

INTERSTATE ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

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INTERSTATE ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

APPLICATION

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This tariff applies to interstate service supplied to Customers for origination, transport, and termination of Interexchange Communications traffic that is transported in whole, or in part, using the public switched telephone network ("PSTN").

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This tariff applies only to the extent that facilities are available and services provided hereunder are used by a Customer for the purpose of originating, transporting, or terminating interstate (including international) communications.

If any provision in this tariff is held to be unlawful, void, unenforceable or, otherwise invalid, such invalidity will affect only the specific provision that is found to be invalid and shall affect such provision only to the extent of the invalidity. In all other respects, this tariff shall remain in full force and effect and be enforceable as if such invalid provision (to the extent of such invalidity) had not been a part hereof.

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CONCURRING CARRIERS

No concurring carriers.

CONNECTING CARRIERS

No connecting carriers.

PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

No participating carriers.

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**EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS, REFERENCE
MARKS, AND ABBREVIATIONS OF TECHNICAL
TERMS USED IN THIS TARIFF**

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The following symbols shall be used in this tariff for the purpose indicated below:

- C To signify changed regulation or rate structure.
- D To signify discontinued material.
- I To signify a increased rate.
- M To signify a move in the location of text.
- N To signify a new rate or regulation.
- R To signify a reduced rate.
- S To signify reissued material.
- T To signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation.
- Z To signify a correction.

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INTERSTATE ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS

Certain terms used generally throughout this tariff are described below.

Access Services

Services provided by the Company, or jointly by the Company and one or more other carriers, that provide Interexchange Service Providers with Exchange Access. (T)

Central Office Code

The second three digits (NXX) of a ten-digit telephone number in the form NXX-NXX-XXX, where N represents any one of the numbers 2 through 9 and X represents any one of the numbers 0 through 9.

Common Channel Signaling

The term "Common Channel Signaling" (CCS) denotes a high speed packet switched communications network that is separate (out of band) from the public packet switched and message networks. Its purpose is to carry addressed signaling messages for individual trunk circuits and/or database related services between Signaling Points in the CCS network.

Company

The issuer of this tariff that is providing Access Services.

Customer

Any Interexchange Service Provider that, through interconnection with the PSTN, knowingly or unknowingly, utilizes, on a prearranged or non-prearranged (casual use) basis, the Company's Network, in whole or in part, to originate, transport, or terminate Interexchange Communications traffic directly or indirectly to or from End Users. (T)

End Office

The End Office is, in the case of communications originated by the End User, the first point of switching, and, in the case of communications terminated to the End User, the last point of switching. (T)

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SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS, Continued

End User

Any individual, corporation, partnership, association, or other person or entity, including, an entity that is affiliated with the Company as well as an unaffiliated entity, that is a customer of an interstate or foreign telecommunications service and is not, itself a carrier, except that a carrier shall be deemed an End User when using telecommunications service for administrative purposes. In addition, a customer of an interconnected or non-interconnected VoIP service shall be deemed an End User with respect to telecommunications that are completed using the PSTN. End Users include, without limitation, enhanced service providers, information service providers, chat line and conference calling providers, call centers, gateway providers, and users of business or residence telephone services, who send or receive telecommunications in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, over the Company’s Network, irrespective of whether such persons or entities are subscribers to the Company’s services. Nothing set forth in this tariff or any prior versions of this tariff shall be construed as providing for the Company’s assessing access charges under this, or any prior version of this, tariff for transmitting interexchange traffic to or from an End User who is neither: (i) a subscriber for a fee to telecommunications service offered by the Company or by another telecommunications service provider that, under a contract or other arrangement, is jointly providing switched access service with the Company for the completion of interexchange traffic to or from such End User; nor (ii) as to traffic transmitted on or after December 29, 2011, a subscriber for a fee to interconnected or non-interconnected VoIP service offered by the Company or another telecommunications provider that, under a contract or other arrangement, is jointly providing switched access service with the Company for the completion of interexchange traffic to or from such End User and is not itself seeking to collect access charges. At all times, the Company’s charges for switched access charges for sending traffic to or from an End User not served by the Company are limited to the rate charged by the competing ILEC for the same access services (as specified in this tariff or prior version, as applicable), except if the Company is listed in the database of the Number Portability Administration Center as providing the calling party or dialed number, the Company, to the extent permitted by 47 CFR § 51.913(b), shall assess a rate equal to the rate that would be charged by the competing ILEC for all exchange access services required to deliver traffic to or from the called number.

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Exchange

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The term “Exchange” denotes a unit generally smaller than a Local Access and Transport Area (LATA) and refers to an exchange area established by an incumbent Exchange Telephone Company (commonly referred to as an incumbent local exchange carrier or “ILEC”) or a state regulatory authority.

Exchange Telephone Company

A company providing service for the transmission of telecommunications between End Users in the Exchange (“Exchange Service”) or to enable access to End Users within an exchange for the completion of Interexchange Communications (“Exchange Access”).

Interexchange Communications

Communications between end points located in different Exchange areas, including, without limitation, Toll VoIP, as determined by the locations of the Rate Centers associated with the called and calling parties’ respective telephone numbers.

Interexchange Communications also includes all toll-free (8XX) traffic, irrespective of the locations of the calling and called parties. For the purposes of this tariff, Interexchange Communications does not include calls, other than 8XX calls, between End Users of commercial mobile radio services (“CMRS”) and other End Users when, at the time the call begins, the called and calling parties are both in the same major trading area.

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Interexchange Service Provider

Any person that: (i) using, in whole or in part, its own facilities (including facilities that are obtained by such person on a leased or other wholesale basis from other parties), provides, on a common carrier or private contract basis, transmission of Interexchange Communications; or (ii) provides prepaid calling card services; provided, that, for the purposes of this tariff, Interexchange Service Provider does not include any such person acting solely in the capacity of a provider of Exchange Access with respect to such transmissions unless such person is providing such Exchange Access through use or resale of carrier switched access service obtained pursuant to tariff or contract from an exchange carrier with whom the Company is jointly providing such switched access

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Interexchange Service Provider (cont'd)

service on a meet-point billed basis (in such case, such person shall be deemed a Customer of, and shall be responsible for paying Company's charges for, such jointly provided switched access services).

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LATA

A Local Access and Transport Area established pursuant to the Modification of Final Judgment entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192; or any other geographic area designated as a LATA in National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff.

National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff

National Exchange Carrier Association, FCC Tariff No. 4, which is effective and on file with the Federal Communications Commission.

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Network

Refers to facilities, equipment, or services that are used by the Company in providing telecommunications services to Customers and other persons or entities, including, without limitation, facilities, equipment, and services for such use that are obtained by the Company on a leased or other wholesale basis from other carriers.

Rate Center

A geographic location that is identified by a name and vertical and horizontal coordinates designated by an Exchange Telephone Company.

Service Commencement Date

The Service Commencement Date is the first date on which a service or facility provided by the Company is used by a Customer, except that, in the case of a dedicated direct access service or facility, the Service Commencement Date is first date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the requested service or facility is available for use.

Signaling System 7 (SS7)

The term "Signaling System 7" (SS7) denotes the layered protocol used for standardized common channel signaling in the United States and Puerto Rico.

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Toll Free or 8XX

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A communications service that permits a call to be completed at a location without charge to the calling party. Access to the service is gained by dialing a ten (10) digit telephone number having an NPA (the first three digits) of 800, 888, or other code recognized by the industry as designating a toll-free call.

Toll VoIP

Communications traffic that is originated or terminated, or both, in Internet Protocol to End Users who are located in different Exchange areas, as determined by the locations of the Rate Centers associated with the called and calling parties' respective telephone numbers.

Wire Center

A building in which one or more central offices, used for the provision of Exchange Service or Exchange Access, are located.

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