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CONCURRING CARRIERS

Ionex Communications North, Inc. dba Birch Communications
Ionex Communications, Inc. dba Birch Communications
Ionex Communications South, Inc. dba Birch Communications
Ionex Communications, Inc. dba Birch Communications of the Southwest
Birch Telecom of Missouri, Inc. dba Birch Communication
Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. dba Birch Communications
Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. dba Birch Communications of the South
Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. dba Birch Communications of the Southeast
Birch Telecom of the West, Inc. dba Birch Communications (T)
Birch Telecom of the South, Inc. dba Birch Telecom dba Birch dba Birch Communications
Birch Telecom of the Great Lakes, Inc. dba Birch Communications
Birch Communications, Inc. (N)
Birch Communications of the Northeast, Inc. dba Birch Communications (N)

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SECTION 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS RATES, (CONT'D)

5.2 Rate Categories

There are three rate categories which apply to Switched Access Service:

- End Office Switching (includes Common Line and Switched Transport)
- Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Access Service
- Optional Features

5.2.1 End Office Switching

The Company combines traditional per minute switched access rate elements into a single composite per minute rate element. The composite rate element includes the following access components:

A. Common Line

The Common Line component is related to the use of Company-provided end user common lines, and the terminations in the end office of end user lines, by customers and end users for intrastate access. (T)

B. Switched Transport

The Switched Transport component is related to the transmission and tandem switching facilities between the customer designated premises and the end office switch(es) where the customer's traffic is switched to originate or terminate the customer's communications. The Switched Transport component also includes transport between an end office which serves as host for a remote switching system or module (RSS or RSM) and the RSS or RSM or its equivalent.

C. End Office Switching

The End Office Switching component is related to the use of end office switching equipment, the terminations of calls at Company Intercept Operators or recordings, the Signaling Transfer Point (STP) costs, and the SS7 signaling function between the end office and the STP. (T)

SECTION 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS RATES, (CONT'D)

5.4 Rates and Charges, (cont'd)

5.4.3 End Office Switching

A. Local Switching

- Per Minute	Service Provided via Commercial Agreement		Service Provided via Company Facilities	
	Tandem <u>Connect</u>	Direct <u>Connect</u>	Tandem <u>Connect</u>	
AT&T (former BellSouth) areas	\$0.005657 (R)	\$0.002924 (R)	\$0.003677 (R)	(N)
Effective June 1, 2013	\$0.005694	\$0.002961	\$0.003714	
AT&T (former SBC) areas	\$0.004006 (R)	\$0.002682	\$0.003599	
AT&T (former PacBell) areas				
Zone 1	\$0.008578 (R)	\$0.003089	\$0.007669	
Zone 2	\$0.009430	\$0.003164	\$0.007844	
Zone 3	\$0.010481	\$0.003169	\$0.008182	
AT&T (former Ameritech) areas				
Zone 1	\$0.005207 (R)	\$0.003478	\$0.003761	
Zone 2	\$0.005253 (R)	\$0.003478	\$0.003775	
Zone 3	\$0.005260 (R)	\$0.003478	\$0.003778	
Zone 4	\$0.005394 (R)	\$0.003478	\$0.003780	
Zone 5	\$0.005944 (R)	\$0.003478	\$0.003782	
Qwest	\$0.006080 (R)	\$0.002445 (I)	\$0.003357 (I)	
Verizon areas	\$0.005692 (I)	\$0.002406 (R)	\$0.004118 (I)	
Fairpoint areas	\$0.005495	\$0.002264	\$0.003895	(N)
SNET areas	\$0.005872	\$0.003657	\$0.004714	
CenturyLink (NV) areas				
Zone 1	\$0.007604	\$0.004593	\$0.005089	
Zone 2	\$0.007708	\$0.004606	\$0.005126	
Zone 3	\$0.007952	\$0.004629	\$0.005193	(N)

B. Information Surcharge, per Minute

Note 1

Note 1: All access minutes are billed at a single per minute access rate found in Section 5.4.3A, Local Switching. This composite rate includes the elements traditionally billed as Transport Interconnection Charge and Information Surcharge.

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SECTION 6 - MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES, (CONT'D)

6.8 Regulatory Compliance Fee (applicable only in TN)

The Regulatory Compliance Fee covers costs associated with ongoing regulatory and compliance obligations, participation in regulatory proceedings, handling customer complaints with regulatory agencies, and negotiations with other regulated carriers.

Regulatory Compliance Fee \$0.75

6.9 Universal Service Fund

6.9.1 Interstate and International Revenue Factor

For the purpose of allocating a portion of bundled local exchange service revenue to the interstate jurisdiction, the company derives, on a quarterly basis, an Interstate and International Revenue Factor (IIF). This factor is the percentage interstate and international revenue comprises of total regulated revenue. Interstate and International revenue includes usage-based interstate/international long distance charges, and allowance-based usage priced out at standard usage rates. The IIF is reviewed quarterly and is available at www.accesscomm.com/about/billaddress.aspx.

6.9.2 Universal Service Fund Pass-Through

In connection with the FCC's Universal Service Orders, Birch will pay a percentage of its retail revenues to support the Universal Service Fund (USF). Birch will pass-through the USF assessment to its customers by assessing a charge applicable against all retail interstate and international revenue, including usage and non-usage revenue. Retail interstate and international revenue will be derived, in part, by the company's IIF identified in section 6.9.1.

This surcharge is in addition to standard usage charges and any applicable service charges and surcharges associated with the Company's service. The Company's Universal Service Fee factor will match the relevant quarterly Universal Service Contribution Factor approved by the FCC rounded up to the nearest tenth of a percent. Universal Service Contribution Factors are available at <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/contribution-factor-quarterly-filings-universal-service-fund-usf-management-support>.

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SECTION 9 – GRANDFATHERED SERVICES

9.5 Federal Universal Service Fee

In connection with the FCC's Universal Service Orders, ACCESS will pay a percentage of its retail revenues to support the Universal Service Fund (USF). ACCESS will pass-through the USF assessment to its customers by assessing a charge applicable against all retail interstate and international charges, including usage and non-usage charges. This surcharge is in addition to standard usage charges and any applicable service charges and surcharges associated with the Company's service. The Company's Universal Service Fee factor will match the relevant quarterly Universal Service Contribution Factor approved by the FCC rounded up to the nearest tenth of a percent. Universal Service Contribution Factors are available at <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/contribution-factor-quarterly-filings-universal-service-fund-usf-management-support>.

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SECTION 10 – VOIP-PSTN TRAFFIC

10.1 General

VoIP-PSTN Traffic is traffic exchanged in time division multiplexing ("TDM") format that originates and/or terminates in Internet protocol ("IP") format. VoIP-PSTN Traffic, identified by supplied VoIP PVU Factors, will be billed as follows:

- Toll VoIP-PSTN traffic shall be billed at the Company's applicable interstate switched access rates specified in this Tariff FCC No. No. 1.
- Non-Toll VoIP-PSTN traffic shall be billed at the FCC Mandated Cap for Reciprocal Compensation and shall be not be greater than \$0.0007 per MOU.

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