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D/B/A LONG DISTANCE CHARGES

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1.0 EXPLANATION OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Access Line - An arrangement which connects the customer's location to a Least Cost Routing, Inc. d/b/a Long Distance Charges switching center or point of presence.

Authorized User - A person, firm, corporation, or any other entity authorized by the Customer to communicate utilizing the Carrier's service.

Commission - The Kentucky Public Service Commission.

Customer - The person, firm, corporation, or other entity which orders, cancels, amends, or uses service and is responsible for payment of charges and compliance with the Company's tariff.

Dedicated Access Origination - Where originating access between the Customer and the interexchange carrier is provided on dedicated circuits. The cost of these dedicated circuits is billed by the access provider directly to the end user.

KYPSC - Kentucky Public Service Commission.

LDC - Used throughout this tariff to mean Least Cost Routing, Inc. d/b/a Long Distance Charges unless clearly indicated otherwise by the text.

LEC - Local Exchange Company.

Switched Access Origination - Where originating access between the customer and the interexchange carrier is provided on local exchange company Feature Group circuits.

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2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 Application of Tariff

- 2.1.1 This tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to intrastate long distance resale telecommunications services provided by LDC for telecommunications between points within the State of Kentucky.
- 2.1.2 The services of LDC are not part of a joint undertaking with any other telecommunications entity, but do involve the resale of the Intrastate Long Distance Message Toll Services (MTS) of underlying common carriers.
- 2.1.3 The rates and regulations contained in this tariff apply only to the services furnished by LDC and do not apply, unless otherwise specified, to the lines, facilities, or services provided by a local exchange telephone company or other common carrier for use in accessing the services of LDC.

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2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS, CONT.

2.2 Undertaking of Least Cost Routing, Inc. d/b/a Long Distance Charges

LDC's services and facilities are furnished for communications originating at specified points within the State of Kentucky under terms of this tariff.

LDC installs, operates, and maintains the communications services provided hereinunder in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this tariff. LDC may act as the Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities as required in KYPSC rules and orders, when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to LDC's service. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangement.

The Company's services and facilities are provided on a monthly basis unless otherwise indicated, and are available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

2.3 Limitations

2.3.1 Service is offered subject to the availability of the necessary facilities and equipment, and subject to the provisions of this tariff.

2.3.2 LDC reserves the right to discontinue or limit service when necessitated by conditions beyond its control, or when the Customer is using service in violation of provisions of this tariff, or in violation of the law.

2.3.3 The Company does not undertake to transmit messages, but offers the use of its facilities when available, and will not be liable for errors in transmission or for failure to establish connections.

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2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS, CONT.

2.3 Limitations, cont.

2.3.4 All facilities provided under this tariff are directly controlled by LDC and the Customer may not transfer or assign the use of service or facilities without the express written consent of the Company. Such transfer or assignment shall only apply where there is no interruption of the use or location of the service or facilities.

2.3.5 Prior written permission from the Company is required before any assignment or transfer. All regulations and conditions contained in this tariff shall apply to all such permitted assignees or transferees, as well as all conditions of service.

2.4 Use

Services provided under this tariff may be used for any lawful purpose for which the service is technically suited.

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2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS, CONT.

2.5 Liability of LDC

2.5.1 LDC's liability for damages arising out of mistakes, interruptions, omissions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission which occur in the course of furnishing service or facilities, in no event shall exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the Customer for the period during which the faults in transmission occur.

2.5.2 The Company shall not be liable for claim or loss, expense or damage (including indirect, special or consequential damage), for any interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect in any service, facility, or transmission provided under this tariff, if caused by any person or entity other than the Company, by any malfunction of any service or facility provided by any other carrier, by an act of God, fire, war, civil disturbance, or act of government, or by any other cause beyond the Company's direct control.

2.5.3 The Company shall not be liable for, and shall be fully indemnified and held harmless by Customer or Subscriber against any claim or loss, expense, or damage (including indirect, special or consequential damage) for defamation, libel, slander, invasion, infringement of copy-right or patent, unauthorized use of any trademark, tradename, or service mark, unfair competition, interference with or misappropriation or violation of any contract, proprietary or creative right, or any other injury to any person, property or entity arising out of the material, data, information, or other content revealed to, transmitted, or used by the Company under this tariff; or for any act or omission of the Customer; or for any personal injury or death of any person caused directly or indirectly by the installation, maintenance, location, condition, operation,

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2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS, CONT.

2.5 Liability of LDC, cont.

- 2.5.3 (Continued)
failure, presence, use or removal of equipment or wiring provided by the Company, if not directly caused by negligence of the Company.
- 2.5.4 No agent or employee of any other carrier shall be deemed to be an agent or employee of the Company.
- 2.5.5 The Company shall not be liable for any defacement of or damages to the premises of a Customer or Subscriber resulting from the furnishing of service which is not the direct result of the Company's negligence.

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2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS, CONT.

2.6 Cancellation or Interruption of Services

2.6.1 LDC may discontinue service without incurring liability in accordance with 807 KAR 5:006, Section 14 under the conditions summarized below:

- (A) With ten days written notice to the Customer or Subscriber for noncompliance with utility or commission rules and regulations after a reasonable effort has been made to induce compliance.
- (B) Without prior notice when a dangerous condition exists on the Customer or Subscriber or applicant's premises. The Company must immediately notify the Customer or Subscriber of the reason(s) service was disconnected and the corrective action necessary for service restoral.
- (C) With fifteen days written notice when a Customer or Subscriber or applicant refuses or neglects to provide reasonable access to the premises.
- (D) The Company is not required to furnish service to any applicant when such applicant is indebted to the Company until such applicant pays the indebtedness.
- (E) Service may be discontinued or refused if the customer or applicant does not comply with state, municipal, or other codes, rules, and regulations applying to such service.
- (F) With five days written notice for nonpayment of bills. The Company shall not cut-off service before twenty days after the mailing date of the original unpaid bill.

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2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS, CONT.

2.6 Cancellation or Interruption of Services, Cont.

2.6.1 (continued)

(G) Service may be terminated without advance notice upon evidence that a Customer or Subscriber has obtained unauthorized service by illegal use or theft. Within twenty-four hours after such termination, the Company shall send written notification to the Customer or Subscriber of the reasons for termination or refusal of service, and of the Customer or Subscriber's right to file a formal complaint with the commission.

2.6.2 Without incurring liability, LDC may interrupt the provision of services at any time in order to perform tests and inspections to assure compliance with tariff regulations and the proper installation and operation of the Customer, Subscriber and Company's equipment and services and may continue such interruption until any items of non-compliance or improper equipment operation so identified are rectified.

2.6.3 Service may be discontinued by LDC, without notice to the Customer or Subscriber, by blocking traffic to certain countries, cities, or NXX exchanges when LDC deems it necessary to take such action to prevent unlawful use of its service. LDC will restore service as soon as it can be provided without undue risk.

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2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS, CONT.

2.7 Installation

Service is installed upon mutual agreement between the Customer and the Company. The service agreement does not alter rates specified in this tariff.

2.8 Interruption of Service

Credit allowances for interruptions of service which are not due to the Carrier's testing or adjusting, to the negligence of the Customer, or to the failure of channels, equipment or communications systems provided by the Customer, are subject to the general liability provisions set forth in Section 2.4 herein. It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify Carrier immediately of any interruption in service for which a credit allowance is desired by Customer. Before giving such notice, Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not within his or her control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by Customer and connected to Carrier's terminal. Interruptions caused by Customer-provided or Carrier-provided automatic dialing equipment are not deemed an interruption of service as defined herein since the Customer has the option of using the long distance network via local exchange company access.

2.9 Payment for Service

The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services and equipment furnished to the Customer or to an Authorized User of the Customer by LDC. All charges due by the Customer are payable to the Company or to any agency duly authorized to receive such payments. The billing agency may be a local exchange telephone company, interexchange carrier, or other billing service. Terms of payment shall be according to the rules and regulations of the agency and subject to the rules of regulatory agencies, such as the Kentucky Public Service Commission. Any objections to billed charges must be promptly reported to the Company or the Company's billing agent. Adjustments to Customer's bills shall be made to the extent that circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate.

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2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS, CONT.

2.10 Cancellation by Customer

Unless covered by a term agreement, Customer may cancel service by providing 30 days written notice to the Company.

2.11 Interconnection

Service furnished by LDC may be connected with the services or facilities of other carriers or enhanced service providers. The Customer is responsible for all charges billed by these entities for use in connection with LDC's service. Any special interface equipment or facilities necessary to achieve compatibility between these entities is the responsibility of the Customer.

2.12 Deposits

The Company does not require a deposit from the Customer or Subscriber.

2.13 Advance Payments

For Customers from whom the Company feels an advance payment is necessary, LDC reserves the right to collect an amount not to exceed two months' estimated charges as an advance payment for service. This will be applied against the next one or two months' charges and a new advance payment may be collected for the next one or two month period.

2.14 Taxes

All state and local taxes (e.g., gross receipts tax, sales tax, municipal utilities tax) are billed as separate line items and are not included in the quoted rates.

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2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS, CONT.

2.15 Terminal Equipment

The Company's facilities and service may be used with or terminated in Customer-provided terminal equipment or Customer-provided communications systems, such as a PBX, key systems or Pay Telephone. Such terminal equipment shall be furnished and maintained at the expense of the Customer, except as otherwise provided. The Customer is responsible for all costs at his or her premises, including personnel, wiring, electrical power, and the like, incurred in the use of the Company's service.

2.16 Late Payment Charge

In accordance with KAR 5:0005, Section 8(3)(H), a late fee of 1.5% may be charged only once on any bill for rendered services on any past due balances beginning 30 days from the mailing date of the bill. Any payment received by the Customer will first be applied to the bill for services rendered. Additional penalty charges will not be assessed on unpaid penalty charges.

2.17 Return Check Charges

A fee of \$15.00, or five percent of the amount of the check, whichever is greater, may be charged for each check returned for insufficient funds.

2.18 Reconnection Charge

A reconnection fee of \$25.00 per occurrence may be charged when service is re-established for customers who have been disconnected for non-payment.

2.19 Tests, Pilots, Promotional Campaigns and Contests

The Carrier may conduct special tests or pilot programs and promotions at its discretion to demonstrate the ease of use, quality of service and to promote the sale of its services. The Carrier may also waive a portion or all processing fees or installation fees for winners of contests and other occasional promotional events sponsored or endorsed by the Carrier. From time to time, the Company may waive all processing fees for Customer. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS, CONT.

2.20 Inspection, Testing, and Adjustment

Upon reasonable notice, the facilities provided by the Carrier shall be made available to the Carrier for tests and adjustments as may be deemed necessary by the Carrier for maintenance. No interruption allowance will be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made.

2.21 Cost of Collection and Repair

The Customer is responsible for reasonable costs incurred in the collection of monies due the Carrier including legal and accounting expenses. Customer is also responsible for recovery costs of Carrier-provided equipment and any expenses required for repair or replacement of damaged equipment.

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3.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

3.1 Timing of Calls

- 3.1.1 Long distance usage charges are based on the actual usage of LDC's network. The Company will determine that a call has been established through industry standard answer detection methods including, where available, by signal from the local telephone company.
- 3.1.2 Minimum billed call duration and billing increments differ from product to product. Product-specific information is included 4.0 Rate Schedules.
- 3.1.3 Usage is measured and rounded to the next higher increment for billing purposes.
- 3.1.4 There is no billing applied for incomplete calls.
- 3.1.5 Chargeable time ends when either party "hangs up" thereby releasing the network connection.

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3.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE, CONT.

3.2 LDC Service

LDC is a resale common carrier providing intrastate intraLATA and interLATA communications long distance message toll telephone service to Customers for their direct transmission and reception of voice, data, and other types of communications.

Long distance usage charges are based on the actual usage of LDC's network. Chargeable time begins when a connection is established between the calling station and the called station. Chargeable time ends when either party "hangs up" thereby releasing the network connection. Incomplete calls are not billed.

All services are offered in conjunction with interstate service.

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4.0 RATES

4.1 General

Each Customer is charged individually for each call placed through the Carrier.

Rates vary by time of day and call duration.

Customers are billed based on their use of LDC's long distance service.

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4.0 RATES, CONT.

4.2 LDC Rate Plan A

(T)

Calls are billed in six second increments, with a
six second minimum call duration.

(T)

LDC Direct Dialed Long Distance

	Each 6 Seconds	
Peak	.02000	(R)
Off-Peak	.02000	(R)

Monthly Recurring Charges

<u>Monthly Volume</u>	<u>Monthly Fee</u>
0 - \$9.99	\$2.50
\$10.00 - \$19.99	\$2.50
\$20+	\$0.00

LDC Switched 800 Service

	Each 6 Seconds	
Peak	.02000	(R)
Off-Peak	.02000	(R)

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4.0 RATES, CONT.

4.2 LDC Rate Plan A, cont. (T)

LDC Inbound Dedicated Long Distance

Each 6 Seconds
Peak .01750
Off-Peak .01750

(D)
|
(D)

LDC Outbound Dedicated Long Distance

Each 6 Seconds
Peak .01750
Off-Peak .01750

Monthly Recurring Charges

<u>Monthly Volume</u>	<u>Monthly Fee</u>
0 - \$9.99	\$2.50
\$10.00 - \$19.99	\$2.50
\$20+	\$0.00

4.3 LDC Rate Plan B (T)

Calls are billed in one minute increments, with a one minute minimum call duration.

(T)
|
(T)

LDC Direct Dialed Long Distance

Each Minute
Peak .1800
Off-Peak .1800

Monthly Recurring Charges

<u>Monthly Volume</u>	<u>Monthly Fee</u>
0 - \$9.99	\$2.50
\$10.00 - \$19.99	\$2.50
\$20+	\$0.00

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4.0 RATES, CONT.

4.3 LDC Rate Plan B, cont. (T)

LDC Switched 800 Service

	Each Minute	(C)
Peak	.1800	(R)
Off-Peak	.1800	(R)

(D)

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(D)

LDC Inbound Dedicated Long Distance

	Each Minute	(C)
Peak	.1750	
Off-Peak	.1750	(C)

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4.0 RATES, CONT.

4.3 LDC Rate Plan B, cont. (T)

LDC Outbound Dedicated Long Distance

	Each Minute	(C)
Peak	.1750	(C)
Off-Peak	.1750	(C)

Monthly Recurring Charges

<u>Monthly Volume</u>	<u>Monthly Fee</u>
0 - \$9.99	\$2.50
\$10.00 - \$19.99	\$2.50
\$20+	\$0.00

4.4 LDC Rate Plan C (T)

LDC Direct Dialed Casual Calling

The following charges apply to direct dial calls billed by the Company which originate from a location other than the Company's presubscribed line. No monthly surcharge applies to this type of calling.

	Initial 18 Seconds	Each Add'l 6 Seconds
Peak	.0582	.0194
Off-Peak	.0519	.0173

Per Call Surcharge: \$0.85

4.5 Directory Assistance (T)

Each call: \$0.85

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4.6 Time of Day Rate Periods

The rate for a call depends in part on the time period during which the call takes place. Where applicable, the Company uses the following definitions for time of day rate periods:

Peak - 8:00 AM to, but not including 5:00 PM

Off-Peak - 5:00 PM to, but not including 8:00 AM MON - FRI and at all times Saturday and Sunday.

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5.0 BILLING CONTENTS

5.1 LDC Billing Contents

LDC's customer bills contain the following information:

Name and address of Company
 Address for Correspondence
 Address for Remittance
Customer Service/Billing Inquiry toll-free telephone number
Name and address of Customer
Bill Date
All Account Numbers
Invoice Number
Summary of Charges
Detail of Charges.

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