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### Section 1 - APPLICATION OF TARIFF

### 1.1 Application of Tariff

This Tariff sets forth the regulations and rates applicable to services provided by **Zynoh Communications, Inc.**, as follows:

The furnishing of intrastate communications services by virtue of one-way and/or two-way information transmission between points within the State of New York.

1.1.1 Service Territory

**Zynoh Communications, Inc.** will provide prepaid calling cards and prepaid calling card services in the areas located: all counties within the State of New York based upon distribution through retailers who shall sell cards to end-users.

1.1.2 Availability

Service is available where facilities permit.

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#### SECTION 2 - GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### 2.1 USE OF FACILITIES AND SERVICE

#### 2.1.1 Obligation of the Company

In furnishing facilities and service, the Company does not undertake to transmit messages, but furnishes the use of its facilities to its customers for communications. Specifically **Zynoh Communications, Inc.**'s services shall be limited to the furnishing of prepaid calling cards (also called Prepaid Phone Cards). All services furnished to end-users in the State of New York shall be on a prepaid basis via prepaid calling cards.

The Company's obligation to furnish service is dependent upon its ability (a) to secure and retain, without unreasonable expense, suitable facilities and rights for the construction and maintenance of the necessary circuits and equipment; (b) to secure and retain, without unreasonable expense, suitable space for its plant and facilities in the building where service is or will be provided to the customer; or (c) to secure reimbursement of all costs where the owner or operator of a building demands relocation or rearrangement of plant and facilities used in providing service therein.

The Company shall not be required to furnish, or continue to furnish, facilities or service where the circumstances are such that the proposed use of the facilities or service would tend to adversely affect the Company's plant, property or service.

When and if applicable in the furnishing of Prepaid Calling Card Services, the Company reserves the right to refuse an application for service made by a present or former customer who is indebted to the Company for service previously rendered pursuant to this Tariff until the indebtedness is satisfied.

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#### SECTION 2 - GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

#### 2.1 USE OF FACILITIES AND SERVICE (cont'd)

### 2.1.2 Limitations on Liability

#### a. Indemnification by Customer

The customer and any authorized or joint users, jointly and severally shall indemnify, defend and hold the Company harmless against claims, loss, damage, expense (including attorneys' fees and court costs) for libel, slander, or infringement of copyright arising from the material transmitted over its facilities; against claims for infringement of patents arising from combining with, or using in connection with, facilities of the Company, equipment and systems of the customer; and against all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in connection with facilities provided by the Company or the customer. In the event any such infringing use is enjoined, the customer, authorized user or joint user at its option and expense, shall obtain immediately a dismissal or stay of such injunction, obtain a license or other agreement so as to extinguish any claim of infringement, or terminate the claimed infringing use or modify such infringement.

#### b. Customer-Provided Equipment

The Company does not contemplate utilizing Customer-Provided Equipment as part of the Prepaid Calling Card Services it furnishes. In the event of Customer-Provided Equipment service offerings, the service and facilities furnished by the Company are subject to the following limitations: the Company shall not be liable for damage arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission or other injury, including but not limited to injuries to persons or property from voltages or currents transmitted over the facilities of the Company caused by customer-provided equipment or premises wire.

#### c. Use of Facilities of Other Companies

When the facilities of other companies are used in establishing a connection, the Company is not liable for any act, error, omission, or interruption caused by the other company or their agents or employees. This includes the provision of a signaling system database by another company.

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### 2.1 USE OF FACILITIES AND SERVICE (cont'd)

#### 2.1.3 Use Of Service

The customer remains solely responsible for all use of service pursuant to this Tariff, for determining who is authorized to use its service, and for promptly notifying the Company of any unauthorized use.

# 2.1.4 Use and Ownership of Equipment

No equipment is provided Customer as a part of Company's Prepaid Calling Card Services.

### 2.1.5 Directory Errors

The Company shall not offer Directory Services in connection with their Prepaid Calling Cards. In the event such services are offered to Customers, the following shall apply:

In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct and except for the allowances stated below, no liability for damages arising from errors or mistakes in or omissions of directory listings, or errors or mistakes in or omissions of listings obtainable from the directory assistance operator, including errors in the reporting thereof, shall attach to the Company.

An allowance for errors or mistakes in or omissions of published directory listings or for errors or mistakes in or omissions of listings obtainable from the directory assistance operator shall be given as follows:

1) Free Listings: For free or no-charge published directory listings, credit shall be given at the rate of two times the monthly tariff rate for an additional or charge listing for each individual, auxiliary or party line, PBX trunk or Centrex attendant loop affected, for the life of the directory or the charge period during which the error, mistake or omission occurs.

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# 2.1 USE OF FACILITIES AND SERVICE (cont'd)

### 2.1.5 Directory Errors

- 2) Charge Listings: For additional or charge published directory listings, credit shall be given at the monthly tariff rate for each such listing for the life of the directory or the charge period during which the error, mistake or omission occurs.
- Operator records: For free or charge listings obtainable from records used by the directory assistance operator, upon notification to the Company of the error, mistake or omission in such records by the subscriber, the Company shall be allowed a period of three business days to make a correction. If the correction is not made in that time, credit shall be given at the rate of 2/30ths of the basic monthly rate for the line or lines in question for each day thereafter that the records remain uncorrected. (Where Centrex attendant loops are involved, credit shall be given at the rate of 2/30ths of the basic monthly rate for PBX trunks.)
- 4) Credit limitation: The total amount of the credit provided for the preceding paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 shall not exceed, on a monthly basis, the total of the charges for each charge listing plus the basic monthly rate, as specified in paragraph 3, for the line or lines in question.
- Definitions: As used in Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 above, the terms "error," "mistake" or "omission" shall refer to a discrepancy in the directory listing or directory assistance records which the Company has failed to correct and where the error affects the ability to locate a particular subscriber's correct telephone number. The terms shall refer to addresses only to the extent that an error, mistake or omission of an address places the subscriber on an incorrect street or in an incorrect community.
- Notice: Such allowances or credits as specified in Paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 above, shall be given upon notice to the Company by the subscriber that such error, mistake or omission has occurred; provided, however, that when it is administratively feasible for the Company to have knowledge of such error, mistake or omission, the Company shall give credit without the requirement of notification by the subscribers.

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#### 2.2 MINIMUM PERIOD OF SERVICE

The minimum period of service of the Company's Calling Cards is ninety days except as otherwise provided in this Tariff.

#### 2.3 FLEXIBLE PRICING

#### 2.3.1 General

No Flex Pricing will be utilized by the Company in furnishing Prepaid Calling Cards.

#### 2.4 PAYMENT FOR SERVICE RENDERED

#### 2.4.1 Responsibility for All Charges

The customer is responsible for all local and toll calls and where any person answers the customer's dialed number accessed through the Company's Prepaid Calling Card.

### 2.4.2 Deposits

Not Applicable to the Company's Service Offering: the Company's Services are furnished on a Prepaid Basis with no Deposit required by Customers and/or End-Users.

#### 2.4.3 Payment of Charges

Not Applicable to the Company's Service Offering: all charges for facilities and service, other than usage charges, are charge at the time of usage of the Prepaid Calling Card.

#### 2.4.4 Return Check Charge

Not Applicable to the Company's Service Offering: the Company will not bill post paid services and no checks will be accepted by the Company for Services furnished to end-users.

#### 2.4.5 Late Payment Charges

Not Applicable to the Company's Service Offering: the Company will not bill post paid services and no late payment charges will be applied by the Company for Services furnished to end-users.

#### 2.4.6 Customer Overpayments

Not Applicable to the Company's Service Offering: the Company will not bill post paid services and no over payments will be applicable to Services furnished to end-users.

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#### 2.5 INSTALLATION SERVICE

Not Applicable to the Company's Service Offering: the Company will not provide services requiring an Installation Plan, or, a Service involving a customer premise visit.

#### 2.6 ACCESS TO CUSTOMER'S PREMISES

Not Applicable to the Company's Service Offering: the Company will not provide services requiring an Installation Plan or a Service involving a customer premise visit.

#### 2.7 TELEPHONE SURCHARGES

#### 2.7.1 General

In addition to the rates and charges applicable according to the rules and regulations of this Tariff, various surcharges may apply to the customer's prepaid service as outlined in 2.7.2 and 2.7.3 below. If there are surcharge rates applicable to a particular city, village, town or county tax district or other jurisdictional taxing entity, the rate will be listed on Statement 1 which is at the end of this section.

### 2.7.2 Surcharge For State Gross Income and Gross Earnings Taxes

A monthly surcharge to recover the additional expense related to the State Gross Income and Gross Earnings Taxes applies to the recurring and nonrecurring rates and charges for all intrastate service except returned check charges, late payment charges and rates for local coin calls. The applicable Gross Revenue Surcharge rates are shown on Statement 2 which is at the end of this section. Any changes to these rates will be filed on 15 days' notice to customers and the Commission, and as directed by the Commission. Whenever the state levies a new tax on the Company's gross revenues, repeals such a tax, or changes the rate of such a tax, the Commission may approve new surcharge factors, and the Company will file a revised statement as directed or approved by the Commission.

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#### 2.7 TELEPHONE SURCHARGES (cont'd)

#### 2.7.3 Village or Municipal Surcharge On Local Utility Gross Revenue Taxes

In certain cities and villages a municipal surcharge related to the Local Utility Gross Revenue Taxes applies to the recurring and nonrecurring rates and charges for all intrastate service except returned check charges, late payment charges and rates for local coin calls. The percentage rate of the surcharge in each locality where such a surcharge applies is listed on Statement 3 which is at the end of this section.

The surcharge statement shall be filed at least fifteen business days before the effective date. The effective date of the statement shall not be prior to the effective date of the surcharge and no sooner than the date when the tax enactment is filed with the Secretary of State. The surcharge shall be applicable to bills subject to the tax enactment that are rendered on or after the effective date of the statement. If the tax enactment either ceases to be effective or is modified so as to reduce the tax rate, the surcharge will be changed accordingly within 5 business days.

Introduction, cancellation, or modification of a surcharge will be effective on the date of the customer's first bill rendered after the effective date of the change.

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### 2.9 SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF SERVICE

Not Applicable to the Company's Service Offering of Prepaid Calling Cards and Calling Card Services.

### 2.9.4 Termination For Cause Other Than Nonpayment

#### a. General

The Company, after notice in writing, where possible, to the prepaid calling card customer and after having given the customer an appropriate opportunity to respond to such notice, may terminate service under the following conditions:

- 1. in the event of prohibited, unlawful or improper use of the facilities or service, or any other violation by the customer of the rules and regulations governing the facilities and service furnished, or
- 2. if, in the judgment of the Company, any use of the facilities or service by the customer may adversely affect the Company's personnel, plant, property or service. The Company shall have the right to take immediate action, including termination of the service and severing of the connection, without notice to the customer when injury or damage to telephone personnel, plant, property or service is occurring, or is likely to occur, or
- 3. in the event of unauthorized use, where the customer fails to take reasonable steps to prevent the unauthorized use of the facilities or service received from the Company, or
- b. Prohibited, Unlawful or Improper Use of the Facilities or Service

Prohibited, unlawful or improper use of the facilities or service includes, but is not limited to:

- 1. The use of facilities or service of the Company without payment of tariff charges;
- 2. Calling or permitting others to call another person or persons so frequently or at such times of the day or in such manner as to harass, frighten, abuse or torment such other person or persons;

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- 3. The use of profane or obscene language;
- 4. The use of the service in such a manner such that it interferes with the service of other customers or prevents them from making or receiving calls;
- 5. The use of a mechanical dialing device or recorded announcement equipment to seize a customer's line, thereby interfering with the customer's use of the service;
- 6. Permitting fraudulent use.

# c. Change in the Company's Ability to Secure Access

Any change in the Company's ability (a) to secure and retain suitable facilities and rights for the construction and maintenance of the necessary circuits and equipment or (b) to secure and retain suitable space for its plant and facilities in the building where service is provided to the customer may require termination of a customer's service until such time as new arrangements can be made. No charges will be assessed the customer while service is terminated, and no connection charges will apply when the service is restored.

#### 2.9.5 Emergency Termination of Service

The Company will immediately terminate the service of any prepaid calling card, on request, when the purchasing customer has reasonable belief that the service is being used by an unauthorized person or persons. The Company may require that the request be submitted in writing as a follow-up to a request made by telephone.

# 2.10 ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO BUSINESS CUSTOMERS

#### 2.10.1 Application of Rates

Not Applicable to the Company's Service Offering: Business rates will not be offered and business services will not be furnished in the State of New York. The Company's services are strictly limited to Prepaid Calling Cards.

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### 2.11 ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

Not Applicable to the Company's Service Offering: Residential Services will not be offered and Residential Services will not be furnished in the State of New York. The Company's services are strictly limited to Prepaid Calling Cards.

### 2.12 ALLOWANCES FOR INTERRUPTIONS IN SERVICE

2.12.1 Interruptions in service, which are not due to the negligence of, or non-compliance with the provisions of this Tariff by the Customer, or the operation or malfunction of the facilities, power, or equipment provided by the Customer, will be credited to the Customer as set forth below for the part of the service that the interruption affects. A credit allowance will be made when an interruption occurs because of a failure of any component furnished by the Company under this Tariff.

#### 2.12.2 No credit allowance will be made for:

- a) interruptions due to the negligence of, or non-compliance with the provisions of this Tariff, by any party other than the Company, including but not limited to the customer, authorized user, or other common carriers connected to, or providing service connected to, the service of the Company or to the Company's facilities;
- b) interruptions due to the failure or malfunction of non-Company equipment, including service connected to customer provided electric power;
- c) interruptions of service during any period in which the Company is not given full and free access to its facilities and equipment for the purpose of investigating and correcting interruptions;
- d) interruptions of service 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;
- e) interruptions of service due to circumstances or causes beyond the control of the Company.

### 2.13 AUTOMATIC NUMBER IDENTIFICATION

Not Applicable to the Company's Service Offering: the Company will not provide Automatic Number Identification (ANI) associated with an intrastate service to the customer or to any other entity (ANI recipient).

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# 2.14 EMERGENCY/ CRISIS/ DISASTER RESTORATION AND PROVISIONING - TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PRIORITY

#### 2.14.1 General

- The Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) Program is a federal program used to a. identify and prioritize telecommunications services that support national security or emergency preparedness (NS/EP) missions. NS/EP services are defined as those telecommunications services which are used to maintain a state of readiness or respond to and manage any event or crisis which causes or could cause injury or harm to the population, damage or loss to property, or degrades or threatens the NS/EP posture of the United States. TSP restoration and/or provisioning shall be provided in accordance with Part 64, Appendix A of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations (47 C.F.R.), and the "Service Vendor Handbook For The Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) Program" and the "Service User Manual for the Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System" (NCS Manual 3-1-1) (Service User Manual) issued and updated as necessary by the Office of Priority Telecommunications (OPT) of the National Communications System. Any changes to or reissuance of these regulations or manuals supersede tariff language contained herein.
- b. The TSP program has two components, restoration and provisioning.
  - 1. A restoration priority is applied to new or existing telecommunications services to ensure restoration before any other services during a service outage. TSP restoration priorities must be requested and assigned before a service outage occurs.
  - 2. A provisioning priority is obtained to facilitate priority installation of new telecommunications services during a service outage. Provisioning on a priority basis becomes necessary when an end-user has an urgent requirement for a new NS/EP service that must be installed immediately or by a specific due date that can be met only by a shorter than standard or expedited Company provisioning time frame. As a matter of general practice, existing TSP services will be restored before provisioning new TSP services.

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#### 2.14.2 TSP Request Process – Restoration

To request a TSP restoration priority assignment, a prospective TSP user must:

- a. Determine that the user's telecommunications service supports an NS/EP function under one of the following four TSP categories.
  - 1. National Security Leadership
  - 2. National Security Posture and U.S. Population Attack Warning
  - 3. Public Health, Safety, and Maintenance of Law and Order
  - 4. Public Welfare and Maintenance of National Economic Posture
- b. Identify the priority level to be requested for the telecommunications service. The priority level is determined by the end-user's TSP category and service profile. The service profile defines the user's level of support to the portion of the telecommunications service that the user owns and operates, such as customer premises equipment or wiring. The five levels of priority and seven element groups that define the service profile are contained in the Service User Manual.
- c. Complete the TSP Request for Service Users form (SF 315) available on the National Communications System (NCS) website (http://tsp.ncs.gov/).

For non-federal users, have their TSP requests approved by a federal agency sponsor. Non-federal users should contact the OPT, at the NCS website (http://tsp.ncs.gov/), for information on identifying a sponsor for TSP requests.

- d. Submit the SF 315 to the OPT.
- e. Upon receipt of the TSP Authorization Code from the OPT, notify the Company, and include the TSP Authorization Code in any service order to the Company requesting restoration of NS/EP services.

#### 2.14.3 TSP Request Process – Provisioning

To request a TSP provisioning priority assignment, a prospective TSP user must follow the same steps listed in 214.2.a. -- 2.14.2.e above for restoration priority assignment except for the following differences. The user should:

a. Certify that its telecommunications service is an Emergency service. Emergency services are those that support one of the NS/EP functions listed in 214.2.a. above and are so critical that they must be provisioned at the earliest possible time, without regard to cost to the user.

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- b. Verify that the Company cannot meet the service due date without a TSP assignment.
- c. Obtain approval from the end-user's invocation official to request a provisioning priority. Invocation officials are designated individuals with the authority to request TSP provisioning for a telecommunications service, and include the head or director of a federal agency, commander of a unified/specified military command, chief of a military service, commander of a major military command, or state governor.

#### 2.14.4 Responsibilities of the End-User

End-users or entities acting on their behalf must perform the following:

- a. Identify telecommunications services requiring priority.
- b. Request, justify, and revalidate all priority level assignments. Revalidation must be completed every 2 years, and must be done before expiration of the end-user's TSP Authorization Code(s).
- c. Accept TSP services by the service due dates.
- d. Have Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) and Customer Premises Wiring (CPW) available by the requested service due date and ensure (through contractual means or otherwise) priority treatment for CPE and CPW necessary for end-to-end service continuity.
- e. Pay the Company any authorized costs associated with priority services.
- f. Report to the Company any failed or unusable services with priority levels.
- g. Designate a 24-hour point of contact for each TSP request and apprise the OPT.
- h. Cooperate with the OPT during reconciliation (comparison of NS/EP service information and resolution of any identified discrepancies) and revalidation.

# 2.14.5 Responsibilities of the Company

The Company will perform the following:

- a. Provide TSP service only after receipt of a TSP authorization code.
- b. Revoke TSP services at the direction of the end-user or OPT.

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#### 2.14.5 Responsibilities of the Company (Cont'd)

- a. Ensure that TSP Program priorities supersede any other telecommunications priority that may be provided (other than control services and order wires).
- b. Designate a 24-hour point of contact to receive reports of TSP service outages from TSP service users.
- c. Designate a 24-hour point of contact to coordinate TSP processes with the OPT.
- d. Confirm completion of TSP service order activity to the OPT.
- e. Participate in reconciliation of TSP information at the request of the OPT.
- f. Ensure that all subcontractors complete reconciliation of TSP information with the service vendor.
- g. Ensure that other carriers supplying underlying facilities are provided information necessary to implement priority treatment of facilities that support NS/EP services.
- h. Assist in ensuring that priority level assignments of NS/EP services are accurately identified "end-to-end" by providing to subcontractors and interconnecting carriers the restoration priority level assigned to a service.
- i. Disclose content of the NS/EP TSP database only as may be required by law.
- j. Comply with regulations and procedures supplemental to and consistent with guidelines issued by the OPT.

#### 2.14.6. Preemption

When spare facilities are not available, it may be for the Company to preempt the facilities required to provision or restore a TSP service. When preemption is necessary, non-TSP services may be preempted based on the Company's best judgment. If no suitable spare or non-TSP services are available, the Company may preempt an existing TSP service to restore a TSP service with a higher restoration priority assignment. When preemption is necessary, prior consent of the service user whose service will be preempted is not required; however, the Company will make every reasonable effort to notify the preempted customer of the action to be taken.

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#### 2.15 <u>CRITICAL FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION</u>

#### 2.15.1. Program Overview

- a. Facilities-based carriers are responsible to provide data on the physical path of qualified circuits to customers who request such information. Such carriers are required to maintain facilities associated with qualified circuits in such a manner as to ensure that notification of a change in the physical routing of a qualifying circuit is communicated quickly to the affected customer, and the physical path data promptly updated. Such carriers will maintain the data and establish appropriate methods of identification and authentication to secure the data and restrict access by each customer to information relative to that customer's qualifying circuits.
- b. Customers are required to demonstrate for each qualifying circuit that the circuit has been registered under the federal Telecommunications Service Priority program in order to participate.

### 2.15.2. Customer Obligations

Customers participating under the Critical Facilities Administration program will be required to:

- a. Identify critical facilities by enrolling circuits in the federal Telecommunications Service Priority program, and demonstrating the sponsorship of a federal agency supporting the designation of those circuits as qualifying under the federal Telecommunications Service Priority program. Such circuits will be referred to as "qualifying circuits."
- b. Subscribe to the Critical Facilities Administration service offered by their carrier, and identify which qualifying circuits it wishes to enroll in the service. Such circuits will be referred to as "subscribed circuits."

#### 2.15.3. Carrier Obligations

Facilities-based carriers will be obligated to identify the physical path of each subscribed circuit as follows:

a. Physical path information will be provided by reference to the latitude and longitude coordinates of suitable points along the circuit's path (e.g., cable entrances to buildings, manholes, riser poles, crossboxes, carrier equipment cabinets, and other circuit access points in the outside plant of the carrier) so as to allow the customer to ascertain with a reasonable degree of accuracy the actual physical path of each subscribed circuit.

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#### 2.15.3. Carrier Obligations (Cont'd)

- b. Physical path information for newly provisioned subscribed circuits is to be available to the customer within 5 business days after the circuit has been installed, and within 15 business days for existing, in-place subscribed circuits.
- c. Any planned moves, changes, or rearrangements that affect the physical path of a subscribed circuit are to be communicated at least 24 hours in advance to the customer, and information related to a move, change, or rearrangement that was as a result of unplanned activity is to be provided within 24 hours of the change.
- d. Updated information regarding the revised physical path of subscribed circuits would be available to the customer within 5 business days for planned actions, and within 15 business days for unplanned activities.
- e. Provision of the service would be suspended altogether in the instance of a major telephone outage. Once restored to service, current physical path information for a subscribed circuit would be developed and made available to the customer within ninety days of the restoration of service.
- f. The carrier must establish a secure database or other means that would allow the customer to obtain information of the physical path for only its subscribed circuits, subject to appropriate authentication and authorization. Where practicable, the information should be made available on a 24 hour by seven day basis.

#### 2.15.4 Rates

Rates for CFA are based upon the time required to collect the circuit path data. The company will give the customer a good faith estimate of the time period needed to perform the requested service. The customer will be billed those charges, along with the tariff charges established by any connecting carrier for the service.

Minimum Maximum
Per Hour \$50.00 \$250.00

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# 2.15.4 Rates (Cont'd)

### a. TELEPHONE SURCHARGES

Gross Revenue Tax Surcharge

The Gross Revenue Tax Surcharge rates to be charged are as follows:

Bill Date <u>Period</u>	Gross Revenue <u>Tax Surcharge</u>
January 1, 2008 -	2.5642 %

### b. TELEPHONE SURCHARGES

Surcharge for State Gross Income and Gross Earnings Taxes

Local Utility Gross Revenue Taxes

Locality	Tax District <u>Code</u>	Surcharge Percentage
Cities Buffalo, Rochester & Yonkers All other cities		3 % 1 %
Villages		1 %

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# SECTION 4 - INTRALATA TOLL USAGE AND MILEAGE CHARGES

#### 4.1 GENERAL

# 4.1.1 Description

IntraLATA toll service is furnished for communication between telephones in different local calling areas within a particular LATA in accordance with the regulations and schedules of charges specified in this tariff. The toll service charges specified in this section are in payment for all service furnished between the calling and called telephone, except as otherwise provided in this Tariff.

IntraLATA toll calling includes the following types of calls: direct dialed, calling card, collect, 3rd number billed, special toll billing, requests to notify of time and charges, person to person calling and other station to station calls.

#### 4.1.2 Classes of Calls

Service is offered as two classes: station to station calling and person to person calling.

- a. Station to Station Service is that service where the person originating the call dials the telephone number desired or gives the Company operator the telephone number of the desired telephone station or system.
- b. Person to Person Service is that service where the person originating the call specifies to the Company operator a particular person to be reached, a particular mobile unit to be reached, or a particular station, department or office to be reached. The call remains a person to person call when, after the telephone, mobile telephone, or PBX system has been reached and while the connection remains established, the person originating the call requests or agrees to talk to any person other than the person specified, or to any other agreed upon alternate.

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#### 4.2 TIMING OF CALLS

- 4.2.1 Unless otherwise indicated, all calls are timed in one minute increments and all calls which are fractions of a minute are rounded up to the next whole minute.
- 4.2.2 For station to station calls, call timing begins when a connection is established between the calling telephone and the called telephone station.
- 4.2.3 For person to person calls, call timing begins when connection is established between the calling person and the particular person, station or mobile unit specified or an agreed alternate.
- 4.2.4 Call timing ends when the calling station "hangs up," thereby releasing the network connection. If the called station "hangs up" but the calling station does not, chargeable time ends when the network connection is released either by automatic timing equipment in the telephone network or by the Company operator.
- 4.2.5 Calls originating in one time period as defined in Section 4.3 and terminating in another will be billed the rates in effect at the beginning of each minute.

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#### 4.3 TIME PERIODS DEFINED

Unless otherwise indicated in this Tariff, the following time periods apply.

- 4.3.1 Peak: 7:00 a.m. to, but not including, 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
- 4.3.2 Off-Peak: 7:00 p.m. to, but not including, 7:00 a.m. Sunday through Friday All day Saturday and Sunday All Holidays
- 4.3.3 Holidays include Christmas, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, Independence Day, and Labor Day.
- 4.3.4 All times refer to local time.

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#### 4.4 REGULATIONS AND COMPUTATION OF MILEAGE

Calls for which rates are mileage sensitive are rated on the airline distance between the originating rate center and the terminating rate center.

### 4.4.1 Originating Rate Center

A customer's primary local exchange number includes an NXX code that is associated with a specific rate center. The originating point of all calls charged to that customer's account shall be the location of the customer's rate center.

# 4.4.2 Terminating Rate Center

The terminating point for all calls shall be the location of the local rate center associated with the called number.

### 4.4.3 Calculation of Mileage

Usage charges for all mileage sensitive products are based on the airline distance between serving wire centers associated with the originating and terminating points of the call. The serving wire centers of a call are determined by the area codes and exchanges of the origination and destination points.

The distance between any two rate centers is determined as follows:

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# 4.4 REGULATIONS AND COMPUTATION OF MILEAGE (cont'd)

### 4.4.3 Calculation of Mileage (cont'd)

Airline mileage, where mileage is the basis for rating calls, is obtained by using the "V" and "H" coordinates assigned to each rate center and contained in <u>NECA FCC Tariff No. 4 or</u> successor tariffs. To determine the airline distance between any two locations, proceed as follows:

- a. Obtain the "V" and "H" coordinates for each location. The "V" coordinate is the first four digits in the "VH" column. The "H" coordinate is the next four digits.
- b. Obtain the difference between the "V" coordinates of each of the locations. Obtain the difference between the "H" coordinates.
- c. Square each difference obtained in step b., above.
- d. Add the square of the "V" difference and the "H" difference obtained in step c., above.
- e. Divide the sum of the square by 10. Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction is obtained.
- f. Obtain the square root of the whole number result obtained above. Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction is obtained. This is the airline mileage.

Formula: 
$$/ (V_1-V_2)^2+(H_1-H_2)^2 / (V_1-V_2)^2+(H_1-H_2)^2 / (V_1-V_2)^2+(U_1-U_2)^2 / (U_1-U_2)^2 / (U_1-U_2)$$

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#### 4.5 CALL CHARGES

Rates are based on the duration of the call as measured according to Section 4.2 above, time of day rate period of the call as described in Section 4.3 and the airline mileage between points of the call as described in Section 4.4. In addition, where live or automated operator assistance is required for call completion or billing, a per call service applies.

Charges for all classes of calls may be to the calling station, to the called station when the called party agrees to accept the charges, to an authorized telephone number which is not the called station or the calling station (3rd number billing), or to an authorized calling card.

# 4.5.1 Usage Charges

#### Minimum:

Rates may be reduced selectively and in varying amounts, down to incremental cost, on one day's notice to customers and the Public Service Commission.

#### Maximum:

Mileage	Peak Off-P		-Peak	
	First Minute	Each Additional	First Minute	Each Additional
		Minute		Minute
0 - 8	\$0.10	\$0.06	\$0.10	\$0.06
9 - 13	0.20	0.10	0.20	0.10
over 13	0.25	0.15	0.25	0.15

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### 4.5 CALL CHARGES (cont'd)

### 4.5.2 Per Call Service Charges

The following service charges apply to intraLATA toll calls for which live or automated operator assistance is provided for call completion and/or billing.

	<u>Minimum</u>	Maximum
Customer Dialed Calling Card	\$0.01	\$0.60
Person to Person	\$0.01	\$3.75
3rd Number Billed	\$0.01	\$1.60
All other Operator Assistance	\$0.01	\$1.25

# 4.6 <u>Prepaid Calling Card Service</u>

The Company may at some time produce and arrange for distribution and sale of wholesale Prepaid Calling Cards. These Prepaid Calling Cards will be brand marked by and exclusively utilize the Company's long distance network for both domestic and international calling.

- 4.6.1 End-Users may purchase the Company's Prepaid Calling Cards at a variety of retail outlets or through other distribution channels.
- 4.6.2 Prepaid Calling Card Services will be available with card face values of two dollars (\$2.00), three dollar (\$3.00), five dollar (\$5.00), ten dollars (\$10.00), twenty dollars (\$20.00) and fifty dollar (\$50.00) in one-dollar (\$1.00) U.S. increments.
- 4.6.3 The Prepaid Calling Card usage procedure consist of:
  - 4.6.3.1 The end-user will dial either a local number or a toll free number, as applicable to the end-users locality, whichever is printed on the card.
  - 4.6.3.2 Upon connection to the Company's switch, the end-user is prompted by an automated voice response system to enter the Authorization Code specific for the end user's card.

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- 4.6.3.3 Following verification by the Company's switch, the end user is prompted to enter the called-to-number and/or terminating number.
- 4.6.3.4 Company answer supervision equipment verifies called-tonumber has gone "off-hook" when the called-to-number is answered, and the Company's calling card billing platform begins metering the completed call for duration.
- 4.6.3.5 Upon call completion, when the Company's answer supervision indicates to the billing platform the called-to-number has gone "on-hook" and/or "hangs up", the total consumed Telecom Units for the call is deducted from the remaining Telecom Unit balance on the end-user's Prepaid Calling Card.
- 4.6.4 All calls must be charged against a Prepaid Calling Card that has a sufficient telecom Unit balance.
- 4.6.5 A end-user's call will be interrupted by a mechanical automated voice announcement when the balance is about to be depleted.
- 4.6.6 In order to continue the call, the end-user can either call the toll free number on the back of the Prepaid Calling Card for service and "recharge" the balance on the card using a nationally recognized credit card, or the end-user can throw the card away and purchase a new one.
- 4.6.7 The Company will terminate calls in progress if the balance of the Prepaid Calling Card's is insufficient to continue the call and the end-user fails to enter the number of another valid, Company issued, Prepaid Calling Card.
- 4.6.8 The Company's issued Prepaid Calling Card will expire on the date indicated on the card, or if no date is specified, (12) twelve months from the date of first usage, or the date of last recharge, whichever is later. The Company will not refund unused balances.

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- 4.6.9 Prepaid Calling Card Credit Allowance:
  - 4.6.9.1 A credit allowance is applicable for, but not limited to, calls that are interrupted due to poor transmission, one-way transmission, or involuntary disconnection of a call.
  - 4.6.9.2 To receive a credit allowance the end user must notify the Company by using the designated toll-free number printed on the Prepaid Calling Card and report the trouble experienced (e.g., cut-off, noisy circuit, no response, etc.) and the approximate time that the call was placed.
  - 4.6.9.3 When a call charged to a Prepaid Calling Card is interrupted due to cut-off, one-way transmission, or poor transmission conditions; the end user will receive a credit equivalent to the call duration.
  - 4.6.9.4 Credit for failure of service shall also be allowed for failure of power, equipment, or systems, which are provided for and are the responsibility of the Company if such failures occur while a completed call is in progress.
  - 4.6.9.5 Credit allowances will not be given for interruptions that are due to the failure of power, equipment or systems not provided by the Company.
  - 4.6.9.6 Credit allowances will not exceed the issued card face value as shown in B. above.
  - 4.6.9.7 The Company will block all calls beginning with the NPA "900" and NXX "976" calls, therefore such calls cannot be completed.

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# **SECTION 4 - RATES**

# 4.1. <u>SERVICE CHARGES</u>

# 4.1.1. 1+ Residential Long Distance Services

Plan	Monthly Usage	Rate Per Minute	Monthly Service Charge
R1	\$ - to \$ 249.99	\$ 0.0995	\$ 3.00
R2	\$ 250.00 to \$ 999.99	\$ 0.0895	\$ 3.00
R3	\$ 1,000.00 to \$ -	\$ 0.0750	\$ 3.00

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# 4.1. <u>SERVICE CHARGES</u> (continued)

# 4.1.2. 1+Business Long Distance Services

Plan	Monthly Usage	Rate Per Minute	Monthly Service Charge
B1	\$ - to \$ 249.99	\$ 0.0935	\$ 9.00
B2	\$ 250.00 to \$ 999.99	\$ 0.0825	\$ 7.00
B3	\$ 1,000.00 to \$ -	\$ 0.0700	\$ 3.00

# 4.1.3 Dedicated 1+ Business Long Distance Services

Plan	Monthly Usage	Rate Per Minute	Monthly Service Charge
B4D	\$ - to	\$ 249.99	\$ 0.1145 \$ 100.00
B5D	\$ 250.00 to \$ 999.99	\$ 0.0825	\$ 100.00
B6D	\$ 1,000.00 to \$ 4,999.99	\$ 0.0639	\$ 80.00
B7D	\$ 5,000.00 to \$ 9,999.99	\$ 0.0550	\$ 50.00
B8D	\$10,000.00 to \$ -	\$ 0.0500	\$ -

Installation Charge for Dedicated Service is \$150.00 per line.

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# SECTION 4 - RATES (Cont'd)

# 4.1. SERVICES CHARGES (continued)

# 4.1.4 Inbound 800/888 Service Rates

A maximum monthly recurring charge of up to \$15.00 will be incurred in addition to the rates set forth below.

Basic Commercial Plans:

Plan	Monthly Usage		Maximum Rate Per Minute
B1	\$ - to	\$ 99.99	\$ 0.0800
B2	\$ 100.00 to	\$ 199.99	\$ 0.0800
В3	\$ 200.00 to	\$ 299.99	\$ 0.0600
B4	\$ 300.00 to	\$ 499.99	\$ 0.0600
B5	\$ 500.00 +	\$ -	\$ 0.0600

(note: Basic rates apply verbatim for casual calling)

Value Commercial Plans:

Plan	Monthly Usage		Maximum Rate Per Minute
B6 B7 B8 B9 B10	\$ - to \$ 200.00 to \$ 400.00 to \$ 700.00 to \$ 1,000.00 +	\$ 199.99 \$ 399.99 \$ 699.99 \$ 999.99	\$ 0.0600 \$ 0.0600 \$ 0.0500 \$ 0.0500 \$ 0.0500

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# 4.1.4 Dedicated Outbound WATS Service Rates

Plan	Monthly Usage		Maximum Rate Per Minute
B1D	\$ 2,500.00 to	\$ 4,999.99	\$ 0.2000
B2D	\$ 5,000.00 to	\$ 7,499.99	\$ 0.2000
B3D	\$ 7,500.00 +	\$ -	\$ 0.2000

# 4.1.5 Dedicated Inbound WATS Service Rates

Plan	Monthly Usage		Maximum Rate Per Minute
B1D	\$ 2,500.00 to	\$ 4,999.99	\$ 0.2000
B2D	\$ 5,000.00 to	\$ 7,499.99	\$ 0.2000
B3D	\$ 7,500.00 +	\$ -	\$ 0.2000

Installation Charge for Dedicated Service is \$150.00 per line.

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# 4.2. <u>Miscellaneous Charges</u>

# 4.2.1. Payphone Surcharge

A surcharge will be added to any completed. Intrastate toll access code and subscriber 800/888 type calls placed from a public or semi-public Pay Phone.

# 4.2.2. Per Call Surcharge

A surcharge per call will be added for every call that is connected. If an Answer Machine, Fax Machine, Voice Mail or Pager answers it will be considered connected.

### 4.2.3. Maintenance Surcharge

A weekly surcharge applies to some cards that have been used at least once.

### 4.2.4. Directory Assistance

The Company provides Directory Assistance as an ancillary service exclusively to its customers. Directory Assistance is accessible by dialing "1", the area code of the desired number and "555-1212".

Directory Assistance, per call: \$.75

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# 4.3. <u>Prepaid Calling Cards</u>

# Prepaid Calling Card Type A

Sold in \$2.00; \$3.00; \$5.00; \$10.00; \$20.00; and \$50.00 Dollar value Phone Cards with one hundred eighty (180) day life from first activation, otherwise one (1) year expiration from purchase.

Rate per minute:

\$.15 Domestic U.S. (International Rate Varied on Destination).

Maintenance Surcharge:

\$.63 per week

Per Call Surcharge

\$.79

Payphone Surcharge:

\$.99

# Prepaid Calling Card Type B

Sold in \$2.00; \$3.00; \$5.00; \$10.00; \$20.00; and \$50.00 Dollar value Phone Cards with one hundred eighty (180) day life from first activation, otherwise one (1) year expiration from purchase.

Rate per minute:

\$.15 Domestic U.S. (International Rate Varied on Destination).

Maintenance Surcharge:

\$.63 per week

Per Call Surcharge

\$.89

Payphone Surcharge:

\$.99

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### Prepaid Calling Card Type C

Sold in \$2.00; \$3.00; \$5.00; \$10.00; \$20.00; and \$50.00 Dollar value Phone Cards with one hundred eighty (180) day life from first activation, otherwise one (1) year expiration from purchase.

Rate per minute: \$.15 Domestic U.S. (International Rate Varied on Destination).

Maintenance Surcharge: \$.69 per week

Per Call Surcharge \$.99 Payphone Surcharge: \$.99

### Prepaid Calling Card Type D

Sold in \$2.00; \$3.00; \$5.00; \$10.00; \$20.00; and \$50.00 Dollar value Phone Cards with one hundred eighty (180) day life from first activation, otherwise one (1) year expiration from purchase.

Rate per minute: \$.15 Domestic U.S. (International Rate Varied on Destination).

Maintenance Surcharge \$.59 per week

Per Call Surcharge \$.49 Payphone Surcharge \$.99

# Prepaid Calling Card Type E

Sold in \$2.00; \$3.00; \$5.00; \$10.00; \$20.00; and \$50.00 Dollar value Phone Cards with one hundred eighty (180) day life from first activation, otherwise one (1) year expiration from purchase.

Rate per minute: \$.15 Domestic (International Rate Varied on Destination).

Maintenance Surcharge \$.49 per week

Per Call Surcharge \$.49 Payphone Surcharge \$.99

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### 4.4 Payment of Calls

# 4.4 1. Late Payment Charges

When applicable, an Interest charges of 1.5% per month will be assessed on all unpaid balances more than thirty days old.

# 4 4.2. Return Check Charges

Where applicable, a return check charge of \$20.00 will be assessed for checks returned for insufficient funds.

# 4.4.3. Restoration of Service

Where applicable, a reconnection fee of \$25.00 per occurrence is charged when service is reestablished for customers who had been disconnected for non-payment.

# 4.4.4. Special Promotions

The company will, from time to time, offer special promotions to its customers waiving certain charges. These promotions will be approved by the NY PSC with specific starting and ending dates, and will be part of this tariff.

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### SECTION 5 - SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES

#### **CUSTOM CALLING SERVICE** 5.1

#### 5.1.1 General

The features in this section are made available on an individual basis or as part of multiple feature packages. All features are provided subject to availability; features may not be available with all classes of service. Transmission levels may not be sufficient in all cases.

#### 5.1.2 Description of Features

#### Three Way Calling/Call Hold a.

The Three Way Calling feature allows a customer to add a third party to an existing two-way call and form a 3-way call. The call must have been originated from outside the station group and terminate to a station within the station group. The Call Hold feature allows a customer to put any in-progress call on hold by flashing the switchhook and dialing a code. This frees the line to allow the customer to make an outgoing call to another number. Only one call per line can be on hold at a time. The third party cannot be added to the original call.

#### b. Call Forwarding

Call Forwarding, when activated, redirects attempted terminating calls to another customer-specific line. The customer may have to activate and deactivate the forwarding function and specify the desired terminating telephone number during each activation procedure. Call originating ability is not affected by Call Forwarding.

The calling party is billed for the call to the called number. If the forwarded leg of the call is chargeable, the customer with the Call Forwarding is billed for the forwarded leg of the call.

Call Forwarding - Busy automatically reroutes an incoming call to a customer predesignated number when the called number is busy.

Call Forwarding - Don't Answer automatically reroutes an incoming call to a customer predesignated number when the called number does not answer within the number of rings programmed by the Company.

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### 5.1 CUSTOM CALLING SERVICE (cont'd)

### 5.1.2 Description of Features (cont'd)

### b. Call Forwarding (cont'd)

<u>Call Forwarding - Variable</u> allows the customer to choose to reroute incoming calls to another specified telephone number. The customer must activate and deactivate this feature.

### c. Call Waiting/Cancel Call Waiting

Call Waiting provides a tone signal to indicate to a customer already engaged in a telephone call that a second caller is attempting to dial in. It will also permit the customer to place the first call on hold, answer the second call and then alternate between both callers. Cancel Call Waiting (CCW) allows a Call Waiting (CW) customer to disable CW for the duration of an outgoing telephone call. CCW is activated (i.e., CW is disabled) by dialing a special code prior to placing a call, and is automatically deactivated when the customer disconnects from the call.

# d. Distinctive Ringing

This feature enables a user to determine the source of an incoming call from a distinctive ring. The user is provided with up to two additional telephone numbers.

#### e. Regular Multiline Hunting

This feature is a line hunting arrangement that provides sequential search of available numbers within a multiline group.

# f. Speed Calling

This feature allows a user to dial selected numbers using one or two digits. Up to eight numbers (single digit, or thirty numbers with two digits) can be selected.

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# SECTION 5 - SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES (cont'd)

# 5.1 CUSTOM CALLING SERVICE (cont'd)

### 5.1.3 Rates and Charges

# 5.1.3.1 Monthly Rates

Maximum and minimum rates for this service are located in Section 6, Residential Network Switched Service, and Section 7, Business Network Switched Service.

### 5.1.3.2 Connection Charges

Connection charges may apply when a customer requests connection to one or more custom calling features. Orders requested for the same customer account made at the same time for the same premises will be considered one request. These charges may not apply if the features are ordered at the same time as other work for the same customer account at the same premises.

Minimum: \$00.00 Maximum: \$20.00

# 5.1.3.3 Trial Period

The Company may elect to offer a free or reduced rate trial of any new custom calling feature(s) to prospective customers within 90 days of the establishment of the new feature. See 5.4, Service and Promotional Trials, below.

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#### 5.2 CLASS SERVICES

#### 5.2.1 General

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### 5.2.2 Description of Features

#### a. Call ID

The Call ID feature allows a customer to see a caller's name and number previewed on a display screen before the call is answered allowing a customer to prioritize and or screen incoming calls. Call ID records the name, number, date and time of each incoming call - including calls that aren't answered by the customer. Call ID service requires the use of specialized CPE not provided by the company. It is the responsibility of the customer to provide the necessary CPE.

### b. Automatic Redial

The Automatic Redial feature allows a customer to automatically redial the last number dialed. This is accomplished by the customer activating a code. The network periodically tests the busy/free status of the called line for up to 30 minutes until both lines are found free and then redials the call for the customer.

The Automatic Redial feature also allows customers, having reached a busy number, to dial a code before hanging up. Automatic Redial feature then continues to try the busy number for up to 30 minutes until it becomes free. Once the busy line is free the call is automatically redialed and the customer is notified of the connected call via a distinctive ring.

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# SECTION 5 - SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES (cont'd)

- 5.2 CLASS SERVICES (cont'd)
  - 5.2.2 Description of Features (cont'd)
    - b. Automatic Redial (cont'd)

The following types of calls cannot be Automatically Redialed:

Calls to 800 Service numbers

- Calls to 800 Service numbers
- ☐ Calls to 900 Service numbers
  - Calls preceded by an interexchange carrier access code
- ☐ International Direct Distance Dialed calls
- Calls to Directory Assistance
- ☐ Calls to 911
- c. Automatic Recall

The Automatic Recall stores the number of the most recent incoming call (including unanswered incoming calls) to a customer's number. This allows a customer to dial back any missed or unanswered telephone calls.

d. Customer Originated Trace

Customer Originated Trace allows customers to key in a code that alerts the network to trace the last call received. The traced telephone number is automatically sent to the company for storage for a limited amount of time and is retrievable by legally constituted authorities upon proper request by them. By contacting the company the customer can use this application to combat nuisance calls.

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### SECTION 5 - SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES (cont'd)

### 5.2 CLASS SERVICES (cont'd)

# 5.2.3 Rates and Charges

# 5.2.3.1 Monthly Rates

Maximum and minimum rates for this service are located in Section 6, Residential Network Switched Service, and Section 7, Business Network Switched Service.

# 5.2.3.2 Connection Charges

Connection charges may apply when a customer requests connection to one or more features. Orders requested for the same customer account made at the same time for the same premises will be considered one request. These charges may not apply if the features are ordered at the same time as other work for the same customer account at the same premises.

Minimum: \$00.00 Maximum: \$20.00

#### 5.2.3.3 Trial Period

The Company may elect to offer a free or reduced rate trial of any new CLASS feature(s) to prospective customers within 90 days of the establishment of the new feature. See 5.4, Service and Promotional Trials, below.

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### 5.3 CENTREX SERVICE FEATURES

#### 5.3.1 General

The features in this section are made available on an individual basis or as part of multiple feature packages. All features are provided subject to availability; features may not be available with all classes of service. Transmission levels may not be sufficient in all cases.

### 5.3.2 Description of Features

### a. Camp On

This feature allows the switch to observe that a wanted line is busy, wait until it is free, then automatically and immediately connect the calling line that has been waiting.

# b. Call Pickup

This feature allows a user to answer any call within an associated preset pickup group. If more than one line in the pickup group has an unanswered incoming call, the call to be answered is selected by the switching system. Call Pickup answers a call that has been directed to another station within the same preset Call Pickup group.

# c. Call Transfer - All Calls

Call Transfer allows a station user to transfer an established call to another station. The station from which the call is transferred will be assessed any long distance charges incurred as a result of the transfer.

### d. Directed Call Pickup with Barge-In

This feature answers calls directed to a specific line from any other telephone line in the user group.

### e. Directed Call Pickup without Barge-In

This feature is identical to the Directed Call Pickup with Barge-In except, if the line being picked up has already been answered, the party dialing the pickup code is routed to reorder (i.e., fast busy) rather than permitted to barge in on the established connection and create a three-way call.

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# 5.3 CENTREX SERVICE FEATURES (cont'd)

# 5.3.2 Description of Features (cont'd)

### e. Circular Hunting

This feature (similar to regular hunting) is a line hunting arrangement that allows all lines in a multi-line hunt group (MLHG) to be tested for busy, regardless of the point of entry into the group. When a call is to a line in a MLHG, a regular hunt is performed starting at the station associated with the dialed number. It continues to the last station in the MLHG, then proceeds to the first station in the group and continues to hunt sequentially through the remaining lines in the group. Busy tone is returned if the original called station is reached without finding a station that is idle.

# f. Series Completion

This feature is a form of hunting similar to the multiline hunt group hunting and the Call Forwarding Busy Line feature. It allows calls to be made to a busy directory number to be routed to another specified directory number. The series completion hunt begins with the originally dialed member of the series completion group, and searches for an idle directory number from the list of directory numbers.

# g. Account Codes

This feature adds an account number (code) to an Automatic Message Accounting (AMA) and/or Message Detail Recording (MDR) record for assigning customer charges. The number of digits in a customer's account code group will be defined by the Company.

#### h. Terminal Group and Station Restriction

This feature defines a station's network access capability either individually within a Centrex group or for the group as a whole. It defines the Centrex group and what level of access a station will have; i.e., intragroup only, toll restriction, etc.

### i. Uniform Call Distribution

This feature is a hunting arrangement that assigns incoming calls uniformly among the stations in the group.

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### 5.3 CENTREX SERVICE FEATURES (cont'd)

# 5.3.3 Rates and Charges

### .1 Monthly Rates

Maximum and minimum rates for this service are located in Section 6, Residential Network Switched Service, and Section 7, Business Network Switched Service.

# .2 Connection Charges

Connection charges may apply when a customer requests connection to one or more features. Orders requested for the same customer account made at the same time for the same premises will be considered one request. These charges may not apply if the features are ordered at the same time as other work for the same customer account at the same premises.

Minimum: \$00.00 Maximum: \$20.00

### .3 Trial Period

The Company may elect to offer a free or reduced rate trial of any new Centrex feature(s) to prospective customers within 90 days of the establishment of the new feature. See 5.4, Service and Promotional Trials, below.

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#### 5.4 SERVICE AND PROMOTIONAL TRIALS

#### 5.4.1 General

The Company may establish temporary promotional programs wherein it may waive or reduce nonrecurring or recurring charges, to introduce a present or potential customer to a service not previously subscribed to by the customer.

### 5.4.2 Regulations

- a. Appropriate notification of the Trial will be made to all eligible customers and to the Commission. Appropriate notification may include direct mail, bill inserts, broadcast or print media, direct contact or other comparable means of notification.
- b. During a Service Trial, the service(s) is provided automatically to all eligible customers, except those customers who choose not to participate. Customers will be offered the opportunity to decline the trial service both in advance and during the trial. A customer can request that the designated service be removed at any time during the trial and not be billed a recurring charge for the period that the feature was in place. At the end of the trial, customers that do not contact the Company to indicate they wish to retain the service will be disconnected from the service at no charge.

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# 5.4 SERVICE AND PROMOTIONAL TRIALS (cont'd)

# 5.4.2 Regulations (cont'd)

- c. During a Promotional Trial, the service is provided to all eligible customers who ask to participate. Customers will be notified in advance of the opportunity to receive the service in the trial for free. A customer can request that the service be removed at any time during the trial and not be billed a recurring charge for the period that the service was in place. At the end of the trial, customers that do not contact the Company will be disconnected from the service.
- d. Customers can subscribe to any service listed as part of a Promotional Trial and not be billed the normal Connection Charge. The offering of this trial period option is limited in that a service may be tried only once per customer, per premises.
- e. The Company retains the right to limit the size and scope of a Promotional Trial.

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### 5.5 BUSY VERIFICATION AND INTERRUPT SERVICE

#### 5.5.1 General

Upon request of a calling party, the Company will verify a busy condition on a called line. An operator will determine if the line is clear or in use and report to the calling party. In addition, the operator will intercept an existing call on the called line if the calling party indicates an emergency and requests interruption.

# 5.5.2 Rate Application

- a. A Verification Charge will apply when:
  - 1. The operator verifies that the line is busy with a call in progress, or
  - 2. The operator verifies that the line is available for incoming calls.
- b. Both a Verification Charge and an Interrupt Charge will apply when the operator verifies that a called number is busy with a call in progress and the customer requests interruption. The operator will interrupt the call advising the called party of the name of the calling party and the called party will determine whether to accept the interrupt call. Charges will apply whether or not the called party accepts the interruption.
- c. No charge will apply when the calling party advises that the call is from an official public emergency agency.

#### 5.5.3 Rates

	<u>Minimum</u>	Maximum
Verification Charge, each request	\$ 0.01	\$5.00
Interrupt Charge, each request	\$ 0.01	\$5.00

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### 5.6 TRAP CIRCUIT SERVICE

#### 5.6.1 General

Trap Circuit Service is designed to allow the customer to control the release of an incoming call so that in situations involving emergency or nuisance calls, calls may be held and traced.

# 5.6.2 Regulations

- a. This service is provided when there is a continuing requirement for the identification of the calling party in cases involving nuisance calls or emergency situations or other situations involving law enforcement or public safety.
- b. The customer shall be required to sign a written request for this service. By signing the request the customer shall release the Company from any liability, and the customer agrees to indemnify and hold the Company harmless from any liability it may incur in providing this service. The Company may require the recommendation of an appropriate law enforcement agency prior to providing this service. Any information obtained by the Company in the tracing of a call will be provided only to the law enforcement agency designated. The only exception to this will be emergency situations such as fire, serious illness or other similar situations, in which case the appropriate agency will be notified.
- c. The equipment required to provide this service cannot be operated in all central offices. The service is restricted to locations where facilities permit.
- d. The Company makes no guarantee concerning the tracing and identification of any call when the service is provided. The Company will furnish the service only on the express condition that no liability shall attach to it for any reason arising out of the provision of the service.

#### 5.6.3 Rates

Per request,

Minimum:

\$ 5.00

Maximum:

\$ 50.00 or maximum allowable under CALEA

for trap/intercept service.

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#### 5.7 DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICE

#### 5.7.1 General

A customer may obtain assistance, for a charge, in determining a telephone number by dialing Directory Assistance Service. A customer can also receive assistance by writing the Company with a list of names and addresses for which telephone numbers are desired.

# 5.7.2 Regulations

A Directory Assistance Charge applies for each telephone number, area code, and/or general information requested from the Directory Assistance operator except as follows:

- a. Calls from coin telephones, including COCOTS.
- b. Requests for telephone numbers of non-published service.
- c. Requests in which the Directory Assistance operator provides an incorrect number. The customer must inform the Company of the error in order to receive credit.
- d. Requests from individuals with certified visual or physical handicaps in which the handicap prevents the use of a local directory. Individuals must be certified in accordance with the terms outlined under "Handicapped Person" in Section 10 of this Tariff, up to a maximum of 50 requests per month.

### 5.7.3 Rates

Unless one of the exceptions listed above applies, the charges as shown below apply for each request made to the Directory Assistance operator:

Minimum: \$0.01

Maximum: \$0.50

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### 5.8 LOCAL OPERATOR SERVICE

Local calls may be completed or billed with the live or mechanical assistance by the Company's operator center. Calls may be billed collect to the called party, to an authorized 3rd party number, to the originating line, or to a valid authorized calling card. Local calls may be placed on a station to station basis or to a specified party (see Person to Person), or designated alternate. Usage charges for local operator assisted calls are those usage charges that would normally apply to the calling party's service. Where no local charge applies (flat rate service), the usage charge is \$0.00. In addition to usage charges, an operator assistance charge applies to each call:

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Local Operator Assistance, per call:	\$0.00	\$0.75

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### 5.9 STAND ALONE VOICE MAIL SERVICE

### 5.9.1 Description

Stand Alone Voice Mail Service is offered to a customer when a physical Service Line is not necessary. The customer must access Voice Mail through the use of other network access service provided by the Company or other telecommunications common carriers. Such access, including applicable local usage and toll charges, is the responsibility of the Voice Mail Service customer. Voice mail that is offered in conjunction with line-based service is offered pursuant to the terms specified in the applicable section of this tariff pertaining to the associated line-based service.

# 5.9.2 Recurring and Nonrecurring Charges

In addition to the nonrecurring charges listed below, service order charges apply per main billing account as described in Section 3 of this tariff. Service is offered on a month to month basis or the customer may choose to commit to a minimum service term of twelve months. A twelve month service term is billed in advance. Service will automatically renew at the end of each twelve month term. Renewal charges will be billed in the eleventh month of the term. Twelve month service will be automatically converted to month to month service if the recurring charge is not paid by the end of the first full month of the new service term. Service may be canceled at any time prior to the first month of the new service term.

Per Individual Mail Address (up to 100 Mail Addresses):

	<u>Residence</u>		Business	
	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Nonrecurring Charge	\$1.00	\$10.00	\$1.00	\$10.00
Recurring Charges:				
- Month to Month	\$1.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$25.00
- Twelve Months	\$25.00	\$250.00	\$25.00	\$250.00

Over 100 Mail Addresses:

individual cases basis

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#### 5.10 BLOCKING SERVICE

#### 5.10.1 General

Blocking service is a feature that permits customers to restrict access from their telephone line to various discretionary services. The following blocking options are available to residential and business customers:

- a. 900, 700 Blocking allows the subscriber to block all calls beginning with the 900 and 700 prefixes (i.e. 900-XXX-XXXX) from being placed.
- b. 900, 700, 333 (Rochester LATA, only), 396, 540, 550, 551 (Syracuse LATA, only), 770 (NY Metro LATA, only), 910, 920, 970, 971, 974 & 976 Blocking allows the subscriber to block all calls beginning with the above prefixes from being placed.
- c. Third Number Billed and Collect Call Restriction provides the subscriber with a method of denying all third number billed and collect calls to a specific telephone number provided the transmitting operator checks their validation data base.
- d. Toll Restriction (1+ and 0+ Blocking) provides the subscriber with local dialing capabilities but blocks any customer-dialed call that has a long distance charge associated with it.
  - Toll Restriction will not block the following types of calls: 911 (Emergency), 1 + 800 (Toll Free), and operator assisted toll calls.
- e. Toll Restriction Plus provides subscribers with Toll Restriction, as described in 1.d. of this Section, and blocking of 411 calls.
- f. Direct Inward Dialing Blocking (Third Party and Collect Call) provides business customers who subscribe to DID service to have Third Party and Collect Call Blocking on the number ranges provided by the Company.

### 5.10.2 Regulations

- 5.10.2.1 The Company will not be liable for any charge incurred when any long distance carrier or alternative operator service provider accepts third number billed or collect calls.
- 5.10.2.2 Blocking Service is available where equipment and facilities permit.

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#### 5.10 BLOCKING SERVICE, (cont'd)

# 5.10.3 Rates and Charges

#### Recurring and Nonrecurring Charges .1

The following rates and charges are in addition to all other applicable rates and charges for the facilities furnished.

	Nonrecurring Charge	
	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
900 and 700 Blocking		
- Residential	\$0.00	\$0.00
- Business (up to 200 lines)	\$0.00	\$10.00
900, 971, 974, and 700 Blocking		
- Residential	\$0.00	\$0.00
- Business (up to 200 lines)	\$0.00	\$10.00

The nonrecurring charge for initial request of one and two-line business customers is waived for 90 days from the customer's service establishment date.

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# 5.10 BLOCKING SERVICE, (cont'd)

# 5.10.3 Rates and Charges (cont'd)

.1 Recurring and Nonrecurring Charges (cont'd)

	Monthly Charges	
Third Number Billed and	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Collect Call Restriction		
Daridantial	\$0.00	\$5.00
- Residential - Business (up to 200 lines)	\$0.00	\$5.00 \$5.00
- Business (up to 200 lines)	ψ0.00	Ψ3.00
Toll Restriction		
- Residential	\$0.01	\$5.00
- Business (up to 200 lines)	\$0.01	\$5.00
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Toll Restriction Plus		
- Residential	\$0.01	\$5.00
- Residential - Business (up to 200 lines)	\$0.01	\$5.00
- Business (up to 200 mies)	φ0.01	Ψ5.00
Direct Inward Dialing Blocking		
(Third Party and Collect Call)		
- Initial Activation	\$0.01	\$50.00
- Subsequent Activation		
(per line)	\$0.01	\$10.00

- .2 Pricing for Blocking Service for a business customer with more than 200 lines will be based on the costs incurred by Company to provide the service.
- .3 Connection charges apply as specified in Section 3 of this tariff.

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#### 5.11 CUSTOMIZED NUMBER SERVICE

#### 5.11.1 General

- a. Customized Number Service allows a customer to order a specified telephone number rather than the next available number.
- b. Customized Number Service is furnished subject to the availability of facilities and requested telephone numbers.
- c. The Company will not be responsible for the manner in which Customized Numbers are used for marketing purposes by the customer.
- d. When a new customer assumes an existing service which includes Customized Number Service, the new customer may keep the Customized Number, at the tariffed rate, with the written consent of the Company and the former customer.
- e. The Company reserves and retains the right:
  - 1. To reject any request for specialized telephone numbers and to refuse requests for specialized telephone numbers;
  - 2. Of custody and administration of all telephone numbers, and to prohibit the assignment of the use of a telephone number by or from any customer to another, except as otherwise provided in this Tariff;
  - 3. To assign or withdraw and reassign telephone numbers in any exchange area as it deems necessary or appropriate in the conduct of its business.
  - 4. The limitation of liability provisions of this tariff in Section 2.1.1 are applicable to Customized Number Service.

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### 5.11 CUSTOMIZED NUMBER SERVICE (cont'd)

### 5.11.2 Conditions

- a. Charges for Customized Number Service apply when a customer:
  - 1. Requests a telephone number other than the next available number from the assignment control list, and such requested number is placed into service within six months of the date of the request.
  - 2. Requests a number change from the customer's present number to a Customized Number.
- b. The Company shall not be liable to any customer for direct, indirect or consequential damages caused by a failure of service, change of number, or assignment of a requested number to another customer whether prior to or after the establishment of service. In no case shall the Company be liable to any person, firm or corporation for an amount greater than such person, firm or corporation has actually paid to the Company for Customized Number Service.

### 5.11.3 Rates

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Set-up Charges		
Residential Customer	\$0.00	\$50.00
Business Customer	\$0.00	\$100.00

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### 5.12 CUSTOMER REQUESTED SERVICE SUSPENSIONS

- 5.12.1 At the request of the customer the Company will suspend incoming and outgoing service on the customer's access line for a period of time not to exceed one year. The equipment is left in place and directory listings are continued during the suspension period without change. At the customer's request the Company will provide the customer with an intercept recording referring callers to another number.
- 5.12.2 The company will assess a lower monthly rate for Customer Requested Service Suspension as noted below. However, any mileage charges, monthly cable charges or monthly construction charges are still due, without reduction during the period of suspension.

Period of Suspension

Charge

- First Month or Partial Month

Regular Monthly Rate (no reduction)

- Each Additional Month (up to the one year limit)

1/2 Regular Monthly Rate

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# 8.3 SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR THE HEARING OR SPEECH IMPAIRED CUSTOMER

- 8.3.1 As required by Section 92-a of New York State Public Service Law, the Company will provide, upon request, specialized telecommunications equipment for a customer certified as hearing or speech impaired.
- 8.3.2 A customer can be certified as hearing or speech impaired by a licensed physician, otolaryngologist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist or an authorized representative of a social agency that conducts programs for persons with hearing or speech impairments in cooperation with an official agency of the State of New York.
- 8.3.3 The Company will make every reasonable effort to locate and obtain equipment for a certified customer.
- 8.3.4 The customer may purchase equipment at a price not to exceed the actual purchase price (including any applicable shipping costs) the Company pays.
- 8.3.5 The Company will also advise the customer who requests this equipment of the applicable terms for purchase.

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#### 8.4 DISCOUNTED SERVICE FOR THE HEARING OR SPEECH IMPAIRED CUSTOMER

#### 8.4.1 General

A handicapped person who has been certified to the Company as having a hearing or speech impairment which requires that he or she communicate over telephone facilities by means other than voice, and who either use non-voice equipment or make calls through an interpreter, will receive, upon application to the Company, a 50% discount on local message rate service.

#### 8.4.2 Certification

Acceptable certifications are:

- 1. Those made by a licensed physician, otolaryngologist, speech-language pathologist or audiologist or an authorized representative of a social agency that conducts programs for persons with hearing or speech impairment in cooperation with an official agency of the State of New York, or
- 2. A pre-existing certification establishing the impairment of hearing or speech such as those which qualify the handicapped person for social security benefits on the basis of total hearing impairment or for the use of facilities of an agency for a person with hearing or speech impairment.

#### 8.4.3 Qualification

A customer qualifying for the discount is one whose impairment is such that competent authority would certify him or her as being unable to use a telephone for voice communication. See Section 11, "Handicapped Person," for a listing of the necessary qualifications.

#### 8.4.4 Billing

The reduction in charges is applied only at one location, designated by the impaired person.

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### 8.5 UNIVERSAL EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER SERVICE

Universal Emergency Telephone Number Service (911 Service) is an arrangement of Company central office and trunking facilities whereby any telephone user who dials the number 911 will reach the emergency report center for the telephone from which the number is dialed or will be routed to an operator if all lines to an emergency report center are busy. If no emergency report center customer exists for a central office entity, a telephone user who dials the number 911 will be routed to an operator. The telephone user who dials the 911 number will not be charged for the call.

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#### 8.6 NEW YORK RELAY SERVICE

#### 8.6.1 General

The Company will provide access to a telephone relay center for New York Relay Service. The service permits telephone communications between hearing and/or speech impaired individuals who must use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) or a Teletypewriter (TTY) and individuals with normal hearing and speech. The Relay Service can be reached by dialing an 800 number. Specific 800 numbers have been designated for both impaired and non-impaired customers to use.

### 8.6.2 Regulations

- a. Only intrastate calls can be completed using the New York Relay Service under the terms and conditions of this tariff.
- b. Charges for calls placed through the Relay Service will be billed as if direct distance dialed (DDD) from the point of origination to the point of termination. The actual routing of the call does not affect billing.
- c. Calls through the Relay Service may be billed to a third number only if that number is within New York State. Calls may also be billed to calling cards issued by the Company or other carriers who may choose to participate in this service.

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## 8.6 NEW YORK RELAY SERVICE (cont'd)

# 8.6.2 Regulations (cont'd)

- d. The following calls may not be placed through the Relay Service:
  - 1. calls to informational recordings and group bridging service:
  - 2. calls to time or weather recorded messages;
  - 3. station sent paid calls from coin telephones; and
  - 4. operator-handled conference service and other teleconference calls.

# 8.6.3 Liability

The Company contracts with an outside provider for the provision of this service. The outside provider has complete control over the provision of the service except for the facilities provided directly by the Company. In addition to other provisions of this Tariff dealing with liability, in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Company, the Company shall not be liable for and the customer, by using the service, agrees to release, defend and hold harmless for all damages, whether direct, incidental or consequential, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the customer or by any other person, for any loss or destruction of any property, whatsoever whether covered by the customer or others, or for any personal injury to or death of, any person. Not withstanding any provision to the contrary, in no event shall the Company be liable for any special, incidental, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages of any nature whatsoever.

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#### 8.7 SPECIAL CREDIT CARD FOR BLIND AND DISABLED PERSONS

#### 8.7.1 General

Persons who are blind or whose disability causes difficult with hand and finger coordination and use of a telephone qualify for a Special Credit Card. The card may be used from any telephone within the Company's territory to place calls within and outside the state of New York at a special rate or to place calls from a telephone outside of the Company's territory, but within the state of New York at rates applicable to the territory from which the call is made.

#### 8.7.2 Rates

Within the Company's Territory:

Station to station toll calls placed with operator assistance will be billed at the lower rate normally applicable to calls placed without operator assistance. Local calls cannot be charged to the card. Person-to-person calls charged to the card with be billed at the higher operator handled rate.

Outside the Company's Territory, but within New York State:

All rates, charges, billing and restriction in effect in the territory from which the call is made will apply.

### 8.7.3 Qualification

The follow criteria will be used to determine eligibility for the Special Credit Card:

- 1. "Legally Blind" those whose visual acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting glasses or whose widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.
- 2. "Physically Handicapped" those who are certified by competent authority as unable to read or use ordinary printed materials as result of physical limitations.
- 3. Persons whose disabling condition causes difficulty with hand and finger coordination and utilization of a coin or non-coin telephone. Acceptable certifications are those made by a licensed physician, ophthalmologist or optometrist.

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### 8.7 SPECIAL CREDIT CARD FOR BLIND AND DISABLED PERSONS (cont'd)

## 8.7.4 Billing Authorization

Responsibility for payment of charges may be handled in one of two ways:

- 1. The handicapped person (the applicant) may accept responsibility for payment of his or her own bill. In this case, the applicant must be 18 years of age or older and must reside within the Company's service territory, but he or she does not need to have other service from the Company.
- 2. Another party may agree to accept responsibility for payment of charges incurred through use of the Special Credit Card by the applicant. When this option is chosen, the person accepting this responsibility must be 18 years of age or older, but does not need to reside within the Company's service territory.

In either case, the applicant is the <u>only</u> authorized user of the Special Credit Card. If he person accepting payment responsibility has service within the Company's service territory, charges will be billed on a regular monthly bill; otherwise a separate bill will be sent.

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## 8.8 SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DISCOUNT PROGRAM

### 8.8.1. General

The Schools and Libraries Discount Program permits eligible schools (public and private, grades Kindergarten through 12) and libraries to purchase the Company services offered in this tariff and the (additional company tariff references, if appropriate) at a discounted rate, in accordance with the Rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in its Universal Service Order 97-157, issued May 8, 1997 and the New York State Public Service Commission in its Opinion and Order 97-11 Adopting Discounts for Services for Schools and Libraries, issued June 25, 1997. The Rules are codified at 47 Code of Federal Regulation (C.F.R.) 54.500 et. seq.

As indicated in the Rules, the discounts will be between 20 and 90 percent of the pre-discount price, which is the price of services to schools and libraries prior to application of a discount. The level of discount will be based on an eligible school or library's level of economic disadvantage and by its location in either an urban or rural area. A schools level of economic disadvantage will be determined by the percentage of its students eligible for participation in the national school lunch program, and a library's level of economic disadvantage will be calculated on the basis of school lunch eligibility in the public school district in which the library is located. A non-public school may use either eligibility for the national school lunch program or other federally approved alternative measures to determine its level of economic disadvantage. To be eligible for the discount, schools and libraries will be required to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Rules. Discounts are available only to the extent that they are funded by the federal universal service fund. Schools and libraries may aggregate demand with other eligible entities to create a consortium.

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# 8.8 SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DISCOUNT PROGRAM (Cont'd)

## 8.8.2. Regulations

- 1. Obligation of eligible schools and libraries
  - a. Requests for service
    - 1. Schools and libraries and consortia shall participate in a competitive bidding process for all services eligible for discounts, in accordance with any state and local procurement rules.
    - 2. Schools and libraries and consortia shall submit requests for services to the Schools and Libraries Corporation, as designated by the FCC, and follow established procedures.
    - 3. Services requested will be used for educational purposes.
    - 4. Services will not be sold, resold or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value.
- 2. Obligations of the Company
  - a. The Company will offer discounts to eligible schools and libraries on commercially available telecommunications services contained in this tariff. Those services contained in this tariff which are excluded from the discount program, in accordance with the Rules, are included as an attachment to this tariff.
  - b. The Company will offer services to eligible schools, libraries and consortia at prices no higher than the lowest price it charges to similarly situated non-residential customers for similar services (lowest corresponding price).

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# 8.8 SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DISCOUNT PROGRAM (Cont'd)

# 8.8.2. Obligations of the Company (Cont'd)

c. In competitive bidding situations, the Company may offer flexible pricing or rates other than in this tariff, where specific flexible pricing arrangements are allowed, subject to New York State Public Service Commission approval.

#### 8.8.3. Discounted Rates for Schools and Libraries

- 1. Discounts for eligible schools and libraries and consortia shall be set as a percentage from the pre-discount price, which is the price of services to schools and libraries prior to application of a discount.
- 2. The discount rate will be applied to eligible intrastate services purchased by eligible schools, libraries or consortia.
- 3. The discount rate is based on each school or library's level of economic disadvantage as determined in accordance with the FCC Order or other federally approved alternative measures (as permitted by the Rules) and by its location in either an urban or rural area.
- 4. The discount matrix for eligible schools, libraries and consortia is included as an attachment to this tariff.

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#### 8.9 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS SUPPORT PROGRAM

# 8.9.1. General

The purpose of the Health Care Providers Support Program is to enable public and non-profit rural health care providers to have access to telecommunications services necessary for the provision of health care services at rates comparable to those paid for similar services in urban areas. The Health Care Providers Support Program offers eligible public and non-profit health care providers located in rural areas reduced rates for Company intrastate services, available in this Tariff. Such services must be purchased in accordance with the Rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in its Universal Service Order 97-157, issued May 8, 1997 and the New York State Public Service Commission in its Order in Cases 94-C-0095 and 28425, issued November 4, 1997. The FCC Rules are codified at 47 Code of Federal Regulation (C.F.R.) 54.601 et. seq., and any amendments made thereto.

# 8.9.2. Regulations

- a. To be eligible for the reduced rates, rural health care providers are required to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the FCC Rules.
- b. Reduced rates are available only to the extent that they are funded by the federal universal service fund.
- c. Eligible rural health care providers may aggregate demand with other entities to create a consortium. Universal service support shall apply only to the portion of eligible services used by an eligible health care provider.

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# Section 8 - SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (cont'd)

## 8.9 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS SUPPORT PROGRAM

# 8.9.2. Regulations (Cont'd)

- d. Responsibility of eligible health care providers (Cont'd)
  - 1. Rural health care providers and consortia shall participate in a competitive bidding process for all services eligible for reduced rates in accordance with any state and local procurement rules.
  - 2. Rural health care providers and consortia shall submit requests for services to the program Administrator, as designated by the FCC, and follow established procedures.
  - 3. Services requested must be used for purposes related to the provision of health care services or instruction that the health care provider is legally authorized to provide under the law.
  - 4. A health care provider that cannot obtain toll free access to an Internet Service Provider and who is eligible for support for limited toll-free access under the Rules must certify that it lacks toll-free Internet access and that it is an eligible health care provider.
  - 5. Services cannot be sold, resold or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value.

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# Section 8 - SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (cont'd)

# 8.9 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS SUPPORT PROGRAM (Cont'd)

# 8.9.2. Regulations (Cont'd)

- e. Responsibility of the Company
  - 1. The Company shall offer the rates and charges as specified in Section 3, to eligible health care providers to the extent that facilities and services are available and offered in the tariffs specified in 1. preceding.
  - 2. The Company shall offer services to eligible rural health care providers and consortia at prices no higher than the highest urban rate as defined in the FCC Order and Rules.
  - 3. In competitive bidding situations, where specific flexible pricing arrangements are allowed, the Company may offer flexible pricing (to determine the reduced rate) subject to New York State Public Service Commission approval.

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### Section 8 - SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (cont'd)

# 8.9 HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS SUPPORT PROGRAM (Cont'd)

# 8.9.3. Rates and Charges

The following price adjustments will be available to eligible rural health care providers, except subparagraph c., which shall be available to all eligible health care providers, regardless of location;

- a. A reduced rate for telecommunications services, using a bandwidth capacity of up to 1.544 Mbps, not to exceed the highest tariffed or publicly available rate charged to a commercial customer for a similar service provided over the same distance in the nearest city in new York State with a population of at least 50,000.
- b. An exemption from some mileage charges for any telecommunications services, using a bandwidth capacity of up to 1.544 Mbps, that is necessary for the provision of health care services. The exempted mileage includes the distance between the rural health care provider and the most distant perimeter of the nearest city in New York State with a population of 50,000 or more, less the standard urban distance, which is the maximum average diameter of all cities with population of 50,000 or more in the state.
- c. Each eligible health care provider that cannot obtain toll-free access to an Internet service provider is entitled to receive toll charge credits for toll charges imposed for connecting to an Internet service provider as per the FCC Rules. Such toll charge credits are available pursuant to applicable toll tariffs.

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# **SECTION 11 - EXPLANATION OF TERMS**

#### **AGENCY**

For 911 or E911 service, the government agency(s) designated as having responsibility for the control and staffing of the emergency report center.

### ALTERNATE ROUTING ("AR")

Allows E911 calls to be routed to a designated alternate location if (1) all E911 exchange lines to the primary PSAP (see definition of PSAP below) are busy, or (2) the primary PSAP closes down for a period (night service).

#### **ANALOG**

A transmission method employing a continuous (rather than a pulsed or digital) electrical signal that varies in amplitude or frequency in response to changes of sound, light, position, etc., impressed on a transducer in the sending device.

### **APARTMENTS**

A building or group of buildings used primarily to provide complete residential apartments but not lodging on a day-to-day basis.

#### **ASCII**

American Standard Code for Information Interchange. An eight-level code for data transfer adopted by the American Standards Association.

# **ASYNCHRONOUS**

Transmission in which each information character is individually synchronized usually by the use of start-stop elements. The gap between each character is not of a fixed length.

#### **AUTHORIZED USER**

A person, corporation or other entity who is authorized by the Company's customer to utilize service provided by the Company to the customer. The customer is responsible for all charges incurred by an Authorized User

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# SECTION 11 - EXPLANATION OF TERMS (cont'd)

#### **ATTENDANT**

An operator of a PBX console or telephone switchboard.

### AUTOMATIC LOCATION IDENTIFICATION ("ALI")

The name and address associated with the calling party's telephone number (identified by ANI as defined below) is forwarded to the PSAP for display. Additional telephones with the same number as the calling party's (secondary locations, off premises, etc.) will be identified with the address of the telephone number at the main location.

### AUTOMATIC NUMBER IDENTIFICATION ("ANI")

A system whereby the calling party's telephone number is identified and sent forward with the call record for routing and billing purposes. E911 Service makes use of this system.

#### BIT

The smallest unit of information in the binary system of notation.

#### BUILDING

A structure enclosed within exterior walls or fire walls, built, erected and framed of component structural parts and designed for permanent occupancy.

#### CALL INITIATION

The point in time when the exchange network facility are initially allocated for the establishment of a specific call.

#### **CALL TERMINATION**

The point in time when the exchange network facility allocated to a specific call is released for reuse by the network.

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### SECTION 11 - EXPLANATION OF TERMS (cont'd)

#### CENTRAL OFFICE

An operating office of the Company where connections are made between telephone exchange lines.

#### CENTRAL OFFICE LINE

A line providing direct or indirect access from a telephone or switchboard to a central office. Central office lines subject to PBX rate treatment are referred to as central office trunks.

#### **CHANNEL**

A point-to-point bi-directional path for digital transmission. A channel may be furnished in such a manner as the Company may elect, whether by wire, fiber optics, radio or a combination thereof and whether or not by means of single physical facility or route. One 1.544 Mbps Service is equivalent to 24 channels.

#### **CHANNEL CONVERSION**

The termination of 1.544. Mbps Service at a customer's location with conversion of the digital signal to 24 analog voice grade circuits. Channel Conversion can be furnished by the customer.

### CHANNEL SERVICE UNIT ("CSU")

The equipment located at the customer's premises which terminates each 1.544 Mbps Digital Loop and performs such functions as proper termination of facilities, regeneration of signals, recognition and correction of signal format errors and provides remote loop-back capability.

#### **COLLEGE**

An establishment for higher education authorized to confer degrees where lodging for the students is maintained on the premises.

## **COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS**

Channels and other facilities which are capable of two-way communications between subscriber -provided terminal equipment or Telephone Company stations, even when not connected to exchange and message toll communications service.

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## SECTION 11 - EXPLANATION OF TERMS (cont'd)

#### **COMPANY**

(company name), unless otherwise clearly indicated from the context.

#### COMMISSION

The New York State Public Service Commission.

#### **CUSTOMER**

The person, firm, corporation, or other entity which orders service pursuant to this Tariff and utilizes service provided under Tariff by the Company. A customer is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with all terms of the Company's Tariff.

### CUSTOMER PREMISES EQUIPMENT (CPE)

Equipment provided by the customer for use with the Company's services. CPE can include a station set, facsimile machine, key system, PBX, or other communication system.

## DEFAULT ROUTING ("DR")

When an incoming E911 call cannot be selectively routed due to an ANI failure, garbled digits or other causes, such incoming calls are routed from the E911 Control Office to a default PSAP. Each incoming E911 facility group to the Control Office is assigned to a designated default PSAP.

#### DEMARCATION POINT

The physical dividing point between the Company's network and the customer.

DIAL PULSE ("DP")

The pulse type employed by a rotary dial station set.

DIRECT INWARD DIAL ("DID")

A service attribute that routes incoming calls directly to stations, by-passing a central answer point.

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### SECTION 11 - EXPLANATION OF TERMS (cont'd)

# DIRECT OUTWARD DIAL ("DOD")

A service attribute that allows individual station users to access and dial outside numbers directly.

#### **DIGITAL**

A method of storing, processing and transmitting information through the use of distinct electronic or optical pulses that represent the binary digits (bits) 0 and 1. Digital transmission/switching technologies employ a sequence of discrete, individually distinct pulses to represent information, as opposed to the continuously variable signal of analog technologies.

# DUAL TONE MULTI-FREQUENCY ("DTMF")

The pulse type employed by tone dial station sets. (Touch tone)

### EMERGENCY SERVICE NUMBER ("ESN")

A unique code, assigned by the Company, used to define specific combinations of police, fire and/or ambulance jurisdictions, or any other authorized agency, which are designated by the customer.

#### **E911 SERVICE AREA**

The geographic area in which the government agency will respond to all E911 calls and dispatch appropriate emergency assistance.

### **E911 CUSTOMER**

A governmental agency that is the customer of record and is responsible for all negotiations, operations and payment of bills in connection with the provision of E911 service.

#### **ERROR**

A discrepancy or unintentional deviation by the Company from what is correct or true. An "error", can also be an omission in records.

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#### **EXCHANGE**

An area, consisting of one or more central office districts, within which a call between any two points is a local call.

### **EXCHANGE ACCESS LINE**

A central office line furnished for direct or indirect access to the exchange system.

#### **EXCHANGE SERVICE**

The provision to the subscriber of access to the exchange system for the purpose of sending and receiving calls. This access is achieved through the provision of a central office line (exchange access line) between the central office and the subscriber's premises.

#### FINAL ACCOUNT

A customer whose service has been disconnected who has outstanding charges still owed to the Company.

#### FLAT RATE SERVICE

The type of exchange service provided at a monthly rate with an unlimited number of calls within a specified primary calling area.

### **GROUND START**

Describes the signaling method between the PBX/key system interface and the Company's switch. It is the signal requesting service.

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### HANDICAPPED PERSON

A person who is legally blind, visually handicapped or physically handicapped, under the following definitions from the Federal Register (Vol. 35 #126 dated June 30, 1970).

Legally Blind - a person whose visual acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting glasses, or whose widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.

Visually Handicapped - a person whose visual disability, with correction and regardless of optical measurement with respect to legal blindness, are certified as unable to read normal printed material.

Physically Handicapped - a person who is certified by competent authority as unable to read or use ordinary printed materials as a result of physical limitation, or a person whose disabling condition causes difficulty with hand and finger coordination and use of a coin telephone.

The term "Handicapped Person", when used in connection with a person having a speech or hearing impairment which requires that they communicate over telephone facilities by means other than voice is defined below:

Hearing - a person with binaural hearing impairment of 60% or higher on the basis of the procedure developed by the American Academy of Otolaryngology (A.A.0.) as set forth in "Guide for Conservation of Hearing in Noise" 38-43, A.A.0., 1973; "guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment" 103-107, American Medical Association, 1971.

Speech - a person with 65% or higher of impairment on the basis of the procedure recommended by the American Medical Association's Committee on Rating of Mental and Physical Impairment to evaluate speech impairment as to three categories: audibility, intelligibility and functional efficiency, as set forth in "Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment" 109-III, American Medical Association, 1971.

### **HOSPITAL**

An establishment for treatment of human patients by members of the medical profession where lodging for the patients is maintained on the premises.

#### HOTEL

An establishment offering lodging with or without meals to the general public on a day-to-day basis.

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#### INCOMING SERVICE GROUP

Two or more central office lines arranged so that a call to the First line is completed to a succeeding line in the group when the first line is in use.

#### **INTERFACE**

That point on the premises of the subscriber at which provision is made for connection of facilities provided by someone other than the Company to facilities provided by the Company.

### INTEROFFICE MILEAGE

The segment of a line which extends between the central offices serving the originating and terminating points.

#### INTERRUPTION

The inability to complete calls, either incoming or outgoing or both, due to Company facilities malfunction or human errors.

#### **JOINT USER**

A person, firm, or corporation which uses the telephone service of a subscriber as provided in Section 1 of the Tariff.

#### **KILOBIT**

One thousand bits.

#### **LATA**

Local Access and Transport Area. The area within which the Company provides local and long distance ("intraLATA") service. For call to numbers outside this area ("interLATA") service is provided by long distance companies.

#### LINK

The physical facility from the network interface on an end-user's or carrier's premises to the point of interconnection on the main distribution frame of the Company's central office.

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#### LEASED CHANNEL

A non-switched electrical path used for connection of equipment furnished by the subscriber to equipment furnished by the subscriber or the Company for a specific purpose.

#### LOCAL CALL

A call which, if placed by a customer over the facilities of the Company, is not rated as a toll call.

#### LOCAL CALLING AREA

The area, consisting of one or more central office districts, within which a subscriber for exchange service may make telephone calls without a toll charge.

#### LOCAL SERVICE

Telephone exchange service within a local calling area.

#### LOOP START

Describes the signaling between the terminal equipment or PBX/key system interface and the Company's switch. It is the signal requesting service.

#### **LOOPS**

Segments of a line which extend from the serving central office to the originating and to the terminating point.

#### **MEGABIT**

One million bits.

## MESSAGE RATE SERVICE

A type of exchange service provided at a monthly rate with an additional charge for local calling based on the usage of the local network. One completed call is equal to one message.

#### **MOVE**

The disconnection of existing equipment at one location and reconnection of the same equipment at a new location in the same building or in a different building on the same premises.

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# MULTI-FREQUENCY ("MF")

An inter-machine pulse-type used for signaling between telephone company switches, or between telephone company switches and PBX/key systems.

#### MULTILINE HUNT

A method of call signaling by which a call placed to one number is subsequently routed to one or more alternative numbers when the called number is busy.

#### NETWORK CONTROL SIGNALING

The 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 progress signals indicating re-order or busy conditions, alerting) to control the operation of switching machines in the telecommunications system.

### NETWORK CONTROL SIGNALING UNIT

The terminal equipment furnished, installed and maintained by the Telephone Company for the provision of network control signaling.

#### **NODE**

The location to which digital channels are routed and where access is provided to such lines and associated equipment for testing.

### **PBX**

A private branch exchange.

### PORT

A connection to the switching network with one or more voice grade communications channels, each with a unique network address (telephone number) dedicated to the customer. A port connects a link to the public switched network.

#### **PREMISES**

The space occupied by a customer or authorized user in a building or buildings or contiguous property not separated by a public right of way.

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#### SECTION 11 - EXPLANATION OF TERMS (cont'd)

#### PREPAID ACCOUNT

An inventory of Telecom Units purchased in advance by the Customer, and associated with one and only one Authorization Code as contained in a specific Prepaid Calling Card.

#### PREPAID CALLING CARD

A card issued by the Company, containing an Authorization Code which identifies a specific Prepaid Account of Telecom Units, which enables calls to be processed, account activity to be logged, and balances to be maintained, on a prepayment basis.

### PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE SERVICE

Service providing facilities for connecting central office trunks and tie lines to PBX stations, and for interconnecting PBX station lines by means of a switchboard or dial apparatus.

#### PUBLIC ACCESS LINE SERVICE

Service providing facilities for a customer owned coin operated telephone ("COCOT").

# PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT ("PSAP")

An answering location for E911 calls originating in a given area. A PSAP may be designated as primary or secondary, which refers to the order in which calls are directed for answering. Primary PSAPs respond first; secondary PSAPs receive calls on a transfer basis only and generally serve as a centralized answering location for a particular type of emergency call.

#### RATE CENTER

A geographic reference point with specific coordinates on a map used for determining mileage when calculating charges.

## REFERRAL PERIOD

The time frame during which calls to a number which has been changed will be sent to a recording which will inform the caller of the new number.

#### RESALE OF SERVICE

The subscription to communications service and facilities by one entity and the reoffering of communications service to others (with or without 'adding value') for profit.

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#### SAME PREMISES

All space in the same building in which one subscriber has the right of occupancy, and all space in different buildings on contiguous property when occupied solely by the same subscriber. Foyers, hallways and other space for the common use of all occupants of a building are considered the premises of the operator of the building.

### SELECTIVE ROUTING ("SR")

A feature that routes an E911 call from a Central Office to the designated primary PSAP based upon the identified number of the calling party.

#### SERVING CENTRAL OFFICE

The central office from which local service is furnished.

### **SHARING**

An arrangement in which several users collectively use communications service and facilities provided by a carrier, with each user paying a pro-rata share of the communication related costs.

### **STATION**

Each telephone on a line and where no telephone associated with the line is provided on the same premises and in the same building, the first termination in station key equipment or a jack for use with a portable telephone.

#### **SUSPENSION**

Suspension of service for nonpayment is interruption of outgoing service only. Suspension of service at the subscriber's request is interruption of both incoming and outgoing service.

#### **SYNCHRONOUS**

Transmission in which there is a constant time interval between bits, characters or events.

### T-1 SYSTEM

A type of digital carrier system transmitting voice or data at 1.544 Mbps. A T-1 carrier can handle up to 24 multiplexed 64 Kbps digital voice/data channels. A T-1 carrier system can use metallic cable, microwave radio or optical fiber as transmission media.

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## SECTION 11 - EXPLANATION OF TERMS (cont'd)

### TELEPHONE CALL

A voice connection between two or more telephone stations through the public switched exchange system.

#### TELEPHONE GRADE LINES

Lines furnished for voice transmission or for certain signaling purposes.

#### TERMINATION OF SERVICE

Discontinuance of both incoming and outgoing service.

#### TIE LINE

A dedicated line connecting two switchboards or dial systems.

#### **TOLL CALL**

Any call extending beyond the local exchange of the originating caller which is rated on a toll schedule by the Company.

# TONE DIAL SIGNALING ("TD")

An electronic signal emitted by the circuitry of Touch-Tone-type push-button dials to represent a dialed digit.

#### TWO WAY

A service attribute that includes DOD for outbound calls and can also be used to carry inbound calls to a central point for processing.

### **USER**

A customer, joint user, or any other person authorized by a customer to use service provided under this Tariff.

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#### SECTION 12 - BILLING AND COLLECTION SERVICES

# 12.1 Billing Name and Address Service

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

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

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

BNA Service is provided on both a manual and a mechanized basis. On a manual basis, the information will be provided by voice telecommunications or by mail, as appropriate. On a mechanized basis, the information will be entered on magnetic tape containing recorded customer messages.

BNA information is furnished for sent-paid, collect, bill to third number, 700 and 900 service messages and messages charged to a calling card that is resident in the Telephone Company's database. In addition, BNA information for messages originated from data terminal numbers (DTNs) for data communications services is furnished on a manual basis only.

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## 12.1 Billing Name and Address Service

# 12.1.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

- (a). A request for information on over 100 and up to 500 telephone numbers should be mailed to the Telephone Company. The Telephone Company will provide the response by first class U.S. Mail within ten (10) business days.
- (b) Upon receipt of a magnetic tape of recorded customer messages, the Telephone Company will, at the request of the customer, provide BNA service on a mechanized basis. The tape of messages may be provided by the customer or, where the customer subscribes to Recording Service, may be the output from that service. The Telephone Company will enter the BNA information on the recorded message tape and send the tape to the customer by first class U.S. Mail. Other methods of delivering the data may be negotiated, and charges based on cost will apply.

The Telephone Company will provide a response to customer-provided tapes by mail within six (6) business days of receipt. The Telephone Company will process and mail tapes which are the output of Recording Service every fifth business day.

- (c). The telephone Company will specify the format in which requests and tapes are to be submitted.
- (d). The BNA information will be provided for the calling number furnished to the extent a billing name and address exists in the Telephone Company records, including non-published and non-listed numbers. If the billing name and address information for a specific calling number is confidential due to legal, national security, end user or regulatory imposed requirements, the Telephone Company will provide an indicator on the confidential records.
- (e). The Telephone Company will provide the most current BNA information resident in its data base. Due to normal end user account activity, there may be instances where the BNA information provided is not the BNA that was applicable at the time the message originated.

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# 12.1 Billing Name and Address Service (Cont'd)

### 12.1.2 Obligations of the Customer

- (a). With each order for BNA Service, the customer shall identify the authorized individual and address to receive the BNA information.
- (b). A customer which orders BNA Service on a mechanized basis and which intends to submit tapes of record messages for processing must provide the Telephone Company with an acceptable test tape or transmission which includes all call types for which BNA information may be requested.
- (c). The customer shall institute adequate internal procedures to insure that BNA information, including that related to non-published and non-listed numbers, is used only for the purpose set forth in this tariff and that BNA information is available only to those customer personnel or agents with a need to know the information. The customer must handle all billing name and address information designated as confidential by the Telephone Company in accordance with Telephone Company's procedures concerning confidential information. The Telephone Company will provide to the customer a statement of its procedures concerning confidential information.
- (d) The customer shall not publicize or represent to others that the Telephone Company jointly participates with the customer in the development of the customer's end user records, accounts, data bases or market data, records, files and data bases or other systems it assembles through the use of BNA service.
- (e) When the customer orders BNA Service for both interstate and intrastate messages, the projected percentage of interstate use must be provided in a whole number to the Telephone Company. The Telephone Company will designate the number obtained by subtracting the projected interstate percentage from 100 (100 projected interstate percentage = intrastate percentage) as the projected intrastate percentage.

This whole number percentage will be used by the Telephone Company to apportion the rates and nonrecurring charges between interstate and intrastate in those circumstances where the recorded message detail is not sufficient to permit the Telephone Company to determine the appropriate jurisdiction. This percentage will remain in effect until a revised report is received as set forth following.

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## 12.1.2 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

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Effective on the first of January, April, July and October of each year, the customer may update the jurisdictional report. The customer shall forward to the Telephone Company, to be received no later than 20 calendar days after the first of each such month, a revised report showing the interstate percentage of use for the past three months ending the last day of December, March, June and September, respectively. Except where jurisdiction can be determined from the recorded message detail, the revised report will serve as the basis for the next three months billing and will be effective on the bill date in the following month (i.e., February, May, August and November). No prorating or back billing will be done based on the report. If the customer does not supply the report, the Telephone Company will assume the percentages to be the same as those provided in the last quarterly report. For those cases in which a quarterly report has never been received from the customer, the Telephone Company will assume the percentages to be the same as those provided in the order for service.

(g) The Telephone Company shall use reasonable efforts to provide accurate and complete lists. The Telephone Company makes no warranties, expressed or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of these lists.

# 12.1.3 Rate Regulations

- (a) Service Establishment Charges apply for the initial establishment of BNA service on a manual basis, for the initial establishment of BNA service on a mechanized basis and for establishment of a Master BNA List for a customer.
- (b) A charge applies for each request for BNA information for a telephone number or DTN number on a manual basis. A charge applies for each message processed to supply BNA information on a mechanized basis.

The Telephone Company will keep a count of the requests and of the messages processed. The Telephone Company will bill the customer in accordance with these counts whether or not the Telephone Company was able to provide BNA information for all requests and messages.

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# 12.1.3 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

(c) Where the recorded message detail is sufficient to determine a message is an intrastate message, the rates set forth in the rate section, following, apply to each such message.

Usage for which the recorded message detail is insufficient to determine jurisdiction will be prorated by the Telephone Company between interstate and intrastate.

The percentages provided in the reports as set forth in 12.1.2(E) preceding will serve as the basis for prorating the charges. The intrastate charges are determined as follows: For usage sensitive (i.e. requests or messages processed) chargeable rate elements, multiply the intrastate percent times actual use times the stated tariff rate.

- (d) When a customer cancels an order for BNA Service after the order date, the Service Establishment Charge applies.
- (e) Rates:

Service Establishment Charge \$0.99

Query Charge per Telephone Number \$.50

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