure to demonstrate that the dispute was made in good faith.
- C. If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Company and the Customer has withheld the disputed amount, any payments withheld pending resolution of the disputed amount shall be subject to the late payment penalty as set forth in 2.10.5.
- D. If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Company and the Customer has paid the disputed amount on or before the payment due date, no interest credit or penalties will apply.
- E. In the event that the Company pursues a claim in Court or before any regulatory body arising out of a Customer's refusal to make payment pursuant to this Tariff, including refusal to pay for services originating from or terminating to any Company End User, and the Company prevails on all or a substantial part of its claim, Customer shall be liable for the payment of the Company's reasonable attorneys' fees expended in collecting those unpaid amounts.

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2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Continued)

2.10.5 Late Payment Fees

A late payment charge of 1.5% per month, or the highest rate permitted by applicable law, whichever is less, shall be due to the Company for any billed amount for which payment has not been received by the Company within thirty (30) days of the invoice date of the Company's invoice for service, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Company in funds which are not immediately available upon presentment, if such unpaid amount is part of a good faith dispute. If an unpaid amount is not part of a good faith dispute as described in this tariff, a late payment charge of 3.0 % per month, or the highest rate permitted by applicable law, whichever is less, will apply. If the payment due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or other day when the offices of the Company are closed, the date for acceptance of payments prior to assessment of any late payment fees shall be extended through to the next business day.

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2.10.6 Returned Check Charge

A service charge equal to \$35.00, or the actual fee incurred by Company from a bank or financial institution, whichever is greater, will be assessed for all checks returned by a bank or other financial institution for: insufficient or uncollected funds, closed account, apparent tampering, missing signature or endorsement, or any other insufficiency or discrepancy necessitating return of the instrument at the discretion of the drawee bank or other financial institution.

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

2.13 Cancellation by Company (Cont'd.)

2.13.3 The Company may refuse or discontinue service to Customer upon five (5) days written notice to comply with any of the following:

- A. For nonpayment: The Company, by written notice to the Customer and in accordance with applicable law, may refuse, suspend or cancel service without incurring any liability when there is an unpaid balance for service that is past due.
- B. For returned checks: The Customer whose check or draft is returned unpaid for any reason, after two attempts at collection, may, at the Company's discretion, be subject to refusal, suspension or cancellation of service in the same manner as provided for nonpayment of overdue charges.
- C. For neglect or refusal to provide reasonable access to the Company or its agents for the purpose of inspection and maintenance of equipment owned by the Company or its agents.
- D. For Customer use or Customer's permitting use of obscene, profane or grossly abusive language over the Company's facilities, and who, after five (5) days notice, fails, neglects or refuses to cease and refrain from such practice or to prevent the same, and to remove its property from the premises of such person.
- E. For use of telephone service for any property or purpose other than that described in the application.
- F. For Customer's breach of any contract for service between the Company and the Customer.
- G. For periods of inactivity in excess of sixty (60) days.
- H. If the Company discontinues service, it will no longer route any traffic that uses the Customer's Carrier Identification Code (CIC), Local Routing Number (LRN), carrier owned NPA-NXX or any other element used to route traffic. In the case of such discontinuance, all applicable charges, including termination charges, if any, shall become due. If the Company does not discontinue the provision of the services involved on the date specified in the five (5) days' notice, and the Customer's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude the Company's right to discontinue the provision of the services to the non-complying Customer without further notice. Charges for any access services the Company provides prior to routing traffic to the now discontinued Customer – i.e., 8YY queries necessary to identify the relevant Customer in advance of routing – will still apply.

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