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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

Changes to this tariff are identified on the revised page(s) through the use of symbols. The following are the symbols used and the change indicated by them:

- (C) - To signify a changed regulation.
- (D) - To signify a discontinued rate or regulation.
- (I) - To signify an increase in rate or charge.
- (M) - To signify material relocated from one page to another without change.
- (N) - To signify a new rate or regulation.
- (R) - To signify a reduced rate or charge.
- (S) - To signify a correction or reissued matter.
- (T) - To signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation.

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APPLICATION OF TARIFF

This tariff contains the regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of competitive telecommunications services by Omniplex Communications Group, L.L.C., for the use of Customers transmitting messages within the State.

This tariff is on file with the Commission. In addition, this tariff is available for review at the main office of Omniplex Communications Group, L.L.C., located at 743 Spirit 40 Park, Suite 250, Chesterfield, MO 63005.

The local services offered pursuant to this tariff apply to exchanges in the Company's certificated service area, which for local exchange service is limited to the exchanges served by the BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., GTE South, Inc., and Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company. The Company concurs in the definitions of local exchange service areas set forth in those companies' applicable tariffs. The Company's rates for long distance services apply throughout the State.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITION OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Additional Period - The unit of time used for measuring and charging for a connection in excess of the Initial Period.

Authorization Code - A numerical code, one or more of which are available to a Customer to enable it to access Carrier's network, and which are used by Carrier both to prevent unauthorized access to its facilities and to identify Customer for billing purposes.

Bill to Third Party - A billing arrangement by which a call may be charged to an authorized station other than the station originating the call or station where the call is terminated.

Calling Card - A billing arrangement by which a call may be charged to an authorized calling card account.

Carrier - Omniplex Communications Group, L.L.C.

Collect Call - A billing arrangement by which the charge for a call is assessed upon the called station.

Commission - The Kentucky Public Service Commission.

Customer - The company, individual, or other entity which orders or uses Services and is responsible for the payment of charges due and for compliance with Carrier's tariff regulations.

Customer Dialed Direct Station-to-Station - Service by which the person originating the call dials the telephone number desired, the message is connected without the assistance of an Operator, and the message is billed to the originating number.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITION OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (Continued)

800/888 Service - An interexchange service offered pursuant to this tariff for which the called party is assigned a unique 800-NXX-XXXX or 888-NXX-XXXX number and is billed for calls terminating at that number.

Initial Period - The minimum unit of time for which a rate is charged for a connection between given points.

Local Exchange - A geographic area within which the local telephone company provides telephone services and/or facilities that are not subject to a toll charge.

Local Access and Transport Area (LATA) - A defined geographic area within which the local telephone company provides telephone services and/or facilities.

Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service (LDMTS) - Long distance telecommunications service offered between exchanges pursuant to this tariff.

Main Billed Account - The customer name, address and account number to which charges are billed.

Operator - An automated or live operator.

Operator Assisted Station-to-Station - Service by which the person originating the call asks the Operator to connect to a particular number.

Service - Any or all service(s) provided by Carrier pursuant to this tariff.

Service Agreement - Agreement between Carrier in which Customer agrees to provide Service under specific terms and conditions of this tariff.

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SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of the Carrier

- 2.1.1 Service is furnished for telecommunication services originating and terminating within the State under the terms and conditions of this tariff.
- 2.1.2 Carrier shall operate and maintain Service provided hereunder in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this tariff.
- 2.1.3 Service is available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.

2.2 Limitations on Service

- 2.2.1 Service is offered subject to the availability of the necessary facilities and subject to the provisions of this tariff.
- 2.2.2 Carrier reserves the right to discontinue furnishing Service, or to limit the use of Service, when necessitated by conditions beyond its control, when Customer is using Service in violation of the law or in violation of the provisions of this tariff, or for non-payment of billed charges by Customer.
- 2.2.3 Service provided under this tariff is directly controlled by Carrier, and Customer may not transfer or assign the use of Service, except with the consent of Carrier. In the event of such transfer or assignment, all regulations and conditions contained in this tariff, as well as all conditions for Service, shall apply to the assignee(s) or transferee(s).
- 2.2.4 Service may not be used for any unlawful purpose.

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SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS (Continued)

2.3 Liability of the Company

- 2.3.1 Except as stated in this Section, Carrier shall have no liability for damages, including without limitation direct, consequential, special, incidental or indirect damages, arising out of or related to events, acts, rights or privileges contemplated in this tariff. This tariff does not limit the liability of Carrier for willful misconduct.
- 2.3.2 The liability of Carrier for damages arising out of mistakes, interruptions, omissions, delays, errors or defects occurring in the course of establishing, furnishing, rearranging, changing, or terminating Service under this tariff, and not caused by the failure or negligence of Customer, shall in no event exceed the amounts specified in this tariff for Service interruptions. No other liability in any event shall attach to Carrier.
- 2.3.3 The Carrier shall not be liable for any failure of performance hereunder due to causes beyond its control, including but not limited to acts of God, fire, flood or other catastrophes; any law, order, regulation, directive, action or request of the United States Government, or any other government, including state and local governments having jurisdiction over the Carrier, or of any or more of said governments, or of any civil or military authority; national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars or labor difficulties.
- 2.3.4 The Carrier shall not be liable for any act or omission of any other entity furnishing to Customer equipment, facilities or service used with the Service furnished in this tariff; nor shall Carrier be liable for any damages or losses due to the failure or negligence of Customer or due to the failure of customer-provided equipment or facilities.
- 2.3.5 The Carrier shall not be liable for any damages, including usage charges, Customer may incur as a result of the unauthorized use or the misuse of the Service. This unauthorized use or misuse includes the unauthorized use or misuse of Service by Customer's employees and third parties.

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SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS (Continued)

2.4 Claims

The Carrier shall be indemnified and saved harmless by Customer from and against all loss, liability, damage and expense, including reasonable counsel fees, due to (A) claims for libel, slander invasion of privacy, or infringement of copyright in connection with the material transmitted over Carrier's Service or facilities; (B) claims for infringement of patent arising from the combination, connection or use of Carrier's equipment, facilities or Service with Customer-provided equipment, facilities or services; and (C) any other claim resulting from any act or omission of Customer or patron(s) of Customer relating to the use of Carrier's Service or facilities.

2.5 Discontinuance or Interruption of Service by Carrier

Without incurring any liability, Carrier may under the following conditions discontinue or interrupt Service provided by Carrier.

- 2.5.1 For noncompliance with or violation of any applicable State, Municipal or Federal law, ordinance or regulation or noncompliance with or violation of any Commission regulation.
- 2.5.2 For noncompliance with any of the provisions of this tariff governing Service.
- 2.5.3 In the event of Customer's use of Service in such a manner as to adversely affect Carrier's equipment or Service to others.
- 2.5.4 In the event of unauthorized or fraudulent use of Service.
- 2.5.5 By reason of any order or decision of a court or other government authority having jurisdiction that prohibits Carrier from furnishing Service to Customer.
- 2.5.6 In order to perform tests and inspections necessary to insure compliance with tariff regulations or the proper installation, operation, and maintenance of Carrier's equipment and facilities.

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2.6 Cancellation or Termination of Service by Customer

Customer may, at its option, cancel or terminate the use of Service at any time. Customer remains responsible for all charges incurred up to three (3) days following notice of cancellation.

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2.7 Restoration of Service

The use and restoration of Service shall in all cases be in accordance with the priority system specified in Part 64, Subpart D, of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.

2.8 Payment and Billing

2.8.1 Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for Service furnished to Customer's account, including charges for all Service originated or charges accepted at Customer's station and for charges billed Customer for Calling Card messages.

2.8.2 If notice from Customer of a dispute as to charges is not reported to a customer service representative or received in writing by Carrier within thirty (30) days after the date the charges are billed, the billing will be considered correct. Carrier shall investigate all disputed charges and shall report its findings and disposition to Customer. In the event that the dispute is not resolved, Carrier will provide notice to Customer of Customer's right to file a complaint with the Commission in accordance with 807 KAR 5:006, § 9.

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2.8.3 The charges for calls are due upon receipt of the bill. Charges not paid within 30 days of the date that the charges are billed will be considered overdue.

2.8.4 Carrier may, at its election and upon fifteen (15) days written notice, disconnect Service if charges are overdue. For purposes of this Section, the first day to be counted in the fifteen (15) day period shall be the date of the written notice. Carrier may disconnect on the day following the fifteenth (15th) day if any overdue charges described in the written notice remain unpaid.

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SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS (Continued)**2.9 Deposits**

Carrier may require a Customer without an established credit history to pay as a deposit a sum up to an amount equal to twice the estimated average monthly charge for usage of Services ordered from this tariff. The estimated charge shall be based on the average monthly billing of the most recent twelve (12) months to that Customer or, in the case of a new Customer, the average monthly bill for that class and type of service. Such deposit will be held as a guarantee of the payment of charges under this tariff. The fact that a deposit has been made in no way relieves the Customer from complying with the requirement for prompt payment of bills on presentation. At such time as the Service is terminated, the amount of the deposit will be credited to the Customer's account and any credit balance which may remain will be refunded. Such a deposit may be refunded or credited to the Customer so long as the Customer has paid any past due bill for Service owed to the Company, Service has not been discontinued for nonpayment, the Customer has not paid late four (4) times, or the Company has not provided evidence that the Customer used a device or scheme to obtain Service without payment.

2.10 Taxes

Federal, state and local sales, use, excise and other taxes, where applicable, shall be added to the charges contained herein, unless Customer provides a properly executed certificate of exemption from such taxes. It shall be the responsibility of Customer to pay these taxes and to accept the liability of any such unpaid taxes that may become applicable.

2.11 Regulatory Surcharges

Regulatory surcharges imposed to subsidize universal service, high cost service, rural healthcare, education, TTY, 911, number administration, and similar programs will be added to the Customer's bill, and it shall be the responsibility of the Customer to pay these surcharges. These surcharges shall be separately itemized on Customer's bill.

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SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS (Continued)

2.12 Credit Allowances for Interruption of Service

A credit allowance is applicable to that duration of a call which is interrupted due to poor transmission (e.g., noisy circuit condition), one-way transmission (one party is unable to hear the other), or involuntary disconnection (cut-off) of the call caused by components of Carrier's equipment. Customer may also be granted credit for reaching a wrong number.

To receive the proper credit, Customer must notify Carrier within thirty (30) days of the call and furnish the called number, the trouble experienced (e.g., cut-off, noisy circuit, reached wrong number, etc.), the class of call, and the appropriate time the call was placed.

Customer will receive credit equivalent to one minute of use. Charges will apply to the re-established call.

Credit allowances for a call do not apply for interruptions that are due to the failure of power, equipment or systems not provided by Carrier.

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SECTION 3 - AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE

3.1 Time and Scope

Carrier offers resold telecommunications service, subject to the terms and conditions of this tariff. Service is available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.

3.2 Geographic Availability

The local services offered pursuant to this tariff apply to exchanges in the Company's certificated service area, which for local exchange service is limited to the exchanges served by the BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., GTE South, Inc., and Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company. The Company offers resold long distance service throughout the State of Kentucky.

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SECTION 4 - APPLICATION OF RATES AND CHARGES**4.1 Time Periods and Service Charges**

Rates are stated in terms of Initial Period, Additional Periods, Service Charges, and Surcharges.

The specific rate elements used to determine the applicable charges for a call are indicated on the respective rate schedules. The following factors are used to rate calls.

4.1.1 Initial Period

The minimum unit of time for which a rate is charged for a connection between given points.

4.1.2 Additional Periods

The unit of time used for measuring and charging for a connection in excess of the Initial Period.

4.1.3 Service Charges and Surcharge

A Service Charge applies to each Calling Card or Operator Assisted Station-to-Station call. This charge is added to the Initial Period and Additional Period charges.

4.1.4 Chargeable Time

Chargeable time for all Station-to-Station calls begins when connection is established between the calling station and the called station and ends when the calling station hangs up, thereby releasing the network connection. If the called station hangs up but the calling station does not, chargeable time ends when the network connection is released either by automatic timing equipment in the network or by an Operator.

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SECTION 4 - APPLICATION OF RATES AND CHARGES (Continued)

4.2 Description of Services

The following Services are offered under this tariff:

- Local Exchange Service
- Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service
- 800/888 Service
- Long Distance Dedicated Service
- Calling Card Service
- Directory Assistance
- Operator Assistance
- Optional Prepaid Residential Telephone Service

4.2.1 Local Exchange Service

Local Exchange Service provides for telephonic connection to, and a unique telephone number address on, the public switched telecommunications network. Local Exchange Services enable users to place and receive calls from other stations on the public switched telephone network, access other services offered by the Company, access certain interstate and international services offered by the Company, access operator and directory assistance services, and access emergency services by dialing 0- or 9-1-1.

Except as set forth in Section 1.1 of this tariff (and as set forth herein), the Company concurs in the descriptions, rules and regulations, including all footnotes thereto, for local exchange services of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., GTE South, Inc., and Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, on file with and approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Kentucky or applicable law. The description applicable to local services in any particular exchange is that set forth in the tariff of the BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., GTE South, Inc., and Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, that includes that particular exchange. The company also provides Optional Prepaid Telephone Service to residential customers at rates set forth in Section 5.8.

4.2.2 Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service

Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service provides for the origination and termination of Customer Dialed Direct Station-to-Station toll interexchange calls. Rates applicable to Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service are set forth in Section 5.2.A. of this tariff.

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SECTION 4 - APPLICATION OF RATES AND CHARGES (Continued)

4.2 Description of Services (Continued)

4.2.3 800/888 Service

800/888 Service provides for the termination of inbound toll-free 800/888 calls to one-party exchange access lines. The minimum service period for 800/888 Service is one month. Rates applicable to 800/888 traffic are set forth in Section 5.3 of this tariff.

A. 800/888 Number Assignment

The Customer shall be assigned an 800/888 Number. Assignment provides for the assignment of a single ten digit 800/888 number (*i.e.* 800-NXX-XXXX). 800/888 Number Service allows but does not require the 800/888 Service Customer to use the number. The assigned 800/888 number will terminate to an exchange access line.

B. Area of Service

800/888 Number Service can be selected for an area by specifying the desired area of service. Area of Service defines the geographic location from which the 800/888 Number Service Customer desires to accept calls for a given 800/888 number. The desired Area of Service must be specified by Customer at the time 800/888 Service is ordered.

C. Determining Usage Charges

Monthly usage charges are calculated separately for each exchange access line termination. Carrier shall measure the usage of the exchange access line based on completed calls for each billing period for each rate period.

D. Dedicated Access

Rates for dedicated access apply when Customer connects to carrier's point-of-presence with a dedicated private line of T-1 capacity or greater for the termination of 800/888 service. The cost of the dedicated private line is in addition to the charges for 800/888 service.

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SECTION 4 - APPLICATION OF RATES AND CHARGES (Continued)

4.2 Description of Services (Continued)

4.2.4 Long Distance Dedicated Service

Long Distance Dedicated Service provides for the origination and termination of toll interexchange calls where the Customer connects to Carrier's point of presence with a dedicated private line of T-1 or greater capacity. The minimum service period for Long Distance Dedicated Service is one month. Rates applicable to Long Distance Dedicated Service are set forth in Section 5.2.B. of this tariff and are in addition to the cost of the dedicated line between the Customer's premises and Carrier's point of presence.

4.2.5 Calling Card Service

Three types of Calling Card Services are available: (1) Subscriber-Billed Calling Card Service; (2) Pre-Paid Calling Card Service; and (3) Debit Card Service. The rates for Calling Card Service are set out in Section 5.4.

A. Subscriber-Billed Calling Card Service

Subscriber-Billed Calling Card Service is a service for which calls are charged to a subscriber's calling card and which are billed to the subscriber's account.

This service allows the person originating the call to dial an 800/888 access number printed on the calling card, the telephone number, and the calling card number to complete the call with or without operator assistance. When operator assistance is required an additional charge will apply for the Operator Assistance Service.

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4.2.5 Calling Card Service (Continued)

B. Pre-Paid Calling Card Service

Pre-Paid Calling Card Service is a service for which calls are charged to a subscriber's prepaid calling card.

This service allows the person originating the call to dial an 800/888 access number printed on the calling card, the telephone number, and the calling card number to complete the call with or without operator assistance. When operator assistance is required an additional charge will apply for the Operator Assistance Service.

C. Debit Card Service

Debit Card Service is a service for which calls are charged to a subscriber's calling card and debited from a subscriber's account with a financial institution.

This service allows the person originating the call to dial an 800/888 access number printed on the calling card, the telephone number, and the calling card number to complete the call with or without operator assistance. When operator assistance is required an additional charge will apply for the Operator Assistance Service.

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Directory Assistance Service provides Customers with assistance in determining telephone numbers. The per call rate for Directory Assistance is set forth in Section 5.5 of this tariff.

- A. Direct Dialed Directory Assistance Service calls are dialed by the Customer and completed without the assistance of an operator. The services of an operator are not to be used in connection with the completing of direct dialed Directory Assistance Service calls except in the following cases:
1. To reach the called Directory Assistance Service number where direct dialing facilities are not available.
 2. To reach the called Directory Assistance Service number when attempts by the Customer to direct dial such a call cannot be completed.
 3. To record the originating telephone number where no automatic recording equipment is available.
- B. Customers placing a call to Directory Assistance may obtain the telephone number for a maximum of two listings per call. The Directory Assistance Charge applies whether or not the Directory Assistance bureau furnished the requested telephone number(s), (e.g., where the requested telephone number is unlisted, non-published or unavailable).

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4.2.6 Directory Assistance Service (Continued)

- C. Calls placed to Directory Assistance via an Operator, instead of direct dialed by the Customer, will be assessed an Operator Assistance Service Charge in addition to the Directory Assistance Per Call charge. This surcharge is billed at the Operator Assisted Service Charge rate as specified in Section 5.6 of this tariff.
- D. Charges for Directory Assistance Service are not applicable to handicapped Customers on calls placed from residence dial tone lines where a member of the Customer's household has been certified by a registered physician or a designated agency as unable to use a directory because of a visual or physical disability, or from the business dial tone line of a certified handicapped Customer where assistance is otherwise not available.

4.2.7 Operator Assistance Service

Operator Assisted Station-to-Station calls will be billed in one of the following ways:

- Collect - call is billed to the called station;
- Calling Card - call is billed to a calling card;
- Third Number - call is billed to a third number.

The Operator Assisted Station-to-Station rates specified in Section 5.6 of this tariff apply in addition to the charges for the call.

Collect calls are permissible between all stations except that the Collect Call option is not available for calls to a public or semi-public coin station.

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4.2 Description of Services (Continued)

4.2.8 Optional Prepaid Residential Telephone Service

Optional Prepaid Residential Telephone Service (OPRTS) is an optional service arrangement for residential customers who do not require any services beyond basic local service and who do not wish to be subjected to normal consumer credit checking, deposits or application screening. OPRTS is available for a minimum period of one month. Customers may apply for OPRTS with the Carrier or an authorized agent of the carrier by payment of the following:

- A. A flat monthly charge for the next full calendar month's billing period.
- B. A prorated amount for any partial month prior to the full calendar month equal to the daily rate times the number of days beginning five (5) days after the application day and ending on the last day of the partial month.
- C. An activation fee.

Each month, prior to the last business day in the month, the customer may prepay for an additional month at the carrier or an authorized agent to extend the service for an additional month. If the customer does not prepay for an additional month by the last business day of the month, the customer's telephone service will be disconnected. The Carrier will send normal billing and will send disconnect notices not less than 7 days prior to the last business day of the month in compliance with the Commission's Regulations.

Prepayment for OPRTS must be made in a form that provides immediate access to the funds such as: a bank draft, money order, wire transfer or credit card. Prepayment may also be made at an authorized agent in cash.

OPRTS will only be provided in Flat Rate Exchanges and does not include calling to Exchanges where usage charges are assessed, Long Distance, Operator Services, Collect Calls, third number billed calls, calls to 900 NPA or 976 NXX nor Directory Assistance. The monthly rate includes blocking of these services, however, the customer is responsible for payment of any charges billed to their service because of failure of blocking. The customer may subscribe to the following optional services: Call Waiting, Three Way Calling, Non-Published Number, Speed Calling, Caller ID, and Call Return for the additional installation (if any) and monthly charges.

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4.2 Description of Services (Continued)

4.2.8 Optional Prepaid Residential Telephone Service (Continued)

Rates applicable to Optional Prepaid Residential Telephone Service are set forth in Section 5.7 of this tariff.

4.3 Discount Plans

No discount is available for charges set forth in Sections 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, and 5.7. Discounts on all applicable charges set forth in Sections 5.2 and 5.3 are available as follows. Factors upon which discounts are available are (1) monthly calling volume; (2) number of services subscribed; and (3) term commitments. The discount schedule is set forth in Sections 4.3.1, 4.3.2, and 4.3.3. The total discount applicable to charges set forth in Sections 5.2 and 5.3 is the sum of the applicable discounts set forth in this Subsections 4.3.1, 4.3.2, and 4.3.3. Discounts applicable to charges set forth in Section 5.1 are specified in Subsection 4.3.4.

4.3.1 Volume Discounts

Customers will receive discounts as follows on all applicable charges billed under Sections 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, and 5.5 for the month when their total monthly undiscounted charges for all Services purchased under those Sections meet the dollar amounts specified:

<u>Applicable Monthly Charge</u>	<u>Discount</u>
\$ 0 - 650.00	2.25%
\$ 650.01 - 1300.00	4.50%
\$1300.01 - 1950.00	6.75%
\$1950.01 - 2600.00	9.00%
\$2600.01 and Over	11.25%

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4.3 Discount Plans (Continued)

4.3.2 Number of Services (Continued)

Customers will receive discounts on all applicable charges billed for the month when they subscribe to more than one Service as follows:

<u>Number of Services</u>	<u>Discount</u>
2	2.25%
3	4.50%
4	6.75%
5	9.00%
more than 5	11.25%

For purposes of calculating the applicable discount, each of the Services listed in Sections 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, and 4.2.4 will be considered a separate Service.

4.3.3 Term Periods

A Customer may select a term period. The term period allows Customer to take advantage of higher discount percentages on their usage volumes for a specific time period.

- A. The Customer must specify the term period at the time the plan is ordered.
- B. During a term period, the Customer may elect to convert to a new term period of the same or different length. Conversion to a new term period will be allowed without penalty if the length of new term period is greater than the length of remainder of the original term period. The effective date of the new term period begins with the effective date of the Customer order.

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4.3 Discount Plans (Continued)

4.3.3 Term Periods (Continued)

C. Discounts. A Customer will receive a discount off of the price of a Service set forth in Sections 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, or 5.5 when it subscribes to such Service for one or more years as follows:

<u>Term in Years</u>	<u>Discount</u>
1	4.50%
3	2.25%
2	6.75%
4	9.00%
5	11.25%

D. Early Termination Liability

In the event a Customer terminates a term commitment prior to completion of the term period, the Customer shall be liable for an Early Termination Charge. Customer shall be required to make immediate payment of the full undiscounted amount that would have been due for the period in which it took Service plus fifty (50) percent of the undiscounted amount that would have been due over the remaining period of the term commitment. For purposes of calculating the amount due over the remaining period, Carrier will use the average dollar volume and number of Services used by the Customer in the most recent year (pro-rated to a full year if necessary) in which Customer took Service.

4.3.4 Discounts Applicable to Local Exchange Service

Discounts applicable to the charges set forth in Section 5. 1 are as follows:

A. Local Exchange Service including Optional Services and other resold services, which are not eligible for any other discount under this tariff other than those specified in paragraph 4.3.4.B:

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4.3 Discount Plans (Continued)

4.3.4 Discounts Applicable to Local Exchange Service (Continued)

Residential service	5.00%
Business service	
Month to month	5.00%
One year term	7.50%
Two year term	8.00%
Three year term	9.50%
Four year term	11.00%
Five year term	12.50%

- B. Optional Services obtained with Local Exchange Service priced under Section 5.1 shall be eligible for an additional discount of 5.00% when obtained by residential or business subscribers in a package including at least three (3) of the following Optional Service: Call Forwarding, Call Waiting, Three Way Calling, Call Screen, Priority Ringing, Repeat Dialing, and Call Return.
- C. In order to be eligible for any discount under these provisions, Customer must also subscribe to Long Distance Dedicated Service, Long Distance Switched Service, or 800/888 Service for a like term.
- D. Early Termination Liability. In the event a Customer terminates a term commitment of one year or more under paragraph 4.3.4.A prior to completion of the term period, the Customer shall be liable for an Early Termination Charge. Customer shall be required to make immediate payment of the full undiscounted amount that would have been due for the period in which it took Service plus fifty (50) percent of the undiscounted amount that would have been due over the remaining period of the term commitment. For purposes of calculating the amount due over the remaining period, Carrier will use the average dollar volume and number of Services used by the Customer in the most recent year (pro-rated to a full year if necessary) in which Customer took Service.

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4.4 General

4.4.1 Except where specified otherwise in a tariff for a service in which Carrier concurs or elsewhere in this tariff, Conversation Periods are billed as follows:

The Initial Period shall consist of the first two-fifths (2/5) of a minute of Chargeable Time. The charges during this Initial Period shall be two-fifths (2/5) of the Initial Minute rate for the first 24 seconds or any fraction thereof. During the first minute of use, Additional Periods shall be one-fifth (1/5) of a minute, and the charges for these Additional Periods shall be one-fifth (1/5) of the Initial Minute rate for each additional 12 seconds or fraction thereof until the Chargeable Time equals one minute.

Additional Periods after the first minute of Chargeable Time shall consist of one-fifth (1/5) of a minute or any fraction thereof, and the charges shall be one-fifth (1/5) of the Each Additional Minute charge for each additional 12 seconds or fraction thereof.

4.4.2 The cost for each call record shall be rounded to the nearest cent.

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SECTION 5 - RATES AND CHARGES

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE CONCURRENCE
 BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., General Exchange Tariff
 GTE South, Inc., General Exchange Tariff
 Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company General Exchange Tariff

5.1 Local Exchange Service

The rates for Local Exchange Service shall be the rates set forth in the above-referenced General Exchange Tariffs that are applicable to the services resold by Carrier.

5.2 Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service

The base rate for Customer Dialed Direct Station-to-Station Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service is:

A. Switched Access:

	<u>Initial Minute</u>	<u>Each Add'l Minute</u>
InterLATA	\$.12	\$.12
IntraLATA	.12	.12

B. Dedicated Access:

	<u>Initial Minute</u>	<u>Each Add'l Minute</u>
InterLATA	\$.07	\$.07
IntraLATA	.08	.08

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5.3 800/888 Service

A. Switched Access:

	<u>Initial Minute</u>	<u>Each Add'l Minute</u>
InterLATA	\$.12	\$.12
IntraLATA	.12	.12

B. Dedicated Access:

	<u>Initial Minute</u>	<u>Each Add'l Minute</u>
InterLATA	\$.07	\$.07
IntraLATA	.08	.08

5.4 Calling Card Service

The following charges are assessed for calling card service:

	<u>Initial Minute</u>	<u>Each Add'l Minute</u>
InterLATA	\$.25	\$.25
IntraLATA	.25	.25

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5.5 Directory Assistance Service

The following charge is assessed for Directory Assistance calls in addition to any other charges described in the tariff:

Per call

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5.6 Operator Assistance Service

The following charge is assessed for Directory Assistance calls in addition to any other charges described in the tariff:

Per call

\$.75

5.7 Optional Prepaid Residential Telephone Service

- A. One Time Activation Fee: \$40.00
- B. Reconnect of Disconnected Service:
 - Within 14 days of disconnect \$20.00
 - 15 or more days from disconnect \$40.00
- C. Monthly Recurring Charge \$37.50
- D. Daily Rate for prorating
 - Partial month's charges \$ 1.25

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SECTION 6 - SPECIAL PROMOTIONS AND SERVICE AGREEMENTS

6.1 Special Promotions

Carrier may provide special promotional offerings to its Customers. These offerings may be limited to certain dates, times and locations. Under no circumstances will promotional rates for Services covered by this Tariff be higher than the rates set forth in this tariff.

6.2 Service Agreements

Carrier will offer Service Agreements to meet the diverse communications needs of Carrier's Customers. All terms and conditions as specified in this tariff will apply unless otherwise specified in the Service Agreement between Carrier and Customer.

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