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15. BILLING AND COLLECTION (continued):

15.1 Billing Period (continued)

15.1.2 Customers receiving bills produced and issued by the Company*s Customer Service System (CSS) may elect to receive and pay their bill electronically under the Company*s Online Bill-Pay program. Under the Online Bill-Pay program, a bill shall be deemed rendered in accordance with Rule 15.1.1.

15.2 Bills are due when rendered, in accordance with Rule 15.1.1. A customer is in default unless payment is made at or is mailed to a designated office or bill paying agency of the Company on or before the date specified on the bill. Payment under the Online Bill-Pay program shall be considered paid the date a customer submits a payment online unless the payment is made on a weekend, holiday or after 3:00 pm, in which case the payment will be concidered paid on the next business day. The date specified on the bill shall be at least twenty (20) calendar days subsequent to the date the bill is rendered. If payment is not made on or before the date specified on the bill, a late payment charge at the rate of one and one-half percent (1 1/2%) per monthly billing period will be applied to all amounts previously billed under this tariff, except for state agencies, including arrears and unpaid late payment charges applied to previous bills. Payment must be made without regard to any counterclaims relating to matters other than for service rendered and failure to receive a bill does not relieve responsibility for payments of amounts due.

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