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INTERSTATE ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

OF

CORE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., ET AL.

This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the provision of interstate access services provided by Core Communications, Inc., et al. ("Company" or "the Company"), with principal offices at 209 West Street, Suite 302, Annapolis, MD 21404. This tariff is on file with the Federal Communications Commission, and copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the Company's principal place of business.

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CORETEL KENTUCKY, INC.

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

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

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

TARIFF FORMAT

- A. Page Numbering - Page numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Each page is numbered sequentially. However, a new page is occasionally added to the Tariff. When a new page is added between those already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new page added between page 15 and page 16 would be page 15.1.
- B. Page Revision Numbers - Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each page. These numbers are used to determine the most current page version on file with the Commission. For example, the 4th Revised Page 15 cancels the 3rd Revised Page 15.
- C. Paragraph Numbering Sequence - Each level of paragraph numbering herein is subservient to its next higher level as shown:
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  - 2.1
  - 2.1.1
  - 2.1.1.A
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## SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

**Access Minutes** - The increment for measuring usage of the Company's facilities for the purpose of calculating chargeable usage.

**Access Service Request (ASR)** - The service order form used by Switched Access Service Customers and the Company for the process of establishing, moving or rearranging Switched Access Services provided by the Company.

**Answer Supervision** - The transmission of the switch trunk equipment supervisory signal (off-hook or on-hook) to a carrier's Point of Presence or customer's terminal equipment as an indication that the called party has answered or disconnected.

**Application for Service** - The Company order process that includes technical, billing and other descriptive information provided by Customer that allows the Company to provide requested Services for Customer. Upon acceptance by the Company, the Application for Service becomes a binding contract between Customer and the Company for the provision and acceptance of Service.

**Authorized User** - A person, firm, corporation, or other entity that is authorized by Customer to be connected to the Customer's services, network or facilities.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS, (CONT'D)

Automatic Number Identification (ANI) - The automatic transmission of a caller's billing account telephone number to a Carrier or End User.

Business Hours – The phrase “Business Hours” generally means the time beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. local time at the place of Company operation, Monday through Friday excluding holidays.

Business Office – The phrase “Business Office” means the primary location where the business operations of the Company are performed and where a copy of the Company’s tariffs are made available for public inspection.

Call – A communication attempt for which the complete address code (e.g., 0-, 911, or 10 digits) is provided to the Company’s switch or equivalent facility. The term “Call” expressly includes communications that are delivered to, or received from, persons or entities that include, but are not limited to: conference call providers, chat line providers, calling card providers, call centers, enhanced service providers, help desk providers, and residential and/or business users.

Carrier – A person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity that provides communications services.

Central Office - The premises of the Company containing one or more Switches where the Company provides Local Exchange Services to Company End Users and where Company maintains connections to other carrier’s networks.

Channel - A communications path between two or more points.

CIC - An interexchange carrier identification code.

Commission - Refers to the Federal Communications Commission.

Company - Used throughout this tariff to indicate the Issuing Carriers listed herein.

Company End User - Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity (including, where applicable, a Carrier) that subscribes to or otherwise uses the local exchange services of the Company.

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS, (CONT'D)

Constructive Order - Delivery of calls to or acceptance of calls from the Company's End Users over Company's network or facilities constitutes a Constructive Order by the Customer to purchase Switched Access Services as described herein. Similarly the selection by a Company's End User of the Customer as the presubscribed IXC constitutes a Constructive Order of Switched Access Service by the Customer.

Core - Core Communications, Inc., et al., issuers of this tariff.

CPE - Customer Premises Equipment. All Terminal Equipment or other communications equipment and/or systems provided by the Customer for use with the Company's facilities and services.

Customer - Any person, firm, corporation or other entity which orders Switched Access Service or any other Service provided pursuant to this Tariff, and is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with the Company's rate sheet regulations. The Customer could be an interexchange carrier, a wireless provider, or any other carrier. The Customer is responsible for the payment of charges associated with any Switched Access Service or other Service it uses, and for compliance with the terms and conditions of this Tariff. (T)

Customer End User - Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity that subscribes to or otherwise uses the long distance, toll or other services of the Customer.

Customer Premises - The premises specified by the Customer for delivery of Switched Access Services, for example, an interexchange carrier's Point of Presence.

Delinquent or Delinquency – An account for which payment has not been made in full on or before the last day for timely payment.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS, (CONT'D)

Dual Tone Multifrequency (DTMF) - Tone signaling, also known as touch tone signaling.

End Office - The Central Office, or part thereof, from which the Company's End Users obtain Local Exchange Service from the Company.

Exchange - A group of lines in a unit generally smaller than a LATA established by the Company or other Local Exchange Carrier for the administration of communications service in a specified area. An Exchange may consist of one or more Central Offices together with the associated facilities used in furnishing communications service within that area.

Exchange Message Interface ("EMI") – The industry standard format used for exchange of telecommunications message information among carriers.

Facility (or Facilities) – Any item or items of communications plant or equipment used to provide or connect to Company Switched Access Service.

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS, (CONT'D)

FCC – Federal Communications Commission.

Holiday – The term “holiday” means 8:00 a.m. to, but not including 11:00 p.m. local time at the originating city on all Company-specific holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. When holidays fall on Saturdays or Sundays, the holiday rate applies unless a larger discount would normally apply.

Host Office - An electronic switching system that provides call processing capabilities for one or more Remote Switching Modules or Remote Switching Systems.

Individual Case Basis or ICB - A process whereby the terms, conditions, rates and/or charges for a service provided under the general provisions of this tariff are developed or modified based on the unique circumstances in each case.

Interstate - Refers to telecommunications between points located in different states within the United States or between a point or points in the United States and a point or points in another country.

Intrastate - Refers to telecommunications between points located within the same state.

Interexchange Carrier (IXC or IC) - A long distance telecommunications services provider that furnishes services between exchange areas and that charges its end user a toll in connection with that service.

LATA - Local Access and Transport Area. A geographic area for the provision and administration of communications services existing on February 8, 1996, as previously established by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192; or established by a Bell operating company after February 8, 1996 and approved by the FCC; or any other geographic area designated as a LATA in the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS, (CONT'D)

Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) – A company that is certified by the relevant state utility commission to provide Local Exchange Services.

Local Exchange Services – Any service provided pursuant to a LEC's certification by, and/or tariffs filed with, the relevant state utility commission.

N/A - Not Applicable.

Night/Weekend – The words “night/weekend” mean 11:00 p.m. to, but not including, 8:00 a.m. local time in the originating city, all day on Saturday, and all day Sunday except from 5:00 p.m. to, but not including, 11:00 p.m.

Non-business Hours – The phrase “non-business hours” means the time period after 5:00 p.m. and before 8:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, all day Saturday, Sunday, and on holidays.

Non-Recurring Charge ("NRC") - The initial charge, usually assessed on a one-time basis, to initiate and establish a service or feature.

NPA - Numbering Plan Area or area code.

Off-Hook - The active condition of Switched Access Service or a telephone exchange line.

On-Hook - The idle condition of Switched Access Service or a telephone exchange line.

Originating Direction - The use of Switched Access Service for the origination of calls from a Company End User's Premises to a Customer's Point of Presence.

PIC Authorization - A Customer End User's selection of a PIC that meets the requirements of federal and state law.

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS, (CONT'D)

Point of Presence or POP - The premises associated with an interexchange or other carrier's communication and switching systems.

Presubscription - An arrangement whereby an end user selects and designates to the Company or other LEC an IXC that such end user wishes to access, without an access code, for completing interLATA and/or intraLATA toll calls.

Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) - The interexchange carrier (IXC) designated by an end user as its first routing choice and primary overflow carrier for routing of 1+ direct dialed and operator assisted non-local calls.

Query - The inquiry to a Company or Company-controlled database to obtain information, processing instructions or service data.

Recurring Charge - The charges to the Customer for services, facilities or equipment, which continue for the agreed upon duration of the service. Recurring charges do not vary based on Customer usage of the services, facilities or equipment provided.

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS, (CONT'D)

Remote Switching Modules or Remote Switching Systems (RSM/RSS) - Small remotely controlled electronic End Office Switching equipment which obtains its call processing capability from a Host Office. An RSM/RSS cannot accommodate direct trunks to a Customer.

Services - Services provided pursuant to this Tariff.

Service Commencement Date - For Services ordered pursuant to an ASR or Application for Service, the first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the requested service or facility is available for use, unless extended by the Customer's refusal to accept service which does not conform to standards in the service order or this tariff, in which case the service commencement date is the date of the Customer's acceptance. The Company and Customer may mutually agree on a substitute service commencement date.

Switch - An electronic device that is used to provide communications services, including Switched Access Services, long distance toll services and/or Local Exchange Services, and which may perform other functions as well.

Switched Access Service - Access to the network or facilities of the Company for the purpose of originating or terminating communications. Switched Access Service is available to carriers, as defined in this rate sheet. Switched Access Service includes services and facilities provided for the origination or termination of any interstate or foreign communications regardless of the technology used in transmission, including, but not limited to, local exchange, long distance, and data communications services that may use either TDM or Internet Protocol ("IP") or other technology. Switched Access Service includes, but is not limited to, the functional equivalent of the incumbent local exchange carrier interstate exchange access services typically associated with following rate elements: carrier common line (originating); carrier common line (terminating); local end office switching; interconnection charge; information surcharge; tandem switched transport termination; tandem switched transport facility (per mile); tandem switching; common transport multiplexing; and common trunk port. Consistent with 47 C.F.R. § 61.26(a)(3)(ii), Switched Access Services includes the termination of interexchange telecommunications traffic to any retail end user, either directly or via contractual or other arrangements with an affiliated or unaffiliated provider of interconnected VoIP service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(25), or a non-interconnected VoIP service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(36), that does not itself seek to collect reciprocal compensation charges prescribed by this subpart for that traffic, regardless of the specific functions provided or facilities used.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS, (CONT'D)

Terminal Equipment - Facilities located at the Customer-designated premises.

Terminating Direction - The use of Switched Access Service for the completion of calls from a Customer's Point of Presence to a Company End User.

Timely Payment - A payment on a Customer's account made on or before the due date.

Traffic - Another term for Calls. These terms expressly include communications that are delivered to, or received from, persons or entities that include, but are not limited to: conference call providers, chat line providers, calling card providers, call centers, help desk providers, and residential and/or business end users.

Trunk - A communications path connecting two switching systems in a network, used in the establishment of an end-to-end connection.

Trunk Group - A set of trunks, which are traffic engineered as a unit for the establishment of connections between switching systems in which all of the communications paths are interchangeable.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 2.1 Undertaking of Core Communications, Inc., et al.
- 2.1.1 The Company undertakes to furnish the Services pursuant to the terms of this tariff.
- 2.1.2 The Company's services and facilities are available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.
- 2.1.3 The Company is responsible under this tariff only for the services and facilities provided hereunder, and it assumes no responsibility for any service provided by any other entity that purchases access to the Company network in order to originate or terminate its own services, or to communicate with its own End Users.
- 2.1.4 The Company arranges for installation, operation, and maintenance of the communications services provided in this tariff for Customers in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this tariff. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangements.
- 2.2 Use of the Company's Service
- 2.2.1 Services provided under this tariff may be used by the Customer for any lawful communications purpose for which the service is technically suited.
- 2.2.2 The services the Company offers shall not be used for any unlawful purpose or for any use as to which the Customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents and permits.
- 2.2.3 Any service provided under this tariff may be resold to or shared (jointly used) with other persons at the Customer's option. The Customer remains solely responsible for all use of service ordered by it or billed to its account(s) pursuant to this tariff, for determining who is authorized to use its service, and for promptly notifying the Company of any unauthorized use. The Customer may advise its End Users that a portion of its service is provided by the Company, but the Customer shall not represent that the Company jointly participates with the Customer in the provision of the service. The Company may require applicants for service who intend to use the Company's offerings for resale, shared and/or joint use to file a letter with the Company confirming that their use of the Company's offerings complies with relevant laws and the Commission's regulations, policies, orders, and decisions.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.3 Limitations

- 2.3.1 The 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.
- 2.3.2 The furnishing of service under this tariff is subject to the availability on a continuing basis of all the necessary facilities and equipment and is limited to the capacity of the Company's facilities as well as facilities the Company may obtain from other carriers, from time to time, to furnish service as required at the sole discretion of the Company.
- 2.3.3 The Company reserves the right to limit or to allocate the use of existing facilities, or of additional facilities offered by the Company, when necessary because of lack of facilities, or due to some other cause beyond the Company's control.
- 2.3.4 The Company may block any signals being transmitted over its network by Customers that cause interference to the Company or other users. Customer shall not be relieved of all obligations to make payments for charges relating to any blocked service and shall indemnify the Company for any claim, judgment or liability resulting from such blockage.
- 2.3.5 The Company reserves the right to discontinue service when the Customer is using the service in violation of the provisions of this tariff, or in violation of the law.
- 2.3.6 The Company reserves the right to discontinue service, limit service, or to impose requirements as required to meet changing regulatory or statutory rules and standards, or when such rules and standards have an adverse material affect on the business or economic feasibility of providing service, as determined by the Company in its reasonable judgment.
- 2.3.7 No Company services specified herein shall be provided until after the Company has completed, to its satisfaction, testing of such services and of Company systems, processes and procedures.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.4 Assignment and Transfer

Neither the Company nor the Customer may assign or transfer its rights or duties in connection with the services and facilities provided by the Company without the written consent of the other party, except that the Company may assign its rights and duties a) to any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Company, whether direct or indirect; b) under any sale or transfer of all or substantially all the assets of the Company within the applicable state or states; or c) under any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company.

2.5 Application for Service

Customers may be required to enter into written or oral service orders which shall contain or reference a specific description of the service ordered, the rates to be charged, the duration of the services, and the terms and conditions in this tariff. Customers will also be required to execute any other documents as may be reasonably requested by the Company.

2.6 Ownership of Facilities

2.6.1 The Customer obtains no property right or interest in the use of any specific type of facility, service, equipment, number, process, or code.

2.6.2 Title to all facilities utilized by the Company to provide service under the provisions of this tariff shall remain with the Company, its partners, agents, contractors or suppliers. Such facilities shall be returned to the Company, its partners, agents, contractors or suppliers by the Customer, whenever requested, within a reasonable period following the request in original condition, reasonable wear and tear expected.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.7 Liability of the Company

- 2.7.1 The liability of the Company for damages of any nature arising from errors, mistakes, omissions, interruptions, or delays of the Company, its agents, servants, or employees, in the course of establishing, furnishing, rearranging, moving, terminating, changing or removing the service or facilities or equipment shall not exceed an amount equal to the charges applicable under this tariff (calculated on a proportionate basis where appropriate, at the sole discretion of the Company) to the period during which such error, mistake, omission, interruption or delay occurs.
- 2.7.2 In no event shall the Company be liable for any incidental, indirect, special, or consequential damages (including, without limitation, lost revenue or profits) of any kind whatsoever regardless of the cause or foreseeability thereof.
- 2.7.3 When the services or facilities of other common carriers are used separately or in conjunction with the Company's facilities or equipment in establishing connection to points not reached by the Company's facilities or equipment, the Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of such other common carriers or their agents, servants or employees.
- 2.7.4 The Company shall not be liable for any failure of performance hereunder if such failure is due to any cause or causes beyond the reasonable control of the Company. Such causes shall include, without limitation, acts of God, fire, explosion, vandalism, cable cut, storm or other similar occurrence, any law, order, regulation, direction, action or request of the United States government or of any other government or of any civil or military authority, national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars, strikes, lockouts or work stoppages or other labor difficulties, supplier failures, shortages, breaches or delays, or preemption of existing service to restore service in compliance with FCC rules and regulations.

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.7 Liability of the Company (Cont'd)

- 2.7.5 The Company shall not be liable for interruptions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission, or for any injury whatsoever, caused by the Customer, or the Customer's agents, End Users, or by facilities or equipment provided by the Customer.
- 2.7.6 No liability shall attach to the Company by reason of any defacement or damage to the Customer Premises resulting from the existence of the Company's equipment or facilities on such premises, or by the installation or removal thereof, when such defacement or damage is not the result of the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of the Company or its employees.
- 2.7.7 The Company makes no warranties or representations, express or implied, either in fact or by operation of law, statutory or otherwise, including warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular use, except those expressly set forth herein.
- 2.7.8 Failure by the Company to assert its rights under a provision of this tariff does not preclude the Company from asserting its rights under other provisions.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.8 Liability of the Customer

- 2.8.1 The Customer will be liable for damages to the facilities of the Company and for all incidental and consequential damages caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer, its officers, employees, agents, invites, or contractors where such acts or omissions are not the direct result of the Company's negligence or intentional misconduct.
- 2.8.2 To the extent caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer as described in 2.8.1, preceding, the Customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from and against all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for (1) any loss, destruction or damage to property of any third party, and (2) any liability incurred by any third party pursuant to this or any other tariff of the Company, or otherwise, for any interruption of, interference to, or other defect in any service provided to such third party.
- 2.8.3 The Customer shall be fully liable for any damages, including, without limitation, usage charges, that the Customer may incur as a result of the unauthorized use of services provided to a Customer. Unauthorized use occurs when a person or entity that does not have actual, apparent, or implied authority to use the network, obtains the Company's services provided under this tariff. The unauthorized use of the Company's services includes, but is not limited to, the placement of calls from the Customer Premises, and the placement of calls through equipment controlled and/or provided by the Customer, that are transmitted over the Company's network without the authorization of the Customer. The Customer shall be fully liable for all such usage charges.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.9 Obligations of the Customer

2.9.1 The Customer is responsible for making proper application for service; for placing any necessary orders; for complying with tariff regulations; and for payment of charges for services provided. Specific Customer responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. reimbursing the Company for damage to or loss of the Company's facilities or equipment caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer; or the non-compliance by the Customer, with these regulations; or by fire or theft or other casualty on the Customer Premises, unless caused by the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of the employees or agents of the Company;
- B. providing at no charge, as specified from time to time by the Company, any needed equipment, secured space, power, supporting structures, and conduit to operate Company facilities and equipment installed on the Customer Premises, and the level of heating and air conditioning necessary to maintain the proper operating environment on such premises;
- C. obtaining, maintaining and otherwise having full responsibility for all rights-of-way and conduit necessary for installation of cable and associated equipment used to provide communications services to the Customer from the cable building entrance or property line to the location of the equipment space described in Section 2.9.1.B. Any and all costs associated with the obtaining and maintaining the rights-of-way described herein, including the costs of altering the structure to permit installation of the Company provided facilities, shall be borne entirely by, or may be charged by the Company, to the Customer; the Company may require the Customer to demonstrate its compliance with this section prior to accepting an order for service;
- D. providing a safe place to work and complying with all laws and regulations regarding the working conditions on the premises at which Company employees and agents shall be installing or maintaining the Company's facilities and equipment; the Customer may be required to install and maintain Company facilities and equipment within a hazardous area if, in the Company's opinion, injury or damage to the Company employees or property might result from installation or maintenance by the Company; the Customer shall be responsible for identifying, monitoring, removing and disposing of any hazardous material (e.g., friable asbestos) prior to any construction or installation work;

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.9 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd.)

2.9.1 (Cont'd.)

- E. complying with all laws and regulations applicable to, and obtaining all consents, approvals, licenses and permits as may be required with respect to, the location of Company facilities and equipment in any Customer Premises or the rights-of-way for which Customer is responsible under Section 2.9.1.C.; and granting or obtaining permission for Company agents or employees to enter the Customer Premises at any time for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining, repairing, or upon termination of service as stated herein, removing the facilities or equipment of the Company;
- F. not creating or allowing to be placed any liens or other encumbrances on the Company's equipment or facilities;
- G. making Company facilities and equipment available periodically for maintenance purposes at a time agreeable to both the Company and the Customer, such agreement not to be reasonably withheld or denied. No allowance will be made for the period during which service is interrupted for such purposes;
- H. taking all steps necessary to cancel or otherwise discontinue any service(s) to be replaced by any of the Company's service(s) as described herein;
- I. ensuring that any Customer provided equipment and/or systems are properly interfaced with Company facilities or services, that the signals emitted into Company's network are of the proper mode, bandwidth, power, and signal level for the intended use of the Customer and in compliance with the criteria set forth in this tariff, and that the signals do not damage equipment, injure personnel, or degrade service to other Customers; and

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.9 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd.)

2.9.2 With regard to Services provided by the Company, specific Customer responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

A. Design of Customer Services

The Customer shall be responsible for its own expense for the overall design of its services and for any redesigning or rearrangements of its services which may be required because of changes in facilities, operations or procedures of the Company, minimum protection criteria, or operating or maintenance characteristics of the facilities.

B. Network Contingency Coordination

The Customer shall, in cooperation with the Company, coordinate in planning the actions to be taken to maintain maximum network capability following natural or man-made disasters which affect telecommunications service.

C. Jurisdictional Reports

The jurisdictional reporting requirements will be as specified below. When a Customer orders Switched Access Service, its projected Percent Interstate Usage (PIU) must be provided in whole numbers to the Company. These whole number percentages will be used by the Company to apportion the use and/or charges between interstate and intrastate until a revised report is received as set forth herein.

Reported or default PIU factors are used only where the call detail is insufficient to reasonably determine the appropriate jurisdiction of the traffic.

- 1) Originating Access: Originating access minutes consist of traffic originating from the Company Central Office(s). The Customer must provide the Company with a projected PIU factor on an annual basis. If no PIU for originating minutes is submitted as specified herein, the Company will apply a default PIU of 50%.
- 2) Terminating Access: Terminating access minutes consist of traffic terminating to the Company Central Office(s). The Customer must provide the Company with a projected PIU factor on an annual basis. If no PIU for terminating minutes is submitted as specified herein, the Company will apply a default PIU of 50%.

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.9 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd.)

2.9.2 (Cont'd.)

C. Jurisdictional Reports (continued)

- 3) If the Company disputes the reasonableness of the PIU provided by the Customer or the reported PIU varies by more than five percentage points over the preceding PIU, the Company may ask the Customer to provide the data used by the Customer to determine the projected percentage. The Customer shall make accurate call detail records, from which the percentage of interstate and intrastate use can be derived, available for inspection as reasonably necessary for PIU verification. Such records shall be made available for inspection within 15 days of the Company's request for verification. The Company may refuse to change the projected percentage until sufficient evidence has been provided in support of the Customer's projection.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.9 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd.)

2.9.2 (Cont'd.)

D. Jurisdictional Audits:

- 1) The Customer shall keep sufficient detail from which the percentages of interstate and intrastate use reported to the Company can be verified and upon request of the Company make such records available for inspection and audit. The customer must maintain these records for 24 months from the date the report became effective for billing purposes.
- 2) Initiation of an audit will be at the sole discretion of the Company. The audit shall be performed by an independent party selected by the Company. An audit may be initiated by the Company for a single customer no more than once per year. The customer shall supply the required data within 30 calendar days of the Company request.
- 3) In the event that an audit reveals that any Customer reported PIU was incorrect, the Company shall apply the audit result to all usage affected by the audit. The Customer shall be backbilled or credited, for a period retroactive to the date that the incorrect percentage was reported, but not to exceed 24 months. Backbilled amounts are subject to a late payment penalty and payment shall be made in immediately available funds, within 31 days from receipt of bill or by the following bill date, whichever is a shorter period.
- 4) Should an audit reveal that the misreported percentage(s) of use has resulted in an underpayment of access charges to the Company of five percent or more of the total Switched Access Services bill, the customer shall reimburse the Company for the cost of the audit. Proof of cost shall be the bills, in reasonable detail, submitted to the Company by the auditor.
- 5) Within 15 days of completion of the auditor's report, the Company will furnish a copy of the audit results to the person designated by the customer to receive such results.

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.10 Billing and Payment For Service

2.10.1 Responsibility for Charges

The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for Services provided pursuant to this tariff. In particular and without limitation to the foregoing, the Customer is responsible for any and all cost(s) incurred as the result of:

- A. any delegation of authority resulting in the use of Customer's communications equipment and/or network services that result in the placement of calls via the Company's network;
- B. any and all use of the service arrangement provided by the Company, including calls which the Customer did not individually authorize; and
- C. any calls placed by or through the Customer's equipment via any remote access feature(s).

2.10.2 Minimum Period

The minimum period for which services are provided and for which rates and charges are applicable is one (1) month unless otherwise specified in this tariff. When a service is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable, whether the service is used or not.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Cont'd.)

2.10.3 Payment for Service

- A. All charges due from the Customer are payable to the Company or any agent duly authorized to receive such payments.
- B. Non-recurring charges for installations, service connections, moves or rearrangements are due and payable upon receipt of the Company's invoice by the Customer. At the Company's discretion, payment of all or a portion of any non-recurring charges may be required prior to commencement of facility or equipment installation or construction required to provide the services requested by the Customer.
- C. The Company shall present invoices for recurring charges monthly to the Customer, in advance of the month in which service is provided, and recurring charges shall be due and payable as specified on the bill.
- D. When billing is based upon Customer usage, usage charges will be billed monthly in arrears for service provided in the preceding billing period. Charges shall be due and payable as specified on the bill.
- E. For Services ordered pursuant to an ASR or Application for Service, Customer billing will begin on the service commencement date, which is the day the Company determines in its reasonable sole discretion that the service or facility is available for use, except that the service commencement date may be postponed by mutual agreement of the parties, or if the service or facility does not conform to standards under this tariff or the service order. Billing accrues through and includes the day that the service, circuit, arrangement or component is discontinued.
- F. When service does not begin on the first day of the month, or end on the last day of the month, the Recurring Charge for the fraction of the month in which service was furnished will be calculated on a pro rata basis. For this purpose, every month is considered to have 30 (thirty) days.
- G. Amounts not paid within 30 (thirty) days after the mailing date of invoice will be considered past due.
- H. The Company occasionally may backbill for its services provided in prior months. The Company will notify Customers before commencing backbilling. Such notice will be provided as soon as possible after the Company discovers that there is a need for backbilling.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Cont'd.)

2.10.3 Payment for Service (Cont'd.)

- I. The Company will endeavor to bill usage charges monthly for the preceding billing period; however, the Company's failure to do so shall not affect the Customer's liability for such charges irrespective of the length of delay between the date of usage and the Company's billing for such usage. Company is permitted to backbill for usage within two (2) years of the date upon which service was provided.

2.10.4 Disputed Charges

- A. In the event that a billing dispute occurs concerning any charges billed to the Customer by the Company, the Customer must submit a documented claim for the disputed amount. The Customer will submit all documentation as may reasonably be required to support the claim, including but not limited to the specific invoices and amounts disputed, and all reasons therefor. All claims must be submitted to the Company within thirty (30) days of the invoice date of the bill for the disputed services. The Company shall review Customer disputes in a reasonably timely fashion, and the Company shall resolve each dispute based on the terms of this tariff. (T)
- B. Customer shall pay any disputed charges in full by the due date of the disputed invoice(s) and in any event, prior to or at the time of submitting a good faith dispute. Failure to tender payment for disputed invoices or portions thereof is a sufficient evidence for the Company to deny a dispute due to the Customer's failure to demonstrate that the dispute was made in good faith.
- C. If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Company and the Customer has withheld the disputed amount, any payments withheld pending resolution of the disputed amount shall be subject to the late payment penalty as set forth in 2.10.5.
- D. If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Company and the Customer has paid the disputed amount on or before the payment due date, no interest credit or penalties will apply.
- E. In the event that the Company pursues a claim in Court or before any regulatory body arising out of a Customer's refusal to make payment pursuant to this Tariff, including refusal to pay for services originating from or terminating to any Company End User, and the Company prevails on all or a substantial part of its claim, Customer shall be liable for the payment of the Company's reasonable attorneys' fees expended in collecting those unpaid amounts.

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Continued)

2.10.5 Late Payment Fees

A late payment charge of 1.5% per month, or the highest rate permitted by applicable law, whichever is less, shall be due to the Company for any billed amount for which payment has not been received by the Company within thirty (30) days of the invoice date of the Company's invoice for service, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Company in funds which are not immediately available upon presentment. If the payment due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or other day when the offices of the Company are closed, the date for acceptance of payments prior to assessment of any late payment fees shall be extended through to the next business day.

2.10.6 Returned Check Charge

A service charge equal to \$35.00, or the actual fee incurred by Company from a bank or financial institution, whichever is greater, will be assessed for all checks returned by a bank or other financial institution for: insufficient or uncollected funds, closed account, apparent tampering, missing signature or endorsement, or any other insufficiency or discrepancy necessitating return of the instrument at the discretion of the drawee bank or other financial institution.

## SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

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## 2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Continued)

## 2.10.7 Prohibition on Blocking by Customer

Customers are prohibited from unilaterally discontinuing the provision of service to Company End Users, or otherwise blocking or impairing access traffic in the Originating Direction or the Terminating Direction. Any Customer that fails to fully comply with sections 2.10.7 and 2.10.8 of this tariff, shall, within ten (10) calendar days after such non-compliance, pay the Company a blocking penalty in the amount of \$10,000 for each day of such non-compliance. All disputes relating to the collection of such a blocking penalty shall be resolved solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in accordance with section 2.10.9 of this tariff. Pursuant to this general prohibition, Customers may not:

- A. unilaterally block, impair, discontinue or otherwise interfere with the carriage of Traffic in the Originating Direction; or
- B. unilaterally block, impair, discontinue or otherwise interfere with the carriage of Traffic in the Terminating Direction.

## 2.10.8 Discontinuance of Service by Customer – Procedures

- A. Notwithstanding Section 2.10.7.A., above, a Customer that is an Interexchange Carrier may block or otherwise discontinue carriage of Traffic in the Originating Direction if, prior to taking such action:
  - 1) the discontinuing Interexchange Carrier shall obtain a signed Letter of Authorization of Discontinuance (LOAD) from each of the Company End Users that are presubscribed to the discontinuing Interexchange Carrier;
  - 2) each of the Company End Users that is presubscribed the discontinuing Interexchange Carrier has selected another presubscribed Interexchange Carrier and that newly selected presubscribed Interexchange Carrier has commenced service to that Customer; and
  - 3) the discontinuing Interexchange Carrier obtains all necessary legal and regulatory authority to discontinue service, including but not limited to authority for discontinuance of service pursuant to Part 63 of the Federal Communications Commission Rules (47 C.F.R. § 63.01, et. seq.) and Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (47 U.S.C. § 214).

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

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2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Continued)

2.10.8 Discontinuance of Service by Customer – Procedures (Cont'd.)

- B. Notwithstanding Section 2.10.7.B., above, Customer may block or otherwise discontinue the carriage of Traffic in the Terminating Direction if, prior to discontinuance of such service:
  - 1) the discontinuing Customer obtains a signed Letter of Authorization of Impairment of Service (LOAI) identifying the specific telephone numbers to which calls will be blocked and obtaining the written consent from each Customer End User authorizing discontinuance of delivery of traffic to those specific telephone numbers; and
  - 2) the discontinuing Customer obtains all necessary legal and regulatory authority to discontinue such service, including but not limited to authority pursuant to Part 63 of the Federal Communications Commission Rules (47 C.F.R. § 63.01, et. seq.) and Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (47 U.S.C. § 214).
- C. The LOAD and the LOAI shall be in a form approved by the Company prior to use by the Customer. Such approval shall not be unreasonably delayed or denied.
- D. Customers shall provide the Company with copies of the signed LOADs and LOAIs within ten (10) calendar days after they are requested by the Company.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

(N)

2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Continued)

2.10.9 Binding Arbitration

- A. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE CUSTOMER READ THIS ENTIRE SECTION CAREFULLY. THIS SECTION PROVIDES FOR RESOLUTION OF CERTAIN BILLING DISPUTES THROUGH FINAL AND BINDING ARBITRATION BEFORE A NEUTRAL ARBITRATOR INSTEAD OF IN A COURT BY A JUDGE OR JURY. THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION IS TO PROVIDE AN EFFICIENT FORUM FOR THE EXPEDITIOUS RESOLUTION OF COLLECTION ACTIONS BY THE COMPANY AGAINST THE CUSTOMER OVERWHICH THE FCC LACKS JURISDICTION.
- B. THIS TARIFF IS AN OFFER THAT THE CUSTOMER ACCEPTS BY USING THE COMPANY'S SERVICE OR FACILITIES. THE CUSTOMER AGREES TO ARBITRATE WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE FEDERAL ARBITRATION ACT, 9 U.S.C. § 1 ET SEQ., BY USING THE COMPANY'S SERVICE OR FACILITIES.
- C. THE COMPANY HAS PROVIDED THE CUSTOMER WITH THE USE OF THE COMPANY'S SERVICE OR FACILITIES IN RELIANCE UPON THE CUSTOMER'S AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY THE DECISION OF THE ARBITRATOR. BY USING OR PAYING FOR THE COMPANY'S SERVICE OR FACILITIES, THE CUSTOMER AGREES TO THE PRICES, CHARGES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN THIS TARIFF. IF THE CUSTOMER DOES NOT AGREE TO THESE PRICES, CHARGES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS, THE CUSTOMER SHALL NOT USE THE COMPANY'S SERVICE OR FACILITIES. SECTION 2.10.8 OF THIS TARIFF PROVIDES THE CUSTOMER WITH A CHOICE OF WHETHER TO USE THE COMPANY'S SERVICE. IF THE CUSTOMER DOES NOT AGREE WITH THIS ARBITRATION CLAUSE, THE CUSTOMER SHOULD EXERCISE THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 2.10.8 TO BLOCK CALLS TO THE COMPANY'S NETWORK AND DISCONTINUE THE USE OF THE COMPANY'S SERVICE.

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## SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

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## 2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Continued)

## 2.10.9 Binding Arbitration (Cont'd.)

D. In recognition that the FCC lacks jurisdiction to address a collection action brought by the Company against a Customer, all disputes relating to the collection of any amount billed by the Company pursuant to this tariff but not paid by the Customer by the payment date shall be resolved solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in accordance with the provisions of this tariff. Whenever the Company performs billing or collection for another carrier, all disputes relating to the collection of any amount billed by or on behalf of the other carrier, but not paid by the Customer by the payment date, shall also be resolved solely and exclusively by binding arbitration. Furthermore, all disputes relating to the collection of the blocking penalty described in section 2.10.7 of this tariff shall be resolved solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in accordance with this section. By using the Company's service or facilities, the Customer agrees with the Company that the arbitrator, rather than a court, shall decide arbitrability. Notwithstanding the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 4, the arbitrator shall have exclusive authority to decide whether this tariff constitutes a written agreement to arbitrate for purposes of the Federal Arbitration Act. As the Company only offers the use of its service and facilities subject to this arbitration clause, the Customer's use of the Company's service or facilities shall constitute clear and unmistakable evidence that the Customer agrees to submit the arbitrability question to arbitration. The only other issues that will be decided by the arbitrator are the following:

- “Which of the Final Offers presented by the Customer and the Company most accurately specifies the dollar amount that the Customer must pay the Company in accordance with the rates, terms and conditions of this tariff?”
- When the Company performs billing or collection for another carrier, which of the Final Offers presented by the Customer and the Company most accurately specifies the dollar amount the Customer must pay either the Company or the other carrier in accordance with the tariff of the carrier for which the Company performs billing or collection?”

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## SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

(N)

## 2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Continued)

## 2.10.9 Binding Arbitration (Cont'd.)

## D. (Cont'd.)

The arbitrator shall not refer issues covered by this arbitration clause, and involving a collection action by the Company against the Customer that is outside of the FCC's jurisdiction, to any court, the FCC or any other regulatory agency. The Federal Arbitration Act, not state law, shall govern such arbitration except as supplemented, limited or modified by the terms of this tariff. The arbitration shall be conducted by a single arbitrator, who will determine the amount of compensation that (1) the Customer shall pay for the Company's services or (2) the Customer shall pay for the services of another carrier for which the Company performs billing or collection.

E. The arbitrator shall enforce all the rates, terms and other provisions of this lawful tariff, and may not refuse to apply any rate, term or other provision contained in this lawful tariff because the provisions of this tariff are deemed lawful under section 204(a)(3) of the Communications Act so long as they are effective. Should there be any conflict between terms contained in this lawful tariff, the arbitrator shall give greater weight to specific terms over general provisions and attempt to reconcile any such conflict so as to apply the lawful tariff to the service provided by the Company to the Customer.

F. Nothing herein shall be construed as preventing a Customer from filing a complaint with the FCC alleging a violation of the Communications Act by the Company. Nor does this tariff prevent the FCC from exercising its jurisdiction. However, the FCC lacks jurisdiction to address a collection action brought by the Company against its Customer. Furthermore, it is unnecessary to obtain an FCC determination that this arbitration clause is enforceable before the arbitration can proceed because this arbitration clause is deemed lawful under section 204(a)(3) of the Communications Act and therefore valid and enforceable as a matter of law while it is effective. A Customer also cannot file a complaint with the FCC seeking a retroactive refund of the charges billed pursuant to this lawful tariff because this tariff is deemed lawful under section 204(a)(3) of the Communications Act, and section 204(a)(3) prohibits retroactive refunds. Therefore, the Customer's filing of a complaint with the FCC or a court shall not delay, stay or postpone the arbitrator's award of, and the Customer's payment of compensation to, the Company in such a collection action that enforces this lawful tariff.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

(N)

2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Continued)

2.10.9 Binding Arbitration (Cont'd.)

G. The party commencing arbitration (the "Claimant") shall deliver to the other party (the "Respondent") a notice of arbitration. The arbitration shall be deemed commenced as to any Respondent on the date on which the notice of arbitration is received by the Respondent (the date of receipt of notice of arbitration being referred to herein as "Commencement"). The Claimant and the Respondent shall accept all notices by mail, overnight delivery, hand delivery, courier, electronic facsimile (fax) or electronic mail (E-mail).

H. Within five calendar days after Commencement, the Claimant and the Respondent shall jointly request a list of five potential arbitrators (the "List") from the Alternative Dispute Resolution Staff of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia located at the following address:

Attn.: Chief Circuit Mediator  
Office of the Circuit Executive  
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia  
E. Barrett Prettyman U.S. Courthouse  
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Room 5727  
Washington, D.C. 20001  
Tel. (202) 216-7350  
Fax (202) 273-0331

If the Respondent fails to participate or cooperate with the Claimant in requesting the List of five potential arbitrators from the Alternative Dispute Resolution Staff of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia within ten calendar days after Commencement, then the Claimant may request the List and provide it to the Respondent.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

(N)

2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Continued)

2.10.9 Binding Arbitration (Cont'd.)

- I. The Customer and the Company shall negotiate in good faith to reach an agreement on the appointment of one arbitrator from the List. If the Customer and the Company are unable to agree upon the selection of a single arbitrator from the List within five calendar days of receipt of the List, or if either the Customer or the Company fail to participate in such selection, then a single arbitrator will be randomly selected from the List using a random generation system administered by Smartplay International, Inc. Smartplay will conduct the random selection at its office located at 1550 Bridgeboro Rd., Edgewater Park, NJ 08010 (Tel: 609-880-1865) or another location mutually agreed upon by the Claimant and the Respondent. If Smartplay refuses or is unable to conduct the random selection within five (5) calendar days, a similar organization with experience in random generation systems will randomly select the arbitrator. The Customer and the Company shall each pay one half of the cost of compensating Smartplay or the similar organization that conducts the random selection of the arbitrator. The Customer and the Company shall be bound by the decision of the single arbitrator selected randomly to the same extent as the decision of an arbitrator which was selected from the List by mutual agreement of the Customer and the Company.
  
- J. If the Customer has not fully paid by Commencement all of the Company's bills or the bills of other carriers for which the Company performs billing or collection, the Customer shall, within three business days after the selection of the arbitrator as described in paragraph (I) above, deposit any unpaid amount into an interest bearing escrow account that shall be administered by the arbitrator. Because section 204(a)(3) prohibits retroactive refunds, the unpaid amount deposited in the escrow account is not subject to retroactive refunds by the FCC.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

(N)

2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Continued)

2.10.9 Binding Arbitration (Cont'd.)

- K. Arbitration shall be based on written submissions to the arbitrator by the Claimant and Respondent without an oral hearing. These written submissions are referred to herein as the Final Offers. Within ten calendar days after the selection of the arbitrator as described in paragraph (I) above, the Claimant shall submit its Final Offer to the arbitrator setting forth the dollar amount that the Customer should pay the Company (or the carrier for which the Company performs billing or collection), including but not limited to compensation according to the tariff rates, any section 2.10.7 blocking penalty, deposits, late payment penalties, interest, costs and attorneys' fees, and provide the reasons and evidence to support that position. Within ten calendar days of the Claimant's submission of its Final Offer to the arbitrator, the Respondent shall submit its Final Offer to the arbitrator setting forth the dollar amount that the Customer should pay the Company (or the carrier for which the Company performs billing or collection), if any, including but not limited to compensation according to the tariff rates, any section 2.10.7 blocking penalty, deposits, late payment penalties, interest, costs and attorneys' fees, and provide the reasons and evidence to support that position. To ensure that the Final Offers have the opportunity to fully confront the evidence and identify all material errors in any factual or legal claims, there is no page limit on the Final Offers. Each Final Offer should be signed by a person authorized to verify the accuracy of the Final Offer and contain the following statement: "The undersigned declares under penalty of perjury that the facts and exhibits in this submission are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, except as otherwise stated herein." The Customer and the Company shall serve each other with their Final Offers on the same day each Final Offer is submitted to the arbitrator. No additional factual information may be submitted to the arbitrator after the Final Offers have been made, except as ordered by the arbitrator in extraordinary cases when the demands of justice require it.

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## SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

(N)

## 2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Continued)

## 2.10.9 Binding Arbitration (Cont'd.)

- L. The arbitrator, after reviewing the Final Offers and the accompanying exhibits, will issue a written opinion choosing one Final Offer. The arbitrator shall not craft a compromise or middle-ground award in lieu of selecting one of the Final Offers. The arbitrator may not edit or modify the Final Offer that he or she selects. The arbitrator shall not limit, expand or otherwise modify the terms of this tariff, and shall not award punitive or consequential damages. If either the Customer or the Company fail to timely submit a Final Offer with the arbitrator, the arbitrator will choose as his award the Final Offer that was timely submitted by the other party. The arbitrator's award shall include the payment of a deposit and late payment penalties in accordance with this tariff, any blocking penalty required by section 2.10.7, and interest on any amount held in escrow by the arbitrator. In addition, the arbitrator shall award costs and attorneys' fees to the party that submitted the Final Offer which was chosen by the arbitrator.
- M. The arbitrator shall render a decision regarding the award not later than fourteen (14) calendar days from the date the arbitrator receives the Final Offers unless the arbitrator extends this time in extraordinary cases when the demands of justice require it. The arbitrator shall disclose the decision regarding the award to only the Claimant and the Respondent, but not to any third party, unless required by law. If the Customer and the Company reach a settlement agreement regarding the billing dispute at any time prior to the decision of the arbitrator, they may withdraw from this arbitration process.
- N. The Company and the Customer shall be bound by the arbitrator's determination. The arbitrator's decision may not be appealed or contested in any judicial or regulatory proceeding. By using the Company's service or facilities, the Customer agrees to waive its rights under the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 10 and 11, to seek a court order vacating or modifying the arbitrator's award. The arbitrator's award may be enforced by either an action at law on the award under seal or by applying for a judgment under seal confirming the award by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia or any other court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 9, 13. Unless the court denies the request that the court issue its order under seal or as otherwise required by law, the Claimant and Respondent shall not publicly disclose the court order confirming the arbitration award.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

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2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Continued)

2.10.9 Binding Arbitration (Cont'd.)

- O. There shall be no discovery or depositions, except as ordered by the arbitrator in extraordinary cases when the demands of justice require it.
- P. The Company, the Customer, and their attorneys, agents, and representatives shall not engage in ex parte communications with the arbitrator, except as permitted by the arbitrator in extraordinary cases when one of the parties has refused to participate in joint communications with the arbitrator and the demands of justice require such ex parte communications.
- Q. The Claimant, the Respondent, their attorneys, agents and representatives, and any other participants to the arbitration shall not disclose to any third party the arbitrator's decision, the award, or any information obtained via the arbitration, including documents, evidence, and data, except:
  - (1) information that is or becomes available to the public through no violation of this tariff,
  - (2) information that was previously known by the receiving party without any obligation to hold it in confidence,
  - (3) information that is received from a third party free to disclose such information without restriction,
  - (4) information that is independently developed by the receiving party without the use of confidential information of the disclosing party,
  - (5) such disclosure that is agreed to in writing by both the Claimant and the Respondent, but only to the extent of and subject to such conditions as may be imposed in such written authorization,

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

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2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Continued)

2.10.9 Binding Arbitration (Cont'd.)

Q. The Claimant (Cont'd.)

- (6) as may be required by law, regulation or this tariff to be disclosed, but only to the extent and for the purposes of such required disclosure and after notice to the disclosing party, or
- (7) information that is disclosed in response to a valid order of a court or other governmental body of the United States, any state or any political subdivision thereof, but only to the extent of and for the purposes of such order.

R. The fees and costs of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the Claimant and the Respondent.

S. No failure or delay in exercising any right, power, or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder.

T. If any provision of this tariff shall be held invalid or unenforceable by a court or the FCC, such provision shall be deemed deleted from this tariff and replaced by a valid and enforceable provision which so far as possible achieves the intent of the original tariff provision. The remaining provisions of this tariff shall continue in full force and effect.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.11 Taxes, Surcharges and Fees

- 2.11.1 All taxes, including state and local taxes (i.e., gross receipts tax, sales tax, municipal utilities tax), are listed as separate line items on the Customer's bill and are not included in the quoted rates and charges set forth in this tariff. To the extent that a municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government, or Commission imposes upon and collects from the Company a gross receipts tax, sales tax, occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, rights-of-way fee, franchise fee, or other regulatory fee or tax, such fees and taxes shall, insofar as practicable and allowed by law, be billed pro rata to Customers receiving service from the Company within the territorial limits of such municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government. It shall be the responsibility of the Customer to pay any such taxes and fees that subsequently become applicable retroactively.
- 2.11.2 The Company may adjust its rates and charges or impose additional rates and charges on its Customers in order to recover amounts it is required by governmental or quasi-governmental authorities to collect from or pay to others in support of statutory or regulatory programs.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.12 Deposits and Advanced Payments

2.12.1 General

The Company reserves the right to validate the creditworthiness of Customers and billed parties through available verification procedures. Where a Customer's creditworthiness is unacceptable to the Company, Company may refuse to provide service, require a deposit or advance payment, or otherwise restrict or interrupt service to a Customer.

2.12.2 Deposits

- A. The Company may, in order to safeguard its interests, require a Customer which has a proven history of late payments to the Company or does not have established credit or has a bad credit rating to make a deposit prior to or at any time after the provision of service to the Customer to be held by the Company as a guarantee of the payment of rates and charges. No such deposit will be required of a Customer that has established satisfactory credit and has no history of late payments to the Company.
- B. The amount of deposit may be adjusted at the request of the Customer at any time when the character, purpose, or degree of the Customer's use of the service has materially changed, or when it is indicated that it will change.
- C. The making of a deposit shall not relieve any Customer of the obligation to pay current bills when due. A deposit shall only be applied to the indebtedness of the Customer for jurisdictional telecommunications services of the provider.

2.12.3 Advance Payments

To safeguard its interests, the Company may require a Customer to make an advance payment before services and facilities are furnished. This will be applied against the next month's charges and a new advance payment may be collected for the next month, if necessary. Advance payments do not accrue interest. An advance payment may be required in addition to a deposit.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.13 Cancellation by Company

2.13.1 Service continues to be provided until canceled by the Customer pursuant to Section 2.13 or until discontinued by the Company. The Company may render bills subsequent to the termination of service for charges incurred before termination. The Customer shall pay such bills in full in accordance with the payment terms of this tariff.

2.13.2 The Company may refuse or discontinue service to a Customer without notice under the following conditions:

- A. For violation of law or this tariff: Except as provided elsewhere in this tariff, the Company may refuse, suspend or cancel service, without notice, for any violation of terms of this tariff, for any violation of any law, rule, regulation, order, decree or policy of any governmental authority of competent jurisdiction, or by reason of any order or decision of a court or other governmental authority having jurisdiction which prohibits the Company from furnishing such service or prohibits Customer from subscribing to, using, or paying for such service.
- B. For the Company to comply with any order or request of any governmental authority having jurisdiction: The Company may refuse, suspend or cancel service, without notice, in order to permit the Company to comply with any order or request of any governmental authority having jurisdiction.
- C. In the event of a national or local emergency in which the Company has reason to believe that its services may be used for causing terrorist acts or harm to citizens.
- D. In the event of Customer's or Customer's authorized or unauthorized End User's use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's equipment or service to others.
- E. In the event of tampering with the equipment or services of the Company or its agents.
- F. In the event of unauthorized or fraudulent use of service. Whenever service is discontinued for fraudulent use of service, the Company may, to the extent that Company opts to restore such service, require the Customer to make, at Customer's own expense, all changes in facilities or equipment necessary to eliminate illegal use and to pay an amount reasonably estimated as the loss in revenues resulting from such fraudulent use.
- G. If any of the facilities, appliances, or apparatus on the Customer Premises are found to be unsafe or causing harm to the Company's facilities. In such cases, Company may refuse to furnish service until the Customer shall have remedied the condition.

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.13 Cancellation by Company (Cont'd.)

2.13.3 The Company may refuse or discontinue service to Customer upon five (5) days written notice to comply with any of the following:

- A. For nonpayment: The Company, by written notice to the Customer and in accordance with applicable law, may refuse, suspend or cancel service without incurring any liability when there is an unpaid balance for service that is past due.
- B. For returned checks: The Customer whose check or draft is returned unpaid for any reason, after two attempts at collection, may, at the Company's discretion, be subject to refusal, suspension or cancellation of service in the same manner as provided for nonpayment of overdue charges.
- C. For neglect or refusal to provide reasonable access to the Company or its agents for the purpose of inspection and maintenance of equipment owned by the Company or its agents.
- D. For Customer use or Customer's permitting use of obscene, profane or grossly abusive language over the Company's facilities, and who, after five (5) days notice, fails, neglects or refuses to cease and refrain from such practice or to prevent the same, and to remove its property from the premises of such person.
- E. For use of telephone service for any property or purpose other than that described in the application.
- F. For Customer's breach of any contract for service between the Company and the Customer.
- G. For periods of inactivity in excess of sixty (60) days.

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.14 Restoration of Service

- 2.14.1 If service has been discontinued for nonpayment or as otherwise provided herein and the Customer wishes service to be restored, service may be restored at the Company's sole discretion, when all past due amounts are paid or the event giving rise to the discontinuance (if other than nonpayment) is corrected. Customers whose service was disconnected for nonpayment may be required to pay a deposit and/or advance payment prior to service restoration.
- 2.14.2 A restoration fee of \$25.00, or the actual costs incurred by the Company plus an administrative charge, whichever is greater, applies to Customers whose service is restored following disconnection by the Company.
- 2.14.3 Restoration of disrupted services shall be in accordance with applicable Commission and/or Federal Communications Commission Rules and Regulations specified in 47 C.F.R., Chapter I, Part 64, Appendix A, which specify the priority system for such activities.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.15 Provision of Company Equipment and Facilities

- 2.15.1 The Company shall use reasonable efforts to maintain only the facilities and equipment that it furnishes to the Customer. The Customer may not nor may the Customer permit others to rearrange, disconnect, remove, attempt to repair, or otherwise interfere with any of the facilities or equipment installed by the Company, except upon the written consent of the Company.
- 2.15.2 The Company may substitute, change or rearrange any equipment or facility at any time and from time to time, but shall not thereby alter the technical parameters of the service provided to the Customer except following required notice procedures.
- 2.15.3 Equipment the Company provides or installs at the Customer Premises shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which the equipment is provided.
- 2.15.4 The Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation, or maintenance of any Customer provided communications equipment. Where such equipment is connected to the facilities furnished under this tariff, the responsibility of the Company shall be limited to the furnishing of facilities offered under this tariff and to the maintenance and operation of such facilities. Subject to this responsibility, the Company shall not be responsible for:
- A. the transmission of signals by Customer provided equipment or for the quality of, or defects in, such transmission; or
  - B. the reception of signals by Customer-provided equipment; or
  - C. network control signaling where such signaling is performed by Customer-provided network control signaling equipment.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.16 Interconnection

- 2.16.1 Service furnished by the Company may be connected with services or facilities of other carriers and with private systems, subject to technical limitations established by the Company. Service furnished by the Company is not part of a joint undertaking with such other carriers or systems. Any special interface equipment or facilities necessary to achieve compatibility between the facilities of Company and other participating carriers shall be provided at the Customer's expense.
- 2.16.2 Customer's connection with the facilities or services of other carriers shall be under the applicable terms and conditions of the other carriers' tariffs. The Customer is responsible for taking all necessary legal steps for interconnecting Customer-provided terminal equipment or systems with Company's facilities. Customer shall secure all licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and other arrangements necessary for such interconnection.
- 2.16.3 The Customer shall ensure that the facilities or equipment provided by another carrier are properly interconnected with the facilities or equipment of the Company. If the Customer maintains or operates the interconnected facilities or equipment in a manner which results or may result in harm to the Company's facilities, equipment, personnel, or the quality of service, the Company may, upon five (5) days written notice, require the use of protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this written notice fails to eliminate the actual or potential harm, the Company may, upon additional five (5) days written notice, terminate the existing service of the Customer.
- 2.16.4 If harm to the Company's network, personnel or services is imminent due to interconnection with another carrier's services, the Company reserves the right to shut down Customer's service immediately, with no prior notice required.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.17 Customer-Provided Equipment

- 2.17.1 Terminal equipment on the Customer's premises and the electric power consumed by such equipment shall be provided by and maintained at the expense of the Customer. The Customer is responsible for the provision of wiring or cable to connect its terminal equipment to the Company's network.
- 2.17.2 The Customer is responsible for ensuring that Customer-provided equipment connected to Company equipment and facilities is compatible with such equipment and facilities. The magnitude and character of the voltages and currents impressed on Company-provided equipment and wiring by the connection, operation, or maintenance of such equipment and wiring shall be such as not to cause damage to the Company-provided equipment and wiring or injury to the Company's employees or to other persons. Any additional protective equipment required to prevent such damage or injury shall be provided by the Company at the Customer's expense, subject to prior Customer approval of the equipment expense.
- 2.17.3 Upon suitable notification to the Customer, and at a reasonable time, the Company may make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the Customer is complying with the requirements under this Section 2.18 for the installation, operation, and maintenance of Customer-provided facilities, equipment, and wiring in the connection of Customer-provided facilities and equipment to Company-owned facilities and equipment.
- 2.17.4 If the protective requirements for Customer-provided equipment are not being complied with, the Company may take such action, as it deems necessary to protect its facilities, equipment, and personnel. The Company may, upon five (5) days written notice, require the use of additional protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this written notice fails to remedy any protective deficiencies or potential harm, the Company may, upon additional five (5) days written notice, terminate the existing service of the Customer.
- 2.17.5 If harm to the Company's network, personnel or services is imminent, the Company reserves the right to shut down Customer's service immediately, with no prior notice required.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.18 Inspection, Testing and Adjustments

- 2.18.1 The Company may, upon reasonable notice, make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine whether the terms and conditions of this tariff are being complied with in the installation, operation or maintenance of the Customer's or the Company's facilities or equipment. The Company may interrupt service at any time, without penalty or liability, due to the departure from or reasonable suspicion of the departure from any of these terms and conditions.
- 2.18.2 Upon reasonable notice, the facilities or equipment provided by the Company shall be made available to the Company for such tests and adjustments as may be necessary for their maintenance in a condition satisfactory to the Company. No interruption allowance shall be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made, unless such interruption exceeds twenty-four (24) hours in length and is requested by the Customer.
- 2.18.3 The Company will provide the Customer reasonable notification of service-affecting activities that may occur in normal operation of its business. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, equipment or facilities additions, removals or rearrangements and routine preventative maintenance. Generally, such activities are not specific to an individual Customer but affect many Customers' services. No specific advance notification period applies to all service activities. The Company will work cooperatively with the Customer to determine the reasonable notification requirements. With some emergency or unplanned service-affecting conditions, such as an outage resulting from cable damage, notification to the Customer may not be possible.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.19 Notices and Communications

- 2.19.1 The Customer shall designate on the service order an address to which the Company shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that Customer may also designate a separate address to which the Company's bills for service shall be mailed.
- 2.19.2 The Company shall designate on the service order an address to which the Customer shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that Company may designate a separate address on bills for service to which the Customer shall mail payment on that bill.
- 2.19.3 Notice of a pending disconnection of a Customer's service may contain the reason for the notice, the date of the notice, a description of any remedies the Customer may make, the time allotted for the Customer to make remedies (if any), and a toll free customer service number the Customer may call to obtain additional information.
- 2.19.4 Except as otherwise stated in this tariff, all other notices or communications required to be given under this tariff will be in writing.
- 2.19.5 Notices and other communications of either party, and all bills mailed by the Company, shall be presumed to have been delivered to the other party on the second business day following placement of the notice, communication or bill with the U.S. mail or a private delivery service, prepaid and properly addressed, or when actually received or refused by the addressee, whichever occurs first.
- 2.19.6 The Company or the Customer shall advise the other party of any changes to the addresses designated for notices, other communications or billing, by following the procedures for giving notice set forth herein.

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.20 Mixed Interstate and Intrastate Switched Access Services

2.20.1 When mixed interstate and intrastate switched access service is provided, all charges, including nonrecurring charges, usage charges, and optional features changes shall be determined through the procedure set forth in 2.9.2, above.

SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

3.1 General

- 3.1.1 Switched Access Service is available to Customers for their use in furnishing their services to Customer's End Users. This service provides a two-point communications path between the Customer's Point of Presence and the Company's End Users or facilities. Switched Access Service provides Customer with the ability to originate calls from Company End Users to Customer's Point of Presence, and to terminate calls from the Customer's Point of Presence to Company End Users.
- 3.1.2 When a rate as set forth in this tariff is shown to more than two decimal places, the charges will be determined using the rate shown. The resulting amount will then be rounded to the nearest penny (i.e., rounded to two decimal places).0
- 3.1.3 In the absence of an ASR as described in Section 3.4, Customer's delivery of calls to, or acceptance of calls from, Company End Users via direct or indirect interconnection shall constitute a Constructive Order and an agreement by the Customer to purchase the Company's Switched Access Services as described and priced herein.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.2 Manner of Provision

- 3.2.1 Switched Access Service is available when originating or terminating calls from or to a Company End User.
- 3.2.2 Originating traffic represents access capacity for carrying traffic from the Company's End User to the Customer; and Terminating traffic represents access capacity for carrying traffic from the Customer to the Company's End User. When ordering capacity for Switched Access Service, the Customer must at a minimum specify such access capacity in terms of originating traffic and/or terminating traffic.
- 3.2.3 Facilities for Switched Access Service are provisioned, at minimum, at the DS-1 level and provide line-side or trunk-side access to Company Switches for the Customer's use in originating and terminating communications. Basic Switched Access Service will be provided with multi-frequency signaling ("MF"), or with Signaling System 7 "SS7", where capabilities exist).
- 3.2.4 Two types of Switched Access are available:
- A. Tandem Connect Access: This option applies when there is no direct facilities between the Customer's Point of Presence and the Company's Central Office. Traffic is routed to and from the Central Office via the appropriate third-party Access Tandem.
  - B. Direct Connect Access: This option applies when the Company or a third party provides a dedicated transmission path between the Customer's Point of Presence and the Company's Central Office. The Customer is responsible for providing such facilities itself or for negotiating such arrangements with potential third-party suppliers. To the extent that the Company is able to provide such arrangements, the dedicated portion of Direct Connect Access would be provided on an Individual Case Basis as Special Service Arrangements pursuant to Section 6 of this tariff.

## SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

## 3.3 Switched Access Service

## 3.3.1 Carrier Common Line

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The Carrier Common Line rate category establishes charges related to the use of Channels, and the terminations in the end office of end user lines.

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## 3.3.2 Switched Transport

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For traffic delivered via Tandem Connect Access, switched transport rate elements shall apply. As used in this Section 3.3.2, "switched transport rate elements" include (without limitation) tandem switched termination rate elements, tandem switched facility rate elements, tandem switching rate elements, common trunk port, and common transport multiplexing rate elements.

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## 3.3.3 End Office Switching

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The End Office Switching rate category establishes the charges 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.

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## 3.3.4 Toll Free Transit Traffic Service

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Toll Free Transit Traffic Service is a Switched Access Service in which the Company transits toll free traffic originated by a third party who is not a Company End User through Company's Central Office and routes such traffic to Customer. Toll Free Transit Traffic Service is comprised of various facilities, connections, features and functions. It provides for the use of common terminating, common switching and switched transport facilities of the Company but does not include local switching. Rates for Toll Free Transit Traffic Service are usage sensitive.

SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.4 Access Ordering

3.4.1 General

- A. Customers may order Switched Access Service through a Constructive Order, as defined herein, or through an ASR. The format and terms of the ASR will be as specified in the Industry Access Service Order Guidelines, unless otherwise specified herein.
- B. A Customer may order any number of services of the same type and between the same premises on a single ASR. All details for services for a particular order must be identical.
- C. The Customer shall provide all information necessary for the Company to provide and bill for the requested service. When placing an order for Access Service, the Customer shall provide the following minimum information:
  - 1) Customer name and Customer Premises address(es);
  - 2) Billing name and address (when different from Customer name and address); and
  - 3) Customer contact name(s) and telephone number(s) for the following provisioning activities: order negotiation, order confirmation, interactive design, installation and billing.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.4 Access Ordering (Cont'd.)

3.4.2 Access Service Date Intervals

- A. Access Service is provided with Standard or Negotiated Intervals.
- B. The Company will specify a firm order confirmation date and Service Commencement Date contingent on the ASR being complete as received. To the extent the Access Service can be made available with reasonable effort, the Company will provide the Access Service in accordance with the Customer's requested interval, subject to the following conditions:
- 1) For service provided under a Standard Interval: The Standard Interval for Switched Access Service ordered by ASR will be sixty (60) business days from the Application Date. This interval only applies to standard service offerings where there are pre-existing facilities to the Customer Premises. Switched Access Service provided under the Standard Interval will be installed during Company business hours.
  - 2) For service provided under a Negotiated Interval: The Company will offer a Service Date based on the type and quantity of Access Services the Customer has requested. The Negotiated Interval may not exceed by more than six (6) months the Standard Interval Service Date, or, when there is no Standard Interval, the Company offered Service Date, except as otherwise agreed by the Company in writing. The Company will negotiate a Service Date interval with the Customer when:
    - (a) The Customer requests a Service Date before or beyond the applicable Standard Interval Service Date; or
    - (b) There is no existing facility connecting the Customer Premises with the Company; or
    - (c) The Customer requests a service that is not considered by the Company to be a standard service offering (for example, if additional engineering or special construction is required to complete the order); or
    - (d) The Company determines that Switched Access Service cannot be installed within the Standard Interval.

SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.4 Access Ordering (Cont'd.)

3.4.2 Access Service Date Intervals (Cont'd.)

- C. All services for which rates are applied on an Individual Case Basis are provided with a Negotiated Interval.

3.4.3 Access Service Request Modifications

The Customer may request a modification of its ASR prior to the Service Commencement Date. All modifications must be in writing using the industry ASR process. The Company, in its sole discretion, may accept a verbal modification from the Customer. The Company will make every effort to accommodate a requested modification when it is able to do so with the normal work force assigned to complete such an order within normal business hours.

3.5 Special Construction or Special Service Arrangements

- 3.5.1 Subject to the agreement of the Company and to all of the regulations contained in this tariff, special construction of Company facilities or development of special service arrangements may be undertaken by the Company on a reasonable-efforts basis at the request of the Customer. Such construction or arrangements will be provided pursuant to regulations contained in Section 6 of this tariff.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.6 Obligations of the Company

3.6.1 With regard to Services provided by the Company, specific Company responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

A. Network Management

The Company will administer its network to ensure that provision of acceptable service levels to all Customers and Company End Users of the Company's network services. Generally, service levels are considered acceptable only when both End Users and Customers are able to establish connections with minimal delay encountered within the Company network. The Company maintains the right to apply protective controls, i.e., those actions, such as call gapping, which selectively cancel the completion of traffic, over any traffic carried over its network, including that associated with a Customer's Switched Access Service. Generally, such protective measures would only be taken as a result of occurrences such as a failure or overload of Company or Customer facilities, natural disasters, mass calling or national security demands.

B. Design and Traffic Routing of Switched Access Service

The Company shall design and determine the routing of Switched Access Service, including the selection of the first point of switching and the selection of facilities from the interface to any switching point. The Company shall also decide if capacity is to be provided by originating only, terminating only, or two-way trunk groups. Finally, the Company will decide whether trunk side access will be provided through the use of two-wire or four-wire trunk terminating equipment.

Selection of facilities and equipment and traffic routing of the service are based on standard engineering methods, available facilities and equipment and the Company's traffic routing plans. If the Customer desires different routing or directionality than that determined by the Company, the Company will work cooperatively with the Customer in determining (1) whether the service is to be routed directly to an end office or through an access tandem switch and (2) the directionality of the service.

SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.7 Obligations of the Customer

3.7.1 The Customer has certain specific obligations pertaining to the use of Switched Access Service. These obligations are in addition to obligations specified in Section 3.9 of this tariff and are as follows:

A. Report Requirements

Customers are responsible for providing the following reports to the Company, when applicable:

Jurisdictional Reports

When a Customer orders Switched Access Service that may be used for both interstate and intrastate traffic, the Customer is responsible for providing reports as set forth in Section 2.9.2, preceding. Charges will be apportioned in accordance with those reports.

B. On and Off-Hook Supervision

The Customer's facilities shall provide the necessary on and off-hook supervision for accurate timing of calls.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.8 Rate Regulations

3.8.1 General

There are three types of rates and charges that apply to Switched Access Service provided by the Company. These are monthly recurring charges, usage charges, and nonrecurring charges.

3.8.2 Types of Charges

- A. Nonrecurring charges are one-time charges that apply for a specific work activity. For example, nonrecurring charges may apply for installation of service, installation of optional features and service rearrangements.
- B. Recurring Charges are flat monthly rates that apply for each month or fraction thereof that a specific rate element is provided. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have thirty (30) days.
- C. Usage Charges are rates that apply only when a specific rate element is used. These are applied on a per-access minute, a per-call or per-query basis. Usage rates are accumulated over a monthly period.

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**SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)****3.8 Rate Regulations (Continued)****3.8.3 Measurement of Access Minutes**

- A. When recording originating calls over Switched Access Service with multi-frequency address signaling, usage measurement begins when the first wink supervisory signal is forwarded from the Customer's facilities. The measurement of originating call usage over Switched Access Service ends when the originating Switched Access Service entry switch receives disconnect supervision from either the originating End User's End Office (indicating that the originating End User has disconnected), or from the Customer's facilities, whichever is recognized first by the entry switch.
- B. For terminating calls over Switched Access Service with multi-frequency address signaling, the measurement of access minutes begins when a seizure signal is received from the Carrier's trunk group at the Point of Presence within the LATA. The measurement of terminating call usage over Switched Access Service ends when a disconnect signal is received, indicating that either the originating or terminating user has disconnected.
- C. When recording originating calls over Switched Access Service with SS7 signaling, usage measurement begins with the transmission of the initial address message by the switch for direct trunk groups and with the receipt of an exit message by the switch for tandem trunk groups. The measurement of originating Switched Access Service usage ends when the entry switch receives or sends a release message, whichever occurs first.
- D. For terminating calls over Switched Access Service with SS7 signaling, the measurement of access minutes begins when the terminating recording switch receives the initial address message from the terminating End User. On directly routed trunk groups or on tandem routed trunk groups, the Company switch receives the initial address message and sends the indication to the Customer in the form of an answer message. The measurement of terminating Switched Access Service call usage ends when the entry switch receives or sends a release message, whichever occurs first.
- E. Mileage, where applicable, will be measured in accordance with standard industry practices.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.8 Rate Regulations (Cont'd.)

3.8.3 Measurement of Access Minutes (Continued)

- F. The Company will use the Small Exchange Carrier Access Billing ("SECAB") guidelines, or the Carrier Access Billing System ("CABS") guidelines, or other system that emulates or otherwise produces a reasonable substitute for the output of SECAB or CABS, for billing all charges under this tariff. The Company will provide billing using a hardcopy format or upon request, a mechanized medium (e.g., cartridge tape, CD ROM, etc.). Bills will be accurate and contain sufficient supporting details to allow customers to account for the charges and to verify their accuracy in a reasonable and timely fashion. Requests for additional bill detail will be handled and priced on an Individual Case Basis (ICB).

3.8.4 Moves

- A. A move of services involves a change in the physical location of one of the following:
- 1) The point of termination at the Customer Premises, or
  - 2) The Customer Premises
- B. The charges for the move are dependent on whether the move is to a new location within the same building or to a different building as described below:
- 1) Moves Within the Same Building  

When the move is to a new location within the same building, the charge for the move will be an amount equal to one half of the nonrecurring charge for the capacity affected. There will be no change in the minimum period requirements.
  - 2) Moves to a Different Building  

Moves to a different building will be treated as a discontinuance and start of service and all associated nonrecurring charges will apply. New minimum period requirements will be established for the new service. The Customer will also remain responsible for satisfying all outstanding minimum period charges for the discontinued service.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.8 Rate Regulations (Cont'd.)

3.8.5 Installation of Optional Features

- A. If a separate nonrecurring charge applies for the installation of an optional feature available with Switched Access Service, the charge applies whether the feature is installed coincident with the initial installation of service or at any time subsequent to the initial installation of service.
- B. For all other changes, including the addition of, or modifications to, optional features without separate nonrecurring charges, a charge equal to one half the Switched Transport nonrecurring (i.e. installation) charge will apply. When an optional feature is not required on each transmission path, but rather for an entire transmission path group, an end office or an access tandem switch, only one such charge will apply.

3.8.6 Service Rearrangements

- A. Service rearrangements are changes to existing services which do not result in either a change in the minimum period requirements or a change in the physical location of the point of termination at the Customer Premises or the Customer End User's premises. Changes, which result in the establishment of new minimum period obligations, are treated as disconnects and starts.
- B. The charge to the Customer for the service rearrangement is dependent on whether the change is administrative only in nature or involves an actual physical change to the service.
- C. Administrative changes will be made without charge(s) to the Customer. Such changes require the continued provision and billing of the Access Service to the same entity or change in jurisdiction.

## SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES

## 4.1 Rate Elements

## 4.1.1 Rates and Charges – AT&amp;T (BellSouth Tariff FCC No. 1) Territory

## A. Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky

Tandem-Switched Transport – Termination, per minute	\$0.000168	
Tandem-Switched Transport – Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000020	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.001145	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000380	
CTP, per minute		
Originating	\$0.000800	(C)
Terminating	\$0.000000 (R)	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.002089	
Terminating	\$0.002849 (I)	(C)

## SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

## 4.1 Rate Elements (Cont'd.)

## 4.1.2 Rates and Charges – CenturyLink Territories (Tariff FCC No. 9)

## A. Florida

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute		
Zone 1	\$0.000365	
Zone 2	\$0.000438	
Zone 3	\$0.000598	
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile		
Zone 1	\$0.000035	
Zone 2	\$0.000055	
Zone 3	\$0.000080	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute		
Zone 1	\$0.001197	
Zone 2	\$0.001338	
Zone 3	\$0.001693	
CMUX, per minute		
Zone 1	\$0.000327	
Zone 2	\$0.000360	
Zone 3	\$0.000370	
CTP, per minute		
	\$0.000557	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.003568	(C)
Terminating	\$0.002217 (R)	(C)

## SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

## 4.1 Rate Elements (Cont'd.)

## 4.1.2 Rates and Charges – CenturyLink Territories (Tariff FCC No. 9) (Cont'd.)

## B. Virginia

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute		
Zone 1	\$0.000252	
Zone 2	\$0.000263	
Zone 3	\$0.000290	
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile		
Zone 1	\$0.000030	
Zone 2	\$0.000031	
Zone 3	\$0.000038	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute		
Zone 1	\$0.000879	
Zone 2	\$0.000949	
Zone 3	\$0.001085	
CMUX, per minute		
Zone 1	\$0.000254	
Zone 2	\$0.000277	
Zone 3	\$0.000296	
CTP, per minute, all zones	\$0.000537	
Local Switching, per minute, all zones		
Originating	\$0.003709	(C)
Terminating	\$0.002064 (R)	(C)

## SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

## 4.1 Rate Elements (Cont'd.)

## 4.1.2 Rates and Charges – CenturyLink Territories (Tariff FCC No. 9) (Cont'd.)

## C. Pennsylvania, all zones

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.000449	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000022	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.001438	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000469	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000490	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.0038920	
Terminating	\$0.0021720	(C)

## SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

## 4.1 Rate Elements (Cont'd.)

## 4.1.3 Rates and Charges - Verizon Territories

## A. Delaware, District of Columbia., Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia (Tariff FCC No. 1 and Tariff FCC No. 11)

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.000000	
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000002	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.001574	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute		(C)
Originating	\$0.001688	
Terminating	\$0.000000 (R)	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.002406	
Terminating (DC, DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA) <sup>1</sup>	\$0.003162 (I)	
Terminating (NY) <sup>1</sup>	\$0.003112 (I)	(C)

## B. Florida (Tariff FCC No. 14), all zones

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.0000000	
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.0000020	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.001574	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.0000000	
CTP, per minute		(C)
Originating	\$0.001692	
Terminating	\$0.000000 (R)	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.00209950	
Terminating <sup>1</sup>	\$0.00313600 (I)	(C)

<sup>1</sup>Equivalent to Verizon's "Composite Terminating End Office Charge"

(N)

## SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

## 4.1 Rate Elements (Cont'd.)

## 4.1.3 Rates and Charges - Verizon Territories (Cont'd.)

## C. Pennsylvania (Tariff FCC No. 14), all zones

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.0000000	
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.0000020	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.001574	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.0000000	(C)
CTP, per minute		
Originating	\$0.001688	
Terminating	\$0.000000 (R)	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.002406	(C)
Terminating <sup>1</sup>	\$0.003128 (I)	

## D. Virginia (Tariff FCC No. 14)

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.0000000	
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.0000020	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.001574	(C)
CMUX, per minute	\$0.0000000	
CTP, per minute		
Originating	\$0.001688	
Terminating	\$0.000000 (R)	
Local Switching, per minute		(C)
Originating	\$0.002406	
Terminating <sup>1</sup>	\$0.002623 (I)	

(N)

<sup>1</sup>Equivalent to Verizon's "Composite Terminating End Office Charge"

## SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

## 4.1 Rate Elements (Cont'd.)

## 4.1.4 Rates and Charges – Windstream Pennsylvania, Inc. Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000584	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000140	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.001574	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000022	
CTP, per minute		
Originating	\$0.0006070	
Terminating	\$0.0004422	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.0030240	
Terminating	\$0.0022029	(C)

## 4.1.5 Rates and Charges – Armstrong Telephone Company North (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000424	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.002202	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.005554	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.047311	
Terminating	\$0.033554	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.000520	
Terminating	\$0.000000	(C)

## 4.1.6 Rates and Charges – Armstrong Telephone Company - Pennsylvania Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000198	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.001032	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.002601	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.0000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.0000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.047311	
Terminating	\$0.033554	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.000520	
Terminating	\$0.000000	(C)

## SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

## 4.1 Rate Elements (Cont'd.)

## 4.1.7 Rates and Charges – The Bentleyville Telephone Company (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000424	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.002202	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.005554	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.023655	
Terminating	\$0.017783	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.000520	
Terminating	\$0.000000	(C)

## 4.1.8 Rates and Charges – Buffalo Valley Telephone Company (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000979	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000188	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.002468	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.0084110	
Terminating	\$0.0058972	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.000494	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## 4.1.9 Rates and Charges – Citizens Telecommunications Company of Kecksburg (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000424	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.002202	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.005554	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.023655	
Terminating	\$0.017783	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.000520	
Terminating	\$0.000000	(C)

## SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

## 4.1 Rate Elements (Cont'd.)

## 4.1.10 Rates and Charges – Citizens Telephone Company of New York, Inc. d/b/a Frontier Communications Company of New York (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.001000	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000050	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.000050	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000050	
CTP, per minute	\$0.0010969	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.0026000	
Terminating	\$0.0032942	(C)

## 4.1.11 Rates and Charges – Commonwealth Telephone Company (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.001423	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000322	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.003464	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.0000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.0000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.012738	
Terminating	\$0.00895271	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0003411	
Terminating	\$0.000000	(C)

## 4.1.12 Rates and Charges – Conestoga Telephone and Telegraph Company (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000979	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000188	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.002468	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.008411	
Terminating	\$0.0058972	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.000494	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

## 4.1 Rate Elements (Cont'd.)

## 4.1.13 Rates and Charges – Denver and Ephrata Telephone and Telegraph Company d/b/a D&amp;E Telephone Company (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000979	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000188	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.002468	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.008411	
Terminating	\$0.0058972	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.000494	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## 4.1.14 Rates and Charges – TDS Telecom/Deposit Telephone Company (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000198	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.001032	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.002601	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.014192	
Terminating	\$0.011475	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0005200	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## 4.1.15 Rates and Charges – Frontier Communications of Breezewood, LLC (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.00241772	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.00001	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.0002	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Originating	\$0.000200	
Terminating	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.00265114	
Terminating	\$0.00299356	(C)

## SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

## 4.1 Rate Elements (Cont'd.)

## 4.1.16 Rates and Charges – Frontier Communications of Canton, LLC (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.00241772	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.00001	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.0002	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Originating	\$0.000200	
Terminating	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.00265114	
Terminating	\$0.00299356	(C)

## 4.1.17 Rates and Charges – Frontier Communications of Lakewood, LLC (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.00241772	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.00001	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.0002	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Originating	\$0.000200	
Terminating	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.00265114	
Terminating	\$0.00299356	(C)

## 4.1.18 Rates and Charges – Frontier Communications of Oswayo River, LLC (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.00241772	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.00001	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.0002	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Originating	\$0.000200	
Terminating	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.00265114	
Terminating	\$0.00299356	(C)

## SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

## 4.1 Rate Elements (Cont'd.)

## 4.1.19 Rates and Charges – Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.00241772	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.00001	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.0002	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Originating	\$0.000200	
Terminating	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.00265114	
Terminating	\$0.00299356	(C)

## 4.1.20 Rates and Charges – The Hancock Telephone Company (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000198	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.001032	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.002601	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.0000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.0000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.047311	
Terminating	\$0.033554	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0005200	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## 4.1.21 Rates and Charges – Hickory Telephone Company (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000424	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.002202	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.005554	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.0000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.0000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.037848	
Terminating	\$0.027245	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0005200	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

## 4.1 Rate Elements (Cont'd.)

## 4.1.22 Rates and Charges – Ironton Telephone Company (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.014492	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.002793	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	N/A	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.0000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.0000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.005496	
Terminating	\$0.005411	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0001200	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## 4.1.23 Rates and Charges – Lackawaxen Telecommunications Services (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000424	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.002202	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.005554	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.014192	
Terminating	\$0.011475	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0005200	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## 4.1.24 Rates and Charges – Laurel Highland Telephone Company (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000424	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.002202	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.005554	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.018925	
Terminating	\$0.014630	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0005200	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

## 4.1 Rate Elements (Cont'd.)

## 4.1.25 Rates and Charges – Marianna and Scenery Hill Telephone Company (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000198	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.001032	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.002601	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.014192	
Terminating	\$0.011475	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0005200	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## 4.1.26 Rates and Charges – North Penn Telephone Company Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000424	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.002202	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.005554	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.018925	
Terminating	\$0.014630	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0005200	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## 4.1.27 Rates and Charges – Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania Company f/k/a North Pittsburgh Telephone Company Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.001463	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000281	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.003691	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.009430	
Terminating	\$0.006510	
Information Surcharge	\$0.000239	(C)

## SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

## 4.1 Rate Elements (Cont'd.)

## 4.1.28 Rates and Charges – The North-Eastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000424	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.002202	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.005554	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.018925	
Terminating	\$0.014630	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0005200	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## 4.1.29 Rates and Charges – Palmerton Telephone Company (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000424	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.002202	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.005554	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.018925	
Terminating	\$0.014630	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0005200	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## 4.1.30 Rates and Charges – Pennsylvania Telephone Company Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000424	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.002202	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.005554	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.037848	
Terminating	\$0.027245	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0005200	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

## 4.1 Rate Elements (Cont'd.)

## 4.1.31 Rates and Charges – Pymatuning Independent Telephone Company (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000424	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.002202	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.005554	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.033117	
Terminating	\$0.024091	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0005200	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## 4.1.32 Rates and Charges – South Canaan Telephone Company (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000424	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.002202	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.005554	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.028386	
Terminating	\$0.020937	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0005200	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## 4.1.33 Rates and Charges – TDS Telecom/Mahanoy &amp; Mahantango Telephone Company (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000424	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.002202	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.005554	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.014192	
Terminating	\$0.020937	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0005200	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

## 4.1 Rate Elements (Cont'd.)

## 4.1.34 Rates and Charges – TDS Telecom/Sugar Valley Telephone Company (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000424	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.002202	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.005554	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.014192	
Terminating	\$0.011475	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0005200	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## 4.1.35 Rates and Charges – Venus Telephone Corporation (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000424	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.002202	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.005554	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.042580	
Terminating	\$0.030400	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0005200	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## 4.1.36 Rates and Charges – West Side Telephone Co. d/b/a West Side Telecommunications (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000198	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.001032	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.002601	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.047311	
Terminating	\$0.033554	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0005200	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

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## SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

## 4.1 Rate Elements (Cont'd.)

## 4.1.37 Rates and Charges – Yukon Waltz Telephone Company (Pennsylvania) Territories

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute per termination	\$0.000424	(C)
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.002202	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.005554	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute	\$0.000000	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.037848	
Terminating	\$0.027245	
Information Surcharge		
Originating	\$0.0005200	
Terminating	\$0.0000000	(C)

## 4.1.38 Rates and Charges – Frontier Areas (West Virginia)

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.000000	
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000002	
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.001684	
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000000	
CTP, per minute		
Originating	\$0.001581	(C)
Terminating	\$0.000000 (R)	
Local Switching, per minute		
Originating	\$0.002273	
Terminating	\$0.002676 (I)	(C)

## 4.1.39 Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Access Service, per Query

All Service Areas, per query:      \$0.008

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## SECTION 5 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES AND CHARGES

### 5.1 Billing Name and Address Service

Billing name and address (BNA) Service is the provision of the complete billing name, street address, city or town, state and zip code for a telephone number assigned by the Company.

BNA Service is provided for the sole purpose of permitting the Customer to bill its telephone communications service to its end users and may not be resold or used for any other purpose, including market activity such as market surveys or direct marketing by mail or telephone.

The Customer may not use BNA information to bill for merchandise, gift certificates, catalogs or other services or products.

BNA Service is provided on a manual basis. The requested information will be provided by fax or by mail as appropriate.

BNA information is furnished for originating calls dialed with a 101XXXX access code, sent-paid, collect, and bill to third number.

- 5.1.1 A request for BNA should be mailed or faxed to the Company. The Company will provide the response by fax or by first class U.S. Mail within ten (10) business days.
- 5.1.2 The BNA information will be provided for the calling number furnished to the extent a billing name and address exists in the Company's records, including non-published and non-listed numbers. If the billing name and address information for a specific calling number is confidential due to legal, national security, end user or regulatory imposed requirements, the Company will provide an indicator on the confidential records.
- 5.1.3 The Company will provide the most current BNA information resident in its database. Due to normal end user account activity, there may be instances where the BNA information provided is not the BNA that was applicable at the time the message was originated.

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SECTION 5 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

5.1 Billing Name and Address Service, (Cont'd.)

5.1.4 Obligations of the Customer

- A. With each order for BNA Service, the Customer shall identify the authorized individual and address to receive the BNA information.
- B. The Customer shall institute adequate internal procedures to insure that BNA information, including that related to non-published and non-listed telephone numbers, is used only for the purpose set forth in this tariff and that BNA information is available only to those Customer personnel or agents with a need to know the information. The Customer must handle all billing name and address information designated as confidential by the Company in accordance with the Company's procedures concerning confidential information. The Company will provide to the Customer a statement of its procedures concerning confidential information.
- C. The Customer shall not publicize or represent to others that the Company jointly participates with the Customer in the development of the Customer's end user records, accounts, data bases, or market data, records, files and data bases or other systems it assembles through the use of BNA Service.
- D. When the Customer orders BNA Service for both interstate and intrastate messages and where the recorded message detail is not sufficient to determine the jurisdiction, the projected percentage of interstate use must be provided in a whole number to the Company. The Company will designate the number obtained by subtracting the projected interstate percentage from 100 (100- projected interstate percentage = intrastate percentage) as the projected intrastate percentage.
- E. This whole number percentage will be used by the Company to apportion the rates and nonrecurring charges between interstate and intrastate in those circumstances where the recorded message detail is not sufficient to permit the Company to determine the appropriate jurisdiction. This percentage will remain in effect until a revised report is received as set forth following.

SECTION 5 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

5.1 Billing Name and Address Service, (Cont'd.)

5.1.4 Obligations of the Customer, Cont'd.

- F. Effective on the first of January, April, July, and October of each year the Customer may update the jurisdictional report. The Customer shall forward to the Company, to be received no later than 20 calendar days after the first of each such month, a revised report showing the interstate percentage of use for the past three months ending the last day of December, March, June and September, respectively. Except where jurisdiction can be determined from the recorded message detail, the revised report will serve as the basis for the next three months billing and will be effective on the bill date in the following month (e.g., February, May, August and November). No prorating or back billing will be done based on the report. If the Customer does not supply the report, the Company will assume the percentages to be the same as those provided in the last quarterly report. For those cases in which a quarterly report has never been received from the Customer, the Company will assume the percentages to be an even 50/50 split.
  
- G. The Company shall use reasonable efforts to provide accurate and complete lists. The Company makes no warranties, expressed or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of these lists.

SECTION 5 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

5.1 Billing Name and Address Service, (Cont'd.)

5.1.5 Rate Regulations

- A. Service Establishment Charges apply for the initial establishment of BNA Service on a manual basis, and for establishment of a Master List for a Customer.
- B. A charge applies for each request for BNA information for a telephone number provided on a manual basis. The Company will keep a count of the requests and of the messages processed. The Company will bill the Customer in accordance with these counts whether or not the Company was able to provide BNA information for all requests and messages.
- C. When a Customer cancels an order for BNA Service after the order date, the Service establishment Charge applies.

5.1.6 BNA

- A. Service Establishment Charge                   \$5.00
- B. Per request   \$0.50

## SECTION 5 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES AND CHARGES, (CONT'D)

## 5.2 Service Orders

	Nonrecurring Charge
A. Service Implementation	
1) Access Order Charge Per Access Request	\$ 60.00
2) Installation Charge Per Trunk	\$115.00
B. Service Date Change Per Access Order	\$25.00
C. Design Change/Partial Cancellation Charge Per Access Order	\$50.00

## 5.3 Presubscription

Per request	\$5.00
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## 5.4 Call Detail Record (CDR) Query Charge

In the event that the Buyer disputes the assessment of charge(s) for Switched Access Service pursuant to this Tariff on Call(s) and the Company's resolution of the dispute involves the retrieval and/or inspection of the Call Detail Record (CDR), the Buyer shall be subject to the following charge for each CDR retrieved and/or inspected:

(a) Call Detail Record (CDR) Query Charge	\$0.10 per CDR query
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## SECTION 6 - SPECIAL CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, AND CONSTRUCTION

### 6.1 Special Contract Arrangements

At the option of the Company, services may be offered on a contract basis to meet specialized pricing requirements of the Customer not contemplated by this tariff. The terms of each contract shall be mutually agreed upon between the Customer and Company and may include discounts off of rates contained herein and waiver of recurring, nonrecurring, or usage charges. The terms of the contract may be based partially or completely on the term and volume commitment, type of access arrangement, mixture of services, or other distinguishing features. Service shall be available to all similarly situated Customers for a fixed period of time following the initial offering to the first contract Customer as specified in each individual contract.

### 6.2 Special Service Arrangements

6.2.1 If a Customer's requirements cannot be met by services included in this tariff, or pricing for a service is shown in this tariff as ICB, the Company will provide, where practical and at its sole discretion, special service arrangements at charges to be determined on an Individual Case Basis. These special service arrangements will be provided if the provision of such arrangements is not detrimental to any other services furnished under the Company's tariffs.

6.2.2 Special service arrangement rates are subject to revision depending on changing costs or operating conditions.

6.2.3 If and when a special service arrangement becomes a generically tariffed offering, the tariffed rate or rates will apply from the date of tariff approval.

### 6.3 Non-Routine Installation Charges

At the Customer's request, installation and/or maintenance may be performed outside the Company's regular business hours or in hazardous locations. In such cases, charges based on cost of the actual labor, material, or other costs incurred by or charged to the Company will apply. If installation is started during regular business hours but, at the Customer's request, extends beyond regular business hours into time periods including, but not limited to, weekends, holidays or night hours, additional charges may apply.

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**SECTION 6 - SPECIAL CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, AND CONSTRUCTION, (CONT'D)****6.4 Special Construction Charges****6.4.1 General**

- A. Special construction charges may apply for services provided to the Customer by the Company. Special construction includes but is not limited to that construction undertaken:
- 1) where facilities are not presently available, and there is no other requirement for the facilities so constructed;
  - 2) of a type other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
  - 3) over a route other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
  - 4) in a quantity greater than that which the Company would normally construct;
  - 5) on an expedited basis;
  - 6) on a temporary basis until permanent facilities are available;
  - 7) involving abnormal costs;
  - 8) in advance of its normal construction; or
  - 9) when the Company furnishes a facility or service for which a rate or charge is not specified in the Company's tariff.
- B. Where the Company furnishes a facility or service requiring special construction, charges will be determined by the Company and may include: (1) non-recurring charges; (2) recurring charges; (3) usage charges; (4) termination liabilities; or (5) a combinations thereof.
- C. Rates and charges for special construction shall be determined and presented to the Customer for its approval prior to the start of construction. No construction will commence until and unless the Customer accepts in writing the rates and charges as presented by the Company.

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