Chapter 5 - Billing

OVERVIEW OF BILLING SECTION This section of the Natural Log System allows you to generate, print, view and edit **Broadcast Billing** for the orders in the system. After a Bill has been generated and [Final] printed in the **Billing** function it is no longer available through this function. Issued invoices can be viewed on-screen and can be reprinted in the Accounts Receivable function (**Accounts Rec** / **Transactions**). The **Miscellaneous Billing** section allows you to generate invoices for non-broadcast items.

Please Note: **Broadcast Billing is generated from your logs**, not orders! If a log isn't **Charged** (See Section 4.35), items on that log **won't appear on the bill**.

When you enter the $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$ illing Section from the MAIN MENU, you are given several options:

<u>BROADCAST BILLING or MISCELLANEOUS BILLING</u> To work on normal broadcast billing select <u>Broadcast</u>. To work on non-broadcast billing, enter <u>Miscellaneous Billing</u>. (See Section 5.4 for a discussion of Miscellaneous Billing.

STATION If you have 2 stations, select the station for which you want print bills.

BILLING FOR MONTH OF Here you must tell the system which month you want to work on in the form ##-## (month-year, e.g. 08-95 for August 1995). You can only have one month "Open" for processing billing and payments at any time. See <u>End of Month Closing</u> in section 9 of this manual to close the month AFTER all billing and payments have been processed.

CLOSING DATES Based on the month you are working on, the system will compute the expected invoice closing dates and display them on the screen. The appropriate closing date is automatically selected when the invoice for each order is printed, based on the Billing Cycle entered when the order was entered. The system then bills out all charged items on that bill which occurred **on or before that closing date**. Any log items charged to the bill which occur after this closing date are saved for the following month's billing. You may edit these closing dates, however, once you leave the billing section, they will revert to the default values.

BILLING CYCLE The system needs to know what billing cycle you want to work on. You may select any of the choices listed, or **All.**

5.1 - Billing

After entering all chocies shown on the previous page, Natural Log will scan for billing items, and will then display a sorted list of all orders:

	Order #	Sponsor	Order Identifier	Billed	Cy/	Rv/	'Stn
	0146-001	1ST ANNUAL HISPAN	1st ANNUAL HISPA	09/30/91	N	С	1
	0001-003	ALLENS BODY TECH	ALLENS FOOTBALL	None	В	С	1
	0001-004	ALLENS BODY TECH	NEWS SPONSOR	None	В	С	1
	0102-001	AMERICAN NATIONAL	WEATHER SPONSOR	09/30/91+	В	С	1
Ready	0102-001	AMERICAN NATIONAL	AMERICAN FOOTBAL	09/30/91+	В	Τ	1
I	0138-001	ANOTHER DEBUT	ANOTHER DEBUT 4T	09/30/91+	C	С	1
	0003-002	APACHE CHEMICAL	APACHE CHEMICAL	09/30/91	С	C	1
	0204-001	APACHE TRACTOR	APACHE FOOTBALL	None	С	Т	1
	0105-003	ASAP PAGING	ASAP 4TH QTR	None	С	С	1
Ready	0016-009	AZTEC RENTS	AZTEC FOOTBALL	09/30/91	C	Т	1
_	0107-003	BARTS SUPERMARKET	BARTS FOOTBALL	09/30/91	В	С	1
	0107-004	BARTS SUPERMARKET	BARTS SUPERMKT	None +	В	С	1
	0107-005	BARTS SUPERMARKET	BARTS COOP	None	В	С	1
	0008-001	BETTE'S SEWING CT	BETTE'S SEWING	09/30/91	C	С	1
Ready	0311-001	BEE'S PLACE	BEE'S PLACE	09/30/91	В	С	1
Ready	0112-003	BOWLING CENTER	BOWLING CENTER	09/30/91+	В	С	1
Ready	0112-004	BOWLING CENTER	FOOTBALL SPONSOR	09/30/91	В	С	1
Ready	0112-006	BOWLING CENTER	COACH'S SHOW	09/30/91+	В	Τ	1
		iew/Edit <u>P</u> rint All Billing Cycles	<u>Find</u> <u>Sort</u> <u>Bil</u>	lling-Cycl	e	[ESC

Your choices at the **BILLING MENU** are:

[Enter]-View/Edit This allows you to view & edit a bill on-screen for any listed order. You can **Edit**, **Insert**, or **Print** the bill. (See Sec 5.2)

Batch-prints BILL/AFFIDAVITS (Trial or Final) for the selected billing **Print** cycle(s) which are READY to be billed. You can also print a summary list of bills. (See Section 5.1) You can also print an Error Report which compares the spots and dollars pending to be billed versus projected spots and dollars as ordered. It then prints a report

of possible errors. (See Section 5.3)

Finds an invoice when you enter the first few characters of the **Find**

sponsor name.

Sort Resorts your bill/order list. Your choices at the **Billing Print Menu** are:

ERROR REPORT It is highly recommended that you generate an **Error Report** before you print final billing. This allows you to correct any errors BEFORE the bills are [Final] Printed. (See Section 5.3)

TRIAL bills are only intended to help you in finding and correcting errors, NOT to be sent to customers. These do NOT result in an account receivable being set up for the amount due nor will any billing data be moved to the accounts receivable module.

<u>FINAL</u> bills are printed for all orders which are marked as 'Ready" on the billing screen and an account receivable entry will be made for the invoice amount. Final billing also results in all items which were billed being removed from the billing section and being sent to the Accounts Receivable section where the invoice may be reprinted. When you select Final, Natural Log will generate a new screen list containing only the **Ready** billing items.

5.11 - Types of Invoices

The Natural Log system will print 3 types of invoices which can be selected during order entry, plus the option of **No-Invoicing** which only produces account statements with no detailed spot information. Samples of each of the 3 invoice types are shown in Section 5.11.

DETAILED This type is shown on page 5-5. It is the type most often used for ad agencies which need a lot of detailed information.

SUMMARY Thus type is shown on Page 5-4. It is the type used most often with small local advertisers who only need to know how many spots ran and how much they cost.

TIMES-ONLY This provides a middle ground between **Detailed** and **Summary**. It lists the spot date, spot length, and times it ran that date.

NONE-STATEMENTS ONLY This provides NO Invoice but just posts the balance due to the customers account who is then sent an account statement.

(Samples of each type are shown on the next several pages)

5.11 - Sample SUMMARY Type Invoice

NOTE: On all invoice types shown in this section, the "Affidavit of Performance" portion, may or may not be printed on any individual invoice. This is selected during order entry. The exact wording of this "Affidavit of Performance" can be changed in **Setup Format Bills**.

DEMO-FM INVOIC	CE/AFFIDAVIT
FROM: DEMO-FM P.O. BOX 158	ACCOUNT # 0002
ANYWHERE, TX 78888	12/31/91
TO: WIER, TITE, & HOWE 223 BANKERS BLVD NEW YORK, NY 10010-1923	
	INVOICE # 91-12-098 Pg. 1
RE: ABC DOORKNOBS COOP ADVERTI	SING ESTIMATE 91-04Q
# OF DATES BROADCASTS	DESCRIPTION COST EXTENSION
12/21/91-12/23/91 6 : 12/22/91-12/22/91 1	60 DEMO-FM SPOTS 5.00 \$30.00 15.00 \$15.00
	TOTAL CHARGES \$45.00 -AGENCY COMM \$-6.75
Official Station Logs, announce this invoice. STATE OF TEXAS St COUNTY OF BEXAR SWORN TO and subscribed before m	
on this day of	Notary Public

5.11 - Sample DETAILED Type Invoice

NOTE: On all invoice types shown in this section, the "Affidavit of Performance" portion, may or may not be printed on any individual invoice. This is selected during order entry. The exact wording of this "Affidavit of Performance" can be changed in **Setup Format Bills**.

DEMO-FM INVOICE/AFFIDAVIT

FROM: DEMO-FM ACCOUNT # 0002

P.O. BOX 158 ANYWHERE, TX 78888 12/31/91

TO: WIER, TITE, & HOWE
223 BANKERS BLVD
NEW YORK, NY 10010-1923

INVOICE # 91-12-098 Pg. 1

RE: ABC DOORKNOBS COOP ADVERTISING ESTIMATE 91-04Q

-	 DATE	TIME	LENGTH & TYPE	TAPE/SCRIPT	NOTES	COST	BAL FORWARD \$0.00
	12/21/91 12/21/91					5.00 5.00	
	 12/22/91 12/22/91 12/22/91	850AM	:60CA		CALL-IN SPONSOR	5.00	
	 12/23/91 12/23/91			ABC-110 ABC-99	MAKE GD	 5.00 5.00	
•					TOTAL CI	HARGES	\$45.00 \$-6.75

-AGENCY COMM | \$-6.75 | |------| NET DUE | \$38.25 | =========

AFFIDAVIT OF PERFORMANCE: I Certify that, in accordance with the Official Station Logs, announcements were broadcast as shown on this invoice.

STATE OF TEXAS	Station Official
COUNTY OF BEXAR	
SWORN TO and subscribed before	e me
on this day of	Notary Public

5.11 - Sample TIMES-ONLY Type Invoice

NOTE: On all invoice types shown in this section, the "Affidavit of Performance" portion, may or may not be printed on any individual invoice. This is selected during order entry. The exact wording of this "Affidavit of Performance" can be changed in **Setup Format Bills**.

DEMO-FM INVOICE/AFFIDAVIT FROM: DEMO-FM ACCOUNT # 0002 P.O. BOX 158 ANYWHERE, TX 78888 12/31/91 TO: WIER, TITE, & HOWE 223 BANKERS BLVD NEW YORK, NY 10010-1923 INVOICE # 91-12-098 Pg. 1 RE: ABC DOORKNOBS COOP ADVERTISING ESTIMATE 91-040 ______ LENGTH BROADCAST TIME(S) | DATES |LENGTH| |12/21/91| :60 | 810AM 920AM |12/22/91| :60 | 620AM 850AM 1050AM |12/23/91| :60 | 620AM 820AM TOTAL CHARGES | \$45.00 | -AGENCY COMM | \$-6.75 | NET DUE | \$38.25 | ========= AFFIDAVIT OF PERFORMANCE: I Certify that, in accordance with the Official Station Logs, announcements were broadcast as shown on this invoice. STATE OF TEXAS Station Official COUNTY OF BEXAR SWORN TO and subscribed before me on this ____ day of ____ Notary Public

5.11 - Sample Script Affidavit

The copy manager interacts with the Billing Module to automatically generate script affidavits, if needed, immediately after the "Detailed" type invoice is printed. (See Section 3.8)

DEMO-FM

Advertiser: ABC DOORKNOBS

P.O. Box 158 Anywhere TX 00000
(15 SEC JINGLE IN)
ABC DOOR LOCKS ARE THE BEST IN THE BUSINESS. AND TO BACK UP THAT CLAIM, WE
ARE OFFERING TO PAY HOUR HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE IF YOUR HOME IS
BURGLARIZED DUE TO THE FAILURE OF OUR LOCKS ON ANY THIRD TUESDAY. THAT'S
RIGHT, NO IFS AND OR BUTS. WE'LL COVER YOUR DEDUCTIBLE. HOW CAN WE MAKE
THIS OFFER? OUR LOCKS ARE MADE OF THE SAME MATERIAL AS YOUR LOCAL BANK'S
VAULT! AND ANYWAY, YOU PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND US IF YOU ARE
BURGLARIZED. OUR LOCKS MAY COST A LITTLE MORE, BUT WE HAVE 2 KIDS IN
COLLEGE, WE REALLY NEED THE MONEY. ISN'T YOUR FAMILY'S SAFETY WORTH IT?
(15 SEC JINGLE OUT)
STATION DOCUMENTATION STATEMENT APPROVED BY THE COOPERATIVE ADVERTISING COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL ADVERTISERS This announcement was broadcast 3 times, as entered in the station's program log. The times this announcement was broadcast were billed to this station's client on our invoice number 91-12-098 dated 12/31/91 at his earned rate of:
\$5.00 each for 3 announcements, for a total of \$15.00 For a total of 3 announcements and a total of \$15.00
State of Texas Signature of station official County of Bexar
Sworn before me on
Notarize Above My Commission expires:

5.2 - View / Edit Bills On-Screen

This section allows you to **View** a complete Bill/Affidavit on-screen up to date with the last Log which was charged. This section also allows you to **Edit** the bill so any problems can be corrected BEFORE the Final Bills are printed.

At the **BILLING MENU**, use the $\downarrow\uparrow$ keys to select the bill you want to **View/Edit**. Hit **[Enter]** and that bill will be displayed:

ALLEN'S BODY TECH Station DEMO-FM Order ##0001-003 1234 ANYWHERE ROAD Sponsor ALLENS BODY TECH SAN ANTONIO TX 78213 Bill Cycle CALENDAR MONTH Billed Thru 09/30/91 RE: FOOTBALL SPONSORSHIP							
Line# Date Time Length Type Tape/Script Bill Notes Cost							
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	10/01/91 10/01/91 10/01/91 10/01/91 10/02/91 10/02/91 10/02/91 10/02/91	525PM 725AM	:30 :30 :30 :30 :30 :30 :30	CA CA CA CA CA CA	UZ-1123 UZ-1124 UZ-1123 UZ-1124 UZ-1123 UZ-1124 UZ-1123	Call-in	5.00 10.00 10.00 10.00 10.00 5.00 25.00 10.00
SILLS: [PqUp] [PqDn] Edit Insert Print Delete Orderview [ESC]							

[F10]-Test Paper Alignment

Your **BILL VIEW/EDIT MENU** choices are:

OCT-91 DEMO-FM All Billing Cycles

[PgUp][PgDn] [Home][End]	Move through the bill pages.
<u>E</u> dit	Correct the Bill before printing. (See Sec 5.21)
<u>I</u> nsert	Insert a line into a Bill (See Section 5.21)
<u>P</u> rint	Prints Final or Trial bill for only currently displayed Bill.
<u>D</u> elete	Deletes the entire currently displayed Bill.
<u>O</u> rderView	View the broadcast Order on-screen without leaving the Billing Section.

5.21 - Edit Bills Before Final print

NOTE: This section covers editing Bill <u>before</u> final print. To edit an Invoice <u>after</u> the final print (when they have been moved to Accounts Receivable), please see Section 6.41 of this manual.

The **Edit** function allows you to correct a Bill/Affidavit before you print it. At the **BILL VIEW/EDIT MENU**, type **Edit** to get into the EDIT function or **Insert** to insert a new line of data. The computer will then ask for the line ## to be edited (or inserted). After you enter a valid line ##, the computer will highlight that line for you to edit or insert the information.

DATE This is the date that the spot ran.

TIME This is the time that the spot ran.

LENGTH Enter the spot or program length. For spots, enter the length in seconds (:00 to :60). For programs enter the length in minutes and seconds(:00 to 60:00)

TYPE Enter the TYPE of the item on this line. Possible choices are:

<u>CA</u>	Commercial Announcement
<u>CP</u>	Commercial Program
<u>SPA</u>	Station Promo Announcement
<u>PSA</u>	Public Service Announcement
<u>FCC</u>	FCC Required Announcement
<u>CMT</u>	Comment
<u>NLC</u>	Charges which won't appear on the station log.
<u>uw</u>	Underwriting announcement

5.21 - Edit Bills Before Final print

TAPE ## Enter here the cart number from the Tape/Script library for any tape identifier which the customer requires on the Bill. This is usually entered by the logging system, but you can edit this information to correct any errors.

NOTE The computer will allow you to enter a NOTE to be printed on the Bill. Your choices are:

<u>S</u> ponsorship	<u>T</u> radeout	<u>M</u> ake Good
<u>N</u> o Charge	<u>C</u> all-In	<u>L</u> ive Spot
Remote	P romo	A djacency

COST If this Order is set up for Unit Pricing (that is, you did NOT enter a Package Price), you will be asked for the cost. Possible answers are from <u>:00</u> to <u>9999.99</u>. If you have already entered a Package Price for this order, the computer won't ask you for a cost and will print [PKG] in the cost column.

This completes the Billing **Edit** function.

5.3 - Error Report (Projected vs Billed)

LOCATING BILLING ERRORS BEFORE BILLS ARE GENERATED The Natural Log system can assist you in locating errors in your billing before they are issued, when the are much easier to fix using the Bill **View/Edit** function (See Section 5.21). At the **BILLING MENU**, select **Print** then **Error Report**. The system will print out a report for all orders displayed on the screen listing. The system will give you the option of restricting the printout to only those orders on which it found a billing error.

ERROR REPORT CAN BE RUN ANYTIME IN THE MONTH You can run the **Error Report** any time in the month and it will be current up to the last log you have <u>charged</u>. After **Final** bills are issued, they are difficult to fix so it is a good idea to use this report to fix any problems before your final billing for the month. You don't have to wait until the end of the month.

ERROR REPORT FORMAT This **Error Report** compares the number of spots and dollars waiting to be billed versus what the order says should have run. A plus error (+) indicates too many spots or dollars ran. A minus (-) indicates too few spots or dollars ran. These errors can be caused if you deleted spots because they didn't air, wrote in spots, or if there were bumped spots which you didn't put on the log. With this report, you can use the Bill **View/Edit** function (Sec 5.21) to fix errors BEFORE final billing.

Sample BILLING ERROR Report

DEMO-FM LOGS CHARGED THOUGH: 10/01	L/91 	BILLING M	ONTH:	OCT-91	Page	1
**BROADCAST MONTH BILLING CYCLE ORDER PRODUCT	ORD	ERED COST SP		GED COST S	. ,	ERROR COST
0134-001 FARMERS'S SUPPLY	3	27.69	2	18.46	-1	-9.23
0058-001 GRAY AIR	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
0122-001 GUADALUPE SUPPLY	5	36.55	5	36.55	0	0.00
0122-002 GUADALUPE SUPPLY	6	39.45	6	39.45	0	0.00
0122-003 GUADALUPE SUPPLY	5	36.55	5	36.55	0	0.00
0124-002 HENRY'S SUPERMARKET	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
0243-002 JOHN'S JOHNS & PLUMBING	7	22.50	6	20.00	-1	-2.50
0092-003 MANUAL'S DOORKNOBS	8	40.00	9	45.00	+1	+5.00
0112-002 PERFORMANCE AUTO REPAIR	9	90.00	9	90.00	0	0.00
0190-003 SUPER WEIGHT LOSS CTR	5	25.00	6	25.00	+1	0.00
0124-002 VICTORY BUILDING SUPPLY	9	45.00	9 =====	45.00	0	0.00

5.4 - Miscellaneous Billing

USES FOR MISCELLANEOUS BILLING SECTION The <u>Miscellaneous Billing</u> function will allow you to generate invoices for any non-advertising-time charges such as talent fees, phone lines, etc. It's also useful for creating "prior" invoices for initial customer balances when first installing the Natural Log. (See Section 5.42)

After entering the Miscellaneous Billing information, you must **Print** or **Save** the bill for it to be posted to Accounts Receivable. You can <u>not</u> enter information here and expect it to be saved for automatic billing later. The Miscellaneous Billing function <u>will not work that way!</u>

NOTE: After Saving the Miscellaneous invoice, you can not edit it. If you discover an error after saving it, just go to the **A**ccts Receivable **P**ayments section and enter an adjusting entry to Void the invoice. See Section 6.41 for instructions on voiding invoices. Then create a correct Misc Charges invoice.

At the BILLING MENU, enter Miscellaneous Billing:

WEIR, TITE, & HOWE Customer # 0002 223 BANKERS BLVD NEW YORK NY 10010-1923							
	Inv Date: 05/31/92 Revenue Type: C Station: DEMO-FM Certify: Yes Salesman: 1 Albert Doorknob RE: Added Remote Charges						
	Date	Description			Net Cost \$\$		
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	05/31/91 05/31/91	I.R. DEEJAY TALENT FEE REMOTE PHONE FEES	25.00 100.00		25.00 100.00		
Gro	ss: \$125.	.00 Commission:	\$0.00	Ne	et Due: S	\$125.00	

MISCELLANEOUS BILLING: Edit Print/Save Save/NoPrint Delete [ESC]

5.41 - Miscellaneous Billing (cont)

The MISCELLANEOUS BILLING MENU choices are:

Edit Edits the miscellaneous invoice.

Print/Save Prints & posts the Bill to Accounts Receivable.

Save/No Print Posts the bill to Accounts Receivable without printing it.

Delete Deletes the entire Miscellaneous Bill from the screen before it

is saved.

The following items are needed for the Miscellaneous Charge:

CUSTOMER # Enter the account to which this bill is to be posted.

INVOICE DATE The computer must know what date to place on this bill. <u>This determines into which accounting period to enter this bill</u>. If you are initially setting up your previously issued invoices into the system enter the original billing date here.

REVENUE TYPE You input the revenue type so that this bill may be properly recorded.

STATION If you have more than one station, you must input the station for this bill.

CERTIFY If you want the station official's certification printed on this invoice enter $\underline{Y}es$, otherwise enter No.

SALESMAN Enter the salesman ## to be given credit for this sale.

For each individual descriptive line enter the following:

DESCRIPTION Enter a description of what is being charged for.

5.41 - Miscellaneous Billing (cont)

GROSS Enter the Gross amount to be billed. If there is an agency commission, the computer will compute the Net amount for you.

AGENCY COMMISSION % You should enter the agency commission %.

NET This will be filled in automatically.

SALESMAN COMMISSION Enter the salesman commission %.

DEMO-FM INVOICE/AFFIDAVIT

FROM: DEMO-FM ACCOUNT # 0002

P.O. BOX 158
ANYWHERE, TX 78888 05/31/92

TO: WEIR, TITE & HOWE
223 BANKERS BLVD
NEW YORK, NY 10010-1923

INVOICE # 92-05-003 Pg. 1

RE: ADDED REMOTE CHARGES

TEL TIPPED TELLOTE OURTOOD			
DATE DESCRIPTION		AGENCY COMMISSION	NET CHARGES
05/03/28 I.R. DEEJAY TALENT FEE 05/03/92 REMOTE PHONE FEES 		0.00 0.00 	
TOTAL CHARGES	125.00	0.00	125.00

AFFIDAVIT	OF	PERFORMANCE:	I	Certify	that	the	products	or	services
				charge	d on	this	invoice	were	e provided
				as lis	ted a	bove			

STATE OF TEXAS	Station	Official:	
COUNTY OF BEXAR			

SWORN TO and subscribed before me on this _____ day of _____ Notary Public

5.42 - Miscellaneous Billing for Initial Customer Balance Setup

The **Miscellaneous Billing** function is also useful when you initially set up your Natural Log system because you can issue "invoices" for prior billing before the Natural Log computer system was installed. You can generate a <u>separate</u> **Miscellaneous Billing** invoice for the amount due for each prior invoice which is currently outstanding from your prior system. Example, if the customer owes you for May 1990 and June 1990, create <u>separate</u> Invoices for EACH month. Enter "Prior Billing", "May Billing", or whatever makes sense to you for the "RE:" entry.

NOTE: The important date is the "<u>Inv Date</u>". This date is used by the Natural Log System when aging the account balances.

ALSO NOTE: After Saving the Miscellaneous invoice, you can not edit it. If you discover an error after saving it, just go to the **A**ccts Receivable **P**ayments section and enter an adjusting entry to Void the invoice. See Section 6.41 for instructions on voiding invoices. Then create a correct Misc Charges invoice.

Example: To enter a prior balance for May 1990. Inv Date is May.

223	R, TITE, & F B BANKERS BLV V YORK NY 100	JD			Cı	ustomer #	0002
	Inv Date: 05/31/90 Revenue Type: C Station: DEMO-FM Certify: Yes Salesman: 1 Albert Doorknob RE: MAY 90 ADVERTISING BALANCE DUE						
	Date	Descript	ion			Net Cost \$\$	
1 2 3	05/31/90	MAY ADVERTISI	NG BALANCE	1000.00	15.0%	850.00	15.0%
Gro	Gross: \$1000.00 Commission: \$150.00 Net Due: \$850.00						
MISC	MISCELLANEOUS BILLING: Edit Print/Save Save/NoPrint Delete [ESC]						

5.42 - Miscellaneous Billing for Initial Customer Balance Setup

Save the invoice on the previous page. Enter the prior balance for Jun 1990. Inv Date is June.

223	IR, TITE, & F B BANKERS BLV V YORK NY 100	/D	Customer # 0002			
	Inv Date: 06/30/90 Revenue Type: C Station: DEMO-FM Certify: Yes Salesman: 1 Albert Doorknob RE: JUN 90 ADVERTISING BALANCE DUE					
	Date	Description	Gross Agency Net Slsma Cost \$\$ Comm % Cost \$\$ Comm			
1 2 3	06/30/90	JUN ADVERTISING BALANCE	1500.00 15.0% 1275.00 15.0			
Gro	Gross: \$1500.00 Commission: \$225.00 Net Due: \$1275.0					

The Natural Log will then include these bills in reports and will allow you to process payments against them, just like a bill generated by Natural Log. Your accounts receivable aging reports will also be accurate even for the time before the Natural Log System was in use. May will be aged from May and June will be aged from June.

Alternatively, you can enter just one **total** of all prior outstanding invoices due for each customer as one miscellaneous charge. Then when payments come in, they can be posted against this "total" until it is all paid. This will not allow accurate accounts receivable aging reports for any period before the Natural Log System was installed.

Example: To enter up a "total" prior balance as of 07/01/90

223	IR, TITE, & F B BANKERS BLV V YORK NY 100	/D				Cı	istomer #	0002
	Inv Date: 07/01/90 Revenue Type: C Station: DEMO-FM Certify: Yes Salesman: 1 Albert Doorknob RE: BALANCE FORWARD AS OF 07/01/90							
	Date	Des	cription	า			Net Cost \$\$	
1 2 3	07/01/90	BALANCE	FORWARD	070190	2500.00	15.0%	2125.00	15.0%
Gro	Gross: \$2500.00 Commission: \$375.00 Net Due: \$2125.00					2125.00		

Note that the **Inv Date** causes the Natural Log to date the invoice 07/01/90 for aging purposes. We combined the \$1000 for May and the \$1500 for June an entered them as a total of \$2500. The Natural Log will age these beginning on the Inv Date of **07/01/90** because that is when it thinks this balance was created.

5.5 - Closing Dates

SEP-91 INVOI	CE Closing	g Dates
Calendar STD Broadcast Weekly Demand/Special End-of-Flight	Month Bills Bills	09/30/91 09/29/91 09/30/91 09/30/91 09/30/91

Las	t Log Charged	to Bills:
DEMO-FM	09/30/91	DEMO-AM 09/30/91

CLOSING DATE is the cutoff date for billing. For example, if you enter a Closing Date of 1/1/90, only billable items occurring ON or BEFORE 1/1/90 will be billed. If Logs have been Charged AFTER 1/1/90, the Log items after 1/1/90 remain in memory for later billing.

When you first start the BILLING section or select the **Closing Date** option, the computer will tell you the last Log date saved, compute the expected **Closing Date** for each billing cycle, and warn you if there is a problem such as the logs not having been charged for the entire period.

If logs aren't charged through the **Closing Date**, the billing may be incomplete. Billing items are only posted during the **Log Charging Process** (See Section 4.35)

EDITING CLOSING DATES If for any reason you want to edit the Closing Dates, you may do so. If you do edit them, note that these changes are valid ONLY for the time you remain in the Billing Module, and will reset to the default values once you leave the Billing function.

BOOK CLOSING At the Natural Log **MAIN MENU** you will notice **End of month** closing. This allows you to close months and prevent anyone from returning to that month to issue additional invoices or post payments as received during that month. Any Closing Date you edit **must** be **after** the last Book Closing Date. The Natural Log system will not accept any Closing Date before the Book Closing Date.

