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Re: Change of Name for Telmex USA, L.L.C.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed all necessary documentation related to the name change of Telmex USA, L.L.C. from Telmex USA, L.L.C. to Claro Enterprise Solutions, LLC. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (954) 517-7303 or <u>oye.oyewale@usclaro.com</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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CONCURRING, CONNECTING OR OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

None

SYMBOLS

The following are the only symbols used for the purposes indicated below:

- D Delete Or Discontinue
- I Change Resulting In An Increase To A Customer's Bill
- M Moved To Or From Another Tariff Location
- N New
- R Change Resulting In A Reduction To A Customer's Bill
- T Change In Text Or Regulation But No Change In Rate Or Charge



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- B. Sheet Revision Numbers Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each page. These numbers are used to determine the most current page version on file with the Commission. For example, the 4th Revised Sheet 14 Replaces the 3rd Revised Sheet 14.
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SECTION 1 - TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Tariff, the following technical terms and abbreviations will apply.

10XXX or 101XXXX Access: A dialing method that enables a Customer to reach the interexchange carrier of the Customer's choice even if the Customer is not a regular Customer of that carrier. For example, to reach AT&T Communications of New England, Inc., the Customer dials 1+10288+NPA+NXX.

Add'l: Add'l stands for additional period.

Airline Mileage: The distance in mileage between two Rate Centers whose position is specified by industry standards.

Ancillary Charges: Ancillary Charges are charges for supplemental Services or optional features as set forth herein which may consist of both nonrecurring and monthly recurring charges.

ANI: Automatic Number Identification. A process used to identify the calling station. For example, Customers such as call centers pay for caller's telephone numbers to be sent to them simultaneously with their incoming toll free service calls.

Applicant: Any entity or individual who applies for Service under this Tariff.

Application for Service: The Application for Service is the standard Company order form which includes all pertinent billing, technical, and other descriptive information which will enable the Company to provide a communication Service(s) as required.

Authorization Code: An Authorization Code is a code in numbers or letters employed to gain access to a Company Service.

Authorized User: A person, firm, corporation or other entity (including Customer) that 1) is authorized by the Customer to be connected to and utilize the Company's Services under the terms and regulations of this Tariff or 2) either is authorized by the Customer to act as the Customer in matters of ordering, changing or canceling Service or is placed in a position by the Customer, either through acts or omissions, to act as Customer in such matters. Such actions by an Authorized User shall be binding on Customer and shall subject Customer to any associated charges.

Billing Record Change: Billing Record Change is a change in Customer's billing address.

Blocking: A temporary condition that may be initiated so that the Customer cannot complete a telephone call.



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BTN: Billed Telephone Number. May consist of one or more WTNs.

Business Customer: A Customer whose use of the Services is primarily or substantially for a business, professional, institutional, or occupational purpose. Any Business Customer employee who subscribes to the Service for his or her home telephone will also be classified as a Business Customer.

Cardholder: Cardholder is the associate, member, Customer, or other individual that uses the Company's Prepaid Calling Card Service or Calling Card Service.

Casual Caller: A caller that has not affirmatively selected the Company as its choice of a long distance service provider in advance of placing a long distance call.

CIC: CIC stands for Carrier Identification Code which is a numeric code consisting of three numbers used by end-users or customers to reach the networks of the DUCS through equal access arrangements.

CLEC: Competitive Local Exchange Carrier. Any carrier or reseller offering local exchange telecommunications services other than the incumbent LEC.

Company: Company refers to Telmex USA, L.L.C.

Company-Provided: The switching, transmission, and other related telecommunications equipment/facilities provided by the Company or by any combination of the Company, the LEC, or other authorized Third Party Vendors contracted by the Company.

Commission: Commission refers to the Public Service Commission or any succeeding agency.

Credit Card: Visa®, MasterCard®, or other Credit Cards issued by other companies the Company may accept.

Customer: A Customer is the person, firm, corporation, governmental unit or other entity which orders Service -- either for its own use, as a resale carrier, or as a non-profit manager of a sharing group --and which is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with this Tariff. If an entity orders Service in more than one city or requests the assignment of multiple account numbers, each such account is a separate Customer for billing purposes. The term Customer also includes an entity that (1) remains presubscribed to Company Service after its account(s) are removed from Company's billing system, and subsequently continues to use Company's Service, (2) accepts responsibility for the charges associated with an Operator Services Call, or (3) otherwise uses Service for which no other Customer is obligated to compensate the Company.



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Customer Association: A Customer Association is a pre-existing group of Customers (I) having a cognizable commonality of interest apart from their desire to purchase Services from the Company and (ii) engaging in activities as a group apart from the purchasing of Services from the Company.

Customer Commitment Date: The date in which the Company receives a firm commitment from a Customer for the provision of one of the Company's Data Service offerings.

Customer Premises/Customer's Premises: Location(s) designated by a Customer where Service is originated/terminated whether for its own communications needs or for the use of its Resellers.

DACC: Directory Assistance Call Completion.

Designated Underlying Carrier: The Designated Underlying Carrier is the facilities-based carrier chosen by the Company to provision the communications Service(s) provided to the Customer.

Direct-Dialed: A call placed by the caller without operator assistance.

DUC: DUC stands for Designated Underlying Carrier.

Employees: The term Employees refers to the active and retired employees of the Company and all subsidiaries, affiliates, and any other groups designated by the Company.

End User: The person or legal entity which uses the Service provided by the Company.

Equal Access: Enables the Customer to place long distance calls without the need to first dial a special code.

Exemption Certificate: A written notification provided by the Customer certifying that its dedicated facility should be exempted from the monthly Special Access Surcharge because (a) the facility terminates in a device not capable of interconnecting Service with the local exchange network or (b) the facility is associated with a Switched Access Service that is subject to Carrier Common Line Charges.

Flat Rate: Charging a rate per minute irrespective of the distance the call is carried or the time- of-day or dayof-week the call is placed.



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ICB: Individual Case Basis. A Service provided involving a nonstandard arrangement. The nature of such Service requirements makes it difficult or impossible to establish general Tariff provisions for such circumstances.

Initial and Additional Period: The Initial Period denotes the interval of time allowed at the rate specified for a connection between given service points. The Additional Period denotes the interval of time used for measuring and charging time in excess of the Initial Period.

IXC: IXC stands for Interexchange Carrier.

Joint User: A corporation, association, partnership, or individual that is permitted to use a Customer's Service by mutual agreement between the Customer and the Joint User in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Tariff.

LATA: Local Access Transport Area. A geographically defined regulatory boundary established by the Modification of Final Judgement.

LEC: LEC stands for LEC.

Local Access: The service between a subscriber's premise and a Company-designated POP.

Local Access Provider: An entity providing Local Access.

MAC: Minimum Annual Commitment.

MMC: Minimum Monthly Commitment.

MMPO: Minimum Monthly Payment Obligation.

MOU: Minutes of Use.

MRC: Monthly Recurring Charge.

MTS: Message Telecommunications Service.



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NPA: Numbering Plan Area. More commonly referred to as an area code.

Nonrecurring Charges: Nonrecurring Charges are one-time charges.

NXX: NXX represents the first three digits of a Customer's telephone number. N is a number between 2 and 9. X is a number between 0 and 9.

OTC: One Time Charge.

Personal Identification Number: Personal Identification Number ("PIN") is a unique number assigned to each Calling Card or Prepaid Calling Card for the purpose of accessing Service.

PIC: Primary Interexchange Carrier.

PICC: Primary Interexchange Carrier Charge.

PIN: PIN stands for Personal Identification Number (PIN) and is a numerical code one or more of which may be assigned to a Customer for access and use of Service. The PIN enables the Company to identify the end user originating Service for security and for billing purposes. PINs are the sole property of the Company and no Customer shall have any property or other right or interest in the use of any particular PIN.

Platform: Platform refers to the proprietary computer technology that provides the Company's network services.

Point-of-Sale: Point-of-Sale is the location at which the Cardholder purchases the Prepaid Calling Card.

POP: Point-of-Presence. A physical place at which the local telephone company terminates subscriber Circuits for long distance dial-up or leased-line communications or a Company-designated location where a facility is maintained for the purpose of providing access to the Company's Service.

Port: The physical or electrical interface through which access to the communications network is obtained.



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Postalized: Charging a Flat Rate per minute irrespective of the distance the call is carried.

POTS Number: Plain Old Telephone Service Number. The 10-digit telephone number associated with basic local exchange service.

Prepaid Calling Card: A Prepaid Calling Card allows a Customer to purchase a predetermined amount of access to the Company's long distance and directory assistance Services prior to the use of Service(s). Also Called a Debit Card.

Primary Interexchange Carrier: Primary Interexchange Carrier is the long distance company to which traffic from a given location is automatically routed when dialing 1+ in equal access areas. The Primary Interexchange Carrier is identified by a code number which is assigned by the local telephone company to the telephone numbers of all the subscribers to that carrier to ensure the calls are routed to the correct company.

P.U.C.: P.U.C. stands for the Public Service Commission.

Rate Center: A specified geographical location used for determining mileage measurements.

Reseller: A Customer that resells the Company's Service(s) with the Company's authorization.

Residential Customer: A Customer whose use of the Service is primarily or substantially of a social or domestic nature; and business use, if any, is incidental.

Restore: Restore means to make Service operative following an interruption by repair, reassignment, re-routing, substitution of component parts, or otherwise, as determined by the DUC(s) involved.

Service: Any or all services provided pursuant to this Tariff.

Service Commitment Period: The Service Commitment Period is the period selected by the Customer, agreed to by the Company, and stated on the relevant Application for Service during which the Company will provide and Customer will accept and pay for the Service described therein.



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Service Order: The standard Company order form(s), in effect from time-to-time, or Customer's forms accepted in writing by an authorized representative of the Company for Service which shall enable the Company to provide Service.

Special Access Surcharge: A charge imposed by the Local Exchange Companies in accordance with Section 69.115 of the FCC Rules and Regulations.

State: State refers to the State of Kentucky.

Station-to-Station: Any operator handled call where the person originating the call does not specify a particular person to be reached, or a particular station, room number, department, or office to be reached through a PBX attendant.

Subscriber: The Subscriber is a person or legal entity which subscribes to service(s) from the Company and thereby assumes responsibility for the payment of charges and compliance with the Company's Tariff regulations.

Switched Access: A transmission line that is switched through the LEC or CLEC to reach the long distance network. Switched access arrangements are only available from the subscriber's local telephone company.

Switched Services(s): Any Services that are not Data Service as defined herein which use message switches to share inter-switch transport.

TFN: TFN stands for Toll Free Number.



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TFS: Toll Free Service.

Third Party Vendor: A company, entity or individual, other than the Company, designated by the Company that provides the facilities and/or the equipment required to provide Service(s).

TLC: Termination Liability Charge. A charge which applies when the Customer cancels Service prior to the expiration date of a term plan agreement for Data Service(s).

Toll Free Number: A Toll Free Number is a telephone number associated with a Customer's Toll Free Service that is used by the calling party without charge to the calling party. The area code for a toll free number is either 800, 877, or 888 or other area code assignments as appropriate.

Toll Free Service: Toll Free Service is a reverse-billed Service that permits calls to be completed without charge to the calling party. Access to Toll Free Service is gained by dialing a ten-digit Toll Free Access Number which terminates at the Customer's requested location.

Total Usage: The Customer calculates Total Usage by totaling the most recent month's interstate, intrastate, and international usage for all lines to be provisioned via a Service offered by the Company. For Customers with multiple locations, the usage for each location will be calculated individually. If the Customer's traffic volume varies significantly from month-to-month, the Customer may determine TU by averaging more than one month's bill.

TU: TU stands for Total Usage.

V&H: Vertical and Horizontal geographic coordinates.

WTN: Working Telephone Number.



SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of the Company

2.1.1 The Company's services are offered for intrastate InterLATA and IntraLATA telecommunication services originating and terminating within the State under terms of this Tariff. Services are offered subject to the availability of facilities and the terms and conditions of this Tariff. The Company resells the services of facility based carriers subject to the terms of any applicable interstate offering or arrangement between the DUC and the Company.

This Tariff is on file with the Commission and copies may be inspected during normal business hours at the Company's principal place of business which is located at 3350 SW 148th, Suite 132, Miramar, FL 33027.

- 2.1.2 The Company shall not be deemed to have waived or impaired any right, power, requirement or option reserved by this Tariff (including, without limitation, the right to demand exact compliance with every term and condition herein), by virtue of any custom or practice of the Company at variance with the terms hereof, or any failure, refusal or neglect of Company to exercise any right under this Tariff or to insist upon exact compliance with its terms, or any waiver, forbearance, delay, failure or omission by Company to exercise any right, power or option hereunder.
- 2.2 Limitations
 - 2.2.1 Service is offered subject to the availability of facilities, equipment, or systems, the Company's ability to fulfill the request for Service and the provisions of this Tariff. Service is not offered where operating conditions do not permit. The Company reserves the right, without incurring liability, to refuse to provide Service, to or from any location where the necessary facilities, equipment, systems, billing agreements, and/or switch software are not available. In case a shortage of facilities exists at any time, either for temporary or protracted periods, the establishment of Switched Services shall take precedence over the establishment of Private Line Services.
 - 2.2.2 All Services provided according to this Tariff are only available to Subscribers of the companion interstate service.



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2.2 Limitations On Service (continued)

- 2.2.3 A third party call is any call charged to a number other than that of the called or calling party. The Company reserves the right to refuse to process a third party call when acceptance of charges at the third number cannot be confirmed.
- 2.2.4 Without incurring liability, the Company reserves the right to discontinue Service or to limit the use of Service, when necessitated by conditions beyond the Company's control, or when the Customer or End User is using Service in violation of the law or in violation of the provisions of this Tariff.
- 2.2.5 Without incurring liability, the Company may refuse or terminate Service pursuant to 807 KAR 5:006, Section 14 or 807 KAR 5:061, Section 12.
- 2.2.6 The Company does not generally provide echo suppression. However, for Toll Free Service or outbound Services that require Dedicated Access to reach the long distance network, the Company, not the Customer, will determine when echo suppression will be provided.
- 2.2.7 Initial and continuing Service is offered subject to the availability of necessary facilities and/or equipment, including those to be provided by other companies furnishing a portion of the Company's Service(s).
- 2.2.8 Service is furnished subject to the condition that there will be no abuse or fraudulent use of the Service. Abuse or fraudulent use of Service includes, but is not limited to:
 - (A) Service that is used by the Customer or End User to frighten, abuse, torment, or harass another; or
 - (B) Service that is used by the Customer or End User in a manner which interferes with the use of Service by one or more other Customers; or
 - ©) Service that is used by the Customer or End User to place calls by means of illegal equipment, service, or device; or
 - (D) Service that is used by the Customer or End User to transmit a message or to locate a person or otherwise to give or obtain information, without payment of the applicable charge.



2.2 Limitations On Service (continued)

- 2.2.9 The Company's failure to give notice of default, to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms or conditions herein, to grant a waiver of any term or conditions herein, or to grant the Customer an extension of time for performance, will not constitute the permanent waiver of any such term or condition herein. Each of the provisions of this Tariff will remain, at all times, in full force and in effect until modified in writing, signed by the Company and Customer.
- 2.2.10 The Company may rely on third parties to provide a portion of the Company's Service. The selection of the Third Party Vendors is made by the Company. The Company reserves the right to change Third Party Vendors at any time.
- 2.2.11 The Company reserves the right, without incurring liability, to refuse to provide Service to or from any location where the necessary facilities and/or equipment are not available.
- 2.2.12 Recording of telephone conversations provided pursuant to the Company's Service under this Tariff is prohibited except as authorized by applicable federal, state, and local laws.
- 2.2.13 All outbound Services requiring Switched Access to reach the long distance network are only available to Customers located in those exchanges which have Equal Access.
- 2.2.14 The Company, when acting at the Customer's request and as its authorized agent for ordering Local Access, will make reasonable efforts to arrange for service requirements such as special routing, route diversity, alternate access, or Circuit conditioning.
- 2.2.15 Service begins on the date that billing becomes effective and is provided on the basis of a minimum period of at least one month, 24 hours per day. For the purposes of computing charges in this Tariff, a month is considered to have 30 days.



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2.2 Limitations On Service (continued)

- 2.2.16 The Company, when acting at the Customer's request and, as its authorized agent, will make reasonable efforts to arrange for Service requirements such as special routing, Route Diversity, Alternate Access, or Circuit conditioning.
- 2.2.17 The Company may deny a request for Service to be provided by means of a cellular telephone, where such request poses, in the sole judgment of the Company, operational, technical or billing difficulties. If the Company finds that service has been established to a cellular telephone, it may, upon reasonable notice to the Customer, discontinue such service where continued provision of such service poses, in the sole judgment of the Company, operational, technical or billing difficulties.
- 2.2.18 Calls that may not be completed using the Company's Prepaid Calling Card service include operator Services, busy line verification service, interruption service, calls requiring time and charges, air-to-ground calls, marine/satellite calls, and calls placed via dialing a 700, TFN, or 900 number.
- 2.2.19 TFS is furnished upon the condition that the Customer contracts for adequate facilities to permit the use of this Service without injurious effect upon the Company or any service rendered by Third Party Vendors on behalf of the Company.
- 2.2.20 The availability of TFS Numbers from the Company is limited by the Company's ability to obtain TFS Numbers requested by the Customer from the national SMS database.
- 2.2.21 If the Company learns that an Applicant or Customer is attempting to sell, barter, trade, or otherwise transfer a TFS Number to another person, the Company may refuse to establish Service or may cancel Service without liability.
- 2.2.22 For Prepaid Calling Cards prior to Activation of PIN, the Company determines when the PIN will be activated. After Activation of PIN, only one call per Prepaid Calling Card account will be processed at any given time.



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- 2.2 Limitations On Service (continued)
 - 2.2.23 The Company reserves the right to refuse Service to any Applicant who is found to be indebted to the Company for Service previously furnished until satisfactory arrangements have been made for the payment of such indebtedness.
 - 2.2.24 If Service is established and it is subsequently determined that the condition described in Section 2.2.23 of this Tariff exists, the Company may suspend or disconnect Service on five (5) days written notice until satisfactory arrangements have been made for the payment of prior indebtedness.
 - 2.2.25 For Customers that utilize data Services for voice transmission, the Company does not provide echo suppression and does not guarantee the quality of the Circuit when used for voice transmission.
- 2.3 Limitation of Liability

The Company's liability will be limited to that expressly assumed in Sections 2.3.1 through 2.3.32 of this Tariff in connection with the provision of Service to Customer.

- 2.3.1 In the event an error or omission is caused by the gross negligence of the Company, the liability of the Company shall be limited to and in no event exceed the lesser of (a) the actual monetary damages incurred and proved by the Customer, or (b) the sum of \$1,000.00.
- 2.3.2 The liability of the Company for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects occurring in the course of providing Service(s) with a usage-sensitive rate structure, where such damages were not caused by the Company's willful misconduct, will in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the initial period charge to the Customer for the call during which such mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error or defect occurred. The Company shall not be liable for damages caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the Customer.



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2.3 Limitation of Liability (continued)

- 2.3.3 The Company will not be liable to the Customer for damages or be obligated to make any adjustment, refund or cancellation of charges unless the Customer has notified the Company in writing of any dispute concerning charges, or the basis of any claim for damages, within sixty (60) calendar days after an invoice is rendered by the Company for the call giving rise to such dispute or claim. Any such notice must set forth sufficient facts to provide the Company with a reasonable basis upon which to evaluate the Customer's claim or demand.
- 2.3.4 Interruptions, delays, errors, or defects caused by or contributed to, directly or indirectly, by act or omission of the Customer or its customers, affiliates, agents, contractors, representatives, invitees, licensees, successors, or assignees or which arise from, or are caused by, the use of facilities or equipment of Customer or related parties, will not result in the imposition of any liability whatsoever upon the Company. The Customer will pay to the Company any reasonable costs, expenses, damages, fees or penalties incurred by the Company as a result thereof. In addition, a portion or all of the Service may be provided over facilities of third parties. The Company will not be liable to the Customer or any other person, firm, or entity in any respect whatsoever arising out of defects caused by such third parties. The Company's liability, if any, with regard to the delayed installation of facilities or commencement of Service will not exceed \$1,000.
- 2.3.5 With respect to Service provided hereunder, the Company hereby expressly disclaims, without limitation, all warranties not stated in this Tariff, whether express, implied or statutory, and in particular disclaims all implied warranties of merchantability and of fitness for a particular purpose.
- 2.3.6 No contractors, agents or employees of connecting, concurring or other participating carriers or companies will be deemed to be contractors, agents or employees of the Company without the Company's written authorization.
- 2.3.7 Under no circumstances whatsoever will the Company's officers, agents, or employees be liable for any damages, including but not limited to direct, indirect, actual, consequential, special, or punitive damages, or lost profits.



2.3 Limitation of Liability (continued)

- 2.3.8 The Company will not be liable for any failure of performance hereunder due to causes beyond its control including, but not limited to:
 - (A) Unavoidable interruption in the working of transmission facilities; or
 - (B) Natural disasters such as storms, fire, flood, or other catastrophes; or
 - ©) Any law, order, regulation, direction, action or request of the United States Government, or any other governmental entity having jurisdiction over the Company or of any department, agency, commission, bureau, corporation or other instrumentality of any one or more of such governmental entity, or of any civil or military authority; or
 - (D) National emergencies, insurrections, riots, rebellions, wars, strikes, lockouts, work stoppages, supplier failures, shortages, breaches or delays, or other labor difficulties; or
 - (E) Notwithstanding anything in this Tariff to the contrary, the unlawful acts of individuals, including acts of the Company's agents and employees if committed beyond the scope of their employment; or
 - (F) Explosions, vandalism, cable cut or other similar occurrences; or
 - (G) Preemption of existing Services to restore Service(s) in compliance with part 64, Subpart 64, Subpart D, Appendix A, of the F.C.C.'s rules and regulations; or
 - (H) Any failure to provide or maintain Service under this Tariff due to circumstances beyond the Company's control.



2.3 Limitation of Liability (continued)

- 2.3.9 The Company will use its best efforts to provide Services consistent with industry standards. The Company will have no liability to the Customer for any loss of revenue, profits, or any other direct, special, incidental, consequential, or other damages the Customer may sustain resulting from the failure or inability of the Company to provide Service to its Customers; negligent or defective Services to Customers; equipment, computer, network, or electrical malfunctions of any kind, breakdowns, or outages; or any other cause, whether or not within the control of the Company.
- 2.3.10 In the event the Company learns of actual or possible unauthorized, fraudulent, or unlawful use of any Company Services, the Company will make an effort to contact the Customer, but Service may be blocked without notice and without liability to the Company. Service may be suspended by the Company without incurring liability by Blocking all calls or by Blocking calls to or from certain NPA-NXXs, certain countries, cities, or individual telephone stations for any Service offered under this Tariff. Service will be restored as soon as it can be provided without undue risk and only after accounts have been brought current.
- 2.3.11 The Company does not undertake to transmit messages but furnishes the use of its Services to its Customers for telecommunications. The Company is not liable for the content of the Customer's messages.
- 2.3.12 The Company may rely on Third Party Vendors for the performance of certain Services such as Dedicated Access. Upon Customer request and execution and delivery of appropriate authorizing documents, the Company will act as agent for the Customer in obtaining such other Services. Customer's liability for charges hereunder will not be reduced by untimely installation or non-operation of Customer-provided facilities and equipment.



2.3 Limitation of Liability (continued)

- 2.3.13 The Company will not be liable for:
 - (A) Any act or omission of any other company or companies furnishing a portion of the Service or furnishing facilities or equipment associated with such Service.
 - (B) Damages caused by the fault or negligence or willful misconduct of the Customer or End User.
 - ©) Any failure to provide or maintain Service under this Tariff due to circumstances beyond the Company's reasonable control.
 - (D) Any direct, indirect, consequential, special, actual, or punitive damages, or for any lost revenues or profits of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of any furnishing of, or interruption in, Service provided hereunder. Under no circumstances whatsoever will the Company's officers, agents, or employees be liable for such damages or lost revenue or lost profits.
 - (E) Any indirect, incidental, special or consequential damages, lost revenue or lost profits of any kind, even if Company is advised of the possibility of the same.
 - (F) The use or abuse of any Service described herein by any party including, but not limited to, the Customer or End User. Use or abuse includes, but is not limited to, any calls placed by means of PBX-reorigination or any other legal or illegal equipment, service, or device. Compensation for any injury the customer may suffer to the fault of third parties must be sought from such other parties. In the case of TFS, this applies to third parties who dial the Customer's TFS Number by mistake. Compensation for any injury the Customer may suffer due to the fault of third parties must be sought from such other parties.



2.3 Limitation of Liability (continued)

- 2.3.13 (continued)
 - (G) Any action, such as Blocking or refusal to accept certain calls, that Company deems necessary in order to prevent unauthorized, fraudulent, or unlawful use of its Service. Compensation for any injury the Customer may suffer due to the fault of parties other than the Company must be sought from such other parties.
 - (H) The Company will not be liable for any claim where the Customer indemnifies the Company pursuant to Section 2.5 of this Tariff.
 - (I) Failure or delay in the delivery of ordered Prepaid Calling Cards.
- 2.3.14 In the event parties other than the Customer (e.g., authorized or unauthorized End Users) has use of the Service directly or indirectly through the Customer, then Customer agrees to forever indemnify and hold the Company and any affiliated or unaffiliated Third Party Vendor or operator of facilities employed in provision of the Service harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, losses, damages, assessments or payments which may be asserted by said parties.
- 2.3.15 In the case of Private Line Services, the liabilities of the Company for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects occurring in the course of furnishing service hereunder and not caused by the negligence or intentional acts of the Customer shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the abatement to which the Customer would be entitled according to Paragraph 2.3.16 if Service were interrupted for the period during which such mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error or defect in the course of furnishing service hereunder occurs.



- 2.3 Limitation of Liability (continued)
 - 2.3.16 For Private Line Services, if the Company's failure of performance by reasons specified above shall be for thirty (30) days or less, Private Line Service shall not be subject to cancellation, but an appropriate percentage of charges for the directly affected Service shall be abated for such service interruption. If the Company's failure of performance is for more than thirty (30) days, then the directly affected Private Line Service may be canceled by either the Company or Customer without liability other than Customer's liability for payment for said Service provided prior to cancellation. If the charge for such Service is expressed on a per-month basis, the appropriate abatement will be the number of full half-hours of such service interruption, divided by 1440, times the monthly charge.
 - 2.3.17 The Company does not guarantee the availability of any 800/888 number(s) or the commencement of 800/888 Service within any interval. Where the Company's 800/888 Service(s) is not made available on the date committed to the Customer, or cannot otherwise be made available after the Company's acceptance of the Customer's Service order, or the Customer is provided with a number or numbers other than the one(s) requested by the Customer and accepted by the Company and any such failure or failures is due solely to the negligence of the Company, in such case the Company's liability, if any, will be limited to the lesser of (a) the actual and direct monetary damages incurred and proved by the Customer as the direct result of such failure or failures (but not including indirect, special, consequential, punitive or exemplary damages or loss of profits of any kind, or (b) the sum of \$100.00. If at the time of cancellation of inbound 800/888 Services the Customer owes an outstanding balance (30 days or more) to the Company, then Customer's 800/888 number shall not be released to another long distance carrier or Resp Org.
 - 2.3.18 With respect to Prepaid Calling Card Services, the company makes no warranty, guarantee, representation, either express or implied, regarding the merchantability, accuracy, reliability, condition, or fitness of the information provided in connection with the use of the Services.



2.3 Limitation of Liability (continued)

- 2.3.19 The Company will have no liability to the Customer or any third party for any claims that a Prepaid Calling Card or its PIN has been lost, stolen, or fraudulently used. In no event will the Company be obligated to restore any Prepaid Calling Card account or otherwise reimburse any Cardholder for any calls charged to the Prepaid Calling Card account which such Cardholder denies having made.
- 2.3.20 If the Company issues a Prepaid Calling Card and the PIN will not access the Company's Service, the Company's sole liability will be the manufacturing and shipping costs associated with replacing such cards. This obligation is exclusive and is in lieu of all other warranties, express or implied, including but not limited to, any warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. In no event will the Company be liable for special or consequential damages arising from the relationship or the conduct of business contemplated herein.
- 2.3.21 Reserved for future use.
- 2.3.22 If Company chooses to subcontract the printing of the Prepaid Calling Cards, Company cannot be held liable for delays of delivery or any other problem(s) that are directly related to the subcontractor.
- 2.3.23 If a Customer's TFS Number is not used by callers other than for test calls to reach the Customer or Customer's designee within ninety (90) days of activation of the TFS Number, the Company may, upon written notice, release the TFS Number without liability. Test calling does not constitute use.
- 2.3.24 If a TFS Customer is found to be non-compliant in passing back appropriate answer supervision, the Company reserves the right to suspend Service temporarily and/or deny requests for additional Service without liability. The Company will give the Customer ten (10) calendar days' written notice via certified U.S. Mail of intent to suspend or deny Service due to such non-compliance.
- 2.3.25 Reserved for future use



- 2.3 Limitation of Liability (continued)
 - 2.3.26 The Company may terminate or refuse to furnish TFS to any Applicant or Customer, without incurring any liability, if the use of the Service would interfere with or impair any Service offered by the Company.
 - 2.3.27 The Company is not liable for any claim arising out of any and all failings by the Company in connection with the provision of TFS to the Customer, including but not limited to:
 - (A) TFS is not made available on the date committed to the Customer or cannot otherwise be made available after acceptance of the Customer's order; or
 - (B) TFS is provided with a number or numbers other than the one(s) committed by the Company to the Customer; or
 - ©) TFS is provided with a number or numbers that are not included in toll free Directory Assistance database or are included in an incorrect form.
 - 2.3.28 If the Company's failure of performance is thirty-five (35) days or less, Service shall not be subject to cancellation. Rather, an appropriate percentage of charges for the directly affected Service shall be abated for such Service interruption. If the Company's failure of performance is for more than thirty-five (35) days, then the directly affected Service may be canceled by either the Company or the Customer without liability other than the Customer's liability for payment for said Service provided prior to cancellation.
 - 2.3.29 The Customer is responsible for taking all necessary legal steps for interconnecting the Customer-provided terminal equipment with Company-designated facilities. The Customer is responsible for taking all necessary legal steps for interconnecting the Customer-provided terminal equipment with Local Access. In addition, the Customer shall comply with applicable Local Access Provider's signal power limitations and requirements.
 - 2.3.30 The failure to give notice of default, to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms or conditions herein, the waiver of any term or conditions herein, or the granting of an extension of time for performance by the Company or the Customer shall not constitute the permanent waiver of any term or condition herein. Each of the provisions shall remain at all times in full force and effect until modified in writing.



2.3 Limitation of Liability (continued)

- 2.3.31 The Company may rely on Local Access Providers for the performance of services such as Local Access. Upon Customer request and execution and delivery of appropriate authorizing documents, the Company may act as agent for Customer in obtaining such services such as Local Access. Customer's liability for charges hereunder shall not be reduced by factors beyond the Company's control such as Customer-provided facilities and equipment.
- The Company shall not be liable to the Customer or any other person, firm or entity in any 2.3.32 respect whatsoever as a result of mistakes, accidents, errors, omissions, interruptions, delays, or Defects in Service (collectively "Defects" or "Defective Service"). Defects caused by or contributed to, directly or indirectly, by act or omission of Customer (including Authorized Users) or Customer's customers, affiliates, agents, representatives, invitees, licensees, successors or assigns or which arise from or are caused by the use of facilities or equipment of Customer or related parties shall not result in the imposition of any liability whatsoever upon the Company, and Customer shall pay to the Company any reasonable costs, expenses, damages, fees or penalties incurred by the Company as a result thereof, including costs of Local Access Providers' labor and materials. In addition, all or a portion of the Service may be provided over facilities of third parties, and the Company shall not be liable to Customer or any other person, firm or entity in any respect whatsoever arising out of Defects caused by such third parties. Company shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, special, actual, punitive or any other damages, or business interruption, or for any lost profits or lost revenues of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of any Defective Service or any other cause. Any warrantee and remedies explicitly set forth in this tariff are exclusive and in lieu of all other warranties or remedies, whether expressed, implied or statutory, including without limitation implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. In the event of an interruption in Service, any Defect in the Service whatsoever or a failure to perform under this Tariff, neither Company nor any Third Party Vendor or operator of facilities employed in the provision of the Service shall be liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, special, actual, punitive or any other damages, or for any lost profits or lost revenues of any kind or nature whatsoever.
- 2.3.33 Acceptance by the Commission of the liability provisions contained in this Tariff does not constitute its determination that the limitation of liability imposed by the Company should be upheld in a court of law, but the recognition that, as it is the duty of the courts to adjudicate negligence claims and rights to recover damages therefor, so it is the duty of the courts to determine the validity of the exculpatory provisions of this Tariff.



2.4 Use of Service

- 2.4.1 The Company's Services are available for use twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week. Unless otherwise restricted herein, Customers may use the Company's Service(s) to place and/or receive interstate calls.
- 2.4.2 The Service offered herein may be used for any lawful purpose, including residential, business, governmental, or other use. The Customer is liable for all obligations under this Tariff not withstanding any sharing or resale of Services and regardless of the Company's knowledge of same. The Company will have no liability to any person or entity other than the Customer and only as set forth herein. The Customer will not use nor permit others to use the Service in a manner that could interfere with Service provided to others or that could harm the facilities of others.
- 2.4.3 Service furnished by the Company will not be used for any unlawful or fraudulent purposes including but not limited to use of electronic devices, invalid numbers, and false credit devices to avoid payment for Service contained in this Tariff either in whole or in part. Service furnished by the Company may not be used to make calls which might reasonably be expected to frighten, abuse, torment, or harass another. The Service may not be used for any purpose for which any payment or other compensation is received by the Customer except when the Customer is an authorized communications common carrier, an authorized resale common carrier, or an enhanced or electronic service provider who has subscribed to the Company's Service. However, this provision does not preclude an agreement between the Customer, Authorized User, or Joint User to share the cost of the Service as long as this arrangement generates no profit for anyone participating in a joint use or authorized use arrangement.
- 2.4.4 Service furnished by the Company may be arranged for joint use or authorized use. The Joint User or Authorized User will be permitted to use such Service in the same manner as the Customer, but subject to the following conditions.
 - (A) The Customer must complete and provide to the Company all Service agreements and/or other documentation required by the Company to initiate Service.



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2.4 Use of Service (continued)

2.4.4 (continued)

- (B) One Joint User or Authorized User must be designated as the Customer. The designated Customer does not necessarily have to have communications requirements of its own. The Customer must specifically name all Joint Users or Authorized Users in the application for Service. Service Orders which involve the start, rearrangement or discontinuance of joint use or authorized use of Service will be accepted by the Company only from that Customer and will be subject to all requirements of this Tariff.
- ©) All charges for the Service will be computed as if the Service were to be billed to one Customer. The Joint User or Authorized User which has been designated as the Customer will be billed for all components of the Service and will be responsible for all payments to the Company. If designated Customer fails to pay the Company, each Joint User or Authorized User will be liable to the Company for all charges incurred as a result of its use of the Company's Service. Each joint or Authorized User must submit to the designated Customer a letter guaranteeing payment for the joint or Authorized User's portion of all charges billed by the Company to the designated Customer. This letter must also specify that the joint or Authorized User understands that the Company will receive a copy of the guaranty from the designated Customer. The designated Customer will be responsible for allocating charges to each Joint User or Authorized User.



2.4 Use of Service (continued)

2.4.4 (continued)

- (D) Joint use is a Service/billing allocation arrangement and not a resale arrangement. Neither the Customer nor any Joint User nor any third party engaged by either of them in connection with a joint use agreement or arrangement may mark up Service or otherwise profit from the joint use agreement or arrangement.
- 2.4.5 If the Company reasonably concludes that Customer-provided equipment does not pass back appropriate answer supervision to the long distance network, the Company will notify the Customer. If the Customer cannot correct the problem and if Customer-provided equipment continues to provide inappropriate answer supervision to the long distance network, the Company reserves the right to suspend or terminate the Customer's Service. The Company will give the Customer five (5) days' written notice of its intent to terminate Service.
- 2.4.6 From time to time, the Company may grant credits against usage or monthly recurring or non-recurring charges in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per Customer or account per monthly billing period whenever the Company determines in its sole discretion that such credit is warranted due to considerations involving the delivery of past service to the Customer or account receiving the credit.
- 2.4.7 The Customer will be billed directly by the LEC or CAP or any other authorized access provider for the Dedicated Access arrangements selected by the Customer for the provisioning of certain Switched Services or Private Line Services. At the Customer's request, the Company may act as agent in the ordering of such arrangements. In instances where the Company orders such arrangements as an agent for the Customer, the Company will bill the Local Access charges to the Customer.



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2.4 Use of Service (continued)

- 2.4.8 Upon nonpayment of any sum owing to the Company, or upon a violation of any of the provisions governing the furnishing of Service under this Tariff, the Company may, upon written notification to the Customer, without incurring any liability, immediately discontinue the furnishing of such Service. The Customer will be deemed to have canceled Service as of the date of such disconnection and will be liable for any cancellation charges set forth in this Tariff. If the Customer uses 10XXX or other carrier access codes once the Customer's account has been canceled by the Company, the Customer is a Customer of the DUC, not the Company; provided that where the Company has a Carrier Identification Code (CIC) separate from that of the DUC and the Customer uses 10XXX or similar means to access that CIC, the Customer remains a Customer of the Company if the agreement between the Company and the DUC so provides.
- 2.4.9 Nothing herein, or in any other provision of this Tariff, or in any marketing materials issued by the Company shall give any person any ownership, interest, or proprietary right in any code or TFS Number issued by the Company to its Customers.



2.5 Obligations of the Customer

- 2.5.1 The Customer will indemnify, defend, and hold the Company harmless from and against:
 - (A) Any claim asserted against the Company (and all attorney fees and expenses incurred by the Company with respect thereto) arising out of or relating to the failure of the Company to provide Service to the Customer.
 - (B) Any and all liabilities, costs, damages, and expenses (including attorney's fees), resulting from Customer's (or its employees', agent's or independent contractor's) actions hereunder, including, but not limited to breach of any provision in this Tariff, misrepresentation of Company Services or rates, or unauthorized or illegal acts of the Customer or its End User, its employees, agents, or independent contractors.
 - ©) Claims for libel, slander, infringement of patent or copyright, or unauthorized use of any trademark, trade name, or service mark arising out of Customer's or End User's material, data, information, or other content transmitted via Service. With respect to claims of patent infringement made by third persons, the Customer shall defend, indemnify, protect and save harmless the Company from and against all claims arising out of the combining with, or use in connection with, the Service(s) provided under this Tariff, any Circuit, apparatus, system or method provided by the Customer.
 - (D) Violation by Customer or End User of any other literary, intellectual, artistic, dramatic, or musical right.


- 2.5 Obligations of the Customer (continued)
 - 2.5.1 (continued)
 - (E) Violations by Customer or End User of the right to privacy.
 - (F) Any other claims whatsoever relating to, or arising from, message content or the transmission thereof.
 - (G) All other claims arising out of any act or omission of the Customer or End User in connection with Service provided by the Company.
 - (H) Any loss, claim, demand, suit, or other action, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the Customer or by any other party or persons, for any personal injury to, or death of, any person or persons, and for any loss, damage or destruction of any property, whether owned by the Customer or others, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly by the provision of Service, whatever the cause and whether negligent or otherwise.
 - (I) Claims related to lost or stolen calling cards, except as described in Section 2.24 of this Tariff.
 - (J) Claims of patent infringement arising from combining or connecting Channels with equipment and systems of the Customer or Authorized Users.
 - (K) Defacement of, or damage to, the Customer's Premises resulting from the furnishing, installation, and/or removal of Channel facilities or the attachment of instruments, equipment and associated wiring on or from the Customer's Premises.
 - (L) Claims arising out of the use of Services or Company-Provided equipment in an unsafe manner (such as use in an explosive atmosphere) or the negligent or willful act of any person other than the Company.



- 2.5 Obligations of the Customer (continued)
 - 2.5.1 (continued)
 - Any suits, claims, losses or damages, including punitive damages, attorney fees and (M) court costs by third persons arising out of the construction, installation, operation. maintenance, or removal of the Customer's Circuits, facilities, or equipment connected to Services. This includes without limitation, Workmen's Compensation claims, actions for infringement of copyright and/or unauthorized use of program material, libel and slander actions based on the content of communications transmitted over the Customer's Circuits, facilities or equipment, and proceeding to recover taxes, fines, or penalties for failure of the Customer to obtain or maintain in effect any necessary certificates, permits, licenses, or other authority to acquire or operate Service(s).
 - Any and all liabilities, costs, damages, and expenses (including attorney's fees). (N) resulting (1) from Customer (or its employees's agent's or independent contractor's) actions hereunder, including, but not limited to breach of any provision in this Tariff, misrepresentation of Company Services or prices to End Users of Customers, or unauthorized or illegal acts of the Customer, its employees, agents, or independent contractor or (2) from claims by third parties that any Prepaid Calling Cards or PINs have been lost, stolen, or fraudulently issued or used; provided, however, that the Company will have no liability hereunder for special or consequential damages incurred by the Company; and (3) or in the event that the Company chooses to have another company print their Prepaid Calling Cards, Company cannot be held liable for delays of delivery or any other problem that are directly to the third party.
 - All lost or stolen calling cards or Prepaid Calling Cards. (O)



- 2.5 Obligations of the Customer (continued)
 - 2.5.2 If a Customer directly or indirectly authorizes third parties to use the Service, the Customer will indemnify and hold the Company harmless against any and all claims asserted by said party, demands, suits, actions, losses, damages, assessments or payments which may be asserted or demanded by said parties or by others as a result of said parties' actions or omissions.
 - 2.5.3 The Company's failure to provide or maintain Service under this Tariff will be excused by the Customer for all circumstances beyond the Company's reasonable control.
 - 2.5.4 The Customer will indemnify and save the Company harmless from any and all liability not expressly assumed by the Company in Section 2.3 of this Tariff and arising in connection with the provision of Service to the Customer, and will protect and defend the Company from any suits or claims alleging such liability, and will pay all expenses (including attorneys' fees) and satisfy all judgments which may be incurred by or rendered against the Company in connection therewith.



2.5 Obligations of the Customer (continued)

- 2.5.5 The Customer is responsible for payment for all calls originated at the Customer's number(s), terminated on the Customer's TFS Number, accepted at the Customer's number, billed to a Customer's calling card or any billing option, or incurred at the specific request of the Customer. The Customer is responsible for paying for all Services the Company provides to or from the Customer's number(s), regardless of whether the Customer's facilities were fraudulently used or used without Customer's knowledge in full or in part. These responsibilities are not changed due to any use, misuse or abuse of the Customer's Service or Customer-provided equipment by third parties, the Customer's employees or the public. Where such waiver is permitted by applicable law, a Customer acquiring calling card or authorization code Service from the Company expressly and voluntarily waives the provisions of Section 226.12(b) of Regulation Z, 12 C.F.R. § 226.12(b).
- 2.5.6 The termination or disconnection of Service(s) by the Company pursuant to Sections 2.2.5 and 2.20 of this Tariff or if the Customer cancels Service pursuant to Section 2.19 of this Tariff, does not relieve the Customer of any obligations to pay the Company for charges due and owing for Service(s) furnished up to the time of termination or disconnection. The remedies set forth herein will not be exclusive and the Company will at all times be entitled to all rights available to it under either law or equity.



2.5 Obligations of the Customer (continued)

- 2.5.7 The Customer is responsible for taking all necessary legal steps for interconnecting Customer-provided terminal equipment with the long distance network. The Customer will ensure that the signals emitted into the long distance network do not damage Company-Provided equipment, injure personnel, or degrade Service to other Customers or other users of the long distance network. The Customer is responsible for securing all licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and other arrangements necessary for such interconnection. In addition, the Customer will comply with applicable LEC signal power limitations.
- 2.5.8 The Customer will be responsible for the payment of all charges for Services provided under this Tariff and for the payment of all excise, sales, use, gross receipts or other taxes that may be levied by a federal, state, or local governing body or bodies applicable to the Service(s) furnished under this Tariff unless specified otherwise herein. Also see Section 2.17 of this Tariff for additional information regarding the Customer's obligations concerning taxes.
- 2.5.9 The Customer will be liable for reimbursing the Company for damages to facilities or Company-Provided equipment caused by the negligence or willful acts of the Customer's officers, employees, agents, contractors, or authorized or unauthorized End User(s).



- 2.5 Obligations of the Customer (continued)
 - 2.5.10 If Service is terminated pursuant to Section 2.2.5 or Section 2.20 of this Tariff or if the Customer cancels Service pursuant to Section 2.19 of this Tariff, the Customer will be deemed to have canceled Service as of the date of such termination or cancellation and will be liable for any cancellation charges set forth in this Tariff.
 - 2.5.11 The Customer will indemnify and hold the Company harmless against any and all liabilities, costs, damages, and expenses resulting from claims by third parties that any calling card or PIN has been lost, stolen, or fraudulently issued or used; provided, however, that the Company will have no liability hereunder for special or consequential damages incurred by the Company.
 - 2.5.12 If the Company is acting as an agent of the Customer for ordering Dedicated Access for the provision of Switched Service(s) or Private Line Service(s) and if the Customer is to be exempted from the monthly Special Access Surcharge charged by the Local Access Provider, it is the Customer's responsibility to provide the Company with an Exemption Certificate.
 - 2.5.13 If as a result of inaccurate information provided by the Customer, Circuits need to be moved, replaced, or redesigned, the Customer is responsible for the payment of all such charges. In the event the Company incurs costs and expenses caused by the Customer or reasonably incurred by the Company for the benefit of the Customer, the Customer is responsible for the payment of all such charges.



- 2.5 Obligations of the Customer (continued)
 - 2.5.14 If an entity other than the Company (e.g. another carrier or supplier) imposes charges on the Company in connection with service provided to a specific Customer and those charges are not specifically listed in this Tariff, those charges will be billed to the Customer on a pass-through basis. The Customer is responsible for payment of such charges.
 - 2.5.15 The Customer is responsible for the payment of all charges for Service(s) provided under this Tariff and for the payment of all assessments, duties, fees, surcharges, taxes, or similar liabilities whether charged to or against the Company or the Customer. This includes but is not limited to amounts the Company is required by governmental, quasi-governmental, or other entities to collect and/or to pay to designated entities. The Company may adjust its rates and charges or impose additional rates and charges on its Customer in order to recover these amounts. Unless specified otherwise herein, if an entity other than the Company (e.g., another carrier or supplier) imposes charges on the Company in connection with a Customer's Service, that entity's charges may be passed through to the Customer. The Customer is responsible for the payment of all such charges.
 - 2.5.16 A Customer shall not use any service mark or trademark of the Company or refer to the Company in connection with any product, equipment, promotion, or publication of the Customer without prior written approval of the Company.
 - 2.5.17 In the event suit is brought or an attorney is retained by the Company to enforce the terms of this Tariff, the Customer shall reimburse the Company, in addition to any other remedy, for attorneys' fees, court costs, costs of investigation, and other related expenses incurred in connection therewith.



- 2.5 Obligations of the Customer (continued)
 - 2.5.18 If a Prepaid Calling Card has a customized design, the design will be subject to the Company's review and approval, in the Company's sole discretion. The Company will deliver to the Customer a prototype of a customized Prepaid Calling Card. The Customer will advise the Company, in writing, of its approval of, or request for revisions of, such prototype prior to the Company's fulfillment of the Customer's order. Any such requested revisions to the customized design will be subject to the Company's approval. The Customer is responsible for all costs incurred by the Company in manufacturing a customized Prepaid Calling Card.
 - 2.5.19 Upon the Customer's receipt of Company Prepaid Calling Cards, the Customer will assume all risk of loss or misuse of such Prepaid Calling Cards.
 - 5.5.20 Reserved for future use.



2.6 Obligations of a Reseller

- 2.6.1 The terms and conditions of this Tariff, including but not limited to the obligations contained in Section 2.5 and in Sections 2.6.2 through 2.6.7 hereof, apply to Customers that are Resellers. Failure to comply with any term, rule, or regulation of this Tariff may result in the Company immediately and irrevocably terminating Service(s) without incurring any liability. Notification of termination of Service(s) may be in writing or in another expeditious manner selected by the Company.
- 2.6.2 In the event of non-payment by a Reseller's subscriber, the Company may be requested by the Reseller to block such subscribers's calling card number and PIN because of non-payment of charges. Before the Company blocks Service to a Reseller's subscriber, the Reseller must certify that proper notice has been given to the subscriber. Proper notice must meet state and federal rules for Blocking Service due to non-payment. The Reseller is responsible for all costs incurred to disconnect or block the location from Service(s).
- 2.6.3 Resellers will be responsible for paying all taxes, surcharges, and fees based upon the taxing jurisdiction's rules and regulations.
- 2.6.4 In addition to the other provisions in this Tariff, Resellers will be responsible for all interaction and interface with their own subscribers or customers. The provision of Service will not create a partnership or joint venture between the Company and the Reseller nor result in a joint offering to third parties.
- 2.6.5 If the Customer resells Services, the Reseller is responsible for providing all billing, collection, and customer service functions for all of its locations, including resolving any unauthorized presubscription disputes.
- 2.6.6 In addition to the other provisions in this Tariff, Resellers must have the appropriate authority in all areas where the Reseller provides service and provide such documentation to the Company when requested. Resellers of the Company's Services are responsible for maintaining all necessary state and F.C.C. tariffs for operating as a Reseller and for complying with all rules and regulations as set forth by the Commission. Further, the Reseller also assumes full responsibility for complying with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended; the Telecommunications Act of 1996; and the rules, regulations, and decisions of the F.C.C.



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- 2.6 Obligations of a Reseller (continued)
 - 2.6.7 If a Reseller switches a subscriber's long distance provider without obtaining permission from the subscriber, the Company may charge the Reseller for the unauthorized presubscription change charges plus all additional charges imposed and costs incurred. The Reseller is financially liable for all lines at all locations until such time as the lines and/or locations are presubscribed to a different long distance service provider. In instances where the Reseller has presubscribed lines and/or location to its Service without proper authorization, the Reseller must:
 - (A) Inform the subscriber of the unauthorized change in long distance service providers; and
 - (B) Insure that the subscriber's service is returned to the long distance service provider of choice; and
 - ©) Pay all applicable charges.
- 2.7 Obtaining Services
 - 2.7.1 General

To obtain Service, the Company requires the Customer to provide the Company with whatever authorization the Company deems appropriate. Upon the Company's acceptance of this authorization, all applicable provisions in the Company's Tariff, as amended from time-to-time, become the agreement for Service between the Company and the Customer. Acceptance or use of Service offered by the Company shall be deemed an application for such Service and an agreement by the Customer to subscribe to, use, and pay for such Service in accordance with the applicable Tariffs of the Company. The Applicant must also establish credit satisfactory to the Company as provided in Section 2.7.2 of this Tariff.



- 2.7 Obtaining Services (continued)
 - 2.7.2 Establishment of Credit
 - (A) Applicant

The Company reserves the right to require all Applicants to establish credit worthiness to the reasonable satisfaction of the Company. Upon receipt of the signed letter of agency or other authorization the Company deems appropriate, the Applicant will be deemed to have authorized the Company to obtain such routine credit information and verification as the Company requires.

(B) Customer

If the conditions of Service or the basis on which credit was originally established have materially changed, an existing Customer may be required to establish additional credit. The Company reserves the right to examine the credit record and check the references of any Customer at any time.

- 2.8 Customer Deposits / Advance Payments
 - 2.8.1 Customer Deposits
 - (A) The Company may require a minimum cash deposit or other guaranty to secure payment of bills. Service may be refused or discontinued for failure to pay the requested deposit.
 - (B) Determining Whether a Deposit Will Be Required or Waived

In determining whether a deposit will be required or waived, the following criteria will be considered:

.1 Previous payment history with the Company. If the Customer has no previous history with the Company, statements from other utilities, banks, etc. may be presented by the Customer as evidence of good credit.



- 2.8 Customer Deposits / Advance Payments (continued)
 - 2.8.1 Customer Deposits (continued)
 - (B) (continued)
 - .2 Whether the Customer has an established income or line of credit.
 - .3 Length of time the Customer has been located in the area.
 - .4 Whether the Customer owns property in the area.
 - .5 Whether the Customer has filed bankruptcy proceedings within the last seven years.
 - .6 Whether another Customer with a good payment history is willing to sign as a guarantor for an amount equal to the required deposit.
 - ©) Amount of Deposit

Business Customer's deposits shall be based upon actual usage of the Customer at the same or similar premises for the most recent 12-month period, if such information is available. If usage information is not available, the deposit will be based on the average bills of similar Customers and premises in the system. The deposit shall not exceed 2/12 of the Customer's actual or estimated annual bill.

(D) Return of Deposit

The deposit may be waived upon a Customer's showing of satisfactory credit or payment history, and required deposits will be returned after one (1) year if the Customer has established a satisfactory payment record for that period. If a deposit has been waived or returned and the Customer fails to maintain a satisfactory payment record, a deposit may then be required. Upon termination of service, the deposit, any principal amounts, and any interest earned and owning will be credited to the final bill with any remainder refunded to the Customer.



- 2.8 Customer Deposits / Advance Payments (continued)
 - 2.8.1 Customer Deposits (continued)
 - (E) Interest on Deposits

Interest as prescribed by KRS 278.460, will be paid annually either by refund or credit. No refund or credit will be made if the Customer's bill is delinquent on the anniversary date of the deposit.

(F) Deposits Held Longer Than 18 Months

If a deposit is held longer than 18 months, the deposit will be recalculated at the Customer's request based on the Customer's actual usage. If the deposit on account differs from the recalculated amount by more than 10% the Company may collect any underpayment and shall refund any overpayment by check or credit to the Customer's bill. No refund will be made if the Customer's bill is delinquent at the time of the recalculation.

(G) Receipt

The Company shall issue a written receipt of deposit to each Customer from whom a deposit is received showing the name of the Customer, address, date, and amount of the deposit.



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2.8 Customer Deposits / Advance Payments (continued)

2.8.2 Advance Payments

Customers and Applicants who, in the Company's judgment, present an undue risk of nonpayment may be required at any time to provide the Company such other assurances of, or security for, the payment of the Company's charges for its Services as the Company may deem necessary, including, without limitation, advance payments for Service, third party guarantees of payment, pledges or other grants of security interests in the Customers' assets, and similar arrangements. The required advance payments or other security may be increased or decreased by the Company as it deems appropriate in the light of changing conditions. In determining whether a Customer presents an undue risk of nonpayment, the Company shall consider the following factors:

- (A) the Customer's or Applicant's payment history (if any) with the Company and its affiliates;
- (B) Customer's ability to demonstrate adequate ability to pay for the Service;
- ©) credit and related information provided by Customer, lawfully obtained from third parties or publicly available;
- (D) information relating to Customer's management, owners, and affiliates (if any); and
- (E) the Applicant's or Customer's actual long distance usage.

The Company does not pay interest on advance payments.



2.9 Rendering Bill

- 2.9.1 General
 - (A) The Company uses cycle billing. The billing period is one (1) month. Except for fraud, charges may be assessed for unbilled traffic up to two (2) years in arrears.
 - (B) The Company utilizes direct billing by the Company or an authorized billing agent. The Company may also utilize LEC billing or credit card billing. The availability of the billing option is controlled by the Company not the Customer. All billing options may not be available for a specific Service offering. A Residential Customer's bill for the Company's Services will be included on the Customer's designated and approved credit card bill or, upon Customer request and the agreement of the Company, directly billed. Employees have a choice of direct billing by the Company or a payroll deduction plan.
 - If a Customer presents an undue risk of nonpayment at any time, the Company may require the Customer to pay its bills in cash or the equivalent of cash. In the event the Company incurs fees or expenses, including attorney's fees, in collecting, or attempting to collect, any charges owed the Company, the Customer will be liable to the Company for the payment of all such fees and expenses reasonably incurred.



2.9 Rendering Bill (continued)

- 2.9.1 General (continued)
 - (D) In instances where the Company orders Dedicated Access as an agent for the Customer, the Company will become the customer-of-record with the Local Access Provider. The Company will bill the Local Access charges to the Customer on a passthrough basis. Any credits issued by the Local Access Provider for service outages will be shown on the Customer's invoice on a pass-through basis.
 - (E) Where billing systems allow, Credit Card billing and automatic withdrawal from the Customer's checking or savings account are available. However, if a Customer presents an undue risk of nonpayment at any time, the Company may require the Customer to pay its bill in cash or the equivalent of cash.
 - (F) Monthly recurring charges for Service components are billed in advance of Service and reflect the rates in effect as of the date of the invoice (e.g., bills generated in January will cover the month of February). A Customer's first invoice may contain charges from previous periods for Service provided from the date of installation through the current invoice period. An Applicant for Service may be required to pay in advance of the establishment of Service the applicable nonrecurring charges together with the fixed charges applicable for the first month.



2.9 Rendering Bill (continued)

- 2.9.1 General (continued)
 - (G) For the purpose of computing partial-month charges, a month is considered to consist of thirty days. If the Company has ordered Dedicated Access as an agent of the Customer, the Company will not cease billing the Special Access Surcharge until the Company receives the Exemption Certificate (as defined herein) from the Customer and the Local Access Provider acknowledges receipt of the Customer's Exemption Certificate.
 - (H) Any Applicant for Service that was furnished Service under a former contract with the Company shall pay or make satisfactory arrangements for paying any bill outstanding and unpaid for such Service, before any additional Service will be furnished.
 - (I) In the event that the Company's ability to commence or to continue to provide Service in a timely manner is delayed or interrupted because of the non-performance by the Customer of any obligation set forth in this Tariff, the Customer shall pay to the Company amounts equal to the monthly recurring charges which would have been paid had the Company been able to commence or to continue to provide Service.



2.9 Rendering Bill (continued)

2.9.2 Direct Billing By Company And/Or Authorized Billing Agent

(A) General

Bills are sent to the Customer's current billing address no later than thirty (30) days following the close of billing. All bills will be in English. Call detail is available with the bill. Payment in full is due by the due date disclosed on the bill. Charges are payable only in United States currency. Payment may be made by check, money order, or cashier's check made payable as named on the bill and sent to the address as listed on the bill. If the bill is not paid within thirty (30) days from the invoice date, the Company may impose a late charge on the delinquent amount. A late charge applies to any past due balance. The Company may charge a late charge of 1.5% per month. The one-time penalty shall apply on the undisputed amount or on the disputed amount if a dispute is resolved in favor of the Company. When another telecommunications carrier provides the billing function on behalf of the Company's Data Services described in Section 4 of this Tariff will be direct-billed by the Company or an authorized billing agent. Customers subscribing to any of the Company's Data Services may elect a paper bill or a bill on CD-ROM or via electronic means.

The late charge will be assessed only once on any bill for Service rendered in accordance with 807 KAR 5:006, Section 8 (3) (h). The late payment penalty charge will not be assessed on unpaid penalty charges. Any payment received will first be applied to the bill for Services rendered.



2.9 Rendering Bill (continued)

- Direct Billing By Company Or Authorized Billing Agent 2.9.2
 - (B) Credit Card Billing

With Credit Card billing, the charges for Services provided by the Company are billed on the Customer's designated and approved Credit Card. Charges are billed monthly in accordance with the terms and conditions between the Customer and the Customer's designated Credit Card company. Call detail will not be included in the Credit Card bill. Call detail will be provided by the Company in a separate mailing.

©) Automatic Withdrawal From Checking or Savings Account

> If offered by the Company for certain Services and utilized by the Customer, the charges for Services provided by the Company are automatically debited to the Customer's designated checking account or savings account. Call detail will be provided by the Company in a separate mailing.

Billing Format 2.9.3

Bills rendered to Customers by the Company contain the following information:

Date of Bill Rendering Due Date Service Dates **Current Amount Due** Call Type Call duration Total Charges per Call Taxes **Total Charges for Company Services** Date and Time of Each Call Past Due Amount (if applicable) Past Due Penalties (if applicable) Originating Location Telephone Number and Terminating Number

Company Name Past Due Date **Toll Free Number**

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2.10 Disputed Charges

- 2.10.1 The Company will not be required to consider any Customer claim for damages or statutory penalties, or adjustments, refunds, credits or cancellation of charges, unless the Customer has notified the Company, in writing, of any dispute concerning charges, or the basis of any claim for damages, within sixty (60) calendar days after an invoice is rendered or a debit is effected by the Company for the call giving rise to such dispute or claim.
- 2.10.2 Any such notice must set forth sufficient facts to provide the Company with a reasonable basis upon which to evaluate the Customer's claim or demand. Such notice must be sent to the Company's Customer Service Department as per Section 2.11 of this Tariff. If the Customer is not satisfied with the Company's resolution of a billing inquiry, the Customer may make application to the Commission for review and disposition of the matter.
- 2.10.3 Failure of the Customer to participate in the Company's effort to resolve a dispute or claim will constitute a waiver of the Customer's rights to a continuance of Service.



2.11 Customer Service Department

Customer correspondence must be addressed to the attention of the Customer Service Department and sent to 3350 SW 148th, Suite 132, Miramar, FL 33027. The Customer may also contact the Company's Customer Service Department by calling a toll free number. The Company's Customer Service address and toll free number are printed on the Customer's bill. For Customers subscribing to any of the Company's calling card or Prepaid Calling Card Services, the Customer Service number is displayed on the card and provided in the information sent to the Customer with the calling card. For Customers using Credit Card billing or automatic withdrawal from the checking or savings account, the Company's Customer Service address and toll free number are provided with the Customer's call detail. Customer Service representatives are available to assist with Customers inquiries from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. If a Customer calls Customer Service after hours, the call goes to a voice mail system or an answering machine. If the call is not an emergency, the answering machine takes a message for a return call. If the call is a service emergency, the Customer is referred to an 800/888 number which is answered twenty four hours per day, 365 days per year.



2.12 Mileage Measurements

- 2.12.1 Calls are mileaged by the DUC that carries the call. The mileage between rate centers is calculated based on V and H coordinates as obtained by reference to AT&T Tariff FCC No. 10. Calculation between service wire centers is based on V and H coordinates as obtained by reference to NECA FCC Tariff No. 4. The mileage for a call between access lines associated with stations that use the same rate center is one mile. If Feature Group B is used, the distance will be measured from the rate center of the tandem location or network site to which the Feature Group B line is connected. If Feature Group D access is used, the distance will be measured from the rate center of the calling number.
- 2.12.2 Airline mileage between service locations is calculated as follows:

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$$\sqrt{\frac{(V1-V2)^2+(H1-H2)^2}{10}}$$

Where V_1 and H_1 are the V and H coordinates of point 1 and V_2 and H_2 are the coordinates of point 2.

Mileage is rounded up to an integer value to determine the airline mileage.



2.12 Mileage Measurements

- 2.12.3 The rate mileage for the IOC on a two-point Data Service is the airline distance measured between two Company-designated POPs associated with each end of the Circuit.
- 2.12.4 Calculation of IOC Channel mileage between the two Company-designated POPs is based on V and H coordinates as obtained by reference to National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4. The Airline Mileage between two Company-designated POPs is calculated as follows:

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Where V_1 and H_1 are the V and H coordinates of point 1 and V_2 and H_2 are the coordinates of point 2.

- 2.12.5 For the IOC, Fractions of a mile are rounded up to the next whole mile before rates are applied.
- 2.13 Timing of Calls
 - 2.13.1 On Station-to-Station calls and on Direct-Dialed calls chargeable time begins when the called Station answers and the connection is established between the calling Station and the called Station, miscellaneous common carrier, mobile radio system, or PBX system. Answer detection is determined based on standard industry answer detection methods, including hardware and software answer detection. However, when Services are directly connected to a Customer-provided communications systems at the Customer's or End User's premises, chargeable time begins when a call terminates in, or passes through, the first Customer's responsibility to furnish appropriate answer supervision to the point of interface with the Company's Service so that chargeable time may begin.



the calling person and the particular person or Station specified or an agreed alternate.



2.13 Timing of Calls (continued)

- 2.13.3 Chargeable time 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 the automatic timing equipment in the telecommunications network or by the operator.
- 2.13.4 On Prepaid Calling Card calls, billing begins only when a starting and ending event both occur. Timing is calculated at the starting event and ends at the terminating event. If there is no terminating event, there is no charge. Time between the starting event and the terminating event is the call duration. The starting event occurs when the Platform experiences an incoming signaling protocol successfully, i.e., upon seizure of an inbound trunk. The terminating event occurs when the Platform receives a signal from the LEC that the calling party has terminated the call or when the special audio text and interactive voice response features of the Platform such as news, weather, voice mail, etc. have been accessed by the End User and completed. If the called party hangs up and the Customer re-originates one or more calls utilizing the interactive Platform program features without redialing the toll-free access number, the terminating event occurs when the Platform receives a signal from the LEC that calling party hangs up. If the End User of a Prepaid Calling Card call uses the conference feature, the third leg of the call is timed separately. Timing of the third leg of the call begins when the called station answers and terminates when the called station hangs up.



2.14 Rate Periods

2.14.1 General

Different rates may be applicable to a call at different times of the day and on certain days of the week, as specified in the appropriate rate schedule for that call. The rate periods shown below apply. All times shown are local time at the calling station in the case of an outbound call and at the called station in case of an inbound toll free call.

2.15 Determining Rate In Effect

For outbound Services that are time-of-day sensitive, the time-of-day at the central office or POP associated with the calling station determines the rate in effect. For Toll Free Services that are time-of-day sensitive, the time-of-day at the central office or POP associated with the called station determines the rate in effect. If a unit of time is split between two (2) or more rate periods, each rate period applies to the portion of the call that occurred during that rate period rounded to the nearest billing increment. For Dedicated Access Services, when a call or unit of time is split between two rate periods, the rate is based on the rate period in which it began. If a Call is completed by an operator, the time at the beginning of each initial or additional rate period determines the applicable rate period. When a Call spans more than one rate period, total charges for each rate period are calculated and the results for each rate period are totaled to obtain the total message charge.



2.16 Application of Charges

2.16.1 Rounding

- (A) Each usage sensitive Service has its own specific initial period and additional period (collectively referred to as billing increments) as specified in Section 3 of this Tariff. For all Services, fractions of a billing increment are rounded up to the next higher increment for billing purposes.
- (B) If the payphone surcharge includes a fraction of a cent, the fraction is rounded up to the next higher whole cent.
- ©) If the Customer re-originates one or more calls without re-dialing the toll-free access number, timing of the usage is rounded at the end of the last call.
- (D) Usage charges apply to all completed calls. The usage charges for each completed call during a billing month will be computed. Rounding for charges for Service(s) is on a call-by-call basis. If the charge for the call includes a fraction of a cent of \$.005 or more, the fraction of such charge is rounded up to the next higher whole cent. Otherwise, the charge is rounded down to the next lower whole cent.

2.16.2 Monthly Recurring Charges

If Service is provided for less than a billing cycle, all associated monthly recurring charges will be prorated for the time Service was provided to the Customer.

2.16.3 TFS

Rates and charges apply to all TFS Numbers associated with the Customer's billing telephone number. For an existing Customer who subscribes to TFS in the middle of a billing cycle, monthly recurring charges are prorated based on the amount of time the plan is in effect prior to the first bill.



2.17 Taxes, Surcharges, and Fees

2.17.1 General

- (A) In addition to the charges specifically pertaining to Services, certain federal, state, and local surcharges, taxes, and fees apply to Services. The Company may impose a surcharge on its Customers to recover amounts it is required by governmental or quasi-governmental authorities to collect from or pay to others in support of statutory or regulatory programs. These taxes, surcharges, and fees may be calculated based upon the point of origination of the call, the point of termination of the call, the length of each call, and the taxing jurisdiction's rules and regulations. All federal, state, and local taxes, surcharges, and fees (i.e., sales tax, gross receipts tax, municipal utilities tax, etc.) are listed on the Customer's invoices, and unless otherwise specified herein, are not included in the rates listed in this Tariff.
- (B) Pending the conclusion of any litigation challenging a jurisdiction's or body's right to impose any assessments, duties, fees, surcharges, taxes, or similar liabilities, the Company may elect to waive or impose and collect a charge covering such assessments, duties, fees, surcharges, taxes, or similar liabilities, unless otherwise constrained by court order or direction. All such charges will be shown as a separate line item on the Customer's bill. If the Company has collected any assessments, duties, fees, surcharges, taxes, or similar liabilities and any of the challenged assessments, duties, fees, surcharges, taxes, or similar liabilities are found to have been invalid and not enforceable, the Company will credit or refund such sums to each affected Customer if (1) the Company has retained such funds or (2) the Company has remitted such funds to the collecting jurisdiction or body and the funds have been returned to the Company.
- 2.17.2 Prepaid Services

The rates indicated in Section 4 of this Tariff are inclusive of all federal, state, and local surcharges, taxes, and fees except point-of-sale taxes.



- 2.17 Taxes, Surcharges, and Fees (continued)
 - 2.17.3 Tax Exemption Certificate
 - (A) In order to be granted tax exempt status, a Customer claiming tax exempt status must provide the Company with copies of all tax exemption certificates and documents required by the Company at the time Service is ordered. New Customers are required to provide the requested documentation at the time Service is ordered.
 - (B) Failure to provide the required documentation at the time Service is ordered will result in all taxes as noted herein being levied by the Company on the Customer's Service, and the Customer will be responsible for the payment of all such charges.
 - .1 At the Company's option, the Company may accord the Customer tax exempt status upon receipt of the required documentation after Service is ordered. However, the Customer will be billed for all applicable taxes and will be responsible for the payment of same until such time as the Company has ceased billing the applicable taxes.
 - .2 The Company is not liable for refunding the amount of the taxes paid by the Customer. The Customer is responsible for seeking refunds for such taxes from the appropriate taxing authority.
 - ©) Failure to pay the appropriate taxes prior to tax exempt status being accorded by the Company will result in termination of Service.



2.18 Interruption of Service

- 2.18.1 Without incurring liability, the Company may interrupt the provision of Services at any time in order for tests and inspections to be performed to assure compliance with Tariff regulations and the proper installation and operation of Customer's equipment and facilities and may continue such interruption until any items of non-compliance or improper equipment operation so identified are rectified.
- 2.18.2 To prevent possible unauthorized, fraudulent, or unlawful use of Service, the Company may initiate Blocking of all calls or Blocking calls to or from certain NPA-NXXs, cities, or individual telephone stations for any Service offered under this Tariff. Service will be restored as soon as it can be provided without undue risk and only after accounts have been brought current.
- 2.18.3 No credit for recurring monthly charges will be issued for outages less than twenty-four consecutive hours in duration. For Customers with Service subject to a monthly recurring charge, Service interruptions of greater than twenty-four (24) consecutive hours duration will receive a credit equal to the number of hours of Service interruption divided by 720 hours times the monthly recurring charge for the Service.
- 2.18.4 For Services with usage-sensitive rates, credit allowances for cutoff, wrong number, or poor transmission are subject to the general liability provisions set forth in Section 2.3.2 of this Tariff. If the Customer desires a credit for any Service interruption, the Customer must contact the Company via telephone or in writing. Before giving such notice, the Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not being caused by any action or omission by the Customer within the Customer's control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by the Customer.



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2.18 Interruption of Service

2.18.5 Prepaid Calling Card Calls

Credits will not be issued for cut-off, poor transmission, or wrong number.

2.19 Cancellation of Service By Customer

- 2.19.1 Cancellation of an Existing Service
 - (A) Unless the Customer has signed a term plan agreement, any Customer desiring Service to be terminated shall give the Company three (3) days' notice in accordance with 807 KAR 5:0006, Section 12 (1). The notice may be in writing or via telephone. However, the Customer shall bear the burden of proof if a dispute arises as to the giving of notice via telephone.
 - (B) For rules and regulations regarding cancellation of a term plan agreement, see Section 2.26 of this Tariff.
- 2.19.2 Customer Cancels An Order For Special Facilities or Dedicated Access Arrangements Before Service Begins

If a Customer (1) orders Service requiring special facilities dedicated to the Customer's use or requests that the Company order Dedicated Access arrangements as an agent of the Customer and (2) subsequently cancels its order before Service begins, before completion of the minimum Service period or before completion of some other period mutually agreed upon by the Customer and the Company, the Customer is responsible for all costs incurred expressly on behalf of the Customer by the Company including those costs the Company incurred as an agent of the Customer. If special construction has either begun or has been completed, but Service has not been provided at the time the Customer cancels Service, the Customer is responsible for all construction costs incurred by the Company on the Customer's behalf.

2.19.3 Prepaid Services may be canceled upon expiration of the account balance.



2.20 Termination of Service By Company

- 2.20.1 Conditions Under Which the Company May Refuse or Terminate Service
 - (A) For noncompliance with the Company's tariffed rules or Commission regulations. However, the Company will not terminate service without having made a reasonable effort to obtain Customer compliance. Service will be refused or terminated after the Company has given the Customer or Applicant at least ten (10) days' written notice.
 - (B) For dangerous conditions. The Company will notify the Customer immediately in writing and, if possible, orally, of the reasons for the termination or refusal. The notice shall include the corrective action to be taken by the Customer before Service can be restored or provided.
 - ©) For noncompliance with state, local or other codes. The Company will terminate Service only after ten (10) days' written notice in accordance with 807 KAR 5:006, Section 14 (1) (e), unless ordered to terminate Service immediately by a governmental official.
 - (D) For nonpayment of bills from the Company. The Company will terminate Service only after five (5) days' written notice, unless ordered to terminate immediately by a governmental official. Under no circumstance will Service be terminated in less than twenty (20) days' after the mailing of the original unpaid bill.
 - (E) For illegal use or theft of Service. The Company may terminate Service to a Customer without advance notice if the Company has evidence that a Customer has obtained unauthorized Service by illegal use or theft. Within twenty-four (24) hours after such termination, the Company will send written notification to the Customer of the reasons for termination of Service, and of the Customer's right to challenge the termination by filing a formal complaint with the Commission.



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2.20 Termination of Service By Company (continued)

- 2.20.2 Conditions Under Which the Company Will Not Terminate Service
 - (A) The Company will not terminate Service if payment for Services is made. Following receipt of a termination notice for nonpayment but prior to actual termination of Service, there is delivered to the Company payment of the amount in arrears, Service will not be terminated.
 - (B) The Company will not terminate Service if a payment agreement is in effect. Service will not be terminated for nonpayment if the Customer and the Company have entered into a partial payment plan and the Customer is in compliance with that agreement.
- 2.21 Restoration of Services

The use and restoration of Services in emergencies will be in accordance with the priority system specified in Part 64, Subpart D of the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.

2.22 Terminal Equipment

Services may be used with or terminated in Customer-provided terminal equipment or Customerprovided communications systems such as a telephone set, PBX or key system. Such terminal equipment shall be furnished and maintained at the expense of the Customer. The Customer is responsible for all costs at the Customer's Premises, including personnel, wiring, electrical power, and the like, incurred in the use of the Service. When such terminal equipment is used, the equipment shall comply with applicable rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, including but not limited to, Part 68. In addition, equipment must comply with generally accepted minimum protective criteria standards and engineering requirements of the telecommunications industry which are not barred by the Federal Communications Commission.

2.23 Notices

Any notices provided by Company pursuant to this Tariff are deemed given and effective upon the earlier of (a) actual receipt by Customer or (b) three days after mailing if sent by mail, the day after express overnight delivery, or the day the notice is left at the Customer's Premises.



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2.24 Lost Or Stolen Calling Card Or PIN

Upon knowledge of facts which would alert a reasonable person to the possibility of unauthorized use of the Customer's calling card or PIN, the Customer will alert and give notice to the Company of such facts. Upon receipt of notice, the Company will deactivate the PIN associated with the card. If requested by the Customer, a new calling card and PIN will be issued to the Customer. The Customer will be excused from liability only with respect to unauthorized calls placed after receipt of such notice by the Company.

2.25 Special Service Arrangements

Customer-specific service arrangements, which may include engineering, installation, construction, facilities, assembly, and/or other special Services, may be furnished in addition to existing Tariff offerings. Rates, terms, and conditions plus any additional regulations, if applicable, for the special service arrangements will be developed upon Customer's request. Unless otherwise specified, the regulations for the special service arrangements are in addition to the applicable regulations specified in other sections of this Tariff. All special service arrangements will be filed with the Commission

2.26 Fraud Control

If the Customer notifies the Company that a particular Prepaid Calling Card has been lost or stolen prior to the activation of its PIN, the Company will use its best efforts to ensure that such PIN is not activated.



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2.27 Changes to Rates and Charges

In accordance with Commission rules, the Company may adjust its current rates and charges for Services by filing revised Tariff pages with the Commission. The changes will become effective no earlier than one day following the date the revised pages are filed with the Commission.

2.28 Changes to DUC

The Company determines the DUC for any given Service and may change the DUC at any time. The Company will determine in its sole discretion whether any notice regarding any such changes will be provided to Customers and the form, content, and timing thereof.

2.29 Changes to Service Offerings

The Company reserves the right to add, change, or delete Services and/or DUCs at any time.

2.30 Promotional Offerings

The Company will, from time to time, offer one or more of the following promotions to its Customers waiving or reducing certain rates, charges, fees, or penalties in response to media advertising, direct mail solicitation, telemarketing and/or direct sales presentations. These promotional offerings will be available to Customers who subscribe to one of the Services contained in this Tariff. The promotional offerings may contain a requirement that the Customer remain subscribed to a particular Service for a specified term. The Company will provide notice to the Commission according to the rules and regulations of the Commission.



SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

3.1 Service Offerings

- 3.1.1 All intrastate Services set forth in this Tariff are only available to subscribers of the companion interstate service. The Company determines the DUC for all Services.
- 3.1.2 Calling Card Service allows the Customer or end user to bill a call to their primary Service location when the caller is away from their established Service location. Customers access the network from anywhere in the state by dialing a universal TFN plus a calling card code and the called telephone number.

3.2 Long Distance Services

Long Distance is an outbound telecommunication Service. This Service offers direct dial long distance and directory assistance Services. The Company determines the DUC. This Service is limited to those Customers who subscribe to the companion interstate Service. Except for the intrastate usage rates set forth in Section 4 herein, this Service is subject to the rates, terms, and conditions for interstate Service including any minimum revenue and term plan requirements. All calls are billed in one (1) minute increments subject to a minimum connect time of one (1) minute, and all calls are rounded up to the next highest minute.



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3.3 Directory Assistance

3.3.1 Description of Service

Intrastate Directory Assistance involves the supplying of assistance in determining or attempting to determine the telephone number of a party.

3.3.2 Availability of Service

Directory Assistance is available to any Customer that has access to the directory assistance bureau of the DUC. If a Customer with Switched Access calls directory assistance for a call within their area code, the call is handled by the LEC. If a Customer with Switched Access calls directory assistance for a call within the state but outside of their area code, the call is routed to the DUC for handling.



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3.4 Prepaid Calling Card Services

Prepaid Calling Cards allow Customers to originate outbound dial 1 calls via Company-provided TFNs. The Company offers retail and promotional Prepaid Calling Cards. Intrastate Service is only available as an adjunct to interstate/international Service.

Retail Prepaid Calling Cards are available to end-users through purchase from either the Company or agents of the Company. Promotional Prepaid Calling Cards are available to Customers who intend to give the prepaid calling cards away to the end-users as either a premium or promotional item. Prepaid Calling Cards may be obtained in various unit denominations with a per unit value.

All calls are billed in 1 minute (unit) increments and rounded to the next highest minute (unit). One unit equals one minute or fraction thereof. The rates charged to a Customer are those specified and in effect at the time the Prepaid Calling Card is sold to the Customer.

Calls to 700, 800, 888, 900, and 950 numbers and Directory Assistance are not permitted with this Service. Calls may only be charged against the Prepaid Calling Card if there is a sufficient balance available to cover the cost of the call. Card balances will be depleted and reduced based upon Customer usage. Customers will be given notice at the beginning of the call regarding the remaining balance on the card and a warning one minute before the available card balance is depleted. When the balance of available time is depleted the call will be terminated. Cards are nonrefundable and will expire on the date specified on the card or the carrier or package in which the card is included.

Cards that have expired will be deactivated. Any remaining units that have been deactivated may be reactivated by calling Customer Service within 30 days to reclaim the credit. Upon request, a statement of account can be provided for each month up to 90 days from the date of the request.

Prepaid Calling Cards may be renewable, in that the Company may establish relationships with commercial credit cards which permit a Customer holding both a Prepaid Calling Card number and the commercial credit card may add additional units to his Prepaid Calling Card and charge the fee for such units to his commercial credit card. In such event, the Company may choose to permit creditworthy commercial credit card holders to charge for such units at the time calls are made rather than in advance. The ability to charge for calls at the time made will be subject to reasonable limits establish from time to time by the Company to reduce the likelihood of fraud.



SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

3.5 Directory Assistance

3.5.1 Description of Service

Intrastate Directory Assistance involves the supplying of assistance in determining or attempting to determine the telephone number of a party.

3.5.2 Availability of Service

Directory Assistance is available to any Customer that has access to the directory assistance bureau of the DUC. If a Customer with Switched Access calls directory assistance for a call within their area code, the call is handled by the LEC. If a Customer with Switched Access calls directory assistance for a call within the state but outside of their area code, the call is routed to the DUC for handling. Customers with Dedicated Access must program their PBX to route directory assistance calls over their Switched Access lines.



SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE



SECTION 4 - RATES AND CHARGES

4.1 Long Distance

4.1.1

Service

Outbound 1+

(A)

Rate Per Minute
Switched Access
\$0.25



SECTION 4 - RATES AND CHARGES

4.3 Directory Assistance Service

- 4.3.1 Application of Charges
 - (A) The Directory Assistance charge applies to calls made using the Services of the DUC.
 - (B) 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 no record can be found).
- 4.2.2 Rates

The rate is 1.10 per call.



SECTION 4 - RATES AND CHARGES

4.3 Prepaid Calling Card Services

4.3.1	Retail Card Price Per Unit	\$0.40
4.3.2	Promotional Card Price Per Unit	\$0.25
4.3.3	MultiFon Card, rate per minute	\$0.08

4.4 Miscellaneous Charges

4.4.1 Payphone Surcharge

Pursuant to the FCC's Order in CC Docket 96-128, this surcharge applies only to dial-around calls, i.e., calls originating using a toll-free number from payphone instruments. This surcharge does not apply for 0+ call for which the payphone provider would otherwise receive compensation. The Customer shall pay the Company a per call surcharge of \$0.85 for all such calls.

