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**1.0 Definitions**

**1.1 Definitions of Terms**

**"0"** - Dial zero and wait for the Operator.

**Answer Supervision** - Also known as "Hard Answer Supervision." An electrical signal fed back up the line by the local telephone company at the distant end of a long distance call to indicate positively that the call has been answered by the called telephone. Activates the billing equipment to start timing calls completed over FGB or FGD access trunks at the distant end. Some LECs do not support this type of answer supervision. See "Soft Answer Supervision."

**Authorization Code** - A number, usually seven or fourteen digits, entered using a tone telephone to identify the caller as a Customer of the long distance service. Used primarily to verify the caller as a Customer and to bill calls.

**Authorized User** - The term "Authorized User" denotes a person, firm, or corporation, who is authorized by the customer/subscriber to utilize the services of the customer/subscriber.

**Band** - Refers to mileage or other distance measurement ranges over which various rates are charged.

**Calling Card** - A billing convenience whereby the Customer may originate calls from any tone telephone. The Customer dials an 800 number and an authorization code followed by the terminating telephone number. In cases of LEC billing, the terms and conditions of the local telephone company will apply to payment arrangements.

**Carrier** - The underlying carrier that provides switches, lines, networks, operator assistance, and directory assistance as specified in this Tariff.

**Collect Call** - Denotes a billing arrangement by which the charge for a message may be reversed provided the charge is accepted at the called service point. A collect call may be billed to a calling card or third party number.

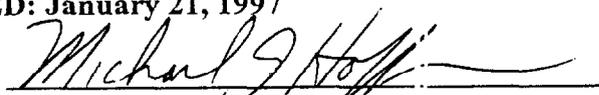
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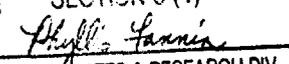
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**Customer/Subscriber** - The person, firm, corporation or other entity which orders service, either for its own use, as a resale carrier, or as a non-profit manager of a sharing group, and which is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with USRC Tariff regulations. The term also describes the person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity who designates the Carrier as its primary interexchange carrier (PIC) for LDMTS. Thus, the Customer/Subscriber has a pre-existing business arrangement with the Carrier. A Customer is responsible for the payment of all charges for service used and for compliance with USRC Tariff regulations. For billing purposes, a Customer is considered to be an account. For 800 services, the Customer is the person, firm, corporation or other entity that selects or is directed to select USRC as the Responsible Organization (RespOrg) for an 800 number. For purposes of SMS RespOrg Changes, the Customer is the person, firm, corporation or other entity that submits the change request.

**Customer-Dialed Calling Card Station** - That service in which the charges for the message are billed to an authorized calling card. These messages are completed without operator assistance unless it is necessary for an operator to record the card number. Calling card rates apply when calls are originated as specified below:

- \* **Customer Dialed/Automated** - The Customer dials the telephone number desired and completes the call without the assistance of an operator and the call is billed to a calling card or
- \* **Customer Dialed and Operator Assisted** - The Customer dials the telephone number desired and operator assistance is limited to recording the calling card number for billing purposes, or
- \* **Customer Dialed and Operator Must Assist** - The Customer dials an operator or the desired telephone number, the local exchange operator services equipment capability precludes the Customer from completing the call without the assistance of an operator of the underlying carrier, and the call is billed to the Customer's calling card.

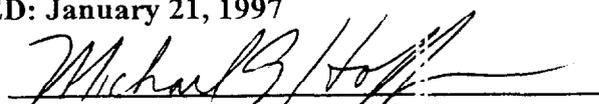
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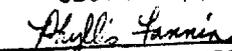
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**1.1 Definitions of Terms (Continued)**

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

**Dedicated Access Line (DAL)**- A private line directly connecting the subscriber with USRC's switching facilities.

**Dedicated Access Services** - The term shall be used herein to describe services that require Customers to be "directly connected" to USRC's switching facilities as opposed to originating at certain Feature Group facilities.

**DNS: Distributed Network Services** - AT&T product that allows resellers to purchase large volumes of services and receive discounts on all direct-dial domestic and international calls.

**800 Service** - Inward WATS service. Users dial a special interstate or intrastate "800" number and are connected to the customer's telephone at the Customer's expense. The "888" service will provide expanded 800 toll-free offerings. Hereinafter, "800" service is used to refer to "800" or "888" service.

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

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

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

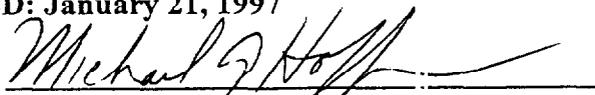
**InterLATA** - Calls or circuits between different Local Access and Transport Areas.

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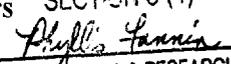
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**1.1 Definitions of Terms (Continued)**

**Interstate** - Calls or circuits between different states, or originating in one state and terminating in another state, (i.e., 48 contiguous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands).

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

**Local Access and Transport Area (LATA)** - LATAs represent the area within which local telephone companies may provide telephone service. IntraLATA calls can be either local or long distance.

**Local Exchange Carrier (LEC)** - A local telephone company, either one of the Bell Operating Companies or one of the 1400+ independent local telephone companies.

**Location** - The term "location" describes a physical premise to or from which USRC provides services. In instances where a Customer obtains services from USRC at multiple locations, each of these locations will be designated as "Associated" locations.

**Long Distance 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.

**Off-Hook** - Occurs when telephone receiver is lifted from resting place, engaging, answering or otherwise activating circuit.

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**1.1 Definitions of Terms (Continued)**

**One Plus Services** - a form of long distance service which is available in exchanges that have been converted to Equal Access (FGD) in which customers who have established accounts with USRC place their long distance calls by dialing the area code plus the phone number, or by dialing 1 plus the area code and phone number, or by dialing 1 0288 (or any other USRC carrier identification code) plus the area code and phone number of the intended party.

**Operator Dialed Surcharge:** A charge applied to Operator Station and Person-to-Person rated calls when the customer has the capability of dialing all the digits necessary to complete a call, but elects to dial the underlying carrier operator and requests that the operator dial the called station. The surcharge applies in addition to any applicable service charges.

The surcharge does not apply to:

- \* Calls where a customer cannot otherwise complete the call, due to defective equipment or trouble on the Underlying Carrier's facilities.
- \* Calls in which an Underlying Carrier operator places a call for a calling party who identifies himself/herself as being handicapped and unable to dial the call because of his/her handicap.
- \* Calls for which an Underlying Carrier does not have the technical capability to impose the surcharge, such as certain coin sent paid, hotel/motel sent paid, and time and charges calls.
- \* Calling Card calls.

**Originating Location** - The point from which the call was originated.

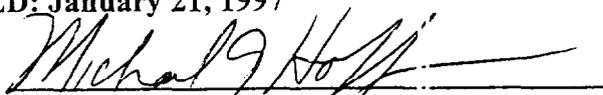
**Pay Telephone** - A telephone instrument equipped with a device that allows a charge to be made for each call.

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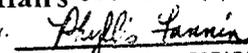
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**1.1 Definitions of Terms (Continued)**

**Person-to-Person:** That service where the person originating the message specifies to the Underlying Carrier's operator, a particular person, service point, department, or office to be reached through a PBX attendant.

- \* When, after the service point or PBX called has been reached and while the connection remains established, the person originating the message requests or agrees to talk to any person other than the person specified, or to any other service point, department or office to be reached through a PBX attendant, the classification of the message remains Person-to-Person.
- \* When the person originating the message wishes arrangements made in advance with a particular party of service point for the establishment of a connection at a specified time (appointment call) the message is classified as Person-to-Person
- \* The Company does not undertake, in connection with person to person service, to bring to a service point a called person who cannot be reached at a service point connected to the telecommunications network.

**Point of Presence (POP)** - The physical place within a LATA where the Carrier or the Carrier's underlying carrier interfaces with the telecommunications network of the local exchange company. The point at which the local exchange company terminates customers/subscribers circuits for long distance dial-up or leased line communications.

**Premises** - The term "Premises" describes a house building or houses and/or buildings on contiguous property (except railroad and pipeline rights-of-way, etc.).

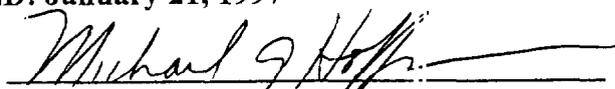
**Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC)** - The long distance company that a user, whose local exchange has converted to Equal Access, has pre-selected to be his/her long distance carrier.

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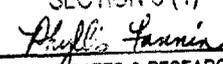
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**Private Branch Exchange (PBX)** - A private telephone system (switch) used by medium and large companies. Connected to the public telephone network and performs a variety of in-house routing and switching. User usually dials "9" to get outside the system of the local lines.

**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.

**Real-Time-Rated** - Real-Time-Rated rates apply to calls for which the Underlying Carrier furnishes time and/or charges.

**Responsible Organization (RespOrg)** - The entity responsible for managing and administering an 800 subscriber's records in the 800 Service Management System (SMS/800). The SMS/800 recognizes one RespOrg for each 800 number.

**SDN: Software Defined Network** - AT&T product that provides customized communications services for businesses and residences by using predetermined uniform dialing plans.

**Service Management System (SMS)** - The main administrative system of 800 data base information. The system maintains 800 number Customer service records and downloads service calls to service control points. This system is used by RespOrgs to assign and reserve 800 numbers.

**Soft Answer Supervision** - Call billing method which begins charging after a specified period of time. Only used in areas (LECs) which do not offer Hard Answer Supervision.

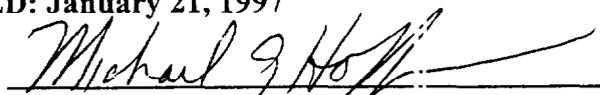
**Special Promotional Offering** - Special discounts or modifications of its regular service offerings which USRC may, from time to time, offer to its customers for a particular service. Such offerings may be limited to certain dates, times and locations.

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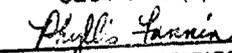
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**1.0 Definitions (Continued)**

**1.1 Definitions of Terms (Continued)**

**Station-to-Station** - That service where the person originating the message dials the phone number desired or gives to the Underlying Carrier's operator the telephone number of the desired service point, PBX or PBX service point, which is reached directly rather than through a PBX attendant, or gives only the name and address under which the number of the desired service point or PBX is listed and does not specify a particular person to be reached, nor a particular service point, department, or office to be reached through a PBX attendant.

Four classes of station-to-station services are offered as follows:

1. "Dial Station" rates apply when the person originating the message from a station other than a public or semi-public coin telephone dials the telephone number desired and the message is completed without the assistance of an operator, and the message is not billed to a number other than the originating telephone number except: when an operator records the originating telephone number where no automatic recording equipment is available; when an operator reaches the called telephone number where facilities are not available for dial completion; when an operator places a message for a calling party who identifies himself as being handicapped and unable to dial the message because of his handicap; and when an operator re-establishes a message when has been interrupted after the called number has been reached; then the Dial Station Rate shall apply.
2. "Customer Dialed Calling Card Station" rates apply when the person originating the message:
  - a. Dials the telephone number desired and completes the message without the assistance of an underlying carrier operator and the message billed to a Calling Card, or
  - b. Dials the telephone number desired and operator assistance is limited to recording the Calling Card number for billing purposes, or
  - c. Dials the operator and places the Calling Card station message when equipment capability precludes any of the foregoing.

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- 3. "Operator Dialed Calling Card Station" rates apply when the customer dials the appropriate operator code (e.g., 00, or 10288,0) and requests that the operator complete the call by dialing the called telephone number and the calling card number to be used for billing purposes.
- 4. "Operator Station" rates apply when calls are completed with the assistance of an underlying carrier operator, except as specified for the Dial Station, Customer Dialed Calling Card Station, Operator Dialed Calling Card Station, Person-to-Person, and Real-Time-Rated classes of service. Operator Station rates apply to calls which are billed to a different telephone number (e.g., collect, billed to a third number) or a calling card.

**Switching Equipment** - equipment which establishes releases connections on a per call basis between stations, communication systems, and telecommunications systems.

**Tandems** - Those master LEC Central Offices (COs) which are designated as pooling or collection points for interLATA calls from their respective sub-tending or subordinate COs. Once collected, these interLATA calls are delivered to each of the subscribing IXCs through various types of Feature Group circuits (e.g., Feature Group "D") for call termination.

**Telecommunications Network** - the LDMTS and WATS network provided by the company.

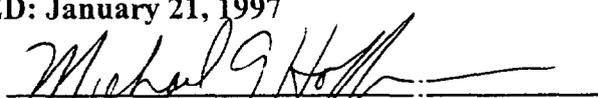
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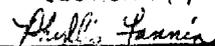
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**1.1 Definitions of Terms (Continued)**

**Terminal Equipment** - any telecommunications or communication equipment, other than a multi line terminating system, that connects to a LDMTS at a customer's premises.

**Terminating Location** - The terminating point of a call.

**Terminal Offices** - A switching center. Hereinafter referred to as a Central Office.

**Underlying Carrier** - The interexchange carrier(s) that provide(s) switches, network facilities, directory assistance and operator services.

**United States** - All fifty (50) states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

**V&H Coordinates** - Geographic points which define the originating and terminating points of a call in mathematical terms so that the airline mileage of the call may be determined. Call mileage is used for the purpose of rating banded calls.

**Wide Area Telecommunications Service (WATS)** - AT&T's name for their original first generation long distance service. Either In-WATS (800 number) inward dialing from any phone in a specified geographical area, or Outward (OutWats) dialing to any phone in a specified area from one specific telephone.

**WATS Access Line (WAL)** - LEC provided telecommunications lines from the Customer's Location to a LEC Central Office and a carrier's POP where the WATS Customer is connected to the carrier's inbound/outbound WATS services.

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**1.0 Definitions (Continued)**

**1.2 Glossary of Acronyms and Trade Names**

- ANI - Automatic Number Identification
- CO - Central Office
- FCC - Federal Communications Commission
- F.D. - Feature Group "D"
- IXC - Interexchange Company
- KPSC - Kentucky Public Service Commission
- LATA - Local Access and Transport Area
- LEC - Local Exchange Carrier
- MTS - Message Telecommunication Service
- NPA - the three-digit Area Code or Numbering Plan Area
- NXX - the three-digit Local Exchange Code
- PBX - Private Branch Exchange
- PIC - Primary Interexchange Carrier
- PIN - Personal Identification Number
- USRC - U.S. Republic Communications, Inc.
- WATS - Wide Area Telephone Service

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**2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**2.1 Undertaking of U.S. Republic Communications, Inc.**

**2.1.1 General**

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

USRC installs, operates and maintains the communications services provided herein in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this tariff. USRC 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.

USRC'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.

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**2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)**

**2.1 Undertaking of U.S. Republic Communications, Inc. (Continued)**

**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. USRC 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) USRC 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.
- (C) USRC does not undertake to transmit messages, but offers the use of its facilities when available, and will not be liable for errors in transmission or for failure to establish connections.

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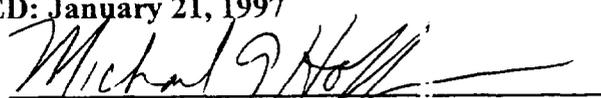
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**2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)**

**2.1 Undertaking of U.S. Republic Communications, Inc. (Continued)**

**2.1.2 Limitations (Continued)**

- (D) All facilities provided under this tariff are directly controlled by USRC 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. USRC 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**

- (A) USRC's liability for any claim or loss, expenses or damage (including indirect, special or consequential damage) arising out of mistakes, for any interruption, delay, error, omissions, or defects in any service, facility, or transmission provided under this tariff shall not exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate monthly subscription fee charged to the Customer for the period of service or the facility provided during which such interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect occurs. Any adjustment shall apply only to the period the interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect continues beyond twenty-four (24) hours after notice of the interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect is received by Carrier. No other liability shall in any case attach to Carrier on account of interruptions, delay, error, omission, or defect of service. For the purpose of computing credit, a month is considered to have thirty (30) days.

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**2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)**

**2.3 Carrier Liability (Continued)**

- (B) USRC 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.
  
- (C) USRC 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.

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**2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)**

**2.3 Carrier Liability (Continued)**

- (D) No Agent or Employee of any other carrier shall be deemed to be an Agent or Employee of Carrier, except independent sales agents who may from time to time be employed by another carrier.
  
- (E) USRC 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.

**2.4 Terminal Equipment**

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

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**2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)**

**2.4 Terminal Equipment (Continued)**

When such terminal equipment is used, the equipment shall comply with the generally accepted minimum protective criteria standards of the industry as endorsed by the Federal Communications Commission.

**2.5 Payment for Service and Service Dispute Resolution**

**2.5.1 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.

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**2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)**

**2.5 Payment for Service and Service Dispute Resolution (Continued)**

**2.5.1 Payment for Service (Continued)**

Adjustments to Customer's bills shall be made to the extent that circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate.

**2.5.2 Customer Liability**

The Customer is responsible for the payment of bills for long distance message telephone service (LDMTS). Whether or not authorized by the Customer, this includes payment for LDMTS calls or services: (1) Originated at the Customer's number(s), (2) Accepted at the Customer's number(s) (e.g., Collect Calls), (3) Billed to the Customer's number via Third Number Billing if the Customer is found to be responsible for such call or service, the use of a Calling Card, or the use of a Carrier-assigned Special Billing Number, and (4) Incurred at the specific request of the Customer.

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**2.5 Payment for Service and Service Dispute Resolution (Continued)**

**2.5.3 Service Dispute Resolution**

Any objection to billed charges should be reported to the billing agent or Carrier within thirty (30) days from the day the bill is issued. Questions regarding the Carrier's services or charges assessed to a customer's bill may be directed to the Carrier's Customer Service Department toll-free number at (800) 480-9080. Adjustments to Customer's bills shall be made when circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate. Customers have the right to appeal service disputes to the Commission at the following address and phone number:

Kentucky Public Service  
Consumer Complaint Division  
730 Schenkel Lane  
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**2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)**

**2.6 Establishment and Re-establishment of Credit**

**2.6.1 Service Suspended for Non-payment**

The Company reserves the right to terminate a customers long distance services pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the Commission. In the event service is temporarily suspended for non-payment, such service will be restored upon payment of all charges due.

**2.6.2 Service Restoration Charge**

A restoration of service charge will be applicable for each authorized code temporarily suspended. Where service is pre-subscribed to USRC's service, a restoration of service charge will be applicable for each line temporarily suspended.

**2.6.3 Five Day Limitation for Re-establishment**

Customers not re-established within five (5) days from date of suspension will be treated as new Customers and appropriate Non-recurring Charges and Customer Deposits will apply.

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Applicants or Customers whose financial condition is not acceptable to USRC, or is not a matter of general knowledge, may be required at any time to make a deposit in an amount not to exceed the estimated charges for two (2) month's tariffed services for a specified Customer. Where established by law, interest will be applied to any deposit made at the legal rate for the period in which the deposit is held. Such deposits and interest due, if any, will be refunded or credited to the Customer at any time after twelve (12) months of prompt payments upon request of the Customer. Upon termination of service, the deposit and interest due, if any, will be credited to the final bill and any credit balance will promptly be returned to the Customer.

**2.8 Notices****2.8.1 Notice to the Customer**

Notice from Carrier to a Customer normally will be given in writing, either delivered or mailed to the Customer's address of record.

In emergencies, where delay may result in impaired service or in hazards to the Customer, Public, or Carrier's facilities, Carrier may resort to verbal notices given by telephone, radio telephone, personal contact, or other means of communication.

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**2.8 Notices (Continued)**

**2.8.2 Notices from the Customer**

Notices from a Customer to Carrier may be given verbally by the Customer or the Customer's authorized Agent at Carrier's office, or by written communication mailed thereto. Written notice is required when specified in tariff schedules or in any written agreement.

**2.9 Rendering and Payment of Bills**

**2.9.1 Returned Check Charge**

When a payment for service is made by check, draft, or similar negotiable instrument, a returned check charge will be made by Carrier for each such item returned unpaid by a bank to Carrier for any reason. The acceptance of checks, drafts, or other negotiable instruments for the satisfaction of the Customer's debts to Carrier shall not constitute a waiver by Carrier of its right to payment by legal tender.

**2.9.2 Extra Copies of Bill**

Extra copies of a Customer's monthly bill will be provided by the Carrier at the rate specified in this tariff.

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**2.10 Fraud**

USRC shall have the right to refuse or discontinue service if the acts of the Customer, including furnishing false credit information or the conditions upon their premises, are such as to indicate intention to defraud Carrier.

**2.11 Non-Compliance with Carrier's Rules**

USRC may discontinue service if a Customer fails to comply with any of the rules herein.

**2.12 Telephone Calls with Intent to Annoy**

USRC may discontinue service of any Customer who, with intent to annoy, telephones another and addresses to or about such other person any obscene language or addresses to such other person any threat to inflict injury to the person or property of the person addressed or any family member.

USRC may discontinue service of any Customer who, with intent to annoy, repeatedly telephones another without disclosing his true identity to the person answering the telephones, whether or not conversation ensues during the telephone calls.

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**2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)**

**2.13 Discontinuance and Restoration of Service**

**2.13.1 Intentional Abuse of Service**

USRC has the right to refuse telephone service to any premises and at any time to discontinue telephone service, if it finds it necessary to do so to protect itself against intentional abuse. Intentional abuse of service includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the use of service or facilities of Carrier to transmit a message or to locate a person or otherwise to give or obtain information, without payment of a message toll charge or an exchange service charge.

Another form of such abuse is an intentional uninterrupted connection of one exchange station to another station, excluding those connections charged on an elapsed time basis, which permits the use of the facilities in a manner similar to private line service. It also includes intentional receiver off-hook conditions.

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**2.13 Discontinuance and Restoration of Service (Continued)**

**2.13.2 Disconnection of Service for Cause**

- (A) Upon non-payment of any sum due Carrier or upon violation of any of the conditions governing the furnishing of service as provided in this tariff, Carrier may by notice in writing mailed to the Customer, without incurring any liability, temporarily discontinue the furnishing of service to the Customer. Telephone services may be discontinued seven (7) days after mailing notice of intention to discontinue service, and a service order charge will be made by Carrier for restoration of such Authorization Code and/or line. If Carrier elects to discontinue service, the Customer shall be responsible for all charges through the date of termination.
- (B) If any Customer-provided equipment is used with facilities provided by Carrier in violation of any law or any of the provisions in this tariff, Carrier will take such action as is necessary for the protection of its facilities or the service of its other Customers and other persons provided with telephone services.

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**2.13 Discontinuance and Restoration of Service (Continued)**

**2.13.2 Disconnection of Service for Cause**

The Customer shall discontinue such use of the equipment or correct the violation immediately upon actual or constructive knowledge of a violation and shall confirm in writing to Carrier within five (5) calendar days that such use has ceased or that the violation has been corrected. Failure of the Customer to discontinue such use or correct the violation and to give the required written confirmation to Carrier within the time stated above shall result in interruption of the service of the Customer creating the violation.

- (C) Telephone services may be refused, reduced, or partially or completely discontinued without notice in the event Carrier is informed that the service is used in such a manner that will adversely affect Carrier's services to others or if service being used for the purpose of violating any federal, state or local statutes.

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**2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)**

**2.13 Discontinuance and Restoration of Service (Continued)**

**2.13.2 Disconnection of Service for Cause (Continued)**

- (D) USRC may disconnect the telephone services in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission and terms hereof without any liability except for an appropriate refund of prepaid charges and any service deposit with accrued interest.
- (E) USRC may immediately discontinue service to the Customer without incurring any liability if the Customer places repeated harassing phone calls to USRC, including calls in which the caller uses abusive or threatening language.

**2.14 Installation and Termination**

Service is installed upon mutual agreement between the Customer and Carrier. Customers may be required to sign the USRC Service Order Form for the various services offered by U.S. Republic Communications, Inc. The agreement will determine terms and conditions of installation, termination of service, any applicable sales commission structure, and sales commission payment schedule. The service agreement does not alter rates specified in the tables and schedules contained in this tariff.

All services offered are subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Kentucky Public Service Commission as they apply.

**2.15 Ownership of Equipment**

Equipment furnished by USRC on the premises of a Customer are the property of Carrier.

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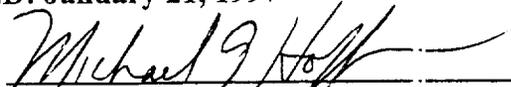
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**2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)**

**2.16 Taxes**

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

**2.17 Taxes and Fees Chargeable to Customers**

**2.17.1 Adjustments for Municipality Payments**

If at any future time a municipality acquires the legal right to impose an occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee, or other similar charge upon the Carrier, and imposes the same by ordinance or otherwise, such taxes, fees, or charges shall be billed to the Customers receiving service within the territorial limits of such municipality. Such billing shall allocate the tax, fee, or charge among Customers uniformly on the basis of each Customer's monthly charges for the types of service made subject to such tax, fee, or charge.

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**2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)**

**2.17 Taxes and Fees Chargeable to Customers (Continued)**

**2.17.2 Adjustments for County or Other Local Taxing Authority Payments**

If at any future time a county or other local taxing authority acquires the legal right to impose an occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee, or other similar charge upon the Carrier, and imposes the same by ordinance or otherwise, such taxes, fees, or charges shall be billed to the pre-subscribed Customers receiving service within the territorial limits of such county or other taxing authority. Such billing shall allocate the tax, fee, or charge among Customers uniformly on the basis of each Customer's monthly charges for the types of service made subject to such tax, fee, or charge.

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**2.0 RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)**

**2.17 Taxes and Fees Chargeable to Customers (Continued)**

**2.17.3 Gross Receipts Tax (Continued)**

When utility or telecommunications excise, assessments, franchise fees, or privilege, license, occupational, or other similar taxes or fees, based on interstate or intrastate receipts are imposed by certain taxing jurisdictions upon the Company or upon local exchange companies and passed on to the Company through or with interstate or intrastate access charges, the amounts of such taxes or fees will be billed to Customers in such a taxing jurisdiction on a prorated bases.

The amount of charge that is prorated to each Customer's bill is determined by the interstate or intrastate telecommunications services provided to and billed to an end user/customer service location in such a taxing jurisdiction with the aggregate of such charges equal to the amount of the tax or fee imposed upon or passed on to the Company.

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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. Carrier's switching equipment is designed and engineered to provide high quality transmission of voice and data with a minimum level of impairment such as noise and echo. However, overall quality may vary somewhat due to the variability in quality of the connections provided by the local telephone companies and other interexchange carriers.

**3.1.2 Timing of Calls**

(A) Long distance usage charges are based on the actual conversation time transpiring on USRC'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.

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**3.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES(Continued)**

**3.1 General (Continued)**

**3.1.2 Timing of Calls (Continued)**

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. USRC 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.
- (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 USRC has received a reasonable claim from the Customer for a refund of USRC's charges for an uncompleted call, USRC will reimburse the Customer for the charges that USRC has billed for that call.

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3.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES (Continued)

3.1 General (Continued)

3.1.3 Service Area

The Company will provide originating and terminating long distance telecommunication services throughout the State of Kentucky via Feature Group D Access obtained from applicable LECs.

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**3.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES (Continued)**

**3.1 General (Continued)**

**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:

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

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**3.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES (Continued)**

**3.1 General (Continued)**

**3.1.4 Calculation of Distance (Continued)**

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.

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**3.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES (Continued)**

**3.1 General (Continued)**

**3.1.4 Calculation of Distance (Continued)**

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

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

**3.1.5 Special Promotions**

The Carrier may from time to time engage in special promotional service offerings which may be limited to certain dates, times and/or locations. These promotions are designed to attract new customers and/or increase customer awareness of particular service offerings. Customers must subscribe to specific promotions within the given time period as stated in the promotional offer. Any ANI disconnected and then reconnected from USRC's service for purposes of subscribing to the special promotion may not be eligible. After the initial subscription to a promotion, if no outbound usage is generated by an ANI within the specified time period as stated in the promotional offering, the customer may not receive benefits from the promotion. The promotions may contain special terms and conditions, including but not limited to, usage rates and charges. Such special terms and conditions will be in lieu of those terms, conditions, rates and charges outlined in Sections 3 and 4 of this Tariff.

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**3.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES (Continued)**

**3.2 Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Small Business Service**

Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Small Business Service is offered to customers, including but not limited to, business customers. Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Small Business Service is an outbound, switched access, distance, duration (time) and time of day sensitive product. Calls are routed over Carriers transmission and switching facilities to any valid NPA-NXX. Rates and charges are set forth in Section 4.2 following.

**3.3 Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Residential Service**

Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Residential Service is offered to customers, including but not limited to, residential customers. Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Residential Service is an outbound, switched access, distance, duration (time) and time of day sensitive product. Calls are routed over Carriers transmission and switching facilities to any valid NPA-NXX. Rates and charges are set forth in Section 4.3 following.

**3.4 Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Calling Card Service**

A card authorized and issued by AT&T to which charges for a long distance message may be billed. This card is used by USRC customers for messages transmitted over the AT&T network and billed by USRC. Charges are dependent upon the distance, time of day, and duration of the call. Rates and charges are set forth in Section 4.4 following.

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**3.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES (Continued)**

**3.5 Operator Services**

USRC's operator services calls are placed with the assistance of an operator for purposes of call routing and/or billing. Service is offered to customers in conjunction with the Company's direct dial services. Operator services are furnished to customers of Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Service by an authorized Operator Service Provider.

- \* Directory Assistance
- \* Operator Assisted
- \* Collect & Real Time Rated
- \* Billed to Third Party
- \* Person-to-Person

Charges and Rates are set forth in Section 4.5 following.

**3.6 Conference Services**

Provides telecommunications between two or more stations. The conference connections are established from an audio teleconference bridge to a station with the assistance of an operator. Charges and rates are set forth in Section 4.6 following.

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**3.0 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES (Continued)**

**3.7 Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> One Step Savings Service**

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Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> One Step Savings Service is offered to customers, including but not limited to, business customers. This service is designed to be sold by agents of USRC. Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> One Step Savings Service is an outbound, switched access, duration (time) and time of day sensitive product. Calls are routed over Carrier's transmission and switching facilities to any valid NPA-NXX. Rates and charges are set forth in Section 4.7 following.

**3.8 Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Plus/Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Home Service**

Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Plus/Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Home Service is offered to customers, including but not limited to, residential customers. Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Plus/Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Home Service is an outbound, switched access, duration (time) and time of day sensitive product. Calls are routed over Carrier's transmission and switching facilities to any valid NPA-NXX. Rates and charges are set forth in Section 4.8 following.

**3.9 Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Recognition Service**

Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Recognition Service is intended for long term residential and business customers who generate average monthly billings in excess of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Recognition Service is an outbound, switched access, duration (time) and time of day sensitive product. Calls are routed over Carrier's transmission and switching facilities to any valid NPA-NXX. Rates and charges are set forth in Section 4.9 following.

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**4.0 RATE SCHEDULES**

**4.1 General**

**4.1.1 Rate Periods**

All USRC 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 (C) above refer to local time in the area in which the call originates.

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**4.0 RATE SCHEDULES (Continued)**

**4.1 General (Continued)**

**4.1.1 Rate Periods (Continued)**

(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.

**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						

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**4.0 RATE SCHEDULES (Continued)**

**4.1 General (Continued)**

**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.

**4.1.5 Extra Copies of Bill**

Extra copies of a Customer's monthly bill will be provided by the Carrier at the rate of \$0.25 per copy, per page. A minimum charge of \$1.00 will apply.

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**4.0 RATE SCHEDULES (Continued)**

**4.1 General (Continued)**

**4.1.6 Restoration of Service Charge**

In the event service is temporarily suspended by USRC for non-payment such service will be restored upon payment of all charges due.

A restoration of service charge will be applicable for each authorization code temporarily suspended. Where service is presubscribed to USRC's service a restoration of service charge will be applicable for each line temporarily suspended.

Customers not re-established within five (5) days from date of suspension will be treated as new customers and appropriate Nonrecurring Charges and an advance payment will apply.

**Service Charge**

Business	\$50.00
Residence	\$25.00

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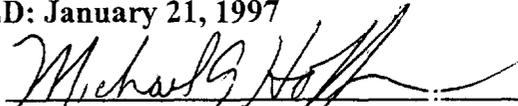
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**4.0 RATE SCHEDULES (Continued)**

**4.1 General (Continued)**

**4.1.7 Returned Check Charge**

When payment in the form of a bank check for services rendered is returned to the carrier, the Customer will be assessed a service charge of \$15.00 to cover the cost of handling the check.

**4.1.8 Service Trip Charge**

In the event the Subscriber or Customer reports a service difficulty or trouble report that requires an on-premise visit by Carrier and the service difficulty or trouble reported is not a result of Carrier-provided equipment and/or no service difficulty or trouble is found in Carrier-provided equipment, a Service Trip Charge of \$50.00 may be charged to the Subscriber or Customer for the visit by Carrier.

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4.0 RATE SCHEDULES (Continued)

4.1 General (Continued)

4.1.9 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 USRC. 911 calls are not routed but are completed through the local network. No billing applies to emergency calls.

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**4.0 RATE SCHEDULES (Continued)**

**4.2 Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Small Business Service Intrastate Usage Rates**

Customers utilizing USRC's Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Small Business Service will be billed for the following intrastate rates:

**4.2.1 Intrastate/IntraLATA SDN Rates**

SDN PER MINUTE RATES	
DAY	EVENING/NIGHT/WEEKEND
\$ .1953	\$ .1785

**4.2.2 Intrastate/InterLATA SDN Rates**

SDN PER MINUTE RATES	
DAY	EVENING/NIGHT/WEEKEND
\$ .2037	\$ .1817

**SDN: Software Defined Network:** AT&T product that provides customized communications services for businesses and residences by using predetermined uniform dialing plans.

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**4.0 RATE SCHEDULES (Continued)**

**4.2 Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Small Business Service Intrastate Usage Rates (Continued)**

**4.2.3 Intrastate DNS Rates**

DNS PER MINUTE RATES	
DAY	EVENING/NIGHT/WEEKEND
\$ .2016	\$ .1890

**DNS: Distributed Network Service:** AT&T product that allows resellers to purchase large volumes of services and receive discounts on all direct dial domestic and international calls.

**4.2.4 Timing of Calls**

Calls are subject to a sixty (60) second call length minimum and sixty (60) second billing increments.

**4.2.5 900 Calls**

Customers that utilize the Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Small Business Service to make 900 calls will be charged a \$2.00 per call surcharge.

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**4.0 RATE SCHEDULES (Continued)**

**4.3 Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Residential Service Intrastate Usage Rates**

Customers utilizing USRC's Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Residential Service will be billed for the following intrastate rates:

**4.3.1 Intrastate/IntraLATA Rates**

MILEAGE	DAY		EVENING		NIGHT/WEEKEND	
	INITIAL MINUTE	ADDIT'L MINUTE	INITIAL MINUTE	ADDIT'L MINUTE	INITIAL MINUTE	ADDIT'L MINUTE
0 - 10	\$ .1530	\$ .1530	\$ .0989	\$ .0989	\$ .0900	\$ .0900
11 - 16	\$ .1620	\$ .1620	\$ .1047	\$ .1047	\$ .0990	\$ .0990
17 - 22	\$ .1665	\$ .1665	\$ .1047	\$ .1047	\$ .0990	\$ .0990
23 - 30	\$ .1778	\$ .1778	\$ .1013	\$ .1013	\$ .1080	\$ .1080
31 - 40	\$ .1778	\$ .1778	\$ .1012	\$ .1012	\$ .1080	\$ .1080
41 - 55	\$ .1778	\$ .1778	\$ .1013	\$ .1013	\$ .1080	\$ .1080
56 - 70	\$ .1845	\$ .1845	\$ .1116	\$ .1116	\$ .1080	\$ .1080
71 - 85	\$ .1845	\$ .1845	\$ .1116	\$ .1116	\$ .1080	\$ .1080
86 - 100	\$ .1845	\$ .1845	\$ .1116	\$ .1116	\$ .1080	\$ .1080
101 - 124	\$ .1845	\$ .1845	\$ .1116	\$ .1116	\$ .1080	\$ .1080
125 - 148	\$ .1845	\$ .1845	\$ .1116	\$ .1116	\$ .1080	\$ .1080
149 +	\$ .1845	\$ .1845	\$ .1116	\$ .1116	\$ .1080	\$ .1080

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**4.0 RATE SCHEDULES (Continued)**

**4.3 Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Residential Service Intrastate Usage Rates (Continued)**

**4.3.2 Intrastate/InterLATA Rates**

MILEAGE	DAY		EVENING		NIGHT/WEEKEND	
	INITIAL MINUTE	ADDIT'L MINUTE	INITIAL MINUTE	ADDIT'L MINUTE	INITIAL MINUTE	ADDIT'L MINUTE
0 - 10	\$ .2070	\$ .1620	\$ .1710	\$ .1283	\$ .1381	\$ .1009
11 - 16	\$ .2070	\$ .1620	\$ .1710	\$ .1283	\$ .1381	\$ .1009
17 - 22	\$ .2160	\$ .1890	\$ .1710	\$ .1305	\$ .1381	\$ .1209
23 - 30	\$ .2160	\$ .1890	\$ .1710	\$ .1305	\$ .1381	\$ .1209
31 - 55	\$ .2340	\$ .2250	\$ .1751	\$ .1643	\$ .1440	\$ .1440
56 - 85	\$ .2700	\$ .2520	\$ .1935	\$ .1800	\$ .1499	\$ .1499
86 - 124	\$ .2700	\$ .2520	\$ .1935	\$ .1800	\$ .1593	\$ .1535
125 - 196	\$ .3060	\$ .2970	\$ .2250	\$ .2070	\$ .1746	\$ .1746
197 - 292	\$ .3060	\$ .2970	\$ .2250	\$ .2160	\$ .1746	\$ .1746
293 - 430	\$ .3240	\$ .3150	\$ .2338	\$ .2282	\$ .1812	\$ .1812

**4.3.3 Timing of Calls**

Calls are subject to a sixty (60) second call length minimum and sixty (60) second billing increments.

**4.3.4 900 Calls**

Customers that utilize the Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Residential Service to make 900 calls will be charged a \$2.00 per call surcharge.

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**4.0 RATE SCHEDULES (Continued)**

**4.4 Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Calling Card Intrastate Usage Rates**

Customers utilizing USRC's Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Calling Card Service will be billed for the following intrastate rates:

MILEAGE	DAY		EVENING		NIGHT/WEEKEND	
	INITIAL MINUTE	ADDIT'L MINUTE	INITIAL MINUTE	ADDIT'L MINUTE	INITIAL MINUTE	ADDIT'L MINUTE
0 - 16	\$ .2838	\$ .232	\$ .2185	\$ .1656	\$ .1731	\$ .1355
17 - 30	\$ .2838	\$ .245	\$ .2185	\$ .1887	\$ .1731	\$ .1495
31 - 55	\$ .3225	\$ .322	\$ .2483	\$ .2483	\$ .1967	\$ .1967
56 - 196	\$ .3741	\$ .374	\$ .2881	\$ .2881	\$ .2281	\$ .2281
197 +	\$ .4386	\$ .438	\$ .3377	\$ .3377	\$ .2580	\$ .2580

**4.4.1 Timing of Calls**

Calling Cards are subject to a sixty (60) second call length minimum and sixty (60) second billing increments.

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**4.0 RATE SCHEDULES (Continued)**

**4.5 Operator Services - Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Service**

**4.5.1 Directory Assistance**

Directory Assistance is available to customers of USRC to assist in obtaining telephone numbers. Up to two requests may be made on each call to Directory Assistance. The Directory Assistance charges apply to each call regardless of whether the Directory Assistance Service is able to furnish the requested telephone number.

Directory Assistance, Per Call            \$1.10

**4.5.2 Per Call Service Charges**

**4.5.2(A) Customer Dialed Calling Card Charge**

This charge applies in addition to usage charges for calls billed to Calling Card when the customer dials all of the digits required to route and bill the call.

A per call surcharge of \$.90 will be assessed.

**4.5.2(B) Operator Dialed Calling Card Charge**

This charge applies in addition to usage charges when the appropriate operator code (e.g., 00, or 10288,0) and requests that the operator complete the call by dialing the calling card number to be used for billing purposes.

A per call surcharge of \$2.25 will be assessed.

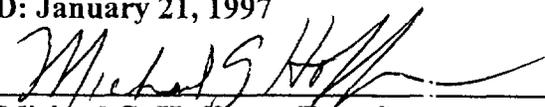
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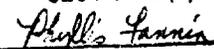
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**4.5 Operator Services - Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Service (Continued)**

**4.5.2 Per Call Service Charges**

**4.5.2(C) Operator Dialed Surcharge**

A surcharge applies when the customer has the capability of dialing the destination number necessary to route a call, but elects to dial only the appropriate operator code and requests the operator to dial the called station.

A per call surcharge of \$.85 will be assessed.

**4.5.2(D) Person to Person Charge**

This charge applies in addition to usage charges for call placed on a Person to Person basis and billed to a Calling Card, Collect or to a Third Party. Charges do not apply unless the specified party or an acceptable substitute is available.

A per call surcharge of \$4.90 will be assessed.

**4.5.3 Operator Services**

The following per call charges will be assessed to the following operator services:

Collect	\$2.25 per call
Real Time Rated	\$2.25 per call
Billed to Third Party	\$2.35 per call

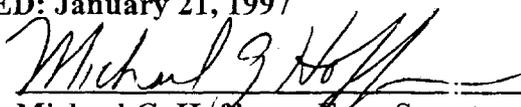
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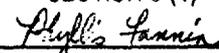
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**4.0 RATE SCHEDULES (Continued)**

**4.6 Conference Service for Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Service**

**A. Usage Rates**

Charges for conference calls are the sum of leg usage rates, bridge port usage rates and operator set-up, as specified. The charge for conversion time will consist of the total minutes of conversion multiplied by the conference leg usage rate plus the bridge port usage rate.

The Conference Leg Usage Rate is defined as the charge for usage between a bridge port and a station. The Bridge Port Usage Rate is defined as the charge for bridge port usage.

**B. Chargeable Time**

Chargeable time starts when the requested participants are connected and ends on an individual (bridge/station) connection when that station hangs up. Chargeable time for station/port additions to a conference call in progress starts when parties are connected by an operator.

**C. Rates**

<u>Day</u>	<u>Peak Time Period</u>	<u>Conf. Leg Charge</u>	<u>Bridge Port Leg Charge</u>
Sun	5:00 PM - 12:00 AM*	\$.24	\$.29
Mon-Thurs	24 Hours	\$.24	\$.29
Fri.	12:00 AM - 7:00 PM*	\$.24	\$.29

<u>Day</u>	<u>Off-Peak Time Period</u>	<u>Conf. Leg Charge</u>	<u>Bridge Port Leg Charge</u>
Fri.	7:00 PM - 12:00 AM*	\$.11	\$.29
Sat.	24 Hours	\$.11	\$.29
Sun.	12:00 AM - 5:00 PM*	\$.11	\$.29

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**4.6 Conference Service for Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Service (Continued)**

**D. Set-Up Charges**

All Customers of Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Conference Services will be charged a \$4.00 set-up charge for each station connected to a bridge.

**4.7 Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> One Step Savings Service Usage Rates**

Customers utilizing USRC's Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> One Step Savings Service will be billed at the following intrastate rates:

PER MINUTE RATES	
DAY	EVENING/NIGHT/WEEKEND
\$ .1490 (R)	\$ .1490 (R)

**4.7.1 Timing of Calls**

Calls are subject to a sixty (60) second call length minimum and sixty (60) second billing increments.

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**4.0 RATE SCHEDULES (Continued)**

**4.8 Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Plus/Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Home Service Usage Rates**

Customers utilizing US RC's Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Plus/Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Home Service will be billed at the following intrastate rates:

PER MINUTE RATES	
DAY	EVENING/NIGHT/WEEKEND
\$ .1590 (R)	\$ .1590 (R)

**4.8.1 Timing of Calls**

Calls are subject to a sixty (60) second call length minimum and sixty (60) second billing increments.

**4.9 Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Recognition Service Usage Rates**

Customers utilizing US RC's Best for Less<sup>SM</sup> Recognition Service will be billed at the following intrastate rates:

PER MINUTE RATES	
DAY	EVENING/NIGHT/WEEKEND
\$ .1390 (R)	\$ .1390 (R)

**4.9.1 Timing of Calls**

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