

Southern Telephone Company, Inc.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

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TARIFF APPLICABLE TO

OPERATOR ASSISTED RESALE TELECOMMUNICATIONS

SERVICES WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

PROVIDED BY

SOUTHERN TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

This tariff contains the description, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of Operator Assisted Resale Telecommunications Services provided by Southern Telephone Company, Inc. with principal offices at 322 W. 1st Street, London, Kentucky 40741. This tariff applies for services furnished within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This tariff is on file with the Kentucky Public Service Commission, where copies may be inspected, during normal business hours.

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APPLICATION OF TARIFF

This tariff contains the regulations and changes applicable to intrastate Operator Assisted Resale Telecommunications Services provided by Southern Telephone Company, Inc. ("Southern Telephone Company") to customers within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

CONCURRING CARRIERS

NONE

CONNECTING CARRIERS

NONE

OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

NONE

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1.0 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Aggregator - Any person or entity that, in the ordinary course of its operations, makes its telephones available to the public or to transient users of its premises, for interstate and intrastate telephone calls placed through the Company's services.

Automated "0+" Telecommunications Services - Calls wherein the end user dials "0" plus the called number and chooses to bill the call to a calling card or to the called number (collect call) and wherein call placement and recordation of billing information is performed without the assistance of a live operator.

Billed Party - The party responsible for payment of charges applicable to intrastate calls placed using the Company's services.

Billing Agent - An entity who contracts with local exchange carriers to provide billing and collection services on behalf of its customers, including the Company.

Call Processing System - Customer premise equipment registered with the Federal Communications Commission that automates placement of "0+" dialed calls, including recordation of billing information.

Called Station - The terminating point of a call (i.e. the called number).

Calling Card - A card assigned by local telephone companies which enable users to bill telephone calls to their telco account.

Collect Call - A payment arrangement whereby the called station is the billed party for calls placed over the Company's service.

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1.0 DEFINITION OF TERMS (Continued)

Commission - The Kentucky Public Service Commission.

Company - Southern Telephone Company, Inc.

Consumer - See "End User".

Day - From 8:00 a.m. up to, but not including, 5:00 p.m. local time Monday through Friday.

Dial Calling Card Station to Station Call - A telephone call whereby the end user dials zero, then the called station number and the end user's calling card number; and where the call is completed using the Company's automated facilities.

End User - A consumer who places intrastate calls using the Company's services.

Equal Access - The ability to choose a long distance company to be the primary carrier for interLATA long distance calls.

Evening - From 5:00 p.m. up to, but not including, 11:00 p.m. local time Sunday through Friday.

Fixed Service Charge - A fee which is applied to "0+" automated calls placed through the Company's services. The amount of this charge depends upon the payment method selected by the end user.

Interexchange Carrier (IXC) - A long distance company that carries calls between LATAs or telephone exchanges within LATAs, where permitted.

InterLATA - Calls or circuits between different Local Access and Transport Areas.

IntraLATA - Calls or circuits totally within the same Local Access and Transport Area.

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1.0 DEFINITION OF TERMS (Continued)

Local Access and Transport Area (LATA) - LATA is a geographic area established for the provision and administration of communications service as provided for in the Modification of Final Judgment and any further modification thereto.

Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) - A local telephone company, either one of the Bell Operating Companies or one of the independent local telephone companies.

Message Telecommunications Service (MTS) - Regular telephone service comprised of Direct Distance Dial and Operator-Assisted calls. Basic long distance service.

Night/Weekend - From 11:00 p.m. up to, but not including, 8:00 a.m. local time Sunday through Friday, all day Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. up to, but not including, 5:00 p.m. local time.

Pay Telephone - A pay station instrument (coin or coinless) registered with the Federal Communications Commission that automates placement of "0+" dialed calls, including recordation of billing information.

Rate Center - A geographic point from which the vertical and horizontal coordinates are used in calculation of airline mileage for the purposes of rating a call.

Station - Any location from which long distance calls may be placed or received.

Subscriber - The person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity who designates a Carrier as its primary interexchange carrier (PIC) for long distance telecommunications service. Thus, the Subscriber has a pre-existing business arrangement with the Carrier and is also a Customer.

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2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of Southern Telephone Company, Inc.

2.1.1 General

Southern Telephone Company's services and facilities are furnished for communications originating at specified points within the Commonwealth of Kentucky under the terms of this tariff. Southern Telephone Company installs, operates and maintains the communications services provided herein in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this tariff. Southern Telephone Company may act as the Customer's Agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities, when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to the network. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such a service arrangement.

Southern Telephone Company's services and facilities are provided on a monthly basis unless otherwise stated, and are available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.

2.1.2 Limitations

- (A) Service is offered subject to the availability of the necessary facilities and/or equipment, and subject to the provisions of this tariff. Southern Telephone Company reserves the right to negotiate special terms and conditions (e.g., special promotions) with a particular Customer providing agreement is reached and signed with the Customer.
- (B) Southern Telephone Company reserves the right to discontinue or limit service when necessitated by conditions beyond its control, or when the Customer is using service in violation of provisions of this tariff, or in violation of the law.

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2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

2.1 Undertaking of Southern Telephone Company, Inc. (Continued)

2.1.2 Limitations (Continued)

- (C) Southern Telephone Company does not undertake to transmit messages, but offers the use of its facilities when available, and will not be liable for errors in transmission or for failure to establish connections.
- (D) All facilities provided under this tariff are directly controlled by Southern Telephone Company and the Customer may not transfer or assign the use of service or facilities without the express written consent of Carrier. Such transfer or assignment shall only apply where there is no interruption of the use or location of the service or facilities.
- (E) Prior written permission from Carrier is required before any assignment or transfer. All regulations and conditions contained in this tariff shall apply to all such permitted assignees or transferees, as well as all conditions of service.

2.2 Use of Service

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

Southern Telephone Company reserves the right to discontinue service, limit service, or to impose requirements on Customers as required to meet changing regulatory rules and standards of the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

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2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

2.3 Carrier Liability

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

Southern Telephone Company shall not be liable for, and shall be fully indemnified and held harmless by Customer against any claim or loss, expense, or damage (including indirect, special, or consequential damage) for defamation, libel, slander, invasion of privacy, infringement of copyright or patent, unauthorized use of any trademark, trade name or service mark, unfair competition, interference with or misappropriation or violation of any contract, proprietary or creative right, or any other injury to any person, property or entity arising out of the material, data, information, or other content revealed to, transmitted, processed, handled, or used by Carrier under this tariff; for connecting, combining, or adapting Carrier's facilities with Customer's apparatus or systems; for any act or omission of the Customer; for any personal injury or death of any person or for any loss of or damage to Customer's premises or any other property, whether owned by the Customer or others, caused directly or indirectly by the installation, maintenance, location, condition, operation, failure, presence, use, or removal of equipment or wiring provided by the Carrier, if not directly caused by negligence of the Carrier; or for failure to provide service.

Southern Telephone Company shall not be liable for any defacement of or damages to the premises of a Customer resulting from the furnishing of service which is not the direct result of Carrier's negligence.

Approval of limitation of liability by the K.P.S.C. does not constitute a determination by the Commission that the limitation of liability imposed by the Company should be upheld in a court of law. Approval by the Commission merely recognizes that since it is a court's responsibility to adjudicate negligence and consequent damage claims, it is also the Court's responsibility to determine the validity of the exculpatory clause.

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2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

2.4 Payment for Service and Service Dispute Resolution

2.4.1 Payment for Service

All charges due by the Customer are payable to any agency duly authorized to receive such payments. The billing agency may be a local exchange telephone company, credit card company, or other billing service. The terms and conditions for billing, payment and collection, including without limitation, any late payment charge, specified in the Local Exchange Carrier's local exchange service tariff shall apply to charges of Carrier when the Local Exchange Company serves as the billing agent for Carrier or buys Carrier's accounts receivables.

Terms of payment shall be according to the rules and regulations of the agency and subject to the rules of regulatory agencies, such as the Commission. Any objections to billed charges must be promptly reported to Carrier's billing agent. Adjustments to Customer's bills shall be made to the extent that circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate.

2.4.2 Contested Charges

All bills are presumed accurate, and shall be absolutely binding on the Customer unless objection is received by the Carrier within thirty days after such bills are rendered. In the case of a billing dispute between the customer and the Carrier for service furnished to the customer, which cannot be settled with mutual satisfaction, the customer can take the following course of action within 30 days of the billing date: (All bills include originating number and location, terminating number and location, time call was placed, number of minutes, charge for call, name of company on bill, period of day call was placed, and toll-free number for customer service.)

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2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

2.4 Payment for Service and Service Dispute Resolution (Continued)

2.4.3 Contested Charges (Continued)

- 1) First, the customer may request, and the Carrier will provide, an in-depth review of the disputed amount. (The undisputed portion and subsequent bills must be paid on a timely basis or the service may be subject to disconnect.)
- 2) Second, if there is still a disagreement about the disputed amount after the investigation and review by a manager of the Carrier, the customer may file an appropriate complaint with the Kentucky Public Service Commission. The address and telephone number of the Kentucky Public Service Commission are:

730 Schenkel Lane
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602
(502) 564-3940

2.5 Ownership of Equipment

Equipment furnished by Southern Telephone Company on the premises of a Customer are the property of Carrier.

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3.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

3.1 General

3.1.1 Introduction

The Carrier endeavors to provide high quality service. Service is available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days a week, subject to routine maintenance and outages beyond the control of the Carrier.

3.1.2 Timing of Calls

- (A) Long distance usage charges are based on the actual conversation time transpiring on Southern Telephone Company's network. No charge will generally apply to uncompleted calls, which include "ring busy" and "ring no answer calls," and such uncompleted calls will not be knowingly charged to the Customer and, if charged in error, will be refundable to the Customer. In the event that the Customer fails to hang up when receiving a busy signal or "ring no answer call" for an excessive period of time, however, the Customer may be charged as if the call were completed. Southern Telephone Company will determine that a call has been established by signal, where available, from the local telephone company or underlying carrier.
- (B) Unless otherwise specified in this tariff, the minimum call duration for billing purposes is one (1) minute for a connected call.

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3.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES (Continued)

3.1 General (Continued)

3.1.2 Timing of Calls (Continued)

- (C) Unless otherwise specified in this tariff, usage is measured and rounded to the higher full minute for billing purposes.
- (D) When answer supervision is unavailable and Southern Telephone Company has received a reasonable claim from the Customer for a refund of Southern Telephone Company's charges for an uncompleted call, Southern Telephone Company will reimburse the Customer for the charges that Southern Telephone Company has billed for that call.

3.1.3 Service Area

Service may originate throughout the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3.1.4 Calculation of Distance

- (A) Usage charges for all mileage sensitive products are based on the airline distance between rate centers associated with the originating and terminating points of the call.
- (B) The Rate Centers of a call are determined by the area codes and exchanges of the origination and destination points.
- (C) The distance between the Rate Center of the Subscriber's equipment and that of the destination point is calculated by using the vertical "V" and horizontal "H" coordinates found in AT&T FCC Tariff No. 10, in the following manner:

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3.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES (Continued)

3.1 Standard Services (Continued)

3.1.4 Calculation of Distance (Continued)

Step 1 - Obtain the "V" and "H" coordinates for the Rate Centers of the origination point and the destination point.

Step 2 - Obtain the difference between the "V" coordinates of each of the Rate Centers. Obtain the difference between the "H" coordinates.

Step 3 - Square the differences obtained in Step 2.

Step 4 - Add the squares of the "V" difference and "H" difference obtained in Step 3.

Step 5 - Divide the sum of the square obtained in Step 4 by ten (10). Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction results from the division.

Step 6 - Obtain the square root of the whole number obtained in Step 5. Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction is obtained. This is the distance between the Rate Centers.

(D) Southern Telephone Company determines the airline mileage between rate centers by applying the formula below to the vertical and horizontal coordinates associated with the rate centers involved.

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

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3.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES (Continued)

3.2 Service Offerings

Service will be resold within the state of Kentucky to include interLATA and intraLATA service. Southern Telephone Company will terminate service throughout the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky. Southern Telephone Company intends to provide long distance telecommunications services to captive locations which, in the normal course of business, offer telecommunications services to their guests, students, patients, and other members of the transient public. Service is provided twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Interstate telecommunications services (provided pursuant to current Federal regulations) are offered in conjunction with intrastate service.

Service is offered to patrons of pay telephones at hotels, hospitals, educational institutions, and similar host entities. The services provided enable the host sites to offer automated operator assisted service to patrons, employees and guests. All services are available through resold transmission facilities procured by the Company from local exchange carriers and interexchange carriers. Payment of charges applicable to the provision of such services is the responsibility of the billed party.

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4.0 RATE SCHEDULES

4.1 General

4.1.1 Rate Periods

All Southern Telephone Company services that are rated based upon time of day are subject to the following rate periods:

- (A) **DAY PERIOD** - The Day Period applies to a call originating at a time from 8:00 a.m. up to, but not including, 5:00 p.m. time Monday through Friday.
- (B) **EVENING PERIOD** - The Evening Period applies to a call originating from 5:00 p.m. up to, but not including, 11:00 p.m., on Sunday through Friday.
- (C) **NIGHT AND WEEKEND PERIOD** - The Night and Weekend Period applies to a call originating from 11:00 p.m. up to, but not including, 8:00 a.m. on Monday through Sunday. The Night and Weekend Period also applies all day Saturday and from 8:00 a.m. to, but not including, 5:00 p.m., Sunday.
- (D) All times in Paragraphs (A) through © above refer to local time in the area in which the call originates.
- (E) Calls initiated during one time period and ending during a different time period will be billed for the usage during each time period at the rates applicable to that time period.

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4.0 RATE SCHEDULES (Continued)

4.1 General (Continued)

4.1.2 Time of Day Periods

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
8:00 am TO 4:59 pm	FULL RATE PERIOD						
5:00 pm TO 10:59 pm	EVENING RATE PERIOD						EVE
11:00 pm TO 7:59 am	NIGHT/WEEKEND RATE PERIOD						

4.1.3 Holiday Discounts

Rates Applicable on Certain Holidays:

On Christmas Day (December 25), New Year's Day (January 1), Independence Day (July 4), Thanksgiving Day and Labor Day the rate applicable is the Evening rate unless a lower rate would normally apply.

4.1.4 Rounding Fractional Charges

Unless otherwise specified in this Tariff, when the application of the rates set forth in this Section results in a fractional charge for an individual call, the total charge for that particular call will be rounded up to the next higher cent.

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4.1.5 Emergency Calls

Customer shall configure its system so that 911 emergency calls, where available, and similar emergency calls will be automatically routed to the emergency answering point for the geographical location where the call originated without the intervention of Southern Telephone Company. 911 calls are not routed but are completed through the local network. No billing applies to emergency calls.

4.2 INTRASTATE RATES

4.2.1 Intrastate

RATE MILEAGE	DAY		EVENING		NIGHT/WEEKEND	
	INITIAL MINUTE	ADD'L MINUTE	INITIAL MINUTE	ADD'L MINUTE	INITIAL MINUTE	ADD'L MINUTE
1- 10	.2200	.2200	.1700	.1700	.1342	.1300
11- 16	.2200	.2200	.1700	.1700	.1342	.1300
17- 22	.2200	.2200	.1700	.1700	.1400	.1400
23- 30	.2200	.2200	.1700	.1700	.1400	.1400
31- 55	.2700	.2700	.2100	.2100	.1700	.1700
56- 85	.3100	.3100	.2500	.2500	.2000	.2000
86-124	.3100	.3100	.2600	.2600	.2100	.2100
125-196	.3200	.3200	.2700	.2700	.2100	.2100
197-292	.3600	.3600	.3000	.3000	.2200	.2200
293-430	.3600	.3600	.3000	.3000	.2200	.2200

OPERATOR ASSISTED CALL CHARGES

Customer Dialed Calling Card	\$0.80	Billed to Third Number	\$2.35
Operator-Dialed Calling Card Station	\$2.25	Sent Paid Non Coin	\$2.30
Operator Station Collect	\$2.25	Sent Paid Coin	\$1.95
		Person to Person	\$4.90

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4.3 Premier Service Plan

A 30 minute long distance calling card will be sent to customers every 90 days. This plan could prevent expensive repair bills to inside telephone wiring. Additionally the plan may also save the customer from paying for unauthorized charges placed on a customer's phone bill by a third party.

Should the customer have trouble with their phone service, diagnostic tests will be performed to determine where the problem is. If the problem is found to be inside the customer's premises, any faulty existing phone jacks or phone wiring will be replaced or repaired at no cost. This includes repair or replacement of phone jacks and/or telephone wiring damaged by lightning.

If there are questionable charges on a customer's local phone bill by a third party, such as 900, 700, or 976 calls, the Company will help to determine if that charge is legitimate. If those charges are in error, the Company will assist the customer in having those charges removed.

The plan may be terminated at any time by calling the Company's toll free number (800) 665-9866.

Price per month \$4.95

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