## GENERAL INFORMATION

## 7. METERING AND BILLING (Continued)

### 7.6 LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

(A) The Company may impose a continuing late payment charge at the rate of one and onehalf percent ( $11 / 2 \%$ ) per month to the accounts of all customers except state agencies, on:
(1) the balance of any bill for service, including budget bills and any unpaid late payment charge amounts applied to previous bills, which bill is not paid by 11:59 p.m. local time on the late payment charge due date, which is 23 calendar days after the Billing Date;
(2) the amount billed for service used that was previously unbilled because service was being provided through tampered equipment, provided the Company can demonstrate either that the condition commenced since the customer initiated service or that the customer knew or reasonably should have known the original billing was incorrect; and
(3) the balance due under a deferred payment agreement except as defined in 7.11(B)(2)(b).
(B) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company reserves the right to discontinue service in accordance with the provisions elsewhere in this tariff and/or to take any other action permitted by law with respect to any customer who fails to make full and timely payment of all amounts due the Company, including amounts due for late payment charges hereunder.
(C) Late payment charges to state agencies will be rendered in accordance with the provisions of Article XI-A of the State Finance Law (Chapter 153 of the Laws of 1984, eff. July 1, 1984).
(D) For residential customers, a late payment charge will not be assessed on any amounts subject to a deferred payment agreement except for deferred payment agreement installment payments included in a customer's current bill when the current bill is past due. For the purpose of this section, a customer's current bill shall include current charges for service plus any installment payment amount as contained in General Information Section No. 7.11.
(E) During the period from January 1, 1991 through December 31, 1991, the residential late payment charge will be automatically waived the first time a customer has a balance that remains unpaid 25 days after the billing date.

