

(b) Written notification of any arrears in payment shall be submitted on the forty-fifth calendar day subsequent to the issuance of bills. Interest shall not be charged on arrears in payment, nor shall services be suspended.

(c) Bills for particular items to which the force takes exception shall be returned immediately to the issuing office together with all pertinent documentation. If agreement concerning the disputed amounts cannot be reached immediately upon the return of the bill, a new and provisional bill excluding the disputed amounts shall be prepared. Efforts will be made to reach agreement concerning the disputed amounts within thirty days. Should the force agree to pay a disputed amount, such amount shall be included in the next regular bill, the force being notified thereof beforehand in writing.

(d) (i) All amounts still disputed at the close of the fiscal year of a force shall at the request of the force concerned be included in the bills for the final calendar month of such fiscal year. The disputed amounts shall be marked as such. Efforts to reach agreement concerning them shall continue. Other charges included in these bills shall be payable within thirty days.

(ii) Disputed amounts omitted through error from the billing at the close of the fiscal year of a force shall be included in subsequent regular billing. The force shall be notified separately in writing thereof, such notification to contain all data necessary for payment in the manner of an invoice.

(e) Bills for line charges calculated at the Fernmeldetechnisches Zentralamt shall be submitted collectively after the twentieth day of each calendar month. Such bills shall include all charges recorded by the Fernmeldetechnisches Zentralamt for the current calendar month up to the date of billing. Charges recorded after the date of billing shall be billed in the subsequent calendar month. Lines installed for manœuvres and other training exercises shall be billed separately.

2. Other deviations from accounting procedures, concerning a single force, may be agreed upon between the authorities of the force and the Federal Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

#### ARTICLE 9

##### *Provisions concerning Tariffs*

1. The following deviations from German regulations governing tariffs shall apply to a force:

(a) The charge for the lease of a telephone out-of-area tie-line (third sentence of paragraph 1 of Section 7 of the Fernsprechordnung) shall irrespective of length be 1.20 Deutsche Mark monthly per hundred metres.

(b) The charge for the lease of a teleprinter out-of-area tie-line (Annex to the Verordnung über Gebühren für Nebentelegraphen und für den Fernschreibdienst of 12 June 1942, Official Gazette