

TARIFF DISTRIBUTION

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A2. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A2.4 Payment Arrangements And Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

A2.4.3 Payment For Service

- A. The subscriber is responsible for payment of all appropriate charges for completed calls, services, and equipment. All charges due by the subscriber are payable at the Company's Business Office or any agency duly authorized to receive such payments. If objection in writing is not received by the Company within thirty days after the bill is rendered, the account shall be deemed correct and binding upon the subscriber.
- B. The subscriber shall pay monthly in advance or on demand all charges for service and equipment and shall pay on demand all charges for long distance service and billed local usage. Basic monthly charges are billed in advance. Toll charges for long distance services and additional charges for local usage are billed in arrears. The subscriber is responsible for payment of all charges for services furnished the subscriber, including charges for services originated or charges accepted at the subscriber's station.
- C. Should service be suspended for non-payment of charges, it will be restored only as provided in Section A4.
- D. When the service has been disconnected for non-payment, the service agreement is considered to have been terminated. Reestablishment of service may be made only upon the execution of a new service agreement which is subject to the provisions of this Guidebook.
- E. In its discretion, the Company may restore or reestablish service which has been suspended or disconnected for non-payment of charges, or otherwise discontinued, terminated or interrupted, prior to payment of all charges due. Such restoration or reestablishment shall not be construed as a waiver of any rights to suspend or disconnect service for non-payment of any such or other charges due and unpaid or for the violation of the provisions of this Guidebook; nor shall the failure to suspend or disconnect service for non-payment of any past due account or accounts operate as a waiver or estoppel to suspend or disconnect service for non-payment of such account or of any other past due account.
- F. Returned check/bank draft
 An administrative charge will be applied by the Company to the subscriber's account each time a check or bank draft is not accepted by the subscriber's financial institution on which it is written.

- 1. Returned check/bank draft

Rate	USOC
\$30.00	NA

- (a) Each
- G. A termination charge may apply as described in A2.3.17.C.
- H. A late payment charge of **\$9.75** will apply to each residence subscriber's bill with an unpaid balance greater than \$5.00 (including amounts billed in accordance with Billing and Collection Services) when any undisputed portion of all new charges on the subscriber's previous month's bill have not been paid in full prior to the next billing date. A late payment charge or fee of two percent will apply to each business subscriber's total undisputed unpaid balance for new charges (including amounts billed in accordance with Billing and Collection Services) when any undisputed portion of all new charges on the subscriber's previous month's bill has not been paid in full prior to the next billing date. The two percent late payment charge will apply to all new undisputed charges on a subscriber's previous month's bill that were not paid prior to the next billing date.
 The late payment charge shall not apply for Mississippi state, local, or municipal government agencies.
 Federal Government customers are exempt from late payment and/or interest charges.
- I. Residence subscribers with overdue bill balances for their existing service, which has been temporarily suspended for nonpayment, who are unable to pay the charges in full may be allowed to retain their local service if they elect to have a full toll restriction placed on their existing service, at no charge, until the charges are paid. These subscribers may arrange to pay the outstanding balance in up to twelve (12) monthly installment payments (see Section A4). An installment Billing Service Fee may apply as specified in Section A4. A late payment charge, as specified in A2.4.3.H. may be applied to the overdue new charges on the subscriber's previous month's bill which were not paid prior to the next billing date at the time the installment payment plan is established.

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