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1. APPLICATION OF TARIFF

1.1 This tariff sets forth the regulations, rates and charges for the provision of interstate access service (hereinafter Services) within either the states of Ohio and Michigan provided over the facilities of Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc., (a NEC) headquartered in Toledo, OH.

1.2 Services provided to Customers of Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc., (hereinafter Company,) include, but are not limited to Common Line, Switched Access, Optional Features & Functions and other Miscellaneous Access Services associated with the provision of Access Services.

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1.3 Unless otherwise indicated, for purpose of this tariff, the reference to “state” shall mean either the State of Ohio or the State of Michigan based on the state within which the Company’s facilities are being used to provide the service.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Jurisdictional Reporting Requirements (Cont'd)

- (b) For terminating access minutes, the data used by the Company to develop the projected interstate percentage for originating access minutes will be used to develop the projected interstate percentage for such terminating access minutes.

- 2.4.4.3 When originating call details are insufficient to determine the jurisdiction for the call, the Customer shall supply the projected interstate percentage or authorized the Company to use the Company-developed percentage. The projected intrastate percentage of use will be obtained by subtracting the projected interstate percentage for originating and terminating access minutes from 100 (intrastate usage percentage = 100- interstate percentage).

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.4.9 Allowances for Interruptions in Service (Cont'd)

The credit allowance(s) for an interruption or for a series of interruptions shall not exceed any monthly rate for the Service interrupted in any one monthly billing period.

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2.4.9.4 A credit allowance does not apply in the following cases:

- (a) Interruptions caused by the negligence of, or noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff by the Customer, or other common carrier providing service connected to the Service of the Company.

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2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

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Multiplexing: The process of combining multiple parallel circuits into a single communications channel.

Network: The Company's fiber optics based facilities and/or purchased facilities as part of an interconnection agreement.

Nonrecurring Charge: A one-time charge, generally applied to activities associated with the establishment of service, construction, rearrangements, and/or optional features and functions.

Optical Carrier Channel: The high speed optical communications path for transporting information utilizing a Synchronous Optical Channel platform.

Optional Features and Functions: These are features and functions a Customer may order to improve the quality or utility of Access Services.

Packet Data Network: A high-speed digital data transport mechanism that moves variable-length packets or frames through the network to the same or different addresses.

Pay Telephone: The term denotes a coin or coinless instrument provided in a public or semipublic place where Payphone Service Provider customers can originate telephonic communications and pay the applicable charges by (1) inserting coins into the equipment, or (2) using a credit card, or (3) third party billing the call, or (4) calling collect.

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2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Service Commencement Date: 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 set forth in the Service Order or this tariff. In the latter case, the Service Commencement Date is the date of the Customer's acceptance. The parties may mutually agree on a substitute Service Commencement Date.

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Standard Permanent Virtual Connection (SPVC): The connection of ports within the same frame relay network or switch. A software connection sometimes referred to as Permanent Virtual Connection (PVC).

Switched Access Service: Access to the Company's local switch network by an interexchange carrier for the purposes of originating and/or terminating jurisdictional communications.

Transport Interconnection Charge: A per-access minute charge applicable to transport per FCC CC Docket No. 91-213, Report and Order, March 5, 1998.

Wire Center: A building in which the Company's switching center is located for the purpose of providing service.

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3. ACCESS ORDERING

3.1 General

This section sets forth the regulations and order related charges for Service(s) shown in other sections of this tariff. Order charges are in addition to other applicable charges for Service(s) provided. An Access Service Request (ASR) is an order to provide the Customer with Switched Access Related Service or to provide changes to existing access services.

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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 except for those for multi-point Service.

The Customer shall provide to the Company the following information in addition to other requirements of this section:

- Customer name and premises address,
- Billing name and address, if different from Customer name and address,
- Customer contact name(s) and telephone number(s) for order confirmation, order provisioning information, order negotiation, interactive engineering design, installation and billing.

3.1.1. Service Installation

The Company will provide Access Service in accordance with the Customer's request Service date, subject to the constraints established by the Company schedule of Service dates.

The Company schedule shall specify the applicable service interval for Service(s) and the quantities of Service(s) that can reasonably be provided by a service date. Said schedule will be available to Customers upon request and will be provided in a reasonable period of time.

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3.2 Ordering Requirements

3.2.1 Switched Access Service Feature Group D

When ordering Feature Group D Switched Access Service, the following information shall be provided by the Customer:

- The number of Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (BHMC) from the customer designated premises to the end office of the number of trunks desired between the Customer designated premises and the entry switch;
- Optional Features desired; and
- Projected percentage of jurisdictional use.

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3.3 Access Ordering Charges

3.3.1 Access Order Charge

An Access Order Charge is applied to all Customer requests for new, additions, or changes and rearrangements to existing Special and Switched Access Service, Frame Relay Access Service, except as follows:

- When a Service Date Change Charge is applicable;
- When a Design Change Charge is applicable;

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3. ACCESS ORDERING (Cont'd)

3.3 Access Ordering Charges (Cont'd)

3.3.1 Access Order Charge (Cont'd)

- When a change to a pending order does not result in the cancellation of the pending order and the issuance is a new order;
- When a Miscellaneous Service Order Charge is applicable;
- When a Presubscription Charge is applicable; or
- When a Company initiated network reconfiguration requires a Customer's existing access service to be reconfigured.

An Access Order Charge will be applied on a per order basis to each order, or copy of an order received by the Company.

3.3.2 Access Order Change Charge

Access Order Change Charges involve service date changes and/or design changes. A change would be a Customer request any time prior to the Service date for the requested Service(s). Any increase in the number of Switched Access lines, trunks or BHMC will be treated as a new order (for the increased amounts) rather than a change order.

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3. ACCESS ORDERING (Cont'd)

3.3 Access Ordering Charges (Cont'd)

3.3.3. Service Date Change Charge

A change of Service date is a change of the scheduled Service date by the Customer to either an earlier date or a later date which does not exceed 30 calendar days from the original Service date. The Customer may request a change of Service date on a pending Access Service Request prior to the Service date and if the Company can accommodate the change, a new Service date will be set and a service date change charge will apply.

3.3.4 Design Change Charge

A design change is any change to an Access Service Request that requires engineering review prior to the requested service date. Design changes do not include a change of CDP or first point of switching. Changes of this nature require the issuance of a new order and the cancellation of the original order. Design changes would include such items as the addition or deletion of optional features or functions, change in type of transport termination, type of channel interface group or technical specification changes.

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The Company will review the requested Customer change and notify the Customer whether the change is a design change, if it can be accommodated, and if a new Service date is required. On Customer approval, a Design Change Charge would apply in addition to any other charges (e.g. service date change).

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3.3 Access Ordering Charges (Cont'd)

3.3.5. Miscellaneous Service Order Charge

A Miscellaneous Service Order Charge is for compensation of administrative expenses associated with issuing the order associated with the provision of Miscellaneous Services such as overtime repair, standby repair, testing, and other labor. The charge does not apply to Service(s) where a pending Service order exists, such as additional engineering, overtime installation, standby acceptance testing, testing with other companies with acceptance testing and additional cooperative acceptance testing.

3.3.6 Cancellation of Access Order Charge

A Customer may cancel an Access Order for the installation of Service on any date prior to the Service date. The cancellation date is the date on which the Company receives written notice from the Customer. When a Customer cancels an Access Service Request, a Cancellation Charge will apply as follows:

- Installation of Switched Access Service, is considered to have started when the Company incurs any cost in connection with provision the Service that otherwise would not have been incurred. (D)
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- When installation of access facilities has been started prior to the cancellation, a charge equal to the lower of either the cost incurred in such installation, less net salvage, or the charges for minimum period for the service will apply.
- Any partial cancellation (e.g. cancellation in the number of trunks, channels ordered) will be treated as a cancellation and subject to applicable charges as stated in this Section.
- Where the Customer cancels an Access Service Request prior to the start of installation of access facilities and no costs have occurred, no charges shall apply.

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4. SWITCHED ACCESS - CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS SERVICE

The company will provide Carrier Common Line (CCL) Access Service to customers in conjunction with Switched Access Service described more fully in Sections 4, 5 and 6 of this tariff. CCL is associated with the local loop, drop and associated equipment from the end-office switching center to the End User Customer provided for customers to access Interstate Communications.

4.1 General

Carrier Common Line Access Service is provided by the company for the customer access to end users at rates and charges specified in Section 11 following. Rate categories for the service are shown below. Jurisdictional rates apply for originating, terminating and terminating-only usage. Common Channel Signaling Access Signal Transfer Point (STP) Port Termination charge or Closed-end WATS minutes are not subject to the CCL usage charge.

4.1.1 Rate Categories

Rate Categories for Carrier Common Line Access Service are as follows:

Carrier Common Line Originating per Access Minute

Carrier Common Line Terminating per Access Minute

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<u>END OFFICE</u>	State	ILEC Company	Non-Toll Free Service Originating Rate	Terminating Rate
<u>Per Access Minute</u>				
Local Switching	Michigan	AT&T	\$0.001558(Z)	\$0.000000
Local Switching	Michigan	Frontier	\$0.001412	\$0.000000
Local Switching	Ohio	AT&T	\$0.001558(Z)	\$0.000000
Local Switching	Ohio	CenturyLink	\$0.003644	\$0.000000
Local Switching	Ohio	Frontier	\$0.002208	\$0.000000
Common Trunk Port	Michigan	AT&T	\$0.000186(R)	\$0.000000
Common Trunk Port	Michigan	Frontier	\$0.000529	\$0.000000
Common Trunk Port	Ohio	AT&T	\$0.000186(R)	\$0.000000
Common Trunk Port	Ohio	CenturyLink	\$0.000405	\$0.000000
Common Trunk Port	Ohio	Frontier	\$0.001548	\$0.000000

<u>END OFFICE</u>	State	ILEC Company	Toll Free Service Originating Rate	Toll Free Service Originating Rate	Toll Free Service Originating Rate	
<u>Per Access Minute</u>			7/1/2021	7/1/2022	7/1/2023	
Local Switching	Michigan	AT&T	\$0.003116	\$0.001558(Z)	\$0.000000	
Local Switching	Michigan	Frontier	\$0.001412	\$0.000706	\$0.000000	
Local Switching	Ohio	AT&T	\$0.003116	\$0.001558(Z)	\$0.000000	
Local Switching	Ohio	CenturyLink	\$0.003644	\$0.001822	\$0.000000	
Local Switching	Ohio	Frontier	\$0.002208	\$0.001104	\$0.000000	
Common Trunk Port	Michigan	AT&T	\$0.000371	\$0.000186	\$0.000000	
Common Trunk Port	Michigan	Frontier	\$0.000529	\$0.000265	\$0.000000	
Common Trunk Port	Ohio	AT&T	\$0.000371	\$0.000186	\$0.000000	
Common Trunk Port	Ohio	CenturyLink	\$0.000405	\$0.000203	\$0.000000	
Common Trunk Port	Ohio	Frontier	\$0.001548	\$0.000774	\$0.000000	

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