## Section 2

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## GENERAL AND LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

C. General Regulations (Continued)

1. Establishment and Furnishing of Services (Continued)
h) Late Payment Charge (Continued)

When the customer contacts the Company to question certain charges made to the customer's billing, and the customer and the Company work together to resolve the concern, if the Company agrees to credit the customer's account, the Company will also credit the customer's account for any late payment charges associated with the credited amount.

When a complaint involving disputed charges is referred to the Commission for resolution, the Company will waive the late payment charges associated with the disputed amount for the period of time the complaint is open with the Commission, provided that charges not in dispute are paid when due. Late payment charges associated with disputed charges will be treated the same as disputed charges under WAC 480-120-172(12).
(D)
i) Minimum Contract Period

Except as specified elsewhere in this tariff, the minimum contract period is one month from the date service or additions to service are established, and the minimum charge is the established rate for one month.

Special contractual arrangements for special equipment or special assemblies of equipment are developed as required.
2. Discontinuance of Service

Regulations involving the Discontinuance of Service are included in 480-120-171, 480-120-172, 480-120-173 and 480-120-174 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

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## GENERAL AND LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

## SERVICE CHARGES

B. Application of Service Charges (Continued)

## 7. Late Payment Charge

A late payment charge of 1.5 percent or $\$ 2.50$, whichever is greater, for residential, or 1.5 percent or $\$ 5.00$, whichever is greater, for business, applies to each customer's bill when the previous month's bill has not been paid in full, leaving an unpaid balance carried forward. The 1.5 percent is applied to the total unpaid amount carried forward and the charge (minimum $\$ 2.50$ for residential and $\$ 5.00$ for business) is included in the total amount due on the current bill.

The Company will accommodate customers who have a medical emergency as provided for by WAC 480-120172(6). In the case of a certified medical emergency under this rule, the Company will waive the late payment charges for the length of time provided for in WAC 480-120-172(6)(c).

The Company will waive late payment charges for customers who establish a preferred payment date, and whose payment is made by the scheduled date, as provided by WAC 480-120-161(2)(a). If payment is not made by the scheduled date, late payment charges shall apply.

When the customer contacts the Company to question certain charges made to the customer's billing, and the customer and the Company work together to resolve the concern, if the Company agrees to credit the customer's account, the Company will also credit the customer's account for any late payment charges associated with the credited amount.

When a complaint involving disputed charges is referred to the Commission for resolution, the Company will waive the late payment charges associated with the disputed amount for the period of time the complaint is open with the Commission, provided that charges not in dispute are paid when due. Late payment charges associated with disputed charges will be treated the same as disputed charges under WAC 480-120-172(12).

## Section 5

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## GENERAL AND LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

## SERVICE CHARGES

C. Rates and Charges

6. Late Payment Charge

A late payment charge of 1.5 percent or $\$ 2.50$, whichever is greater, for residential, or 1.5 percent or $\$ 5.00$, whichever is greater, for business, applies to each customer's bill when the previous month's bill has not been paid in full, leaving an unpaid balance carried forward. The 1.5 percent is applied to the total unpaid amount carried forward and the charge (minimum $\$ 2.50$ for residential and $\$ 5.00$ for business) is included in the total amount due on the current bill.

1 Qualifying customers may receive a discount or waiver of certain of these charges. See Lifeline/Washington Telephone Assistance Program, Section 2 preceding.

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