

ELTOPIA COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

Regulations and Schedule of Interstate Access Rates

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOL

- (C)** - To signify changed rate, regulation or condition.
- (D)** - To signify discontinued rate, regulation or condition.
- (I)** - To signify an increase.
- (M)** - To signify text relocated without change.
- (N)** - To signify new material, including a listing, rate, regulation, rule or condition.
- (R)** - To signify a reduction.
- (T)** - To signify a change in the word of text, but no change in the rate, rule or condition.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Access Code - Denotes a uniform code assigned by the Company to an individual Customer. The code has the form 101XXXX or 950-XXXX.

Access Line - An arrangement which connects the Customer's local exchange line to a Company designated switching center or point of presence.

Access Minutes - The increment for measuring usage of exchange facilities for the purpose of calculating chargeable usage.

Access Service Request (ASR) - The service order form used by access service Customers and the Company to the process of establishing, moving or rearranging access services provided by the Company.

Access Tandem - A switching system that provides a traffic concentration and distribution function for originating or terminating traffic between End Offices and the Customer's Premises or Point of Presence.

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.

Automatic Number Identification (ANI) - The automatic transmission of a caller's billing account telephone number to a local exchange company, interexchange carrier or a third party Customer. The primary purpose of ANI is for billing toll calls.

Bit - The smallest unit of information in a binary system of notation.

Bps - Bits per second. The number of bits transmitted in a one second interval.

Call - A Customer or End User attempt for which the complete address code (e.g., 0-, 911, or 10 digits) is provided to the Serving Wire Center, End Office or Access Tandem Switch.

Casual Calling - Where access to the Company's network and the subsequent use of service by the Customer is initiated through the dialing of a toll-free number or Access Code. Casual Calling allows non-Pre-subscribed customers to utilize the services of the Company.

Central Office - The premises of the Company or another local exchange carrier containing one or more switches where Customer or End User station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to other station loops, trunks or access facilities.

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Channel - A communications path between two or more points.

CIC - An interexchange carrier identification code.

Commission - Refers to **the Federal Communications Commission**, unless otherwise indicated.

Company or Carrier - Used throughout this tariff to indicate Eltopia Communications, LLC

Constructive Order - Delivery of calls to or acceptance of calls from the Customer's End Users over Company-switched local exchange services constitutes a Constructive Order by the Customer to purchase switched access services as described herein. Similarly the selection of the Customer by an End User as the End User's PIC constitutes a Constructive Order for switched access by the Customer.

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, partnership, corporation or other entity which uses service under the terms and conditions of this tariff and is responsible for the payment of charges. In most contexts, the Customer is an Interexchange Carrier utilizing the Company's Switched or Dedicated Access services described in this tariff to reach its End User customer(s).

Customer Premises - The premises specified by the Customer for termination of access services. Typically an Interexchange Carrier's Point of Presence.

Dedicated Access - Where originating or terminating access between an end user and an interexchange carrier are provided via dedicated facilities, circuits or channels. A method of reaching the Customer's communication and switching systems whereby the End User is connected directly to the Customer's Point of Presence or designate without utilizing the services of the local switched network.

DS0 - Digital Signal Level 0; a dedicated, full duplex digital channel with line speeds of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2, 56 or 64 Kbps.

DS1 - Digital Signal Level 1; a dedicated, high capacity, full duplex channel with a line speed of 1.544 Mbps isochronous serial data having a line signal format of either Alternate Mark Inversion (AMI) or Bipolar with 8 Zero Substitution (B8ZS) and either Superframe (D4) or Extended Superframe (ESF) formats. DS1 Service has the equivalent capacity of 24 Voice Grade or DS0 services.

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DS3 - Digital Signal Level 3; a dedicated, high capacity, full duplex channel with a line speed of 44.736 Mbps isochronous serial data having a line code of bipolar with three zero substitution (B3ZS). Equivalent capacity of 28 DS1 Services.

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

End Office - The Central Office from which the End User's Premises would normally obtain local exchange service and dial tone from the Company or other local exchange carrier.

End Office Switch - A Company switching system where Customer or End User station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to other station loops, trunks or access facilities. In most contexts, the End User is connected via station loops or trunks to an End Office Switch.

End User - Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity which uses the service of the Company under the terms and conditions of this tariff. In most contexts, the End User is the customer of an Interexchange Carrier who in turn utilizes the Company's Switched or Dedicated Access services described in this tariff to provide the End User with access to the IC's communication and switching systems.

End User Premises - The premises specified by the Customer or End User for termination of access services at the End User's physical location.

Equal Access - Where the local exchange company central office provides interconnection to interexchange carriers with Feature Group D circuits. In such End Offices, Customers can presubscribe their telephone line(s) to their preferred interexchange carrier. A form of dialed access provided by local exchange companies whereby telephone calls dialed by the Customer are automatically routed to the Company's network. Customers may also route calls to the Company's network by dialing an access code provided by 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.

Gbps - Gigabits per second; billions of bits per second.

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

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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 - For the purpose of this tariff, the term Interstate applies to the regulatory jurisdiction of services used for communications between one or more originating and terminating points located in different states within the United States or between one or more points in the United States and at least one international location.

Intrastate - For the purpose of this tariff, the term Intrastate applies to the regulatory jurisdiction of services used for communications between one or more originating and terminating points, all located within the same state.

Interexchange Carrier (IXC or IC) - A long distance telecommunications services provider that furnishes services between exchange areas.

Kbps - Kilobits per second; 1000s of bits per second.

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.

LEC - Local Exchange Company.

Mbps - Megabits per second; millions of bits per second.

Message - See Call.

N/A - Not Applicable.

Non-Recurring ("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.

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OC-12 - A high capacity channel for full duplex, synchronous, optic transmission of digital signals based on the SONET Standard at a rate of 622.08 Mbps.

OC-3 - A high capacity channel for full duplex, synchronous, optic transmission of digital signals based on the SONET Standard at a rate of 155.52 Mbps.

OC-48 - A high capacity channel for full duplex, synchronous, optic transmission of digital signals based on the SONET Standard at a rate of 2.4 Gbps

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 an End User's Premises to a Customer's Point of Presence.

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

PIC - Primary Interexchange Carrier.

Point of Presence or POP - The physical location associated with an Interexchange Carrier's communication and switching systems.

Point of Termination - The point of demarcation within a Customer or End User Premises at which the Company's responsibility for the provision of access service ends. The point of demarcation is the point of interconnection between Company communications facilities and Customer-provided or End User-provided facilities as defined in Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Premises - A building, portion of a building in a multi-tenant building, or buildings on continuous property not separated by a highway. May also denote a Customer-owned enclosure or utility vault located above or below ground on private property or on Customer acquired right-of-way.

Presubscription - An arrangement whereby a Customer selects and designate to the Company or other LEC a carrier he or she wishes to access, without an access code, for completing interLATA and/or intraLATA toll calls. The selected carrier is referred to as the Primary Interexchange Carrier.

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Primary Interexchange Carrier - The IXC designated by the Customer as its first routing choice and primary overflow carrier for routing of 1+ direct dialed and operator assisted non-local calls.

Private Line - A service which provides dedicated path between one or more Customer Premises.

Query - The inquiry to a Company data base 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.

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.

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 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.

Service Order - A written request for network services executed by the Customer and the Company. The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company begins the respective obligations of the parties in that order services offered under this tariff.

Serving Wire Center Switch - A Company switching system where Customer or End User station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to other station loops, trunks or access facilities. In most contexts, the Customer is connected via station loops or trunks to a Serving Wire Center Switch.

Special Access - See Dedicated Access.

Station - Refers to telephone equipment or an exchange access line from or to which calls are placed.

Switched Access - Where originating or terminating access between an end user and an interexchange carrier is provided via Feature Group facilities, circuits or channels provided by a local exchange carrier. A method of reaching the Customer's communication and switching systems whereby the End User is connected to the Customer's Point of Presence or designate using services of the local switched network.

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Tandem Switch - See Access Tandem.

Terminal Equipment - Telecommunications devices, apparatus and associated wiring on 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 an End User Premises.

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.

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

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of Eltopia Communications, LLC

- 2.1.1** The Company undertakes to furnish switched or dedicated access communications service 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 customers.
- 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.

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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 telecommunications 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** Recording of telephone conversations of service provided by the Company under this tariff is prohibited except as authorized by applicable federal, state and local laws.
- 2.2.4** 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 customers 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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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 which 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.

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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 to a) 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 or 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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- 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, or other relevant Commission, rules and regulations.
- 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.

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2.7 Liability of the Company, (Cont'd.)

- 2.7.6** No liability shall attach to the Company by reason of any defacement or damage to the Customer's premise resulting from the existence of the Company's equipment or facilities on such premise, 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 does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations provided by it for use in an explosive atmosphere.
- 2.7.8** 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.
- 2.7.9** 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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- 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 to 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** A Customer shall not assert any claim against any other Customer or user of the Company's services for damages resulting in whole or in part from or arising in connection with the furnishing of service under this tariff including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or other defects or misrepresentations, whether or not such other Customer or user contributed in any way to the occurrence of the damages, unless such damages were caused solely by the negligent or intentional act or omission of the other Customer or user and not by any act or omission of the Company. Nothing in this tariff is intended either to limit or to expand Customer's right to assert any claims against third parties for damages of any nature other than those described in the preceding sentence.
- 2.8.4** 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 provide 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's premise, 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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2.9.1 The Customer is responsible for making proper application for service; placing any necessary orders; for complying with tariff regulations; and 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 premise, 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 premise of the Customer, and the level of heating and air conditioning necessary to maintain the proper operating environment on such premise;
- (C) obtaining, maintaining and otherwise having full responsibility for all rights-of-way and conduit necessary for installation of fiber optic 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 premise 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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- (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 premise of the Customer 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; and
- (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.

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2.9.2 With regard to access 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 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 determine the appropriate jurisdiction of the traffic.

(1) Originating Access - Originating access minutes consist of traffic originating from the Company Local Switching Center(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, a default PIU of 50% will be applied by the Company.

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- (2) **Terminating Access** - Terminating access minutes consist of traffic terminating to the Company Local Switching Center(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, a default PIU of 50% will be applied by the Company.
- (3) Except where the Company measured access minutes are used as set forth above, the Customer reported Projected PIU factor as set forth above will be used until the Customer reports a different projected PIU factor, as set forth below.

(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.

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(D) Jurisdictional Audits (continued)

- (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.

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2.10 Billing and Payment For Service

2.10.1 Responsibility for Charges

The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services and equipment furnished to the Customer for transmission of calls via the Company. 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 which result in the placement of calls via the Company;
- (B) any and all use of the service arrangement provided by the Company, including calls which the Customer did not individually authorize;
- (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 or by mutually agreed upon contract. 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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- (A) All charges due by the Customer are payable to the Company or any agent duly authorized to receive such payments. Terms of payment shall be according to the rules and regulations of the agent and subject to the rules of regulatory bodies having jurisdiction.
- (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.
- (D) When billing is based upon Customer usage, usage charges will be billed monthly in arrears for service provided in the preceding billing period.
- (E) 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 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 days.
- (G) Amounts not paid within 30 days after the mailing date of invoice will be considered past due.

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2.10.4 Disputed Charges

- (A) Any objections to billed charges must be reported to the Company or its billing agent within sixty (60) days of the invoice of the bill issued to the Customer. Adjustments to Customers' bills shall be made to the extent that circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate.
- (B) 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. All claims must be submitted to the Company within sixty (60) days of the invoice date of the bill for the disputed services. If the Customer does not submit a claim as stated above, the Customer waives all rights to filing a claim thereafter.
- (C) If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Customer and the Customer has withheld the disputed amount, no interest credits or penalties will apply.
- (D) If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Company and the Customer has withheld the disputed amount, any payments withheld pending settlement of the disputed amount shall be subject to the late payment penalty as set forth in 2.10.5.
- (E) If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Customer and the Customer has paid the disputed amount, the Customer will receive an interest credit from the Company for the disputed amount times a late factor as set forth in 2.10.5.
- (F) 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.

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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 last calendar day for remittance falls on a 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 \$25.00, 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.

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2.11 Taxes, Surcharges and Fees

- 2.11.1** All 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 and 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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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) To safeguard its interests, the Company may require the Customer to make a deposit to be held as a guarantee for the payment of charges under Commission rules. A deposit may be required if the Customer's financial condition is not acceptable to the Company or is not a matter of general knowledge. A deposit does not relieve the Customer of the responsibility for the prompt payment of bills on presentation. A deposit may be required in addition to an advance payment.
- (B) The maximum amount of any deposit shall not exceed the equivalent of the customer's estimated liability for two months service.
- (C) The Company will pay interest on deposits, to accrue from the date the deposit is made until it has been refunded, or until a reasonable effort has been made to effect refund. The Company will pay interest at the rate prescribed by the Commission or as otherwise permitted by applicable law.
- (D) If the amount of a deposit is proven to be less than required to meet the requirements specified above, the Customer shall be required to pay an additional deposit upon request.
- (E) Upon discontinuance of service, the Company shall promptly and automatically refund the Customer's deposit plus accrued interest, or the balance, if any, in excess of the unpaid bills including any penalties assessed for service furnished by the Company.

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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. The advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to one (1) month's estimated billing. 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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- (A) Customers of the Company's service may cancel service by providing the Company with written notification thirty (30) days prior to the requested cancellation date. The Company shall hold the Customer responsible for payment of all bills for service furnished until the cancellation date specified by the Customer or until thirty (30) days after the date that the cancellation notice is received, whichever is later.
- (B) Customers seeking to cancel service have an affirmative obligation to block traffic originating from or terminating to the Company's network.. By originating traffic from or terminating traffic to the Company's network, the Customer will have constructively ordered the Company's switched access service.

2.13.2 Cancellation of Contract Services

- (A) If a Customer cancels a service order or terminates services before the completion of the term or where the Customer breaches the terms in the service contract, the Customer may be requested by the Company to pay to Company termination liability charges. These charges shall become due and owing as of the effective date of the cancellation or termination. Unless otherwise specified in this tariff, the termination liability shall be equal to:
 - (1) all unpaid nonrecurring charges reasonably expended by the Company to establish service to Customer, plus;
 - (2) any disconnection, early cancellation or termination charges reasonably incurred and paid to third parties by the Company on behalf of Customer, plus;
 - (3) all recurring charges specified in the applicable service order for the balance of the then current term.

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2.13.3 Cancellation of Application for Service

- (A) Where the Company permits the Customer to cancel an application for service prior to the start of service or prior to any special construction, no charges will be imposed except for those specified below.
- (B) Where, prior to cancellation by the Customer, the Company incurs any expenses in installing the service or in preparing to install the service that it otherwise would not have incurred, a charge equal to the costs the Company incurred, less net salvage, shall apply, but in no case shall this charge exceed the sum of the charge for the minimum period of services ordered, including installation charges, and all charges others levy against the Company that would have been chargeable to the Customer had service begun.
- (C) Where the Company incurs any expense in connection with special construction, or where special arrangements of facilities or equipment have begun, before the Company receives a cancellation notice, a charge equal to the costs incurred, less net salvage, may apply. In such cases, the charge will be based on such elements as the cost of the equipment, facilities, and material, the cost of installation, engineering, labor, and supervision, general and administrative expense, other disbursements, depreciation, maintenance, taxes, provision for return on investment, and any other costs associated with the special construction or arrangements.
- (D) The charges described above will be calculated and applied on a case-by-case basis.

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2.14.1 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.

2.14.2 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 government authority of competent jurisdiction, or by reason of any order or decision of a court or other government 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 Customer or Authorized User use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's equipment or service to others.
- (D) In the event of tampering with the equipment or services of the Company or its agents.
- (E) 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.
- (F) If any of the facilities, appliances, or apparatus on Customer's premise are found to be unsafe or causing harm to the Company's facilities, and may refuse to furnish service until the applicant or Customer shall have remedied the condition.

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2.14.3 The Company may refuse or discontinue service provided that, unless otherwise stated, the Customer shall be given five (5) days written notice to comply with any rule or remedy any deficiency:

- (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 premise 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.

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2.15 Restoration of Service

- 2.15.1** If service has been discontinued for nonpayment or as otherwise provided herein and the Customer wishes service continued, 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 disconnect for non-payment may be required to pay a deposit and/or advance payment prior to service restoration.
- 2.15.2** 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.
- 2.15.3** Restoration of disrupted services shall be in accordance with applicable Commission and/or Federal Communications Commission Rules and Regulations specified in Part 64, Subpart D, which specify the priority system for such activities.

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2.16 Provision of Company Equipment and Facilities

- 2.16.1** 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.
- 2.16.2** 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 the Customer.
- 2.16.3** Equipment the Company provides or installs at the Customer premise shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which the equipment is provided.
- 2.16.4** 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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- 2.17.1** Service furnished by the Company may be interconnected with services or facilities of other authorized communications common 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 common 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.
- 2.17.2** 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.
- 2.17.3** 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.
- 2.17.4** 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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- 2.18.1** The Company's services are designed primarily for the transmission of voice-grade telephonic signals, except as otherwise stated in this tariff. A user may transmit any form of signal that is compatible with the Company's equipment, but the Company does not represent that its services will be suitable for purposes other than voice-grade telephonic communication except as specifically stated in this tariff.
- 2.18.2** Terminal equipment on the user's premise 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.
- 2.18.3** 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.
- 2.18.4** 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.
- 2.18.5** 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.
- 2.18.6** 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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- 2.19.1** 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.
- 2.19.2** 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 hours in length and is requested by the Customer.
- 2.19.3** 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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2.20 Allowances for Interruptions in Service

2.20.1 General

- (A) Upon the written request of the Customer, delivered to the Company no later than thirty (30) days following the date of service interruption a credit allowance will be given when service is interrupted, except as specified in Section 2.20.2 following. A service is interrupted when it becomes inoperative to the Customer, e.g., the Customer is unable to transmit or receive, because of a failure of a component furnished by the Company under this tariff.
- (B) An interruption period begins when the Customer reports to the Company a service, facility or circuit is inoperative and, if necessary, releases it for testing and repair by the Company, as determined in its sole and reasonable discretion. An interruption period ends when the service, facility or circuit is operative.
- (C) If the Customer reports a service, facility or circuit to be interrupted but declines to release it for testing and repair, refuses access to its premise for test and repair by the Company, or continues to make voluntary use of the service, the service, facility or circuit is considered to be impaired but not interrupted. No credit allowances will be made for a service, facility or circuit considered by the Company to be impaired.
- (D) The Customer shall be responsible for the payment of service charges for visits by the Company's agents or employees to the premises of the Customer when the service difficulty or trouble report results from the use of equipment or facilities provided by any party other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer.

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2.20.2 Limitations of Allowances

- (A) No credit allowance will be made for any interruption in service:
- (1) due to the negligence of or noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff by any person or entity other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer;
 - (2) due to the failure of power, equipment, systems, connections or services not provided by the Company;
 - (3) due to circumstances or causes beyond the reasonable control of the Company;
 - (4) during any period in which the Company is not given full and free access to its facilities and equipment for the purposes of investigating and correcting interruptions;
 - (5) during any period when the Customer has released service to the Company for maintenance purposes or for implementation of a Customer order for a change in service arrangements;
 - (6) that occurs or continues due to the Customer's failure to authorize replacement of any element of special construction; and
 - (7) that was not reported to the Company within 30 days of the date that service was affected.
 - (8) Cellular and other wireless transmission is subject to interruptions including but not limited to, dropped calls, interrupted calls, unintelligible calls, one-way audio and other problems created by factors beyond Company's control. Under no circumstances will Company provide credit or payment of any kind for calls which experience problems related to cellular (wireless) transmissions.

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If the Customer elects to use another means of communications during the period of interruption, the Customer must pay the charges for the alternative service used.

2.20.4 Application of Credits for Interruptions in Service

- (A) Except as provided in Section 2.20.2 A., if a Customer's service is interrupted, and it remains interrupted for eight normal working hours or longer after access to the premises is made available and after being reported to be out of order, appropriate adjustments or refunds shall be made to the Customer, when such adjustment exceeds \$1.00.
- (B) The amount of adjustment or refund shall be determined on the basis of the known period of interruption, generally beginning from the time the service interruption is first reported. The refund to the Customer shall be a pro rata part of the month's flat rate charges (if any) for the period of days and that portion of the service facilities rendered useless or inoperative. The refund may be accomplished by a credit on a subsequent bill for the service.
- (C) For purposes of credit computation every month shall be considered to have seven hundred and twenty (720) hours. For services with a monthly recurring charge, no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of continuous duration of less than eight (8) hours. The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of eight (8) or more hours at the rate of 1/720th of the monthly charge for the services affected for each day that the interruption continues. The formula used for computation of credits is as follows:

$$\text{Credit} = A/720 \times B$$

A = outage time in hours (must be 8 or more)

B = total monthly recurring charge for affected service.

- (D) No credits will be provided for usage sensitive services.

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2.21 Notices and Communications

- 2.21.1** 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.
- 2.21.2** 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.
- 2.21.3** 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.
- 2.21.4** Except as otherwise stated in this tariff, all other notices or communications required to be given under this tariff will be in writing.
- 2.21.5** 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.
- 2.21.5** 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.

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2.22 Mixed Interstate and Intrastate Switched Access Services

2.22.1 When mixed interstate and intrastate switched access service is provided, all charges, including nonrecurring charges, usage charges, and optional features, will be prorated between interstate and intrastate. The percentage provided in the reports as set forth in 2.9.2 preceding will serve as the basis for prorating the charges. The percentage of an access service to be charged as interstate is applied in the following manner:

- (A) For nonrecurring chargeable rate elements, multiply the PIU times the quantity of chargeable elements times the interstate tariff rate per element.
- (B) For usage sensitive chargeable rate elements, multiply the PIU times actual use (measured or Company assumed average use) times the interstate rate.

2.22.2 A similar calculation is then performed to determine the intrastate portion of the bill.

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2.23 Determination of Jurisdiction of Mixed Interstate and Intrastate Dedicated Facilities

2.23.1 When mixed interstate and intrastate service is provided over a dedicated facility, the jurisdiction will be determined as follows. For jurisdictional reports required for switched access, see Section 2.9.2.

- (A) If the Customer's estimate of the interstate traffic on the service equals 10% or more of the total traffic on that service, the service will be provided according to the applicable rules and regulations of this tariff.
- (B) If the Customer's estimate of the interstate traffic on the service is less than 10% of the total traffic on that service, the service will be provided according to the applicable rules and regulations of the appropriate intrastate tariff.
- (C) If the percentage of interstate traffic on the service changes to the extent that it alters the jurisdiction of the service, the Customer must notify the Company of any required change in status. The affected service will revert to the appropriate jurisdictional tariff within the next full billing cycle. Any applicable termination liability will be transferred with the jurisdictional change of the service.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

3.1 Rates and Charges

3.1.1 Rates and Charges - Qwest Territory

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute	
Banded over 0-8 miles	\$0.000180
Banded 9-25 miles	\$0.000231
Banded 26-50 miles	\$0.000238
Banded over 50+ miles	\$0.000240
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute, per mile	
Banded over 0-8 miles	\$0.000048
Banded 9-25 miles	\$0.000027
Banded 26-50 miles	\$0.000017
Banded over 50+ miles	\$0.000015
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.002545
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000036
CTP, per minute	\$0.000747
Local Switching, per minute	\$0.001974
Host-Remote Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.000231
Host-Remote Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000027
Host/Remote CTP, per minute	\$0.000747

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3.1 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

3.1.2 Rates and Charges – CenturyLink Territory

(A) Washington, Oregon (Former Embarq Territory)

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute	
Zone 1	\$0.000225
Zone 2	\$0.000255
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	
Zone 1	\$0.000025
Zone 2	\$0.000035
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	
Zone 1	\$0.000150
Zone 2	\$0.000160
CMUX, per minute	
Zone 1	\$0.000225
Zone 2	\$0.000240
CTP, per minute, all zones	\$0.000428
Local Switching, per minute, all zones	\$0.003770
Host-Remote Transport - Termination, per minute	
Zone 1	\$0.000225
Zone 2	\$0.000255
Host-Remote Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	
Zone 1	\$0.000025
Zone 2	\$0.000035
Host/Remote - CMUX per minute	
Zone 1	\$0.000225
Zone 2	\$0.000240
Host Remote - CTP per minute, per termination	\$0.000428

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3.1 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

3.1.2 Rates and Charges – CenturyLink Territory, (cont'd.)

(A) Idaho (CenturyTel of the Gem State Inc. Area)

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.000011
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000012
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.006756
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000009
CTP, per minute, all zones	\$0.001997
Local Switching, per minute, all zones	\$0.005011
Host-Remote Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.000011
Host-Remote Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000012
Host Remote - CTP per minute, per termination	\$0.001997

(B) Idaho (CenturyTel of Idaho Area)

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.000423
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000142
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.002015
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000358
CTP, per minute, all zones	\$0.000851
Local Switching, per minute, all zones	\$0.002483
Host-Remote Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.000423
Host-Remote Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000142
Host Remote - CTP per minute, per termination	\$0.000851

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3.1 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

3.1.2 Rates and Charges – CenturyLink Territory, (cont'd.)

(C) Montana (CenturyTel of Montana, Inc. Area)

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.000011
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000012
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.006756
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000009
CTP, per minute, all zones	\$0.001997
Local Switching, per minute, all zones	\$0.005011
Host-Remote Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.000011
Host-Remote Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000012
Host Remote - CTP per minute, per termination	\$0.001997

(D) Oregon (CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc. Area)

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.000011
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000012
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.006756
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000009
CTP, per minute, all zones	\$0.001997
Local Switching, per minute, all zones	\$0.005011
Host-Remote Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.000011
Host-Remote Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000012
Host Remote - CTP per minute, per termination	\$0.001997

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3.1 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

3.1.2 Rates and Charges – CenturyLink Territory, (cont'd.)

(C) Washington (All CenturyTel Areas)

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.000011
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000012
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.006756
CMUX, per minute	\$0.000009
CTP, per minute, all zones	\$0.001997
Local Switching, per minute, all zones	\$0.005011
Host-Remote Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.000011
Host-Remote Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.000012
Host Remote - CTP per minute, per termination	\$0.001997

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3.1 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

3.1.3 Rates and Charges - Verizon Territory

(A) Idaho

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.0000000
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.0000020
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.0024000
CMUX, per minute	\$0.0000000
CTP, per minute	\$0.0006407
Local Switching, per minute	\$0.0013794
Host-Remote Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.0000000
Host-Remote Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.0000020
Host/Remote - CTP, per minute	\$0.0006407

(B) Oregon, all zones

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.0000000
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.0000020
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.0043318
CMUX, per minute	\$0.0000000
CTP, per minute	\$0.0007144
Local Switching, per minute	\$0.0022081
Host-Remote Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.0000000
Host-Remote Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.0000020
Host/Remote - CTP, per minute	\$0.0007144

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3.1 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

3.1.3 Rates and Charges - Verizon Territory, (Cont'd.)

(C) Washington, all zones

Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.0000000
Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.0000020
Access Tandem Switching, per minute	\$0.0036642
CMUX, per minute	\$0.0000000
CTP, per minute	\$0.0003861
Local Switching, per minute	\$0.0018654
Host-Remote Transport - Termination, per minute	\$0.0000000
Host-Remote Transport - Facility, per minute per mile	\$0.0000020
Host/Remote - CTP, per minute	\$0.0003861

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3.1 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

3.1.4 Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Access Service - Per Query

All Areas \$0.0055

3.1.5 Service Order Charges

Service Order Charges recover the administrative costs associated with initiating Access Service.

Per Service Order ICB

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SECTION 4 - DEDICATED ACCESS SERVICE

4.1 General

4.1.1 The Company, at its discretion may provide interstate Dedicated Access Services with transmission speeds ranging from 2.4 Kbps to 2.4 Gbps. Dedicated Access Services are offered on a point-to-point basis only. Each Dedicated Access Service is dedicated to a single Customer and the entire usable bandwidth for each service is available to that Customer for their exclusive use.

4.1.2 All Dedicated Access Services, if offered, will be provided on an individual case basis.

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SECTION 5 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES AND CHARGES

5.1 Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge

The Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge (PICC) is a monthly, flat-rated charge assessed to the interexchange carrier for each presubscribed local exchange service line or trunk. The PICC will be based on a monthly snapshot of end user accounts. ISDN PRI arrangements will be billed five (5) times the multiline business rate. No fractional debits or credits will be created.

5.1.1 Rates

(A) All States

	Local & LD Combined	LD Only	Residential	PRI, Integrated T-1 (flat rate)
All states	\$3.95	\$4.31	\$0.95	\$15.70

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5.2 End User Common Line Charge

The Company recovers some of the costs of the telephone line or trunk connected to the customer's premises through a monthly charge called the End User Access Charge. The End User Access Charge is a monthly, flat-rated charge assessed to end users for each local exchange service line or trunk. The End User Access Charge will be based on a monthly snapshot of end user accounts. No fractional debits or credits will be created.

Monthly Charge, per line or trunk:

State	Residential or Single Line Business	Integrated T-1 (per channel)	Multi Line Business, Centrex, PBX Trunk, ISDN BRI	ISDN PRI
Colorado	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$8.49	\$37.43
Idaho	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$8.49	\$37.43
Montana	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$8.49	\$37.43
Oregon	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$8.49	\$37.43
Washington	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$8.49	\$37.43

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Local Number Portability (LNP) allows, where facilities permit: (1) a local exchange telephone service customer to maintain the same Directory Number (DN) when changing from one telecommunications service provider to another while remaining at the same location; and (2) callers to complete calls to numbers that have been ported. This capability has been activated on a switch specific basis as specified in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) and/or the National Exchange Carrier Association Inc., F.C.C. No. 4. Tariff.

5.3.1 LNP End User Surcharge

- (A) The Company will assess a monthly number-portability charge to end users served by LNP-capable switches. The charge applies to Company's end users served by LNP-capable switches effective with this tariff section, and for a period no longer than five years. The Company will assess the charge in each end office at such time as the end office becomes LNP capable.
- (B) The monthly charge is assessed, as determined by the Company, to all end users or resellers of local exchange service. The LNP End User Surcharge is assessed on a per line basis except as set forth following:
 - (1) When a customer is provided Integrated Services Digital Network-Primary Rate Interface (ISDN-PRI) that permits the provision of up to 24 voice-grade equivalent channels over a single T-1 facility, the LNP End User Surcharge for ISDN-PRI is assessed per T-1 facility;
 - (2) When a customer is provided PBX Service, the LNP End User Surcharge is assessed per PBX trunk;
 - (3) The LNP End User Surcharge is not assessed to Lifeline customers.

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5.3 Local Number Portability (LNP), (Cont'd.)

5.3.1 LNP End User Surcharge, (cont'd.)

(A) LNP End User Surcharge Rates

The rates and charges associated with LNP End User Surcharge will be billed monthly.

	Per line, per month:
BellSouth	\$0.35
Verizon	\$0.00

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

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5.5 Directory Assistance Service

5.5.1 Description

The Company, when provided with a name and locality, will provide or attempt to provide the telephone number listed in the Company's records associated with the name given at the rate provided herein.

5.5.2 Rates

In addition to appropriate directory transport charges, the following per call directory assistance charges apply.

Per DA call	\$0.25
DA call completion	\$0.25
DA call branding	ICB

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Billing Name and Address (BNA) service provides account detail of the Company's customers to interexchange carriers, operator service providers, enhanced service providers, and any other provider of interstate telecommunications services.

5.6.2 General

- (A) Upon acceptance of an order for BNA service, the Company will furnish account detail for each working number submitted. Account detail consists of current data base information including the end user's billing name and billing address.
- (B) Only current information which resides in the Company's data base will be provided. Customers ordering BNA service must accept BNA account detail on an "as is" basis.
- (C) The Company will specify the location where requests for BNA service are to be received, and the format in which the requests are to be provided.
- (D) The subscribing customer must agree that BNA information will not be resold or otherwise provided to any other person, corporation, partnership or entity, other than Customer's authorized billing agent, and that Billing Name and Address shall be used by Customer or Customer's authorized billing agent solely for:
 - (1) Billing its customers for using Customer's telecommunications services.
 - (2) Any purpose associated with the equal access requirement of United States v. AT&T, 552 F. Supp. 131 (D.D.C. 1982).
 - (3) Verification of service orders of new customers, identification of customers who have moved to a new address, fraud prevention, and similar nonmarketing purposes.

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For calling card calls and collect and third party billed calls, Billing Name and Address for ANI service is not available on accounts of nonpublished/unlisted end users who, by request to the Company (which request may be submitted at any time), have specified that such information not be released.

(E) Manual Request

- (1) At the customer's option, the Company will provide BNA via manual request procedures.
- (2) BNA service information will be provided by the Company in standard paper format via facsimile or first class U.S. mail.
- (3) Wherever possible, the Company will provide Billing Name and Address for ANI data no later than ten (10) business days from the date of receipt of the customer's request. Availability of data may be delayed if errors exist in the request received from the customer.
- (4) In situations where the customer requests more than forty (40) BNA records on a single order, the Company will provide the requested BNA information in a time frame mutually agreed to by the customer and the Company.

(F) Mechanized Request

- (1) At the customer's option, the Company will provide BNA, subject to procedures established for Customer Account Record Exchange (CARE).
- (2) The customer will submit its requests through proper CARE procedures, as revised or amended.

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5.6 Billing Name and Address, (Cont'd.)

5.6.3 Rate Regulations

The number of BNA records for which charges apply will be accumulated by the Company, and billed to the customer on a monthly basis at the rates set forth in 5.6.4 following.

5.6.4 Rates and Charges

	BNA Request Manual	BNA Request Mechanized
Billing Name and Address for ANI		
Per Order	\$50.94	ICB
Per Record	\$0.33	ICB

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5.7 PIC Change Charge

Nonrecurring Charge per Change: \$5.50

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