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Terms, Conditions, and Services

Furnished by

Airbus DS Communications, Inc.

Between Points Within the State of New York

## Disputes and Complaints

### Contacting the Public Service Commission:

In the case of a dispute between the Customer and the Company which cannot be resolved with mutual satisfaction, the Customer may file a complaint by contacting the New York State Department of Public Service by phone, online or by mail.

1. By Phone:

Helpline (for complaints/inquiries):  
1-800-342-3377 for Continental United States or,  
1-800-662-1220 for Hearing/Speech Impaired: TDD or,  
518-472-8502 for fax

2. Online:

<http://www.dps.ny.gov/complaints.html> or,

3. By Mail:

NYS Department of Public Service  
Office of Consumer Services  
3 Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12223-1350

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1           **GENERAL**

1.1           **Explanation of Symbols**

- (C)   – To signify a changed regulation
- (D)   – To signify a discontinued rate or regulation
- (I)   – To signify an increase in a rate
- (M)   – To signify text or rates relocated without change
- (N)   – To signify a new rate or regulation or other text
- (R)   – To signify a reduction in a rate
- (S)   – To signify reissued regulations
- (T)   – To signify a change in text but no change in rate
- (Z)   – To signify a correction

1.2           **Application of Guide**

- 1.2.1       This Guide contains the regulations, terms, conditions, and maximum rates and charges applicable to intrastate exchange and networks services and equipment furnished by Airbus DS Communications, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Airbus or the Company.
- 1.2.2       The Company's services are available to Business customers, Public Agencies, Local Exchange Carriers, Wireless Service Providers, VoIP Service Providers and Telematics Service Provers.
- 1.2.3       The Company's service territory is Statewide.

**1.3 Definition of Terms**

**1.3.1 9-1-1**

A three-digit telephone number used to facilitate the reporting of an emergency requiring response by a public safety agency.

**1.3.2 9-1-1 Service Provider**

The entity responsible for establishing and overseeing the functions necessary to accept 9-1-1 calls placed by callers, delivering the 9-1-1 calls to PSAPs using appropriate routing logic, and delivering emergency response information such as ANI and ALI.

**1.3.3 Airbus**

Airbus DS Communications, Inc., the filer of this guide.

**1.3.4 ALI Database**

A system of manual procedures and computer programs used to create, store and update ALI information.

**1.3.5 Authorized User**

A person, firm, or corporation that is authorized by the Customer or joint user to be connected to the service of the Customer or joint user, respectively. An authorized user must be specifically named in the application for service.

**1.3.6 Automatic Numbering Identification (ANI)**

A type of signaling provided by a local exchange telephone company that automatically identifies the local exchange line from which a call originates.

**1.3.7 Automatic Location Identification (ALI)**

The automatic display, on equipment at the PSAP, of the location of the caller's telephone number, the address for the telephone, including non-listed and non-published numbers and addresses, and other information about the caller's location.

**1.3.8 Basic Local Exchange Carrier**

Any person holding a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued pursuant to New York Rules to offer local exchange telecommunications services whether as a facility-based carrier or as a reseller.

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- 1.3.9        **Basic Local Exchange Service or Basic Service**  
The telecommunications service that provides a local dial tone line and local usage necessary to place or receive a call within an exchange area and any other services or features that may be added by the Commission.
- 1.3.10      **Call Bridging**  
The act of adding an additional party to an existing call; i.e., the origination of another leg on an existing call to include an additional party. With Call Bridging, the party adding the additional party remains connected to the call after the additional party is added.
- 1.3.11      **Call Transfer**  
The act of adding an additional party to an existing call; i.e., the origination of another leg on an existing call to include an additional party. With Call Transfer, the party adding the additional party may disconnect before the additional party answers.
- 1.3.12      **Central Office (CO)**  
A switching unit providing telecommunication services to Customers, designed for terminating and interconnecting lines and trunks. More than one CO may be located in a building.
- 1.3.13      **Commission**  
New York Department of Public Service.
- 1.3.14      **Common Carrier**  
An authorized company or entity providing telecommunications services to the public.
- 1.3.15      **Company**  
Airbus DS Communications, Inc.
- 1.3.16      **Customer**  
A person, partnership, firm, municipality, cooperative organization, corporation, or governmental agency furnished communications service by the Company under the provisions and regulations of this guide and who is responsible for paying the communication service bills and for complying with applicable rules and regulations of the Company.
- 1.3.17      **Customer Premises**
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A location designated by the Customer for the purposes of connecting to the Company's services.

1.3.18 Demarcation Point

A defined boundary dividing one area of responsibility from another.

1.3.19 E9-1-1 Emergency Service

A telecommunications service that uses ANI, ALI (including non-listed and non-published numbers and addresses), Selective Routing, and the three-digit number "9-1-1," for reporting police, fire, medical, or other emergency situations to a PSAP for referral to a public safety agency. As used in this guide, E9-1-1 Emergency Service does not include discretionary equipment purchased, or contracted for that is not essential to the provision of E9-1-1 Emergency Service.

1.3.20 E9-1-1 Tandem or E9-1-1 Selective Routing Tandem

The switch that provides the routing and switching of 9-1-1 calls. The E9-1-1 Tandem controls delivery of the call with ANI to the PSAP and provides Selective Routing, speed calling, selective transfer, fixed transfer, and certain maintenance functions for each PSAP.

1.3.21 E9-1-1 Trunks

The facilities that connect from the central office serving the individual telephone that originates a 9-1-1 call to the E9-1-1 tandem.

1.3.22 Emergency Service Number (ESN)

An ESN is a number, typically three to five digits in length, that maps to a primary 9-1-1 call handler (usually a PSAP), and a set of emergency service agencies (e.g., law enforcement, fire, emergency medical service) that serve a specific range of addresses within a particular geographical area, or Emergency Service Zone (ESZ).

1.3.23 Enhanced 9-1-1 (E9-1-1)

An emergency telephone service that includes ANI, ALI (including non-listed and non-published numbers and addresses), and (optionally) selective routing, to facilitate public safety response.

1.3.24 Facilities

Central office equipment, supplemental equipment, apparatus, wiring, cables (outside plant) and other material and mechanisms necessary to or furnished in connection with the services of the Company.

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- 1.3.25      Governing Body  
A board of county commissioners of a county or the city council or other governing body of a city, city and county, or town or state or the board of directors of a special district that oversees the PSAP(s) within the Governing Body's jurisdiction.
- 1.3.26      Holiday  
New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas Day.
- 1.3.27      Individual Case Basis (ICB)  
A service arrangement in which the regulations, rates, charges and other terms and conditions are developed based on the specific circumstances of the case. The Company may or may not have an equivalent service in the guide for which there is a guide rate, and the quoted ICB rates may be different than the guide rates. ICB must be provided under contract to a customer and the contract filed (under seal) with the Commission. All customers have nondiscriminatory access to requesting the service under an ICB rate. Recurring and non-recurring charges for all services provided pursuant to this Guide may be individualized for a particular Customer based on the need to respond to a unique service application and/or market condition. All services will be offered on the same basis to any other Customer, which has the same service specifications and market conditions.
- 1.3.28      Inside Wire  
Wiring located on the building owner's Customer's side of the demarcation point. Such wiring is deregulated. Installation and maintenance of Inside Wiring is the responsibility of the Customer or premises owner.
- 1.3.29      Joint User  
A person, firm or corporation designated by the Customer as a user of service furnished to the Customer by the Company, and to whom a portion of the charges for such facilities are billed under a joint use arrangement.
- 1.3.30      Local Access and Transport Area (LATA)
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A geographical area established by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192, within which a local exchange company provides communications services.

- 1.3.31      Local Exchange Carrier  
Any person authorized by the Commission to offer local exchange telecommunications services whether as a facility-based carrier or reseller.
- 1.3.32      Local Exchange Service  
The furnishing of telecommunications services by a Local Exchange Carrier to a Customer within an exchange for local calling. This service also provides access to and from the telecommunication network for long distance calling.
- 1.3.33      Master Street Address Guide (MSAG)  
A database of street names and house number ranges within their associated communities that defines ESZs and associated ESNs to enable proper routing of E9-1-1 calls.
- 1.3.34      Maintenance of Service  
Maintenance of Service denotes an occurrence of a visit to a Customer's premises in connection with a service difficulty when it is determined that the difficulty is due to a condition in Customer-provided facilities, terminal equipment, a communication system or for Customer-maintained premises wire. When a Maintenance of Service visit is made, Customer Premises Visit Charges will apply.
- 1.3.35      Minimum Point of Entry  
The closest practicable point to where facilities of the Company cross a property line or enter a building.
- 1.3.36      National Emergency Number Association (NENA)  
A not-for-profit corporation established in 1982 to further the goal of "One Nation-One Number." NENA is a networking source and promotes research, planning and training. NENA strives to educate, set standards and provide certification programs, legislative representation and technical assistance for implementing and managing 9-1-1 systems.
- 1.3.37      Network Control Signaling
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Transmission of signals used in the telecommunications system which perform functions such as supervision (control, status, and charging signals), address signaling (e.g., dialing), calling and called number identification, audible tone signals (call process signals indicating reorder or busy conditions, alerting tones) to control the operating of switching equipment in the system.

1.3.38 Non-listed service

Telephone numbers that are not published in the telephone directory but are available through directory assistance.

1.3.39 Non-published service

Telephone numbers that are neither published in the telephone directory nor available through directory assistance.

1.3.40 Nonrecurring Charge (NRC)

The initial charge, usually assessed on a one-time basis, to initiate and establish service.

1.3.41 Person

Any individual, firm, partnership, co-partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, association, cooperative organization, limited liability corporation, corporation (municipal or private and whether organized for profit or not), governmental agency, state, county, political subdivision, state department, commission, board, or bureau, fraternal organization, nonprofit organization, estate, trust, business or common law trust, receiver, assignee for the benefit of creditors, trustee, or trustee in bankruptcy or any other service user.

1.3.42 Premises

All the space in the same building that a Customer has the right of occupancy to the exclusion of others or shares the right of occupancy with others; and all space in different buildings on continuous property, provided such buildings are occupied solely by one Customer. Foyers, hallways, and other space provided for the common use of all occupants of a building are considered the premises of the operator of the building.

1.3.43 Private Branch Exchange (PBX)

A private telephone switch which comprises manual and/or automatic common equipment, wiring and station apparatus, and which provides for interconnection of main station lines associated with an attendant position

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and/or common equipment located on the Customer's premises or extended to another premises of the same Customer.

- 1.3.44      Pseudo Automatic Number Identification (pANI)  
A number consisting of the same number of digits as ANI, and used to query routing and ALI databases.
- 1.3.45      Protector  
An electrical device located in a central office, a Customer premises or anywhere along the telecommunications facility path. This device protects both the Company's and the Customer's property and facilities from high voltages and surges in current.
- 1.3.46      Public Agency  
See "Governing Body"
- 1.3.47      Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)  
A facility equipped and staffed to receive 9-1-1 calls from the 9-1-1 Service Provider. PSAPs operate under the direction of the Governing Body and are responsible to direct the disposition of 9-1-1 calls.
- 1.3.48      Recurring Charges  
The charges to the Customer for services, facilities and equipment, that continue to be assessed, usually on a monthly basis, for the agreed upon duration of the service.
- 1.3.49      Selective Routing  
The process by which 9-1-1 calls/messages are routed to the appropriate PSAP or other designated destination, based on the caller's location information, and may also be impacted by other factors, such as time of day, call type, etc. Location may be provided in the form of an MSAG-valid civic address or in the form of geo coordinates (longitude and latitude). Location may be conveyed to the system that performs the selective routing function in the form of ANI or pseudo-ANI associated with a pre-loaded ALI database record (in Legacy 9-1-1 systems).
- 1.3.50      Selective Routing Tandem  
See "E9-1-1 Tandem"
- 1.3.51      Service Interruption
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The inability to complete calls due to equipment malfunctions or human errors. Service Interruption shall not include service difficulties such as slow dial tone, circuits busy or other network and/or switching capability shortages. Nor shall Service Interruption include the failure of any service or facilities provided by a Common Carrier or other entity other than the Company.

1.3.52 Service Order Agreement (SOA) or Customer Agreement

The written request for Company services executed by the Customer and the Company in the format devised by the Company. The signing of a SOA or Customer Agreement by the Customer and acceptance by the Company initiates the respective obligations of the parties as set forth therein and pursuant to this guide.

1.3.53 Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)

A protocol (RFC3261) defined by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) that defines a method for establishing multimedia sessions over the Internet. Used as the call signaling protocol in VoIP, i2 and i3.

1.3.54 TDD/Text Phone

A telecommunications device for use by deaf persons that employs graphic communication in the transmission of coded signals through a wire or radio communication system.

1.3.55 Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD)/Text Phone Emergency

Access Provides 9-1-1 access to individuals that use TDDs and computer modems.

1.3.56 Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS)

These services provides the ability for hearing- or speech-impaired individuals to communicate, by wire or radio, with a hearing individual in a manner that is functionally equivalent to communication by an individual without a hearing or speech impairment. This definition includes telecommunication relay services that enable two-way communications between an individual who uses a TDD or other non-voice terminal device and an individual who does not use such a device.

1.3.57 Telematics

Personal safety devices utilizing a combination of electronic sensors, wireless communications technologies, and/or location determination technologies to signal or notify Telematics service providers when

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assistance is required. While Telematics devices are used for non-emergency purposes such as roadside assist or concierge services, navigation assistance, and vehicle tracking, the services described herein are specifically designed to facilitate the delivery of emergency Telematics calls to the appropriate responding agencies, where facilities permit.

1.3.58 Time Division Multiplexing (TDM)

A digital multiplexing technique for combining a number of signals into a single transmission facility by interweaving pieces from each source into separate time slots.

1.3.59 Wire Center

The building that houses the local switching equipment (Central Offices) from which exchange and private line services are furnished and where cable facilities are terminated.

1.3.60 Wire Center Serving Area

The area of the exchange served by a single wire center.

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2            **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

2.1           **Undertaking of the Company**

Company intends to offer 9-1-1 emergency services to government and quasi-government Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and may also provide other local exchange telecommunications services and interexchange telecommunications services including, but not limited to, business resold and facilities-based local, interexchange, bundled interexchange, and wholesale or carrier-to-carrier Next Generation 9-1-1 services, including bundles of data, voice and/or wireless services in support of Next Generation 9-1-1 service. Applicant will not provide residential telecommunications services.

2.2           **Obligations of the Customer**

2.2.1           The customer shall be responsible for:

2.2.1.1        Making proper application for service; placing any necessary orders, entering and into a Customer Agreement or SOA with the Company; complying with the Customer Agreement or SOA and guide regulations; payment of all applicable charges for services pursuant to this guide; and not creating, or allowing to be placed, any liens or other encumbrances on Company equipment or facilities.

2.2.1.2        In the case of damage to, or destruction of, any of the Company's equipment, instruments, apparatus, accessories or wiring due to the negligence or willful act of the Customer and not due to ordinary wear and tear, the Customer will be held responsible for the cost of restoring the equipment, instruments, apparatus, accessories or wiring to its original condition, or of replacing the equipment, instruments, apparatus, accessories or wiring destroyed. The Customer is required to reimburse the Company for loss, through theft, of equipment, instruments, apparatus, accessories or wiring furnished to the Customer.

2.2.1.3        All operations at the Customer's premises will be performed at the expense of the Customer and will be required to conform to whatever rules and regulations the Company may adopt as necessary in order to maintain a proper standard of service.

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- 2.2.1.4 The Customer is responsible for arranging access to its premises at times mutually agreeable to the Company and the Customer when required for the Company's personnel to install, repair, maintain, program, inspect, or remove equipment for the provision of the Company's services.
- 2.2.1.5 The Customer shall ensure that the equipment and/or system is properly interfaced with Company facilities or services, that the signals emitted into the 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 Guide and any service agreement between the Customer and the Company and that the signals do not damage equipment, injure personnel, or degrade service to other Customers. If the Federal Communications Commission or some other appropriate certifying body certifies terminal equipment as being technically acceptable for direct electrical connection with interstate communications service, the Company will permit such equipment to be connected with its channels without use of protective interface devices. If the Customer fails to maintain the equipment and/or the system properly, with resulting imminent harm to Company equipment, personnel, or the quality of service to other Customers, the Company may, upon written notice, require the use of protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this fails to produce satisfactory quality and safety, the Company may, upon five (5) days written notice via first class U.S. mail, terminate the Customer's service.
- 2.2.1.6 The Customer is required to provide adequate building space, lighting and atmospheric control for the proper installation, operation and maintenance of the equipment and facilities placed by the Company on the Customer's premises. When Company equipment, installed on the Customer's premises, requires power for its operation, the Customer is required to provide such power. The Customer is required to provide adequate commercial power, wiring, electrical outlets, and environmentally appropriate conditions necessary for the proper operation of the Company's equipment on the Customer's premises.
- 2.2.1.7 Customer shall obtain, maintain, and otherwise having full responsibility for all rights-of-way and conduits necessary for installation of communications cable and associated equipment used to provide services to the Customer from the cable building entrance or property line to the location of the equipment space. Any and all costs associated with obtaining and maintaining the rights-of-way described herein, including the
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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 and entering into a Customer Agreement or SOA with the Customer.

- 2.2.2 To the extent caused by any negligent or intentional act of the Customer, 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 the Company to any third party pursuant to this guide, any other guide of the Company, or with the Service Order Agreement, or otherwise, for any interruption of, interference to, or other defect in any service provided by the Company to such third party.
- 2.2.3 The Customer will be liable for damages to the facilities of the Company and for all incidental and consequential damages caused by the negligent or intentional 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.
- 2.2.4 The 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 guide or the SOA including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or other defects or misrepresentations, whether or not such other Customer or Joint or Authorized Users 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 guide 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.
- 2.3 **Liability of the Company**
- 2.3.1 THE COMPANY MAKES NO WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF
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**MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE,  
EXCEPT THOSE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN.**

Acceptance of the provisions of Section 2.3 by the Commission does not constitute its determination that any disclaimer or warranties or representations imposed by the Company should be upheld in a court of law.

Failure by the Company to assert its rights pursuant to one provision of this guide does not preclude the Company from asserting its rights under other provisions.

In view of the fact that the Customer has exclusive control of its communications over the facilities furnished it by the Company, and of the other uses for which facilities may be furnished it by the Company, and because of unavoidable errors incidental to the services and to the use of such facilities of the Company, the services and facilities furnished by the Company are subject to the following terms, conditions and limitations.

The Company shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the Customer from and against all loss, liability, damage and expense due to the following:

Any act or omission of: (a) the Customer, (b) any other entity furnishing service, equipment or facilities for use in conjunction with services or facilities provided by the Company; or (c) common carriers, except as contracted by the Company.

Any delay or failure of performance or equipment due to causes beyond the Company's control, including but not limited to, fires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, or other catastrophes; national emergencies, acts of terrorism, insurrections, riots, wars or other civil commotions; strikes, lockouts, work stoppages or other labor difficulties; criminal actions taken against the Company; unavailability, failure or malfunction of equipment or facilities provided by the Customer or third parties; any law, order, regulation or other action of any governing authority or agency thereof

Any unlawful or unauthorized use of Company facilities and services.

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Libel, slander, invasion of privacy or infringement of patents, trade secrets, or copyrights arising from or in connection with the material transmitted by means of Company- provided facilities or services; or by means of the combination of Company-provided facilities or services.

Breaches in the privacy or security of communications transmitted over Company facilities.

Changes in any of the facilities, operations or procedures of the Company that render any equipment, facilities or services provided by the Customer obsolete, or require modification or alteration of such equipment, facilities or services, or otherwise affect their use or performance, except where reasonable notice is required by the Company and is not provided to the Customer, in which event the Company liability is limited as set forth in section 2.3.1.1.1.

Defacement of or damage to Customer Premises resulting from the furnishing of services or equipment on such Premises or the installation or removal thereof.

Injury to property or injury or death to persons, including claims for payments made under Workers' Compensation law or under any plan for employee disability or death benefits, arising out of, or caused by, any act or omission of the Customer, or the construction, installation, maintenance, presence, use or removal of the Customer's facilities or equipment connected, or to be connected to Company facilities.

Any non-completion of calls due to network busy conditions.

Any calls not actually attempted to be completed during any period that service is unavailable.

Any other claims resulting from any act or omission of the Customer or patron(s) of the Customer relating to the use of Company services or facilities.

2.3.1.1 Limitations

2.3.1.1.1 Except as otherwise provided herein, no liability for direct, incidental punitive or consequential damages shall attach to the Company, its officers, directors, agents, servants or employees, for damages or costs

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arising from errors, mistakes, omissions, interruptions, failures, delays, or defects or malfunctions of equipment or facilities, in the course of establishing, furnishing, maintaining, rearranging, moving, terminating, or changing the service(s) or facilities (including the obtaining or furnishing of information in respect thereof or with respect to the Customer or users of the service or facilities) in the absence of gross negligence or willful and wanton conduct, whether a claim for such liability is premised upon breach of contract, breach of warranty, fulfillment of warranty, negligence, strict liability, misrepresentation, fraud, or any other theories of liability.

2.3.1.1.2 The remedy against the Company for an interruption or failure of service resulting from errors, mistakes, omissions, interruptions, failures, delays, or defects or malfunctions of equipment or facilities shall be as follows: At the Company's option, the Company shall either repair or replace any item of its facilities or defective part thereof at Company's expense.

### 2.3.2 Service Irregularities

2.3.2.1 Nothing in this guide shall be construed to limit the Company's liability in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

2.3.2.2 The Company does not transmit messages but offers the use of its facilities, when available, for communications between parties, each of which is present at a telephone or communications device.

2.3.2.3 **Connections with Other Telecommunications Providers**  
When the Company uses the facilities or services of other companies to establish connections or provide services to Customer, the Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of the other company or companies, their agents, or employees, that limit the ability of Company to provide services to Customer as described in the SOA and this guide.

### 2.3.3 Maintenance and Repair

2.3.3.1 All ordinary expense of maintenance and repair in connection with services provided by the Company is borne by the Company unless otherwise specified.

2.3.3.2 At the Customer's request, non-service affecting maintenance and repair may be performed outside the Company's regular business hours or, in the Company's sole discretion and subject to any conditions it may

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

2.3.3.3 Nonrecurring charges do not apply to repair service.

2.3.4 Database Errors or Omissions

2.3.4.1 Notwithstanding any other provisions herein, the Company expressly denies any representation or warranty that database records, data, or other information created, utilized or furnished hereunder will be furnished without interruption or free of errors or omissions. In no event shall the Company, its officers, directors, agents, servants, or employees, be liable for direct, incidental, punitive, or consequential damages for damages or costs arising from any such interruptions, errors, or omissions, whether a claim for such liability is premised upon breach of contract, breach of warranty, fulfillment of warranty, negligence, strict liability, misrepresentation, fraud, or any other theories of liability.

2.3.5 Limitation of Liability

2.3.5.1 Nothing in this guide shall be construed to limit the Company's liability in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

2.4 **Application for Service**

2.4.1 Applications for establishment of service must be made to the Company in writing. These applications become contracts upon approval by the Company and the Customer or the establishment of service, and shall be subject at all times to the lawful rates, charges and regulations of the Company.

2.4.1.1 Requests from Customers for additional service or equipment must be made in writing and, upon approval of installation of the service, become a part of the original contract, except that each additional item is subject to the appropriate Guide rates, charges and initial contract period, if any.

- 2.4.1.2 Any change in rates, charges or regulations authorized by the legally constituted authorities will act as a modification of all contracts to that extent without further notice.
- 2.4.2 Initial Contract Period
- 2.4.2.1 Service is provided on month-to-month or on a term agreement basis. The Initial Contract Period is one (1) year unless otherwise specified in this guide or mutually agreed upon by contract. Penalties may apply for early termination of the Customer Agreement and/or Service Order Agreement (SOA).
- 2.4.2.2 Except as otherwise stated in this guide or a Customer Agreement and/or SOA, at the expiration of the initial term specified in each or in any extension thereof, service shall be renewed automatically for a one (1) year term upon written notification to the Customer 60 days prior to the expiration of the initial term, unless the Customer provides notice of intent not to renew such agreement at least 60 days prior to the end of the initial or any additional term. Termination shall not relieve the Customer of its obligations to pay any charges incurred under the Customer Agreement and/or Service Order Agreement and this guide prior to termination. The rights and obligations that by their nature extend beyond the termination of the term shall survive such termination.
- 2.4.3 Cancellation and Deferments
- 2.4.3.1 When the Company advises a Customer that ordered services are available on the requested due date, and the Customer is unable or unwilling to accept service at that time, the facilities will be held available for the Customer for a 30 business day grace period. If after 30 business days the Customer has still not accepted service, regular monthly billing for the ordered services may begin, or the facilities will be released for other service order activity, and cancellation charges (non-recurring charges that would have applied had the service been installed) may be applied. These cancellation and deferment provisions apply to requests for all Company services.
- 2.5 **Payment for Service**
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- 2.5.1 The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for facilities and services furnished the Customer, including charges for services originated, or charges accepted, at such facilities.
- 2.5.2 Customers will be billed directly by the Company and charges will be included in the Customer's regular bill pursuant to billing and collection agreements established by the Company with the applicable Customer.
- 2.5.3 Unless otherwise specified, all charges for Company-provided services, equipment and facilities, exclusive of usage or transaction sensitive charges, start the day after service is installed, continue through the day service is disconnected and are payable monthly in advance. Charges for usage or transaction related services are payable monthly for services used in the previous billing cycle, except the Company reserves the right to require payment of such charges at more frequent intervals.
- 2.5.4 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.
- 2.5.5 In the event a Customer is indebted to the Company for charges and services previously rendered in New York, or for service under one or more accounts at the same location, and the Customer does not pay the charges or satisfy such indebtedness, the Company may charge and bill such indebtedness against other accounts of this Customer.
- 2.5.6 In the event that payment from a Customer is less than the total amount of all charges owing to the Company and the Customer does not specifically designate the manner in which he wishes to apply said payment, then the Company may apply all or any part of the payments received to such accounts or indebtedness in any manner that the Company deems appropriate.
- 2.5.7 Except as otherwise specified, where the rate to be charged for a particular service is determined by applying a percentage or similar factor to a quoted rate, and such computation results in a fraction, the charge for the service shall be computed to the nearest cent, a half cent being increased to the next higher cent.
- 2.5.8 The furnishing of services, equipment and facilities and any indebtedness resulting therewith shall not result in a lien, mortgage or other security
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- interest in any real or personal property of the Customer, unless such indebtedness has been reduced to judgment.
- 2.5.9 Service may be discontinued or refused to a Customer for the nonpayment of any sum for service furnished in the State of New York or for the provision of facilities which also have been provided in New York.
- 2.5.10 Unless otherwise specified, in the event it becomes necessary for service to be discontinued to a Customer for nonpayment, a written notice of at least seven days (measured from the date of mailing) will be given to the Customer advising the Customer of the amount due and the date by which the same must be paid to avoid service being discontinued. If the Customer fails to pay or make suitable arrangements for payment by said due date, the Company may suspend the service or discontinue the service and remove any or all of the Company's equipment from the Customer's premises.
- 2.5.11 Payment of bills for service may be made by any means mutually acceptable to the Customer and the Company. Payment that is not honored or paid by the payer's designated financial institution will be considered as nonpayment. A returned payment charge is applicable to the account for each occasion that a payment is returned to the Company for reason of insufficient funds or closed account.
- Returned Payment Charge: \$20
- 2.5.12 Customers may have the following options as to the method of paying bills for Company provided service(s):
- If by U.S. Mail, by check or money order only;
  - By any means acceptable to financial institutions and the Company.
- 2.5.13 Payments received by the Company on or before the due date on the Customer's bill will be considered timely. The following billing information shall be remitted with payment:
- Customer's name;
  - Customer's telephone number
  - Customer's address;
  - Customer's Account Code (if applicable);
  - Customer's account type;
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- Amount of payment;
- Other information as required by the service agreement.

2.5.14 Payments received by the Company after the due and payable date on the Customer's bill may result in discontinuance of the Customer's service.

2.5.15 The Company will not be responsible if a Customer's service is discontinued after payment has been remitted, unless the payment is timely, as set forth in 2.5.13, or, if the payment is not timely, the requirements of 2.5.14. have not been met.

2.5.16 **Incomplete Calls**  
There shall be no charge for incomplete calls. No charge will be levied for unanswered calls. Customers will receive credit for calls placed to a wrong number if the customer notifies the Company of the error

## 2.6 **Customer Deposits**

2.6.1 The Company does not collect customer deposits.

## 2.7 **Late Payment Charges**

2.7.1 A maximum late payment charge of 1.5% per month applies to all billed balances that are not paid by the billing date shown on the next bill and may not exceed 5% of the total original unpaid charges. Billed balances upon which late charges are calculated do not include any charges billed as local taxes.

2.7.2 Collection procedures and temporary disconnection of service are unaffected by the application of a late charge. The late payment charge does not extend the time for payment or otherwise enlarge or change the rights of a Customer. Notice of intention to pay late will not avoid this charge

2.7.3 The late payment charge does not apply to the following:

- Bills mailed more than ten days after bill date.
- Final bills.
- One time miscellaneous bills.

- Billed amounts under dispute that are resolved to the Company's satisfaction in the Customer's favor.
- Payments received within 15 days of the billing invoice date.

## 2.8 **Customer Complaints and Billing Disputes**

- 2.8.1 Customers may notify the carrier of billing or other disputes either orally or in writing. There is no time limit for submitting disputes.
- 2.8.2 The Company provides the following toll free number (1-844-291-6988) for customers to contact the carrier.
- 2.8.3 The Company will not collect attorney fees or court costs from customers.

## 2.9 **Taxes and Fees**

- 2.9.1 Rate schedules of the Company in New York do not include any municipal, license, franchise, or occupation tax, costs of furnishing service without charge, or similar taxes or impositions on the Company.
- 2.9.2 The amount paid by the Company to a municipality as a cost of doing business within that municipality under a franchise, or pursuant to a license or occupation tax levied by the municipality, will be added to the bill for service to the Company's Customers within such municipality and for the privilege of employment within the municipality shall be so surcharged.
- 2.9.3 All state and local taxes and fees shall be listed as separate line items on the Customer's bill.
- 2.9.4 If a municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government, or the Commission imposes and collects from the company a gross receipts tax, occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee, or regulatory fee, such taxes and fees shall, as allowed by law, be billed pro rata to the Customer receiving service from the Company within the territorial limits of such municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government.
- 2.9.5 Service shall not be subject to taxes for a given taxing jurisdiction if the Customer provides the Company with written verification, acceptable to
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the company and to the relevant taxing jurisdiction, that the Customer has been granted a tax exemption.

**2.10 Adjustment of Charges**

**2.10.1 Service Interruptions**

2.10.2 For the purpose of applying this provision, the word “interruption” shall mean the inability to complete calls either incoming or outgoing or both. Interruption does not include, and no credit allowance shall be given for, service difficulties such as busy circuits or other network and/or switching capacity shortages or as further defined.

2.10.3 The credit allowance will not apply where service is interrupted by the negligence or willful act of the Customer or the failure of facilities provided by the Customer, or where the Company, pursuant to the terms of the Guide, suspends or terminates service because of unlawful or improper use of the facilities or services, or any other reason covered by the Guide or as further defined.

2.10.4 No credit allowance shall be made for interruptions due to electric power failure where, by the provisions of this Guide, the Customer is responsible for providing electric power.

2.10.5 Should any such error, mistake, omission, interruption, failure, delay, defect or malfunction of equipment or facilities result in an interruption or failure of service to a Customer for more than eight hours during a continuous 24-hour period after being reported by the Customer or discovered by the Company, whichever occurs first, an appropriate adjustment shall be made automatically by the Company to the Customer’s bill. The adjustment, unless further defined, shall be a credit allowance on the monthly bill of 1/30 of the guide monthly rate for all services and facilities affected by such interruption or failure for each occurrence of more than eight hours in a continuous 24-hour time period after notice by the Customer or discovery by the Company, whichever occurs first. Credit allowances in any billing period shall not exceed the total charges for that period for the services and facilities that are affected by the interruption or failure.

2.10.6 In addition and not by way of limitation, in the event that there is a delay in installation of service, if any service date is promised, or any failure to

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service or properly maintain the items of service as provided for herein concerning maintenance or any failure to repair or replace the items of service, then any refunds due, as provided within agreements with the customer, shall be applied.

2.10.7 Under all circumstances set forth above, the Company shall not be liable to the Customer or any other persons for special, incidental, punitive, or consequential damages, losses, expenses, or costs, if any.

2.10.8 Overcharge/Undercharge

2.10.8.1 When a customer has been overcharged, the amount shall be refunded or credited to the customer.

2.10.8.2 When a customer has been undercharged, the amount of undercharge shall be billed to the customer consistent with applicable state rules and/or contractual agreements.

2.11 **Special Services**

In cases where a customer requests special or unique arrangements which may include but are not limited to engineering, conditioning, installation, construction, facilities, assembly, purchase or lease of facilities and/or other special services not offered under this guide, the Company, may provide the requested services. Appropriate recurring charges and/or nonrecurring charges and other terms and conditions will be developed for the customer for the provisioning of such arrangements.

2.11.1 General

2.11.1.1 The rates and charges quoted in the Guides of the Company contemplate the use of service arrangements, equipment and facilities in quantities and types regularly furnished by the Company. Where equipment, facilities, or service arrangements are requested which are not provided for in the Company's applicable Guides, monthly rates and one-time charges, such as nonrecurring and construction charges, will apply based on the circumstances in each case.

2.11.1.2 These special equipment and service items will be provided whenever, in the judgment of the Company, there is a valid reason for providing the service requested. In such cases, the Company reserves the right to

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require an initial contract period commensurate with relevant circumstances.

2.11.1.3 The rates and charges specified contemplate that work will be performed during regular working hours and that work once begun will not be interrupted by the Customer. If, at the request of the Customer, work is performed outside of regular working hours, either to meet the Customer's convenience or because the time allowed is insufficient to permit completion during regular hours or if the Customer interrupts work which has begun, the Customer may be required to pay any additional costs incurred.

2.11.1.4 The rates and charges quoted in the Guides of the Company contemplate the use of standard procedures and practices for furnishing service, equipment and facilities. Where the Customer requests special procedures or practices, such as expedited material handling or shortened installation intervals through the use of overtime, etc., additional rates and charges will apply based on the circumstances in each case. These special practices or procedures will be provided at the discretion of the Company, depending upon each individual case.

## 2.12 **Termination of Service**

2.12.1 Customers may cancel service orally or in writing, unless specified differently within a term agreement. The Company shall hold the Customer responsible for payment of all charges, including fixed fees, surcharges, etc., that accrue through the end of the Customer's bill cycle, unless otherwise noted in the description of the service affected.

2.12.2 If a Customer cancels a Service Order Agreement or terminates services before the completion of the term for any reason whatsoever other than a Service Interruption, the Customer agrees to pay to the Company termination liability charges, as defined below. These charges shall become due as of the effective date of the cancellation or termination.

2.12.3 The Customer's liability for early cancellation or termination of service shall be equal to the following:

2.12.3.1 All unpaid Nonrecurring Charges, less any portion of the underlying cost of the Nonrecurring Charges not yet incurred by the Company in preparing to establish service for the Customer;

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- 2.12.3.2 Any disconnection, early cancellation or termination charges reasonably incurred and paid or owed to third parties by the Company on behalf of the Customer;
- 2.12.3.3 Fifty percent (50%) of the remaining contract value for the services provided under the customer agreement.
- 2.12.3.4 To the extent that there is no other requirement for use by the Company for facilities specially constructed at the request of the Customer pursuant to Section 2.11, termination charges in addition to those described in this Section may apply as determined on an Individual Case Basis.
- 2.12.3.5 Inclusion of termination liability by the Company in this guide or a contract does not constitute a determination by the Commission that the termination liability imposed by the Company is approved or sanctioned by the Commission. Customers shall be free to pursue whatever legal remedies they may have should a dispute arise.
- 2.13 **Provision and Use of Service and Facilities**
- 2.13.1 Customer service will be furnished to Customers for:
- The Customer;
  - The Customer's employees and representatives;
  - Customers who share the Company's service;
  - Joint users of Company provided services.
- 2.13.2 The Company's services may be used for any lawful purpose consistent with the transmission and switching parameters of the telecommunications facilities utilized in the provision of the Company's services.
- 2.13.3 The Company's services are available for use twenty-four (24) hours per day.
- 2.13.4 **Unlawful Use of Service**
- 2.13.4.1 Service shall not be used for any purpose in violation of law or for any use as to which the Customer has not obtained all required governmental
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approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents, and permits. The Company shall refuse to furnish service to an applicant or shall disconnect the service without notice of a Customer when:

- 2.13.4.2 An order shall be issued, signed by a judge finding that probable cause exists to believe that the use made or to be made of the service is prohibited by law, or
- 2.13.4.3 The Company is notified in writing by a law enforcement agency acting within its jurisdiction that any facility furnished by the Company is being used or will be used for the purpose of transmitting or receiving gambling information in interstate or foreign commerce in violation of the law.
- 2.13.4.4 If service has been physically disconnected by law enforcement officials at the Customer's premises and if there is not presented to the Company the written finding of a judge, then upon written or verbal request of the Customer, and agreement to pay restoral of service charges and other applicable service charges, the Company shall promptly restore such service.
- 2.13.5 Obligation to Furnish Service
- 2.13.5.1 The Company's obligation to furnish service or to continue to furnish service is dependent on its ability to obtain, retain, and maintain with just and reasonable earnings, suitable rights and facilities, and to provide for the installation of those facilities required to the furnishing and maintenance of that service. At the option of the Company, in managing its facilities, certain regular service restrictions may be temporarily imposed at locations where new or additional facilities being constructed are not readily available to meet service demands.
- 2.13.5.2 When connections are requested and facilities to provide the required connections at the CO normally designated to serve the premises of the Customer are inadequate, facilities may be furnished from another CO to provide the requested interconnection. Under such circumstances additional monthly rates and installation charges will apply.
- 2.13.6 Limited Communication
- The Company reserves the right to limit use of its services when emergency conditions arise that cause a shortage of facilities.
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2.13.7 Resale/Sharing of Service

Service on Customers' premises furnished by the Company shall not be used for performing any part of the work of transmitting, delivering, or collecting any message where any toll or consideration has been or is to be paid any party other than the Company, without written consent of the Company.

2.14 **Denial of Service**

2.14.1 Denial of Service Without Notice:

The company may discontinue service without notice for any of the following reasons:

2.14.1.1 Hazardous Conditions. The Company may terminate service for a condition on the Customer's premises determined by the Company to be hazardous.

2.14.1.2 Abuse.

Use of service that interferes with another Customer's service or that is used for any purpose other than its express intended purpose, or if a Customer or user causes or permits any signals or voltages to be transmitted over The Company's network in such a manner as to cause a hazard or to interfere with services to other Company Customers.

2.14.1.3 Tampering With Company Property. Customer's tampering with equipment furnished and owned by the Company.

2.14.1.4 Unlawful Use of Service. The service is furnished subject to the condition that it will not be used for an unlawful purpose. Upon request of an order from a court, acting within its jurisdiction, advising that such service is being used or will be used in violation of law, service will be discontinued.

2.14.2 Denial of Service, With Notice:

The Company may discontinue service for any of the following reasons provided it has notified the Customer of its intent, in writing, to deny service and has allowed the Customer a reasonable time of not less than 10 days in which to remove the cause for denial.

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- 2.14.2.1 Failure on Contractual Obligations. For failure of the Customer to fulfill its contractual obligations for service or facilities subject to regulation by the New York Department of Public Service.
- 2.14.2.2 Refusal of Access. For failure of the Customer to permit the Company to have reasonable access to its equipment.
- 2.14.3 Non-Payment of Bill.
- 2.14.3.1 For non-payment of a bill for service, provided that the Company has made a reasonable attempt to effect collection and has given the Customer written notice of its intent to deny service if settlement of its account is not made and provided the Customer has at least 5 days, excluding Sundays and holidays in which to make settlement before its service is denied.
- 2.14.3.2 In cases of bankruptcy, receivership, abandonment of service, or abnormal toll usage less than 5 days' notice may be given if necessary to protect Company revenues.
- 2.14.3.3 Except in cases where a prior promise to pay has not been kept or bankruptcy, receivership, abandoned service, or abnormal toll usage is involved, the Company may not deny service on the day preceding any day on which it is not prepared to accept payment of the amount due and to reconnect service.
- 2.14.3.4 Failure to Comply with Service Conditions. For failure of the Customer to furnish the service equipment, permits, certificates, or rights-of-way, specified by the Company as a condition to obtaining service, or if the equipment or permissions are withdrawn or terminated.
- 2.14.3.5 Failure to Comply with Municipal Ordinances. For failure to comply with municipal ordinances or other laws pertaining to services provided by the Company.
- 2.14.4 The following may not constitute cause for refusal of service to a present or prospective Customer:
- 2.14.4.1 Failure of a prior Customer to pay for service at the premises to be serviced;
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- 2.14.4.2 Failure to pay for a different class of service for a different entity;
- 2.14.4.3 Failure to pay the bill of another Customer as guarantor of that bill;
- 2.14.4.4 Failure to pay directory advertising charges;
- 2.14.4.5 Failure to pay an outstanding bill that is over 7 years old, unless the;
- 2.14.4.6 Outstanding bill is for service obtained by the Customer by means of tampering with equipment furnished by the Company or by unauthorized use of service by any method; or
- 2.14.4.7 Outstanding bill is for service obtained by the Customer by means of an application made:
- (i) In a fictitious name,
  - (ii) In the name of an individual who is not an occupant of the dwelling unit, without disclosure of the individual's actual address,
  - (iii) In the name of a third party without disclosing that fact or without bona fide authority from the third party, or
  - (iv) Without disclosure of a material fact or by misrepresentations of a material fact.
- 2.15 **9-1-1 Emergency Service**
- 2.15.1 The 9-1-1 Emergency Services Customer may be a municipality, other federal, state or local governmental unit, an authorized agent of one or more municipalities or other federal, state or local governmental units to whom authority has been delegated (e.g., PSAP). The Customer must be authorized to subscribe to the service by the Governing Authority and have public safety responsibility to respond to telephone calls from the public for emergency police, fire or other emergency services within the served territory.
- 2.15.2 9-1-1 Emergency Services are provided by the Company where facilities and operating conditions permit.
- 2.15.3 9-1-1 Emergency Services are not intended as a total replacement for the local telephone service of the various public safety agencies that may participate in the use of this service. The Customer must subscribe to
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additional Local Exchange Services for purposes of placing administrative outgoing calls and receiving other calls.

- 2.15.4 Application for 9-1-1 Emergency Services must be executed in writing by the Customer. If execution is by an agent, satisfactory evidence of the appointment must be provided in writing to the Company. At least one local law enforcement agency must be included among the participating agencies.
- 2.15.5 9-1-1 Emergency Services are provided solely for the benefit of the Customer as an aid in handling 9-1-1 calls in connection with fire, police and other emergencies. The provision of 9-1-1 Emergency Services by the Company shall not be interpreted, construed, or regarded, either expressly or implied, as being for the benefit of or creating any relationship with or any Company obligation direct or indirect, to any third person or entity other than the Customer.
- 2.15.6 The Company does not undertake to answer and/or forward 9-1-1 or other emergency calls, but furnishes the use of its facilities to enable the Customer's personnel to respond to such calls.
- 2.15.7 The rates charged for 9-1-1 Emergency Services do not contemplate the inspection or constant monitoring of facilities that are not within the Company's control, nor does the Company undertake such responsibility. The Customer shall make such operational tests that are required in the judgment of the Customer. The Customer shall promptly notify the Company in the event the system is not functioning properly.
- 2.15.8 The Company's liability for any loss or damage arising from errors, interruptions, defects, failures, or malfunctions of this service or any part thereof shall not exceed an amount equivalent to the pro rata charges for the service affected during the period of time that the service was fully or partially inoperative.
- 2.15.9 The Customer must furnish the Company its agreement to the following terms and conditions:
- 2.15.9.1 All 9-1-1 or other emergency calls will be answered on a 24-hour day, seven-day week basis.
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- 2.15.9.2 The Customer has responsibility for dispatching the appropriate emergency services, or will undertake to transfer all emergency calls received to the governmental agency with responsibility for dispatching such services, to the extent that such services are reasonably available.
- 2.15.9.3 The Customer will develop an appropriate method for responding to calls for nonparticipating agencies that may be directed to their PSAP by calling parties.
- 2.15.9.4 The Customer will subscribe to Local Exchange Service at the PSAP location for administrative purposes, for placing outgoing calls, and for receiving other calls.
- 2.15.10 When 9-1-1 ALI Services are provided, the Customer is responsible to:
- 2.15.10.1 Provide information regarding the jurisdictional boundaries associated with all involved public safety agencies.
- 2.15.10.2 Support the creation of a master address file for use in validating user address information and application of appropriate jurisdictional responsibility.
- 2.15.10.3 Define the unique combinations of public safety agencies (police, fire, medical, etc.) responsible for providing emergency response services in any specific geographic location.
- 2.15.11 When the IP Selective Routing is provided, the Customer is responsible for identifying primary and secondary PSAPs associated with the unique combinations noted herein and providing the access or telephone numbers required to support the selective transfer feature of IP Selective Routing.
- 2.15.12 After establishment of service, it is the Customer's responsibility to continue to verify the accuracy of the routing information contained in the master address file, and to advise the Company of any changes in street names, establishment of new streets, closing and abandonment of streets, changes in police, fire, emergency medical or other appropriate agencies' jurisdiction over any address, annexations and other changes in municipal and county boundaries, incorporation of new cities or any other matter that will affect the routing of 9-1-1 calls to the proper PSAP.
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- 2.15.13 The following terms define the Customer's responsibilities with respect to any information provided by the Company to the Customer as part of 9-1-1 ALI Services:
- 2.15.13.1 Such information shall be used by the Customer solely for the purpose of aiding the Customer in identifying, updating and/or verifying the addresses of 9-1-1 callers within the Customer's serving areas in connection with the Customer's provision of emergency response services.
- 2.15.13.2 Customer shall strictly limit access to the information to those authorized employees of the Customer with a need to know and those employees actually engaged in the provision of emergency assistance services.
- 2.15.13.3 Customer shall use due care in providing for the security and confidentiality of the information.
- 2.15.13.4 Customer shall make no copies of the information except as may be essential for the verification of emergency assistance services.
- 2.15.14 Each Customer agrees to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from any and all loss, claims, demands, suits, and other action, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the Customer or by any other party or person: (1) for any personal injury to or death of any person or persons, or for any loss, damage or destruction of any property, whether owned by the Customer or others, and which arises out of the negligence or other wrongful act of the Company, the Customer, its user agencies or municipalities or employees or agents of any one of them, or (2) for any infringement or invasion of the right of privacy of any person or persons, caused or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, location or use of 9-1-1 Emergency Services and the equipment associated therewith, including, but not limited to, the identification of the telephone number, address, or name associated with the telephone number used by the party or parties accessing 9-1-1 Emergency Services hereunder, or (3) arising out of any act or omission of the Customer, in the course of using services provided pursuant to this guide.
- 2.15.15 The Company supports Local Number Portability (LNP) processing, which allows subscribers to switch from one Telecommunications Service Provider (TSP) to another without changing their phone numbers.
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3. **DESCRIPTION OF 9-1-1 SERVICES**

9-1-1 Emergency Services are offered subject to the availability of facilities.

3.1 **9-1-1 Emergency Service**

9-1-1 Emergency Services are telecommunications services that permit a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to receive emergency calls placed by dialing the number 9-1-1 and/or emergency calls originated by personal communications devices.

9-1-1 Emergency Services support interconnection to other TSP's for the purpose of receiving emergency calls originating in the other providers' networks. 9-1-1 Emergency Services include 9-1-1 Routing and Transfer Services that use a call management system to either directly perform the selective routing of an emergency call to the appropriate PSAP, or may be used to hand-off the call to a separate 9-1-1 Service Provider (possibly a legacy 9-1-1 Selective Router) for call completion to the appropriate PSAP. 9-1-1- Emergency Services also provide services of call bridging and post call activity reporting.

9-1-1 ALI Services includes a comprehensive data management and delivery service. ALI Services provide ALI record discrepancy resolution, reporting, and trouble ticketing for all call types. The solution includes a web interface for data queries, MSAG management, and trouble ticketing.

The Customer is the Governing Body that orders service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the terms and conditions of this guide.

9-1-1 Emergency Services are only available under contract with a minimum term agreement of one (1) year.

3.1.1 **9-1-1 Tabular Routing plus ANI**

9-1-1 Tabular Routing Service is a public safety grade, specialized managed network for processing 9-1-1 calls that allows the PSAP to accommodate new technologies while simultaneously enabling more control over 9-1-1 call routing operations. 9-1-1 Routing Service delivers

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emergency calls from both traditional and non-traditional voice networks. In addition to processing traditional TDM voice traffic, 9-1-1 Routing Service also provides IP based call processing capabilities.

The Company's 9-1-1 Routing facilitates interoperability and allows for specialized management of different call types. The Customer can designate, capture, and report on specific instructions for handling each of the following call types:

**Wireline:** Supports traditional wireline emergency calls originating from an end office, central office and/or enterprise PBX over standard based Centralized Automatic Message Accounting (CAMA), both analog and digital interfaces, SS7 and PRI interfaces.

**Wireless:** Supports delivery of wireless 9-1-1 calls to assigned PSAPs. Carriers having the capability to provide wireless handset ANI, cell site and sector and/or longitudinal and latitudinal (x,y) coordinates in the appropriate format, may connect directly to the 9-1-1 Routing Service.

**VoIP:** Supports delivery of VoIP emergency calls originating from a VoIP Service Provider. VoIP Service Providers capable of providing calls and data in the appropriate format can connect directly to the 9-1-1 Routing Service.

#### 3.1.1.1 9-1-1 Tabular Routing Service Features

##### Automatic Number Identification (ANI)

ANI is the feature by which the telephone number or other related routing (pANI) number associated with an inbound 9-1-1 caller is received by the Company's 9-1-1 Emergency Services and passed on to the proper PSAP. The ANI is also used to determine the proper PSAP to receive the inbound call.

#### 3.1.1.2 Selective Routing

The routing of a 9-1-1 call to the proper PSAP based upon the location of the caller. Selective Routing is typically accomplished by mapping the ANI to an ESN that has been derived based on the caller's location. The ESN maps to a specific routing rule that identifies the PSAP and possible alternative destinations.

#### Trunk Only Routing

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Inbound trunks, typically from a given telecommunications carrier, can be designated to route all calls to a given destination, usually a specific PSAP. If Trunk Only Routing is not specified the system will attempt to perform Selective Routing.

#### Default Routing

When an incoming 9-1-1 call cannot be selectively routed due to the reception of an ANI number that is either not stored in the selective router data base, unintelligible ANI or when no ANI number is passed, a predetermined call route will be chosen and the caller will be terminated to the PSAP based upon the incoming trunk facility the call is passed over.

#### PSAP Abandonment Routing

If a situation arises where a PSAP must be closed or evacuated, this feature provides specific routing instructions for delivery of calls to recovery locations.

### 3.1.1.3 9-1-1 Transfer Options

#### Fixed Transfer

Fixed transfer is a feature that enables a PSAP call taker to transfer a 9-1-1 call to a secondary destination (possibly another PSAP) by dialing a pre-assigned speed dial code or by use of a single button on an approved Customer telephone system that dials the appropriate code.

#### Selective Call Transfer

Selective Call Transfer is a feature enabling a PSAP call taker to transfer an incoming 9-1-1 call to another agency by dialing a pre-assigned speed dial code associated with police, fire or medical agencies or by use of a single button on an approved Customer telephone system that dials the appropriate code. The specific transfer destination is determined by the caller's originating location as specified by the ESN.

#### Manual Transfer

A PSAP call taker may transfer an incoming call manually by depressing the hook switch of the associated telephone or the "add" button on approved Customer telephone system, and dialing either an appropriate seven or 10-digit telephone number.

#### Alternate Routing

The overflow call disposition transfer feature enables the ability for callers to be terminated either to a previously designated alternate call center, a prerecorded message or to a busy tone when all PSAP trunks are busy.

3.1.1.4 **Call Event Logging**

The call event logging feature delivers reporting information containing the ANI received from a 9-1-1 call, the identity of the incoming trunk the Selective Router received the call over, the identity of the outgoing PSAP trunk the call is terminated to, and the date and time the call was delivered to its target destination, transferred and/or disconnected.

3.1.2 **9-1-1 ALI Services**

9-1-1 ALI Services are described below. Any additional features or functionality requested by the Customer may be considered on an ICB basis.

3.1.2.1 **MSAG Management**

The Company provides a data management and administration tool that automates the viewing and communication of updates, insertions, and deletions to the MSAG database.

3.1.2.2 **Database Standards Compliance**

The Company acts as the facilitator with the addressing authority in the maintenance of the MSAG utilizing recognized National Emergency Number Association (NENA) recommended standards.

3.1.2.3 **Subscriber Record Management**

Subscriber Record Management is the collection of service order records from TSP's, validation of those records against the MSAG, and storage of the records for the generation of the ALI database.

3.1.2.4 **ALI Database Updates**

After processing and validating subscriber record updates, the Company processes ALI records for call routing and for retrieval and display by the PSAP during 9-1-1 calls.

3.1.2.5 **ANI/ALI Discrepancy Resolution**

An ANI/ALI discrepancy occurs when an ALI record delivered to a PSAP does not match the information of the caller. The Company will investigate

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ANI/ALI discrepancy reports and refer each discrepancy to the respective TSP for resolution.

3.1.2.6 **Misroute Resolution**

An ANI/ALI misroute occurs when a 9-1-1 call is delivered to the incorrect PSAP. The Company investigates ANI/ALI misroute reports and refers each misroute report to the TSP for resolution.

3.1.2.7 **No Record Found (NRF) Resolution**

An NRF occurs when the ANI provided does not exist in the ALI database and/or when NRF is displayed at the PSAP. The Company will resolve or refer each NRF to the respective TSP for resolution.

3.1.2.8 **ALI Delivery**

ALI Delivery provides location information via the ALI Data Access Connections to a PSAP during a 9-1-1 call.

3.1.2.9 **Data Support of Wireless and VoIP 9-1-1**

The Company's database management systems support both Phase I and Phase II wireless and VoIP 9-1-1 call processing. This includes the E2 interface used by wireless service providers to communicate 9-1-1 caller location information to the ALI database.

3.1.2.10 **ALI Metrics Reporting**

The Company provides access to reports that provide details on data transactions, the number of records processed, and the number of errors.

3.1.3 **Network Elements**

The Company's solution utilizes a redundant, secure IP infrastructure. Facilities and nodes are geographically diverse and are equipped with physically redundant data communications and power equipment that allow for continuous operation and reliability. The Company Network Elements are described below and are referenced in the Network Element Diagram in this Section.

3.1.3.1 **IP Transport from Data Center to PSAP Call Handling System Host**

The Company will provide the points of ingress (for interconnection) where the TDM trunks and/or SIP circuits of other providers will terminate. The IP network connects the Data Center to the Call Handling System Host.

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3.1.3.1.1

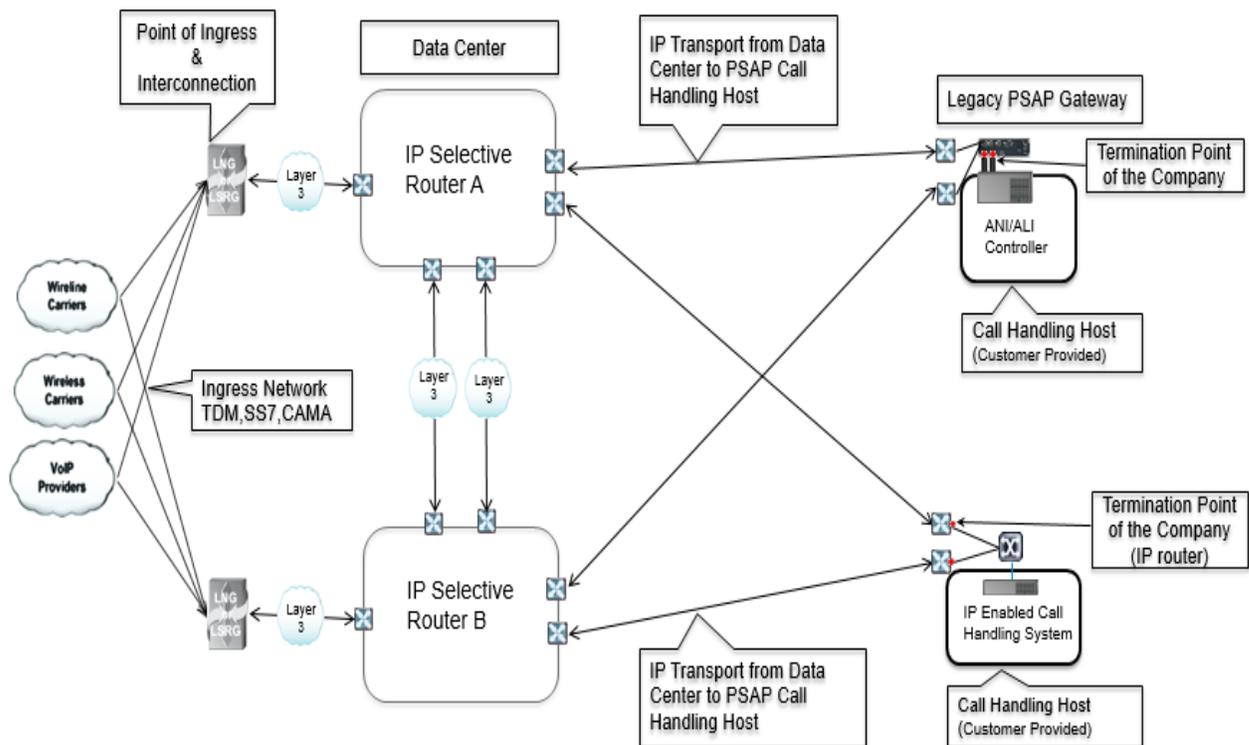
**Ingress Network**

The Point of Ingress and Interconnection for the Originating Service Provider (OSP) is the Legacy Network Gateway (LNG). The Point of Ingress and interconnection for a Legacy 9-1-1 Service Provider, if any, is the Legacy Selective Router Gateway (LSRG).

**Egress Network**

The Company will terminate its IP transport to 1) the Legacy PSAP Gateway where the PSAP 9-1-1 analog trunks terminate or when the Company is to connect to an IP Enabled Call Handling System, the Company will terminate its IP transport 2) to the IP router serving the IP Enabled Call Handling System.

**Network Element Diagram**



3.1.3.2

**Exclusions:**

For the purpose of clarity, any network elements not described in Section 3.1.3.1 are excluded. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of clarity, the following are excluded from Network Elements.

- 3.1.3.2.1 9-1-1 Call Handling System Host(s) to the 9-1-1 Call Handling Work Stations.
  - 3.1.3.2.2 Inter-tandem trunks to remote tandems (tandems outside the PSAP serving area) for the purpose of call transfer.
  - 3.1.3.2.3 10 digit lines for the purpose of call transfer/conference. Administrative lines.
  - 3.1.3.2.4 End Office to Tandem Trunks (if charged by local LEC)
  - 3.1.3.2.5 Non-IP Selective Router to PSAP trunks (administrative lines or point-to-point TDM trunks for ALI)
  - 3.1.3.2.6 Inter-tandem trunks to LEC 9-1-1 Tandems
  - 3.1.3.2.7 ALI circuits to ALI database (when database provided by other than Airbus)
  - 3.1.3.2.8 ALI maintenance terminal circuits
  - 3.1.3.2.9 Diversity/Disaster Trunking
  - 3.2 **Reserved for Future Use (NG9-1-1)**
  - 3.3 **Private Switch 9-1-1 (PS9-1-1)**  
Private Switch/Location Database Service may be provided upon request and subject to the availability of facilities.
  - 4. **Description of Other Services and Offerings**
  - 4.1 **Trial Services**
  - 4.1.1 The Company may offer new services, not otherwise included herein, from time to time on a trial basis subject to Commission approval. Such trials are limited to a maximum of six months at which time the trial offering must be either withdrawn or made available on permanent basis.
  - 4.2 **Promotional Offerings**
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- 4.2.1 The Company may offer existing services on a promotional basis, subject to Commission approval, that provides special rates, terms, or conditions of service. Promotional offerings are limited to a maximum of six months at which time the promotional offering must be either withdrawn or made available on a permanent basis. All promotions, regardless of whether services are given away for free, are subject to Commission approval. The Company may file a promotional offering on one days notice to the Commission.
- 4.3 **Individual Case Basis (“ICB”) Offerings**
- 4.3.1 The guide may not specify the price of a service in the guide as ICB. The Company may or may not have an equivalent service in its guide on file with the Commission, and the quoted ICB rates may be different than the guide rates. An ICB must be provided under contract to a customer and the contract filed (can be under seal) with the Commission. All customers have non-discriminatory access to requesting the service under an ICB rate.
- 4.4 **Customized Pricing Arrangements (“CPAs”) Offerings**
- 4.4.1 The Company may offer CPAs to eligible customers. Each CPA is customized to meet the specific needs of a customer. Rates quoted are different from the guide rates. CPA rates must be provided under contract to a customer and the contract filed (can be under seal) with the Commission.

**5. Rates & Charges**

		Monthly Rate Per Person Served <sup>2</sup>
5.1	<b>9-1-1 Emergency Service <sup>1</sup></b>	
5.1.1	<b>9-1-1 Tabular Routing + 9-1-1 ANI</b> (Reference: Section 3.1.1)	\$0.10
5.1.2	<b>9-1-1 ALI Database (DB) Services + DB Management</b> (Reference: Section 3.1.2)	\$0.025
5.1.3	<b>9-1-1 Network Elements</b> (Reference: Section 3.1.3)	\$0.025
5.1.4	<b>9-1-1 Tabular Routing + 9-1-1 ANI + 9-1-1 ALI DB Services + DB Management + 9-1-1 Network Elements</b> (Reference: Section 3.1.1 – 3.1.3)	\$0.12

**5.2 Reserved for Future Use (NG9-1-1)**

**5.3 Private Switch 9-1-1 (PS9-1-1)**

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**5.4 Charges for Service Order, Moves, Changes, & Customer Premises Visits**

	<b>Base Charge</b>	<b>Additional Charge</b>
<b>Service Charge for Premises Visit</b>	\$150.00	N/A
<b>Changes to Customer Definable Features</b>		
First three (3) requests during calendar month	No Charge	N/A
Fourth (4 <sup>th</sup> ) and succeeding request during a calendar month	\$150.00/request	N/A
<b>Record Order Change</b>	\$75.00	N/A

<sup>1</sup> Additional charges may be rendered by other local exchange carriers in connection with the provisioning of 9-1-1 Emergency Service to the Customer.

<sup>2</sup> Persons Served is calculated by taking the most recent county population as estimated by the U.S. Census Bureau data (<http://www.census.gov/popest/counties/>). PSAPs that serve an area that crosses county boundaries, or encompasses only a portion of a county, the number of persons served will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The number of persons served is subject to annual review and sizing using the most recent U.S. Census Bureau data.

- 5.4.1 Service Charges for Premises Visits apply to visits to the Customer's Premises by a Company employee, agent or contractor when the service difficulty or trouble report that initiated the visit results from the use of equipment or facilities provided by any party other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer.
- 5.4.2 Service Charge for Premises Visits hourly rate is based on a two (2)-hour minimum, including travel time, during normal business hours (8:00am - 5:00pm local time, Monday through Friday). Additional charges will be based on a higher hourly rate that applies for each hour, or fraction thereof, that a Company employee, agent or contractor spends at the Customer's Premises outside of normal business hours, or during weekends or holidays. The two (2)-hour minimum, at the higher hourly rate, applies to Premises Visits that begin before or end after normal business hours and on weekends and holidays. The Customer will be provided a schedule of hourly rates that apply outside of normal business hours and during weekends and holidays.
- 5.4.3 Charges for Changes to Customer Definable Features include, but are not limited to, requests for changes to Customer's definable features which include: Default Routing, Alternate Routing, and Call Transfer. Charges apply to the number of requests for changes, not the number of changes per request.
- 5.4.4 Additional charges will apply for Customer request to move existing service. Such charges are dependent on the unique circumstances of each Customer and will be determined individually.
- 5.4.5 Record Order Change applies to Customer-initiated requests that involve changes in Company records.