

GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.5 Billing Regulations (Cont'd)

2.5.3 Payment of Rates and Charges

For services provided under this tariff, SWBT will bill in the following manner:

- Charges or credits due to the customer for services established or discontinued during the preceding billing period will be billed on a current basis,
- Recurring rates and charges for services to be provided during the next billing period will be billed in advance, and
- Charges associated with service usage and provided to the Federal Government will be billed in arrears.

All bills are due within thirty (30) days after or by the next bill date. If the payment date would cause payment to be due on a Saturday, Sunday, or Legal Holiday, payment for such bills will be due from the customer as follows:

- If the payment due date falls on a Sunday or on a Legal Holiday which is observed by SWBT on a Monday, the payment shall be due the next workday after the due date.
- If the payment date falls on a Saturday or on a Legal Holiday which is observed by SWBT on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, the payment date shall be the last non-holiday preceding such Saturday or Legal Holiday.

Adjustments for the quantities of services established or discontinued in any billing period beyond the minimum period set forth for services in other sections of this tariff will be prorated to the number days or fraction thereof based on a 30 day month.

When a rate as set forth in this tariff is shown to more than two decimal places, the charges will be determined using the rate shown. The resulting amount will be rounded to the nearest penny (i.e., rounded to two decimal places).

(A) Past Due Charges

Bills are considered past due 30 days after the bill date or by the next bill date (i.e., same date as the bill date in the following month), whichever occurs first, and are payable in immediately available funds, except as set for in (D) following.

If the entire amount billed is received by SWBT after the payment date, except as set forth in (D) following, or if any portion of the payment is received by SWBT in funds which are not immediately available to the Telephone Company, then a late payment charge will apply to the unpaid balance. The late payment charge will be a onetime charge of five (5) percent per year (.000137 per day), compounded daily, for each day an outstanding balance remains. The late payment charge is calculated as follows: (C)

$L = A [(1 + .000137)^N - 1]$ where L = late payment charge; (C)
A = amount past due; and N = the number of days past due.