
LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

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REGULATIONS AND SCHEDULE OF INTRASTATE CHARGES

APPLYING TO END-USER

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

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

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

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APPLICATION OF TARIFF

This tariff sets forth the service offerings, rates, terms and conditions applicable to the furnishing of intrastate end-user telecommunications services by West Telecom Services, LLC, hereinafter referred to as the Company, to Customers within the State of Minnesota.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS

Certain terms used generally throughout this tariff are defined below.

Abbreviated Dialing - Permits lines within a Customer's terminal group to place calls within the group using 1 to 7 digits.

Account Codes - Permits Centrex Stations and attendants to dial an account code number of up to eight digits. For use when placing calls over facilities arranged for Automatic Message Accounting (AMA) recording. The account or project number must be input prior to dialing the called number.

Advance Payment - Part or all of a payment required before the start of service.

Automatic Callback Calling - Allows Customers to request an automatic callback upon receiving a busy signal. Caller may signal for dial tone and dial a feature code or press a feature button to request automatic callback facilities.

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

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

Calling Name Delivery - Allows Customers to view the name and telephone number associated with an incoming call before answering the phone.

Call Back/Camp On - Permits a station line encountering an all-trunk-busy condition the option of being notified when a trunk becomes idle.

Call Forwarding -

Call Forwarding Station - Allows calls directed to a station line to be routed to a user defined line inside or outside the Customer's telephone system.

Call Forwarding System - Permits calls attempting to terminate to a busy station line to be redirected to a predetermined line inside or outside the Customer's telephone system.

Call Forwarding Remote - This optional feature allows a user to activate/deactivate the Call Forwarding - All Calls feature or change the forwarded to telephone number from a remote location.

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SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS, (CONT'D.)**Call Forwarding - (Cont'd.)**

Call Forwarding Busy - Allows incoming calls to a busy station to be routed to a preselected station line or attendant within the same system or outside the system. Intercom calls can be arranged to be forwarded to a number different from DID calls.

Call Forwarding Don't Answer - Allows incoming calls to be automatically routed to a preselected station line or attendant in the same system or outside the system, when the called station is not answered after a preset number of rings. Intercom calls can be arranged to be forwarded to a number different from DID calls.

Call Forwarding Variable Limited - When this feature is activated by a station line user or the attendant, incoming calls to the activated station line or attendant position will be automatically routed to any other selected station line, within the same Centrex system, or to the attendant position. The attendant may also activate this feature for a station line user.

Call Forwarding Variable Unlimited - The same as Call Forwarding Variable Limited except that incoming calls may be automatically routed to a telephone number outside the Centrex system or to station lines within the same Centrex system. The attendant may not activate this feature to a telephone number outside the Centrex system for a station line use. Calls forwarded outside the Centrex system are subject to the appropriate charges for local and toll messages.

Call Hold - Allows the user to hold one call for any length of time provided that neither party goes on-hook.

Call Park - Allows a station line to park a call against its own line number. The parked call can be retrieved from any station line by dialing a feature code and the line number against which the call is parked.

Call Pickup - Allows a station line to answer incoming calls to another station line within a defined call pickup group. Call pickup is provided on individual station lines within a Customer group.

Call Transfer - Allows a station line user to transfer any established call to another station line inside or outside the Customer group without the assistance of the attendant.

Call Waiting - Permits a line in the talking state to be alerted by a tone when another call is attempting to complete to the line. Audible ringing is returned to the originating line. The Service also provides a hold feature that is activated by a switchhook flash.

Commission – Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

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SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS, (CONT'D.)

Communication Services - The Company's intrastate toll and local exchange switched telephone services offered for both intraLATA and interLATA use.

Company – West Telecom Services, LLC, the issuer of this tariff.

Conference - Allows Customers to add additional parties to a call.

Customer or Subscriber - The person, firm or corporation that orders service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the Company's regulations.

Dial Pulse (or "DP") - The pulse type employed by rotary dial station sets.

Dial 9 Access - Allows Customers to place calls outside their ClearStar Advantage system by dialing an access code (usually 9).

Direct Inward Dial (or "DID") - A service attribute that routes incoming calls directly to stations, by passing a central answering point.

DID Trunk - A form of local switched access that provides the ability for an outside party to call an internal extension directly without the intervention of the Company operator.

Direct Outward Dial (or "DOD") - A service attribute that allows individual station users to access and dial outside numbers directly.

Do Not Disturb - Permits the attendant to cut off a single station line and selected groups of station lines from receiving incoming and station-to-station calls.

DSX-1 Panel - Distribution equipment used to terminate and administer DS1 (1.544 Mbps) circuits.

Dual Tone Multi-Frequency (or "DTMF") - The pulse type employed by tone dial station sets.

Duplex Service - Service that provides for simultaneous transmission in both directions.

Fiber Optic Cable - A thin filament of glass with a protective outer coating through which a light beam carrying communications signals may be transmitted by means of multiple internal reflections to a receiver, which translates the message.

Hunting - Routes a call to an idle station line in a prearranged group when the called station line is busy.

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SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS, (CONT'D.)

In-Only - A service attribute that restricts outward dial access and routes incoming calls to a designated answer point.

Joint User - A person, firm or corporation that is designated by the Customer as a user of services furnished to the Customer by the Company and to whom a portion of the charges for the service will be billed under a joint user arrangement as specified herein.

Kbps - Kilobits per second & denotes thousands of bits per second.

Last Number Redial - Enables a station line user to redial the last called number by use of an access code rather than dialing the entire number.

LATA - A Local Access and Transport Area established pursuant to the Modification of Final Judgment entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192; or any other geographic area designated as a LATA in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

Local Exchange Carrier or ("LEC") - Denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust or corporation engaged in providing switched communication within an exchange.

Manual Exclusion - Restricts others from retrieving a put on hold or from breaking into a call. Applicable to ISDN centrex type services. Ensures privacy is automatically invoked whenever a Customer picks up the phone to place or answer a call.

Mbps - Megabits, denotes millions of bits per second.

Message Waiting Indication - Provides a lighted indicator (usually on a telephone set) that informs the Customer of a new message to be reviewed.

Multi-Frequency or ("MF") - An inter-machine pulse-type used for signaling between telephone switches, or between telephone switches and PBX/key systems.

Multi Site Abbreviated Dialing - Allows Customers to use abbreviated dialing capabilities among multiple locations.

Recurring Charges - The monthly charges to the Customer for services, facilities and equipment, that continue for the agreed upon duration of the service.

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SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

Service Order - The written request for Network Services executed by the Customer and the Company in the format devised by the Company. The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company initiates the respective obligations of the parties as set forth therein and pursuant to this tariff, but the duration of the service is calculated from the Service Commencement Date.

Share - A facility or equipment system or subsystem that can be used simultaneously by several Customers.

Speed Calling - Permits a station line user to dial selected numbers by using fewer digits than normally required. This is accomplished through the assignment of abbreviated codes to frequently called numbers. The speed calling list is Customer-changeable.

System - Allows shared use of speed calling list. A control station will add, change or delete telephone numbers from the list for the group.

Station - Allows a station line user to add, change or delete telephone numbers from a speed calling list. The list is dedicated to the individual station line user.

Three-Way Calling - Allows a station line user to add a third party to an existing conversation.

Two Way - A service attribute that includes outward dial capabilities for outbound calls and can also be used to carry inbound calls to a central point for further processing.

Uniform Call Distribution - Automatically distributes incoming calls, in the order of their arrival, to Customer telephone lines that have been idle the longest.

User or End 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 2 – REGULATIONS**2.1 Undertaking of the Company****2.1.1 Scope**

The Company undertakes to furnish communications service pursuant to the terms of this tariff in connection with one-way and/or two-way information transmission between points within the State of Minnesota.

Customers and users may use services and facilities provided under this tariff to obtain access to services offered by other service providers. The Company is responsible under this tariff only for the services and facilities provided hereunder, and it assumes no responsibility for any service provided by any other entity that purchases access to the Company network in order to originate or terminate its own services, or to communicate with its own Customers.

2.1.2 Shortage of Equipment or Facilities

- A. The Company reserves the right to limit or to allocate the use of existing facilities, or of additional facilities offered by the Company, when necessary because of lack of facilities, or due to some other cause beyond the Company's control.
- B. The furnishing of service under this tariff is subject to the availability on a continuing basis of all the necessary facilities and is limited to the capacity of the Company's facilities as well as facilities the Company may obtain from other carriers to furnish service from time to time as required at the sole discretion of the Company.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.1 Undertaking of the Company, (Cont'd.)

2.1.3 Terms and Conditions

- A. Service is provided on the basis of a minimum period of at least one month, 24-hours per day. For the purpose of computing charges in this tariff, a month is considered to have 30 days.
- B. Customers may be required to enter into written service orders which shall contain or reference a specific description of the service ordered, the rates to be charged, the duration of the services, and the terms and conditions in this tariff. Customers will also be required to execute any other documents as may be reasonably requested by the Company.
- C. At the expiration of the initial term specified in each Service Order, or in any extension thereof, service shall continue on a month-to-month basis at the then current rates unless terminated by either party upon 30 days' notice. Any termination shall not relieve the Customer of its obligation to pay any charges incurred under the service order and this tariff prior to termination. The rights and obligations which by their nature extend beyond the termination of the term of the service order shall survive such termination.
- D. In any action between the parties to enforce any provision of this tariff, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its legal fees and court costs from the non-prevailing party in addition to other relief a court may award.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.1 Undertaking of the Company, (Cont'd.)

2.1.3 Terms and Conditions, (Cont'd.)

- E. Service may be terminated upon written notice to the Customer if:
 - 1. the Customer is using the service in violation of this tariff; or
 - 2. the Customer is using the service in violation of the law.
- F. This tariff shall be interpreted and governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota regardless of its choice of laws provision.
- G. CenturyLink and their affiliated local telephone companies must not interfere with the right of any person or entity to obtain service directly from the Company. No person or entity shall be required to make any payment, incur any penalty, monetary or otherwise, or purchase any services in order to have the right to obtain service directly from the Company.
- H. To the extent that either the Company or any other telephone company exercises control over available cable pairs, conduit, duct space, raceways, or other facilities needed by the other to reach a person or entity, the party exercising such control shall make them available to the other on terms equivalent to those under which the Company makes similar facilities under its control available to its Customers. At the reasonable request of either party, the Company and the other telephone company shall join the attempt to obtain from the owner of the property access for the other party to serve a person or entity.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.1 Undertaking of the Company, (Cont'd.)****2.1.4 Liability of the Company**

- A. The liability of the Company for damages arising out of the furnishing of its Services, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, or errors, or other defects, representations, or use of these services or arising out of the failure to furnish the service, whether caused by acts or omission, shall be limited to the extension of allowances for interruption as set forth in 2.6. The extension of such allowances for interruption shall be the sole remedy of the Customer and the sole liability of the Company. The Company will not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages to Customer as a result of any Company service, equipment or facilities, or the acts or omissions or negligence of the Company's employees or agents.

- B. The Company shall not be liable for any delay or failure of performance or equipment due to causes beyond its control, including but not limited to: acts of God, fire, flood, explosion or other catastrophes, any law, order, regulation, direction, action, or request of the United States Government, or of any other government, including state and local governments having or claiming jurisdiction over the Company, or of any department, agency, commission, bureau, corporation, or other instrumentality of any one or more of these federal, state, or local governments, or of any civil or military authority, national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars, unavailability of rights-of-way or materials, or strikes, lock-outs, work stoppages, or other labor difficulties.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.1 Undertaking of the Company, (Cont'd.)****2.1.4 Liability of the Company, (Cont'd.)**

- C. The Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any entity furnishing to the Company or to the Company's Customers facilities or equipment used for or with the services the Company offers.
- D. The Company shall not be liable for any damages or losses due to the fault or negligence of the Customer or due to the failure or malfunction of Customer-provided equipment or facilities.
- E. The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations it provides for use in an explosive atmosphere. The Customer indemnifies and holds the Company harmless from any and all loss, claims, demands, suits, or other action, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any other party or person(s), and for any loss, damage, or destruction of any property, whether owned by the Customer or others, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal presence, condition, location, or use of any installation so provided. The Company reserves the right to require each Customer to sign an agreement acknowledging acceptance of the provisions of this section 2.1.4(E) as a condition precedent to such installations.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.1 Undertaking of the Company, (Cont'd.)****2.1.4 Liability of the Company, (Cont'd.)**

- F. The Company is not liable for any defacement of or damage to Customer premises resulting from the furnishing of services or equipment on such premises or the installation or removal thereof, unless such defacement or damage is caused by negligence or willful misconduct of the Company's agents or employees.
- G. The Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the Customer against any claim, loss or damage arising from Customer's use of services, involving claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of copyright arising from the Customer's own communications.
- H. The entire liability for any claim, loss, damage or expense from any cause whatsoever shall in no event exceed sums actually paid the Company by the Customer for the specific services giving rise to the claim. No action or proceeding against the Company shall be commenced after the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations.
- I. THE COMPANY MAKES NO WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE, EXCEPT THOSE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN.

2.1.5 Notification of Service-Affecting Activities

The Company will provide the Customer reasonable notification of service-affecting activities that may occur in normal operation of its business. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, equipment or facilities additions, removals or rearrangements and routine preventative maintenance. Generally, such activities are not specific to an individual Customer but affect many Customers' services. No specific advance notification period is applicable to all service activities. The Company will work cooperatively with the Customer to determine the reasonable notification requirements. With some emergency or unplanned service-affecting conditions, such as an outage resulting from cable damage, notification to the Customer may not be possible.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.1 Undertaking of the Company, (Cont'd.)****2.1.6 Provision of Equipment and Facilities**

- A. The Company shall use reasonable efforts to make available services to a Customer on or before a particular date, subject to the provisions of and compliance by the Customer with, the regulations contained in this tariff. The Company does not guarantee availability by any such date and shall not be liable for any delays in commencing service to any Customer.
- B. The Company shall use reasonable efforts to maintain only the facilities and equipment that it furnishes to the Customer. The Customer may not, nor may the Customer permit others to, rearrange, disconnect, remove, attempt to repair, or otherwise interfere with any of the facilities or equipment installed by the Company, except upon the written consent of the Company.
- C. The Company may substitute, change or rearrange any equipment or facility at any time and from time to time, but shall not thereby alter the technical parameters of the service provided the Customer.
- D. Equipment the Company provides or installs at the Customer premises for use in connection with the services the Company offers shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which it was provided by the Company.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.1 Undertaking of the Company, (Cont'd.)****2.1.6 Provision of Equipment and Facilities, (Cont'd.)**

- E. The Customer shall be responsible for the payment of service charges as set forth herein for visits by the Company's agents or employees to the premises of the Customer when the service difficulty or trouble report results from the use of equipment or facilities provided by any party other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer.
- F. The Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation, or maintenance of any Customer-provided communications equipment. Where such equipment is connected to the facilities furnished pursuant to this tariff, the responsibility of the Company shall be limited to the furnishing of facilities offered under this tariff and to the maintenance and operation of such facilities. Subject to this responsibility, the Company shall not be responsible for:
 - 1. the transmission of signals by Customer-provided equipment or for the quality of, or defects in, such transmission; or
 - 2. the reception of signals by Customer-provided equipment.

2.1.7 Non-Routine Installation

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

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.1 Undertaking of the Company, (Cont'd.)****2.1.8 Special Construction**

Subject to the agreement of the Company and to all of the regulations contained in this tariff, special construction of facilities may be undertaken on a reasonable efforts basis at the request of the Customer. Special construction is that construction undertaken:

- A. where facilities are not presently available, and there is no other requirement for the facilities so constructed;
- B. of a type other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
- C. over a route other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
- D. in a quantity greater than that which the Company would normally construct;
- E. on an expedited basis;
- F. on a temporary basis until permanent facilities are available;
- G. involving abnormal costs; or
- H. in advance of its normal construction.

2.1.9 Ownership of Facilities

Title to all facilities provided in accordance with this tariff remains in the Company, its agents or contractors.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.2 Prohibited Uses**

- 2.2.1 The services the Company offers shall not be used for any unlawful purpose or for any use as to which the Customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents and permits.
- 2.2.2 The Company may require applicants for service who intend to use the Company's offerings for resale and/or for shared use to file a letter with the Company confirming that their use of the Company's offerings complies with relevant laws and Commission regulations, policies, orders, and decisions.
- 2.2.3 The Company may require a Customer to immediately shut down its transmission of signals if said transmission is causing interference to others.
- 2.2.4 A Customer, joint user, or authorized user may not assign, or transfer in any manner, the service or any rights associated with the service without the written consent of the Company. The Company will permit a Customer to transfer its existing service to another entity if the existing Customer has paid all charges owed to the Company for regulated communications services. Such a transfer will be treated as a disconnection of existing service and installation of new service, and nonrecurring installation charges as stated in this tariff will apply.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.3 Obligations of the Customer****2.3.1 General**

The Customer shall be responsible for:

- A. the payment of all applicable charges pursuant to this tariff. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any other provision in this tariff or other Customer service agreement or arrangement, including but not limited to Meet Point Billing arrangements, in addition to service charges imposed by the Company for the service, the Customer shall be responsible for and reimburse the Company for any and all charges, fees, assessments of any kind or nature, including but not limited to interstate and intrastate switched access charges, imposed by any third party (collectively "Third Party Charges") upon the Company relating to usage incurred by the Customer in connection with the services. The Customer hereby indemnifies the Company for all Third Party Charges and agrees to defend and hold the Company harmless for all damages, losses, claims or judgments arising out any Third Party Charges;
- B. damage to or loss of the Company's facilities or equipment caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer; or the noncompliance by the Customer, with these regulations; or by fire or theft or other casualty on the Customer premises, unless caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the employees or agents of the Company;
- C. providing at no charge, as specified from time to time by the Company, any needed personnel, equipment space and power to operate Company facilities and equipment installed on the premises of the Customer, and the level of heating and air conditioning necessary to maintain the proper operating environment on such premises;

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.3 Obligations of the Customer, (Cont'd.)****2.3.1 General, (Cont'd.)**

- D. obtaining, maintaining, and otherwise having full responsibility for all rights-of-way and conduits necessary for installation of fiber optic cable and associated equipment used to provide Communication Services to the Customer from the cable building entrance or property line to the location of the equipment space described in 2.3.1(C). Any and all costs associated with obtaining and maintaining the rights-of-way described herein, including the costs of altering the structure to permit installation of the Company-provided facilities, shall be borne entirely by, or may be charged by the Company to, the Customer. The Company may require the Customer to demonstrate its compliance with this section prior to accepting an order for service;

- E. providing a safe place to work and complying with all laws and regulations regarding the working conditions on the premises at which Company employees and agents shall be installing or maintaining the Company's facilities and equipment. The Customer may be required to install and maintain Company facilities and equipment within a hazardous area if, in the Company's opinion, injury or damage to the Company's employees or property might result from installation or maintenance by the Company. The Customer shall be responsible for identifying, monitoring, removing and disposing of any hazardous material (e.g. friable asbestos) prior to any construction or installation work;

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.3 Obligations of the Customer, (Cont'd.)****2.3.1 General, (Cont'd.)**

- F. complying with all laws and regulations applicable to, and obtaining all consents, approvals, licenses and permits as may be required with respect to, the location of Company facilities and equipment in any Customer premises or the rights-of-way for which Customer is responsible under Section 2.3.1(D); and granting or obtaining permission for Company agents or employees to enter the premises of the Customer at any time for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining, repairing, or upon termination of service as stated herein, removing the facilities or equipment of the Company;
- G. not creating, or allowing to be placed, any liens or other encumbrances on the Company's equipment or facilities; and
- H. making Company facilities and equipment available periodically for maintenance purposes at a time agreeable to both the Company and the Customer. No allowance will be made for the period during which service is interrupted for such purposes.

2.3.2 Claims

With respect to any service or facility provided by the Company, Customers shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from and against all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees for:

- A. any loss, destruction or damage to the property of the Company or any third party, or death or injury to persons, including, but not limited to, employees or invitees of either party, to the extent caused by or resulting from the negligent or intentional act or omission of the Customer, its employees, agents, representatives or invitees; or
- B. any claim, loss, damage, expense or liability for infringement of any copyright, patent, trade secret, or any proprietary or intellectual property right of any third party, arising from any act or omission by the Customer, including, without limitation, use of the Company's services and facilities in a manner not contemplated by the agreement between the Customer and the Company.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels****2.4.1 General**

A User may transmit or receive information or signals via the facilities of the Company. The Company's services are designed primarily for the transmission of voice-grade telephonic signals, except as otherwise stated in this tariff. A User may transmit any form of signal that is compatible with the Company's equipment, but the Company does not guarantee that its services will be suitable for purposes other than voice-grade telephonic communication except as specifically stated in this tariff.

2.4.2 Station Equipment

- A. Terminal equipment on the User's premises and the electric power consumed by such equipment shall be provided by and maintained at the expense of the User. The User is responsible for the provision of wiring or cable to connect its terminal equipment to the Company Point of Connection.
- B. The Customer is responsible for ensuring that Customer-provided equipment connected to Company equipment and facilities is compatible with such equipment and facilities. The magnitude and character of the voltages and currents impressed on Company-provided equipment and wiring by the connection, operation, or maintenance of such equipment and wiring shall be such as not to cause damage to the Company-provided equipment and wiring or injury to the Company's employees or to other persons. Any additional protective equipment required to prevent such damage or injury shall be provided by the Company at the Customer's expense.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels, (Cont'd.)

2.4.3 Interconnection of Facilities

- A. Any special interface equipment necessary to achieve compatibility between the facilities and equipment of the Company used for furnishing Communication Services and the channels, facilities, or equipment of others shall be provided at the Customer's expense.
- B. Communication Services may be connected to the services or facilities of other communications carriers only when authorized by, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions of the tariffs of the other communications carriers that are applicable to such connections.
- C. Facilities furnished under this tariff may be connected to Customer-provided terminal equipment in accordance with the provisions of this tariff. All such terminal equipment shall be registered by the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to Part 68 of Title 47, Code of Federal Regulations; and all User-provided wiring shall be installed and maintained in compliance with those regulations.
- D. Users may interconnect communications facilities that are used in whole or in part for interstate communications to services provided under this tariff only to the extent that the user is an "End User" as defined in Section 69.2(m), Title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (1992 edition).

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels, (Cont'd.)

2.4.4 Inspections

- A. Upon suitable notification to the Customer, and at a reasonable time, the Company may make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the Customer is complying with the requirements set forth in Section 2.4.2(B) for the installation, operation, and maintenance of Customer-provided facilities, equipment, and wiring in the connection of Customer-provided facilities and equipment to Company-owned facilities and equipment.

- B. If the protective requirements for Customer-provided equipment are not being complied with, the Company may take such action as it deems necessary to protect its facilities, equipment, and personnel. The Company will notify the Customer promptly if there is any need for further corrective action. Within ten days of receiving this notice, the Customer must take this corrective action and notify the Company of the action taken. If the Customer fails to do this, the Company may take whatever additional action is deemed necessary, including the suspension of service, to protect its facilities, equipment and personnel from harm.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.5 Payment Arrangements****2.5.1 Payment for Service**

The Customer is responsible for the payment of all charges for facilities and services furnished by the Company to the Customer and to all Users authorized by the Customer, regardless of whether those services are used by the Customer itself or are resold to or shared with other persons.

Taxes

The Customer is responsible for payment of any sales, use, gross receipts, excise, access or other local, state and federal taxes, charges or surcharges (however designated) (excluding taxes on Company's net income) imposed on or based upon the provision, sale or use of network services.

2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges

- A. Nonrecurring charges are due and payable from the Customer within 30 days after the invoice date, unless otherwise agreed to in advance.
- B. The Company shall present invoices for Recurring Charges monthly to the Customer, in advance of the month in which service is provided and Recurring Charges shall be due and payable within 30 days after the invoice date. When billing is based on Customer usage, charges will be billed monthly for the preceding billing periods.
- C. When service does not begin on the first day of the month, or end on the last day of the month, the charge for the fraction of the month in which service was furnished will be calculated on a pro rata basis. For this purpose, every month is considered to have 30 days.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.5 Payment Arrangements, (Cont'd.)****2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges, (Cont'd.)**

- D. Billing of the Customer by the Company will begin on the Service Commencement Date, which is the first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the service or facility is available for use, except that the Service Commencement Date may be postponed by mutual agreement of the parties, or if the service or facility does not conform to standards set forth in this tariff or the Service Order. Billing accrues through and includes the day that the service, circuit, arrangement or component is discontinued.
- E. If any portion of the payment is received by the Company after the date due, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Company in funds that are not immediately available, then a late payment penalty shall be due to the Company. The late payment penalty shall be the portion of the payment not received by the date due, multiplied by the lesser of the highest percentage allowable by the Commission or a late factor of 1.5% per month.
- F. The Customer will be assessed a charge consistent with applicable state law for each check submitted by the Customer to the Company that a financial institution refused to honor.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.5 Payment Arrangements, (Cont'd.)****2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges, (Cont'd.)**

- G. Customer inquiries or complaints regarding service or accounting may be made in writing or by telephone to the Company at:

West Telecom Services, LLC
3200 West Pleasant Run Road, Suite 300
Lancaster, TX 75146
1-866-905-1735

- H. Any objection to billed charges should be reported promptly to the Company. If, after investigation and review by the Company, a disagreement remains as to the disputed amount, the Customer may file an appropriate complaint with:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
Consumer Affairs Office
121 Seventh Place East Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2147
Telephone: 651-296-0406
Toll Free: 1-800-657-3782
TTY: 651-297-1200
Fax: 651-297-7073
Email: CAOstaff@opuc.state.mn.us

- I. Customers have up to 90 days (commencing 5 days after remittance of the bill) to initiate a dispute over charges or to receive credits.
- J. If service is disconnected by the Company in accordance with section 2.5.5 following and later restored, restoration of service will be subject to all applicable installation charges

2.5.3 Advance Payments

To safeguard its interests, the Company may require a Customer to make an advance payment before services and facilities are furnished. The advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to the nonrecurring charge(s) and one month's charges for the service or facility. In addition, where special construction is involved, the advance payment may also include an amount equal to the estimated nonrecurring charges for the special construction and recurring charges (if any) for a period to be set between the Company and the Customer. The advance payment will be credited to the Customer's initial bill. An advance payment may be required in addition to a deposit.

2.5.4 Deposits

The Company will not require deposits from Customers.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.5 Payment Arrangements, (Cont'd.)****2.5.5 Discontinuance of Service with Notice**

The Company may discontinue or suspend service, for any of the following reasons, by giving the Customer at least five (5) days written notice, excluding Sundays and legal holidays, via first class mail:

- A. For failure of the Customer to pay a bill for utility service when due;
- B. For failure of the Customer to meet the Company's deposit or credit requirements, where applicable;
- C. For failure of the Customer to make proper application for service;
- D. For the Customer's violation of any of the Company's rules set forth in this tariff,
- E. For failure of the Customer to provide the utility reasonable access to its equipment and property;
- F. For the Customer's breach of the contract for the Company's Services;
- G. For the Customer's failure to furnish the service, equipment and/or rights of ways necessary to serve the Customer that have been specified by the Company as a condition of obtaining its services.
- H. When necessary for the Company to comply with any order or request of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Company.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.5 Payment Arrangements, (Cont'd.)

2.5.6 Discontinuance of Service without Notice

The Company may terminate service without notice for any of the following reasons:

- A. In the event of Customer tampering with the Company's equipment;
- B. In the event of a condition determined to be hazardous to the Customer, to other Customers of the Company, to the Company's equipment, to the public, or to employees of the utility, or
- C. In the event of Customer's use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's equipment or the Company's service to others.

2.5.7 General Discontinuance Provisions

Except in an emergency, the Company will not disconnect service on any Friday, Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, or at any time when the Company's business officer are not open to the public.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.5 Payment Arrangements, (Cont'd.)****2.5.8 Cancellation of Application for Service**

- A. Applications for service cannot be canceled without the Company's agreement. Where the Company permits a Customer to cancel an application for service prior to the start of service or prior to any special construction, no charges will be imposed except for those specified below.
- B. Where, prior to cancellation by the Customer, the Company incurs any expenses in installing the service or in preparing to install the service that it otherwise would not have incurred, a charge equal to the costs incurred by the Company, less net salvage, shall apply, but in no case shall this charge exceed the sum of the charge for the minimum period of services ordered, including installation charges, and all charges others levy against the Company that would have been chargeable to the Customer had service commenced (all discounted to present value at six percent).
- C. Where the Company incurs any expense in connection with special construction, or where special arrangements of facilities or equipment have begun, before the Company receives a cancellation notice, a charge equal to the costs incurred by the Company, less net salvage, applies. In such cases, the charge will be based on such elements as the cost of the equipment, facilities, and material, the cost of installation, engineering, labor, and supervision, general and administrative expense, other disbursements, depreciation, maintenance, taxes, provision for return on investment, and any other costs associated with the special construction or arrangements.
- D. The special charges described in 2.5.8(A) through 2.5.8(C) will be calculated and applied on a case-by-case basis.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.5 Payment Arrangements, (Cont'd.)****2.5.9 Changes in Service Requested**

If the Customer makes or requests material changes in circuit engineering, equipment specifications, service parameters, premises locations, or otherwise materially modifies any provision of the application for service, the Customer's installation fee shall be adjusted accordingly.

2.6 Allowances for Interruptions in Service

Interruptions in service that are not due to the negligence of, or noncompliance 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 in 2.6.1 for the part of the service that the interruption affects.

The Company will make every reasonable effort to prevent interruptions of service and shall work to clear 95% of all out-of-service troubles within twenty-four (24) hours of the time such troubles are reported.

2.6.1 Credit for Interruptions

- A. A credit allowance will be made when an interruption occurs because of a failure of any component furnished by the Company under this tariff. An interruption period begins when the Customer reports a service, facility or circuit to be interrupted and releases it for testing and repair. An interruption period ends when the service, facility or circuit is operative. If the Customer reports a service, facility or circuit to be inoperative but declines to release it for testing and repair, it is considered to be impaired, but not interrupted.
- B. For calculating credit allowances, every month is considered to have 30 days. A credit allowance for fixed recurring fees only is applied on a pro rata basis against the rates specified hereunder and is dependent upon the length of the interruption. Only those facilities on the interrupted portion of the circuit will receive a credit.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.6 Allowances for Interruptions in Service (Cont'd.)

2.6.1 Credit for Interruptions, (Cont'd.)

- C. A credit allowance will be given for interruptions of 30 minutes or more. Credit allowances shall be calculated as follows:

Interruptions of 24 Hours or Less

<u>Length of Interruption</u>	<u>Interruption Period To Be Credited</u>
Less than 30 minutes	None
30 minutes up to but not including 3 hours	1/10 Day
3 hours up to but not including 6 hours	1/5 Day
6 hours up to but not including 9 hours	2/5 Day
9 hours up to but not including 12 hours	3/5 Day
12 hours up to but not including 15 hours	4/5 Day
15 hours up to but not including 24 hours	One Day

Two or more interruptions of 15 minutes or more during any one 24-hour period shall be considered as one interruption.

Over 24 Hours and Less Than 72 Hours - Interruptions over 24 hours and less than 72 hours will be credited 1/5 day for each 3-hour period or fraction thereof No more than one full day's credit will be allowed for any period of 24 hours.

Interruptions Over 72 Hours - Interruptions over 72 hours will be credited 2 days for each full 24-hour period. No more than 30 days credit will be allowed for any one month period.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.6 Allowances for Interruptions in Service (Cont'd.)****2.6.2 Limitations on Allowances**

No credit allowance will be made for:

- A. interruptions due to the negligence of, or noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff by, the Customer, authorized user, joint user, or other common carrier providing service connected to the service of the Company;
- B. interruptions due to the negligence of any person other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer or other common carriers connected to the Company's facilities;
- C. interruptions due to the failure or malfunction of non-Company equipment;
- D. 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;
- E. interruptions of service during a period in which the Customer continues to use the service on an impaired basis;
- F. 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; and
- G. interruption of service due to circumstances or causes beyond the control of Company.

2.6.3 Cancellation For Service Interruption

Cancellation or termination for service interruption is permitted only if any circuit experiences a single continuous outage of 8 hours or more or cumulative service credits equaling 16 hours in a continuous 12-month period. The right to cancel service under this provision applies only to the single circuit that has been subject to the outage or cumulative service credits.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.7 Use of Customer's Service by Others****2.7.1 Resale and Sharing**

Any service provided under this tariff may be resold to or shared with other persons at the option of the Customer, subject to compliance with any applicable laws or rules of the Commission regulations governing such resale or sharing. The Customer remains solely responsible for all use of services ordered by it or billed to its telephone number(s) pursuant to this tariff, for determining who is authorized to use its services, and for notifying the Company of any unauthorized use.

2.7.2 Joint Use Arrangements

Joint use arrangements will be permitted for all services provided under this tariff. From each joint use arrangement, one member will be designated as the Customer responsible for the manner in which the joint use of the service will be allocated. The Company will accept orders to start, rearrange, relocate, or discontinue service only from the designated Customer. Without affecting the Customer's ultimate responsibility for payment of all charges for the service, each joint user shall be responsible for the payment of the charges billed to it.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.8 Cancellation of Service**

If a Customer cancels a Service Order or terminates services before the completion of the term for any reason whatsoever other than a service interruption (as defined in Section 2.6.1 above), the Customer agrees to pay to the Company termination liability charges, as defined below. These charges shall become due and owing as of the effective date of the cancellation or termination and be payable within the period, set forth in Section 2.5.2.

The Customer's termination liability for cancellation of service shall be equal to:

- 2.8.1 all unpaid nonrecurring charges reasonably expended by the Company to establish service to the Customer; plus
- 2.8.2 any disconnection, early cancellation or termination charges reasonably incurred and paid to third parties by the Company on behalf of the Customer; plus
- 2.8.3 all recurring charges specified in the applicable Service Order for the balance of the then current term discounted at the prime rate announced in the Wall Street Journal on the third business day following the date of cancellation; minus
- 2.8.4 a reasonable allowance for costs avoided by the Company as a direct result of the Customer's cancellation.
- 2.8.5 the difference between a Customer's term rates and the month-to-month rates times the actual length of service.

2.9 Transfers and Assignments

Neither the Company nor the Customer may assign or transfer its rights or duties in connection with the services and facilities provided by the Company without the written consent of the other party, except that the Company may assign its rights and duties:

- 2.9.1 to any subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company; or
- 2.9.2 pursuant to any sale or transfer of substantially all the assets of the Company; or
- 2.9.3 pursuant to any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.10 Notices and Communications**

- 2.10.1 The Customer shall designate on the Service Order an address to which the Company shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that the Customer may also designate a separate address to which the Company's bills for service shall be mailed.
- 2.10.2 The Company shall designate on the Service Order an address to which the Customer shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that Company may designate a separate address on each bill for service to which the Customer shall mail payment on that bill.
- 2.10.3 All notices or other communications required to be given pursuant to this tariff will be in writing. Notices and other communications of either party, and all bills mailed by the Company, shall be presumed to have been delivered to the other party on the third business day following placement of the notice, communication or bill with the U.S. Mail or a private delivery service, prepaid and properly addressed, or when actually received or refused by the addressee, whichever occurs first.
- 2.10.4 The Company or the Customer shall advise the other party of any changes to the addresses designated for notices, other communications or billing, by following the procedures for giving notice set forth herein.

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SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**2.11 Operator Services Rules**

2.11.1 The Company will enforce the following operator service rules.

A provider of intrastate operator assisted communications services must:

- A. identify itself at the time the end-user accesses its services;
- B. upon request, quote all rates and charges for its services to the end-user accessing its system;
- C. arrange to have posted in plain view at each telephone location which automatically accesses the operator service provider's network and where its services are made available to the public or transient end-users:
 - 1. the operator service provider's name and address;
 - 2. bill and service dispute calling information including the operator service provider's dispute resolution phone number;
 - 3. clear and specific instructions informing the end-user how to access a local exchange telephone company operator as an alternative available to the end-user; and
 - 4. notice concerning any and all amounts to be billed by the operator services provider on behalf of any host location or third party that will appear on the operator service provider's bill for services rendered.
- D. in instances when the provider is unable to complete the call and it requires transfer to another telephone corporation that may affect the rates and charges applicable to the telephone bill, inform the caller of the transfer and its possible effect on the applicable rates and charges, before any charges are incurred; and
- E. in the case of such transfer, the telephone corporation or provider to which the call is transferred shall identify itself and inform the caller of the transfer's effect on the applicable rates and charges, before any charges are incurred.

2.11.2 The Company will comply with the following provisions:

- A. Providers of intrastate operator assisted communications services shall not take any, action or enter into any arrangement that restricts end-user selection among competing interexchange telephone corporations or end-users access to competing providers of intrastate operator assisted communications services, or pay any commissions or other compensation to any entity engaged in such action or arrangement.

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SECTION 3 – APPLICATION OF RATES**3.1 Introduction**

The regulations set forth in this section govern the application of rates for services contained in other sections of this tariff.

3.2 Charges Based on Duration of Use

Where charges for a service are specified based on the duration of use, such as the duration of a telephone call, the following rules apply:

- 3.2.1 Calls are measured in durational increments identified for each service. All calls that are fractions of a measurement increment are rounded-up to the next whole unit.
- 3.2.2 Timing on completed calls begins when the call is answered by the called party. Answering is determined by hardware answer supervision in all cases where this signaling is provided by the terminating local carrier and any intermediate carrier(s). Timing for operator service person-to-person calls start with completion of the connection to the person called or an acceptable substitute, or to the PBX station called.
- 3.2.3 Timing terminates on all calls when the calling party hangs up or the Company's network receives an off-hook signal from the terminating carrier.
- 3.2.4 Calls originating in one time period and terminating in another will be billed in proportion to the rates in effect during different segments of the call.
- 3.2.5 All times refer to local time.

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SECTION 3 – APPLICATION OF RATES, (CONT'D.)**3.3 Rates Based Upon Distance**

Where charges for a service are specified based upon distance, the following rules:

3.3.1 The distance between the wire center of the Customer's equipment and that of the destination point is calculated by using the vertical ("V") and horizontal ("H") coordinates found in Telecordia Technologies (formerly known as Bellcore) V&H Tape and NECA FCC Tariff No. 4.

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

- Step 1: Obtain the "V" and "H" coordinates for the serving wire center of the Customer's switch and the destination point.
- Step 2: Obtain the difference between the "V" coordinates of each of the Rate Centers. Obtain the Difference between the "H" coordinates.
- Step 3: Square the differences obtained in Step 2.
- Step 4: Add the squares of the "V" difference and "H" difference obtained in Step 3.
- Step 5: Divide the sum of the square obtained in Step 4 by ten (10). Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction results from the division.
- Step 6: Obtain the square root of the whole number obtained in Step 5. Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction is obtained. This is the distance between the originating and terminating serving wire centers of the call.

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SECTION 4 – SERVICE AREAS

4.1 Exchange Access Service Areas

Exchange services are provided in all Exchange Access Service Areas (EASA) throughout the entire state of Minnesota.

4.2 Calling Areas

Geographically-defined Local Calling Areas are associated with each Exchange Access Service provided pursuant to Section 5.1. The Company's local calling areas mirror those of CenturyLink and Frontier.

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SECTION 5 – EXCHANGE ACCESS SERVICE**5.1 General**

Exchange Access Service provides a Customer with a telephonic connection to, and a unique telephone number address on the public switched telecommunications network. Each Exchange Access Service enables users to:

- 5.1.1 receive calls from other stations on the public switched telecommunications network;
- 5.1.2 access other services offered by the Company as set forth in this tariff;
- 5.1.3 access certain interstate and international calling services provided by the Company;
- 5.1.4 access (at no additional charge) the Company's operators and business office for service related assistance;
- 5.1.5 access (at no additional charge) emergency services by dialing 0- or 911; and
- 5.1.6 access services provided by other common carriers that purchase the Company's Switched Access services as provided under the Company's Federal and State tariffs, or that maintain other types of traffic exchange arrangements with the Company.

Each Exchange Access Service is available on a "full" service basis, whereby service is delivered to a demarcation/connection block at the Customer's premises.

The following Exchange Access Services are offered:

Basic Line Service

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SECTION 5 – EXCHANGE ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D.)

5.2 Basic Line Service

Basic Line Service provides a Customer with a single, voice-grade telephonic communications channel that can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Basic Lines are provided for connection of Customer-provided single station sets or facsimile machines to the public switched telecommunications network. Each Basic Line may be configured into a hunt group with other Company-provided Basic Lines. Each Basic Line is provided with the following standard features which are set forth in Section 10.6 of the tariff.

Nonrecurring and monthly recurring rates per Basic Line apply as follows:

	<u>Nonrecurring</u>	<u>Monthly Recurring</u>
<u>On-Net Services</u>		
<u>Basic Local Exchange Service</u>		
<u>Flat Rate Service</u>		
1 st Line	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	
Each Addl. Line	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	
<u>Measured Rate Service</u>		
1 st Line	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	
Each Addl. Line	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	
<u>Expanded Local Exchange Service</u>		
<u>Flat Rate Service</u>		
1 st Line	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	
Each Addl. Line	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	
<u>Measured Rate Service</u>		
1 st Line	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	
Each Addl. Line	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	

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SECTION 6 – EXCHANGE ACCESS OPTIONAL FEATURES

6.1 Directory Listings

For each Customer of Company-provided Exchange Access Service(s), the Company shall arrange for the listing of the Customer's main billing telephone number¹ in the directory(ies) published by the dominant Local Exchange Carrier in the area at no additional charge. At a Customer's option, the Company will arrange for additional listings at the following rates:

	<u>Nonrecurring</u>	<u>Monthly Recurring</u>
Each Additional Listing:	N/A	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

6.2 Main Number Retention

6.2.1 Description

Main Number Retention is an optional feature by which a new Customer, who was formally a Customer of another certificated local exchange carrier at the same premises location, may retain its main telephone numbers and main fax numbers for use with the Company-provided Exchange Access Services. Main Number Retention service is only available in areas where the Company maintains some form of number retention arrangement with the Customer's former local exchange carrier.

Monthly recurring and non-recurring charges apply per retained number. Rates for retained numbers may vary from area to area.

6.2.2 Rates

	<u>Nonrecurring</u>	<u>Monthly Recurring</u>
per retained number		RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE
per retained vanity number		RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

¹ For Customers with multiple premises served by the Company, the Company will arrange for a listing of the main billing telephone number at each premise.

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SECTION 7 – RESOLD LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

7.1 Description

Resold Local Exchange Service is composed of the resale of exchange access lines and local calling provided by other certificated Local Exchange Carriers, in combination with Company-provided usage services, miscellaneous services or interstate/international services.

7.2 Rates

The following maximum rates apply for Resold Local Exchange Services:

	<u>Nonrecurring</u>	<u>Monthly Recurring</u>
<u>Resold Basic Lines</u>		
<u>Flat Rate Service</u>		
1 st Line	\$87.00	\$34.11
Each Addl. Line	\$87.00	\$34.11
<u>Measured Service</u>		
1 st Line	\$87.00	\$21.03
Each Addl. Line	\$87.00	\$21.03
<u>Resold Basic Trunks²</u>		
<u>Flat Rate Service</u>		
1 st Trunk	\$87.00	\$40.50
Each Addl. Trunk	\$87.00	\$40.50
<u>Measured Service</u>		
1 st Trunk	\$87.00	\$40.50
Each Addl. Trunk	\$87.00	\$40.50

² Includes Hunting

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SECTION 8 – LOCAL CALLING SERVICE

8.1 Description

Local Calling Service provides a Customer with the ability to originate calls from a Company-provided access line to all other stations on the public switched telephone network³ beating the designation of any central office exchanges, areas, and zones included in the Customer's local calling area.

8.1.1 Basic Local Exchange Service - This calling service allows the Customer unlimited access to all other stations on the public switched telephone network within the Customer's Basic Local Calling Area⁴. All calls to destinations outside the Basic Local Calling Area but within the same state and LATA will be charged the IntraLATA rates as specified in Section 9.3 following.

8.1.2 Expanded Local Exchange Service - This calling service allows the Customer limited access to all other stations on the public switched telephone network within the Customer's Basic Local Calling Area. Additional calls to the Basic Local Calling Area will be charged as specified in Section 8.2.1(A) following. All calls to the Expanded Local Calling Area 2 will be charged a per call setup and per minute access charge as specified in Section 8.2.1(B) following. All calls to destinations outside the Expanded Local Calling Area but within the same state and LATA will be charged the IntraLATA rates as specified in Section 9.3 following.

A. Time Periods

Day and Night/Weekend rates apply as follows:

<u>Rates</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To (but not including)</u>	<u>Days Applicable</u>
Day	9:00 A.M.	9:00 P.M.	Mon. - Fri.
Night/Weekend	All other days, times, and holidays.		

Holidays include New Year's Day (January 1), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day (the first Monday in September), Thanksgiving Day (the fourth Thursday in November), and Christmas Day (December 25).

³ Except calls to other telephone companies' caller paid information services (e.g. NPA 900, NXX 976, etc.). Calls to those numbers and other numbers used for caller-paid information services will be blocked by the Company's centralized switching facility.

⁴ As specified in CenturyLink's tariffs in effect and as amended from time-to-time.

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SECTION 8 – LOCAL CALLING SERVICE, (CONT'D.)

8.2 Rates

The rates set forth in this section apply to all direct dialed local calls. For operator-assisted local calls, the operator charges listed in Section 10. 1.3 apply in addition to the charges listed below.

8.2.1 Usage Charges - Per minute charges apply for each call. Timing is in whole minute increments, with a minimum charge of one minute per call.

A. Monthly Message Allowance

	<u>Basic Calling Area</u>	<u>Extended Calling Area</u>
Basic Local Exchange Service	TBD	TBD ⁵
Expanded Local Exchange Service	TBD	TBD

* Additional message charge of \$X.XX for each message over monthly allowance.

B. Expanded Calling Area - The following usage charges apply to points in the Customer's Expanded Calling Area.

<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Setup Per Call</u>	<u>Peak</u>	<u>Off-Peak</u>
	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE		

⁵ Customers of Basic Local Exchange Service are billed intraLATA rates for calls to destinations within the state and LATA but outside the Basic Local Calling Area.

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SECTION 9 – INTRALATA CALLING SERVICE

9.1 Description

IntraLATA calling service provides a Customer with the ability to originate calls from a Company-provided access line to all other stations on the public switched telephone network⁶ beating the designation of any central office exchanges, areas, and zones outside of the Customer's Basic Calling Area but within the same state and LATA.

9.2 Time Periods

Day, Evening and Night/Weekend rate periods are shown below. On holidays, Evening rates will apply unless a lower rate will normally apply.

<u>Rates</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To (but not including)</u>	<u>Days Applicable</u>	<u>Discount Applicable</u>
Day	8:00 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	Mon. - Fri.	0%
	1:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	Mon. - Fri.	0%
Evening	5:00 P.M.	11: 00 P.M.	Mon. - Fri.	25%
Night/Weekend	All other times			50%

Holidays include New Year's Day (January 1), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day (the first Monday in September), Thanksgiving Day (the fourth Thursday in November), and Christmas Day (December 25).

⁶ Except calls to other telephone companies' caller paid information services (e.g. NPA 900, NXX 976, etc.). Calls to those numbers and other numbers used for caller-paid information services will be blocked by the Company's centralized switching facility.

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SECTION 9 – INTRALATA CALLING SERVICE, (CONT'D.)**9.3 Rates**

<u>Mileage</u>	<u>First Minute</u>	<u>Additional Minute</u>
0-8	\$0.0550	\$0.0440
9-12	\$0.0660	\$0.0550
13-16	\$0.0825	\$0.0660
17-21	\$0.0990	\$0.0825
22-26	\$0.1265	\$0.0990
27-31	\$0.1265	\$0.1100
32-41	\$0.1265	\$0.1210
42-56	\$0.1265	\$0.1265
57-71	\$0.1265	\$0.1265
72-87	\$0.1265	\$0.1265
88-127	\$0.1265	\$0.1265
128+	\$0.1265	\$0.1265

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SECTION 10 –MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES**10.1 Operator Services****10.1.1 Description**

Operator Handled Calling Services are provided to Customers and Users of Company-provided Exchange Access Services, and to Customers and Users of exchange access lines.

10.1.2 Definitions

Person-TO-Person - Calls completed with the assistance of a Company operator to a particular person, station, department, or PBX extension specified by the calling party. Charges may be billed to the Customer's commercial credit card and/or LEC calling card, calling station, called station, or a designated third-party station. Calls may be dialed with or without the assistance of a Company operator.

Station-to-Station - Refers to calls other than person-to-person calls billed to either the end user's commercial credit card and/or non-proprietary calling card. Calls may be dialed with or without the assistance of a Company operator. Collect calls to coin telephones and transfers of charges to third telephones which are coin telephones will not be accepted.

Operator Dialed Charge - The end user places the call without dialing the destination number, although the capability to do it himself exists. The end user will dial "0" for local calls and "00" for long distance calls and then request the operator to dial the called station.

Billed to Non-proprietary Calling Card - Refers to calls that are dialed by the Customer in accordance with standard dialing instructions and billed to a non-proprietary calling card issued by another carrier.

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SECTION 10 –MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)

10.1 Operator Services, (Cont'd.)

10.1.3 Rates

Local exchange and IntraLATA calls may be placed on an Operator Assisted basis. Usage charges for Operator Assisted calls are the same as those set forth in Sections 8 and 9, preceding. In no event will the maximum rate for Operator Assisted calls exceed the maximum US West or Sprint rate on file for such services. For Operator Assisted calls to Busy Line Verification and Interrupt, or Directory Assistance, the surcharges specified in Section 10.2.3 and Section 10.1.3 will apply in addition to any applicable Operator charges.

In addition to the usage charges identified above, the following operator-assisted charges will apply:

<u>Per Call Charges</u>	<u>IntraLATA</u>	<u>InterLATA</u>
Person-to-Person (Operator Assisted)	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE
Station-to-Station (Operator Assisted)	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE
Collect	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE
Sent Paid	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE
Billed to Third Number	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE
Operator Dialed Charge (applies in addition to other operator charges)	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	
Billed to Non-Proprietary Calling Card (additional surcharge)	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	
Directory Assistance	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	
Directory Assistance Call Completion	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	

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SECTION 10 –MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)

10.2 Busy Line Verify and Line Interrupt Service

10.2.1 Description

Upon request of a calling party the Company will verify a busy condition on a called line.

- A. The operator will determine if the line is clear or in use and report to the calling party.
- B. The operator will interrupt the call on the called line only if the calling party indicates an emergency and requests interruption.

10.2.2 Regulations

- A. A charge will apply when:
 - 1. The operator verifies that the line is busy with a call in progress.
 - 2. The operator verifies that the line is available for incoming calls.
 - 3. The operator verifies that the called number is busy with a call in progress and the Customer requests interruption. The operator will then interrupt the call, advising the called party the name of the calling party. One charge will apply for both verification and interruption.

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SECTION 10 –MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)

10.2 Busy Line Verify and Line Interrupt Service, (Cont'd.)

10.2.2 Regulations, (Cont'd.)

B. No charge will apply:

1. When the calling party advises that the call is to or from an official public emergency agency.
2. Under conditions other than those specified in 10.2.2(A) preceding.

C. Busy Verification and Interrupt Service is furnished where and to the extent that facilities permit.

D. The Customer shall identify and hold the Company harmless against all claims that may arise from either party to the interrupted call or any person.

10.2.3 Rates

Busy Line Verify Service
(each request)

RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

Busy Line Verify and Busy Line
Interrupt Service (each request)

RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

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SECTION 10 – MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)

10.3 Service Implementation

10.3.1 Description

Absent a promotional offering, service implementation charges will apply to new service orders or to orders to change existing service.

10.3.2 Rates

	<u>Resold Nonrecurring</u>	<u>On-Net Nonrecurring</u>
per service order	\$84.00	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

10.4 Restoration of Service

10.4.1 Description

A restoration charge applies to the re-establishment of service and facilities suspended because of nonpayment of bills and is payable at the time that the re-establishment of the service and facilities suspended is arranged for. The restoration charge does not apply when, after disconnection of service, service is later re-established.

10.4.2 Rates

	<u>Resold Nonrecurring</u>	<u>On-Net Nonrecurring</u>
per occasion	\$84.00	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

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SECTION 10 – MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)

10.6 Custom Calling Service

10.6.1 Resold Rates

<u>Business/Business PBX Individual Features:</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
Call Waiting	\$X.XX
Call Forwarding Variable	\$X.XX
Three-Way Calling	\$X.XX
Speed Calling (8-code)	\$X.XX
Speed Calling (30-code)	\$X.XX
Call Forwarding Busy Line	\$X.XX
Call Forwarding Don't Answer	\$X.XX
Call Forwarding Don't Answer - Ring Control	\$X.XX
Customer Control of Call forwarding Busy Line	\$X.XX
Customer Control of Call Forwarding Don't Answer	\$X.XX
Call Forwarding Busy Line Multipath or	\$X.XX
Customer Control of Call Forwarding Busy Line Multipath	\$X.XX
Call Forwarding Don't Answer Multipath or Customer Control of Call	\$X.XX
Forwarding Don't Answer Multipath	
Call Forwarding Variable Multipath or Remote Access- Call	\$X.XX
Forwarding Variable Multipath	
Remote Access - Call Forwarding Variable	\$X.XX

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SECTION 10 – MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)

10.6 Custom Calling Service, (Cont'd.)

10.6.1 Resold Rates, (Cont'd.)

<u>Business/Business PBX Individual Features:</u>	<u>Nonrecurring</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
Call Return (per line)		\$X.XX
Call Return (per use)	\$X.XX	
Call Return (denial of peruse)	\$X.XX	
Repeat Dialing (per line)		\$X.XX
Repeat Dialing (per use)	\$X.XX	
Repeat Dialing (denial of peruse)	\$X.XX	
Call Selector (per line)		
Preferred Call Forwarding (per line)		\$X.XX
Call Block (per line)		\$X.XX
Caller ID (per line)		
Caller ID - Calling Name Delivery		\$X.XX
Caller ID - Calling Number Delivery		\$X.XX
Caller ID - Calling Number & Name		\$X.XX
Calling Number Delivery Blocking – Permanent Per line		\$X.XX
Calling Number Delivery Blocking – Per Call , (per activation)		\$X.XX
Enhanced Caller ID (with ACR) Per Line		\$X.XX
Enhanced Caller ID (with Call Management) Per Line		\$X.XX
Enhanced Caller ID (with ACR & Call Management) Per Line		\$X.XX

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SECTION 10 –MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)

10.7 Remote Call Forwarding

Rates

The following charge is for the Remote Call Forwarding feature only and are in addition to applicable charges for service and equipment.

Remote Call Forwarding is per feature arranged and one access path for either interexchange, intraexchange, or local calling area per service request.

	<u>Resold Mon-Recurring</u>	<u>Resold Monthly</u>
Each	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	
Additional Access Path (with initial installation) Each	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	<u>Monthly</u>
	<u>On-Net Nonrecurring</u>	<u>On-Net Monthly</u>
Each	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	
Additional Access Path (with initial installation) Each	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	<u>Monthly</u>

10.8 Flexible Call Forwarding

The following charge is for the Flexible Call Forwarding feature only and are in addition to applicable charges for service and equipment.

Flexible Call Forwarding is an optional network feature that provides Customer control for call forwarding capabilities via dial-accessed voice prompt menus.

	<u>Resold Monthly</u>	<u>On-Net Monthly</u>
Flexible Call Forwarding	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	
Flexible Call Forwarding with Audio Calling Name	RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE	

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SECTION 10 –MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)**10.9 Link-Up America Service Connection Program****10.9.1 General**

The Link-Up America Service Connection Program is a federally sponsored lifeline assistance program designed to make telephone service accessible to low-income residential households who are currently not on the public switched network. Through this program, the service connection charge for the initial installation of the main access line, as described in Section 4.1.1, will be discounted to the applicant at a rate of 50 percent, not to exceed \$30.00. (The remaining portion of the nonrecurring service connection charge may be installment billed in equal increments.)

10.9.2 Eligibility Requirements

- A. Customer has not been claimed as a dependent for Federal Income Tax Purposes, unless he or she is more than sixty years old, and
- B. Customer applicant meets income requirements set forth under Sections 10.9.2 or 10.9.2
 - 1. Applicant can show participation in one of the following assistance programs to his or her local exchange company:

- Minnesota Family Investment Plan (MFIP)
 - Medical Assistance
 - General Assistance
 - Minnesota Supplemental Aid
 - Food Stamps
 - Refugee Cash Assistance or Refugee Medical Assistance
 - Energy Assistance; or
 - Supplemental Security Income

Proof of eligibility must accompany the completed application form. Proof of eligibility can be made either in person at the Company's business office or by mailing a copy of the Customer applicant's proof of participation together with a completed application to the Company's business office.

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SECTION 10 –MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)

10.9 Link-Up America Service Connection Program, (Cont'd.)

10.9.2 Eligibility Requirements, (Cont'd.)

B. (Cont'd.)

2. Customer applicant can show household income level of 150% or less of the federal poverty level. Household income is defined as total gross income from all sources for all members of the applicant's household.

Customer applicant must show verification of income requirements by showing the previous calendar year's completed federal tax returns) or proof that his/her household income level was below the federal level necessitating they file a tax return for the previous calendar year.

Customer applicants who wish to qualify for Link-Up America on the basis of the criteria set forth in this Section must submit the completed application and proof of income to:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
Consumer Affairs Office
121 Seventh Place East
Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101
(651) 296-7126
(800) 657-3782 (Toll Free)
(651) 297-1200 (TDD)

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SECTION 10 –MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)

10.9 Link-Up America Service Connection Program, (Cont'd.)

10.9.3 Eligibility Determination

- A. In determining a Customer applicant's eligibility, the eligibility criteria listed in Section 10.9.2 needs to be fulfilled.
- B. Customer applicants will be able to self-certify criterion in 10.9.2
- C. Criterion 10.9.2 must be certified by the Customer Applicant's local exchange company.
- D. If Customer applicant cannot be certified under criterion 10.9.2 because he/she cannot demonstrate participation in at least one of the assistance programs listed above, criterion 10.9.2 must be certified by the Consumer Affairs office of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.
- E. The Consumer Affairs Office of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission will be responsible for notifying the appropriate local exchange company in writing of any applicants who qualify under criterion 10.9.2.

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SECTION 10 –MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)

10.9 Link-Up America Service Connection Program, (Cont'd.)

10.9.4 Credits and Collections

A. Credit Reference

The credit verification procedures used for all Customers who apply for service with the Company will also be used for Customers who apply for service under the Link-p America program.

B. Deposits

As stated in Section 2.5.4, the Company will not require deposits from its Customers. In the event that this policy changes, the deposit standards used for all of the Company's Customers also will be used for applicants who apply for service under the Link-Up America program.

C. Collection Standards

Once service has been established for a Link-Up America applicant, he/she will be expected to adhere to the same bill payment policies expected of any other Customer.

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SECTION 10 –MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)**10.10 Telephone Assistance Plan****10.10.1 General**

Lifeline is a local service offering that is available to low income consumers, for which such consumers pay reduced charges as a result of the federal support described in 47 C.F.R. § 54.403 and in this Section. Lifeline includes the services required to be provided for federal universal service support eligibility under 47 C.F.R. § 54.101. The Telephone Assistance Plan ("TAP") provides for additional state credits against the recurring monthly rates for the provision of local residential service for eligible residential subscribers.

10.10.2 Eligibility for Federal Lifeline Credit

A. To qualify for the federal Lifeline credit, the Customer must be eligible for:

Medicaid;
Food stamps;
Supplemental Security Income;
Federal public housing assistance; or
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

B. Eligibility will be established by the Company obtaining from a Customer a document signed by the Customer certifying under penalty of perjury that the Customer receives benefits from one of the above programs and identifying the program or programs from which the Customer receives benefits. On the same document, a qualifying low-income Customer must also agree to notify the Company if the Customer ceases to participate in the program or programs.

C. When the Company is notified by the Customer that the Customer no longer participates in such a program, the federal credits to that Customer's monthly charges shall cease beginning with the start of the billing cycle beginning in the month after the month in which notification is received.

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SECTION 10 –MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)

10.10 Telephone Assistance Plan, (Cont'd.)

10.10.3 Eligibility for the State TAP Credit

- A. The state TAP credit is available only to residential subscribers who meet the eligibility criteria established by Minn. Rule, part 7817.0400, as follows:

The household must not be receiving assistance for telephone service under any other state public assistance program. Link-Up recipients, however, may be eligible for state TAP credit if they meet the eligibility requirements;

The Customer must be 65 years of age or older, or have a disability. A person has a disability if that person has a physical, sensory, or mental impairment which materially limits one or more major life activities;

The Customer must reside in Minnesota or have moved to Minnesota and intend to remain: and

The Customer's household income must be 150% or less of the federal poverty income guidelines, as published periodically in the federal Register, or the applicant must be currently eligible for:

Aid to Families with Dependent Children;
Medical Assistance;
General Assistance;
Minnesota Supplemental Aid;
Food Stamps;
Refugee Cash Assistance or Refugee Medical Assistance;
Energy Assistance; or
Supplemental Security Income

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SECTION 10 –MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)

10.10 Telephone Assistance Plan, (Cont'd.)

10.10.3 Eligibility for the State TAP Credit, (Cont'd.)

- B. Eligibility will be assured through verification by the Minnesota Department of Human Services as provided for in Minn. Rules part 7817.0400.
- C. When the Company is notified by the Minnesota Department of Human Services that a Customer enrolled to receive the state credit no longer meets the state credit eligibility requirements, state credits to that Customer's monthly residential service charges shall cease. When so notified, the state credit ends with the next billing cycle after the notification is received.

10.10.4 Application for the Federal Lifeline and State TAP Credits

A. TAP Customers not Eligible for Lifeline

These Customers are eligible for up to \$5.25 credit per month, not to exceed one-half the weighted average basic local service rate excluding the federal End-User Common Line Charge.

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SECTION 10 –MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)

10.10 Telephone Assistance Plan, (Cont'd.)

10.10.4 TAP Customers not Eligible for Lifeline, (Cont'd.)

B. TAP Customers Eligible for Lifeline

These Customers are eligible for a Lifeline credit of \$5.25 and a state TAP credit of up to \$3.50. The federal Lifeline credit shall be applied first to reduce the federal End-User Common Line Charge, with any remaining federal credit to be applied to reduce rates for residential service meeting the qualifications of 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101. The state TAP credit shall be applied to further reduce the rates charged for residential general services. The state TAP credit cannot exceed one-half the weighted average basic local service rate excluding the federal End-User Common Line Charge.

C. Lifeline Customers not Eligible for TAP

These Customers should receive a credit of \$5.25 per month from the Lifeline program. The federal Lifeline credit shall be applied first to reduce the federal End-User Common Line Charge, with any remaining federal credit to be applied to reduce rates for residential service meeting the qualifications of 47 C.F.R. Section 54.101.

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SECTION 10 –MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)

10.10 Telephone Assistance Plan, (Cont'd.)

10.10.5 Regulations

The federal Lifeline and state TAP credit will begin at the Customer's earliest possible billing cycle but no later than the second billing cycle after the date the application for the federal Lifeline and state TAP credit is received by the Company.

A Service Charge shall not be billed to establish qualification for either the federal Lifeline or state TAP credit.

When a Customer enrolls for the state TAP credit, the Company is reimbursed for the cost of the service order activity.

10.10.6 Funding

The federal Lifeline credit is funded through the FCC Universal service program. The state TAP credit shall be funded through the state Telephone Assistance Plan Surcharge on residence and business access lines that pay a 911 surcharge.

10.10.7 Rates

The surcharge rate is the effective rate ordered by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. The Company is responsible for billing, collecting and remitting the surcharge to the appropriate government agency.

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SECTION 10 –MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)

10.11 Telecommunications Access Minnesota (TAM)

10.11.1 General

This tariff provides for a surcharge to establish and administer a program to distribute telecommunications devices to eligible persons who have communication disabilities, and to provide Telecommunications Relay Services.

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10.11.2 Eligibility for Telecommunications Device

To be eligible to obtain a telecommunications device a person must:

- A. be able to benefit from and use the equipment for its intended purpose;
- B. have a communication disability;
- C. be a resident of the state;
- D. be a resident in a household that has a median income at or below the applicable median household income in the state except that a person who is deafblind applying for a Braille device may reside in a household that has a median income no more than 150% of the applicable median household income in the state; and
- E. be a resident in a household that has telecommunications service or that has made application for service and has been assigned a telephone number; or a resident in a residential care facility, such as a nursing home or group home where telecommunications service is not included as part of overall service provision.

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SECTION 10 –MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)

10.11 Telecommunications Access Minnesota (TAM), (Cont'd.)

10.11.3 Funding

TAM is funded through a surcharge on residence and business access lines that are capable of originating a Telecommunications Relay Services call.

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10.11.4 Rate and Charges

The surcharge rate is determined by the decision of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

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SECTION 10 – MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)**10.12 Call Tracing****10.12.1 General**

Call Tracing allows for the identification and recording of the telephone numbers of some or all of the incoming calls to the telephone line of a Customer.

10.12.2 Definitions

- A. Customer - means a person, firm, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, municipality, cooperative, association or organization, governmental agency, or other entity receiving telecommunications service.
- B. Customer-originated Call-Tracing Service - means a Customer-activated, call-specific form of Call Tracing available as part of a set of services called Custom Local Area Signaling Services (CLASS).
- C. Emergency - means a situation that appears to present immediate danger to person or property.
- D. Investigative or law enforcement officer - means an officer of the United States, a state, or a political subdivision of the United States or a state, or a University of Minnesota peace officer, which is empowered by law to investigate or make arrests for crimes related to communications, or an attorney authorized by law to prosecute those crimes.

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SECTION 10 – MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)**10.12 Call Tracing, (Cont'd.)****10.12.3 Terms and Conditions**

- A. Call Tracing will be provided when requested by both a Customer and an investigative or law enforcement officer and the Customer has provided consent. Normally written consent will be required.

In emergencies, Call Tracing will be provided upon receiving oral consent from the Customer. The Customer will be requested to provide written consent promptly and advised to seek the assistance of an investigative or law enforcement officer.

- B. Information regarding the originating telephone numbers will be disclosed only to investigative or law enforcement officers, not to Customers receiving call-tracing services.
- C. The Company will work with investigative or law enforcement officers to determine how long call-tracing services should be provided.
- D. The Company may provide Customers-originated call-tracing service (CLASS Call Trace) as an alternative to Call Tracing in response to a Call Tracing request from a Customer who is located in an exchange where CLASS Call Trace is available and where Class Call Trace will function as accurately as Call Tracing.

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SECTION 10 – MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES, (CONT'D.)

10.12 Call Tracing, (Cont'd.)

10.12.4 Rates

- A. Call Tracing Set-up
 - 1. During Normal Business Hours \$X.XX
 - 2. Outside of Business Hours \$X.XX
- B. Extension of Call Tracing period at request of investigative or law enforcement agency No Charge
- C. Provision of Call Tracing information to investigative or law enforcement agency No Charge

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

SECTION 11 – SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

11.1 Special Construction

11.1.1 Basis for Charges

Where the Company furnishes a facility or service for which a rate or charge is not specified in the Company's tariffs, charges will be based on the costs incurred by the Company and may include:

- A. nonrecurring type charges;
- B. recurring type charges;
- C. termination liabilities; or
- D. combinations thereof

11.1.2 Termination Liability

To the extent that there is no other requirement for use by the Company, a termination liability may apply for facilities specially constructed at the request of the Customer.

- A. The termination liability period is the estimated service life of the facilities provided.
- B. The amount of the maximum termination liability is equal to the estimated amounts for:

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SECTION 11 – SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, (CONT'D.)

11.1 Special Construction, (Cont'd.)

11.1.2 Termination Liability (Cont'd.)

B. (Cont'd.)

1. Cost installed of the facilities provided including estimated costs for rearrangements of existing facilities and/or construction of new facilities as appropriate, less net salvage. Cost installed includes the cost of-
 - (a) equipment and materials provided or used,
 - (b) engineering, labor and supervision,
 - (c) transportation, and
 - (d) rights-of-way;
2. license preparation, processing, and related fees;
3. tariff preparation, processing, and related fees;
4. cost of removal and restoration, where appropriate; and
5. any other identifiable costs related to the specially constructed or rearranged facilities.

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SECTION 11 – SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, (CONT'D.)**11.1 Special Construction, (Cont'd.)****11.1.2 Termination Liability (Cont'd.)**

- C. The applicable termination liability method for calculating the unpaid balance of a term obligation. The amount of such charge is obtained by multiplying the sum of the amounts determined as set forth in Section 11.1.2(B) preceding by a factor related to the unexpired period of liability and the discount rate for return and contingencies. The amount determined in section 11.1.2(B) preceding shall be adjusted to reflect the re-determined estimate net salvage, including any reuse of the facilities provided. This product is adjusted to reflect applicable taxes.

11.2 Individual Case Basis (ICB) Arrangements

Arrangements will be developed on a case-by-case basis in response to a bona fide request from a Customer or prospective Customer to develop a competitive bid for a service offered under this tariff. Rates quoted in response to such competitive requests may be different than those specified for such services in this tariff. ICB rates will be offered to the Customer in writing and on a nondiscriminatory basis. All ICB rates are subject to Commission approval.

11.3 Temporary Promotional Programs

The Company may establish temporary promotional programs wherein it may waive or reduce nonrecurring or recurring charges, to introduce present or potential Customers to a service not previously received by the Customers. All promotions are subject to Commission approval.

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SECTION 12 – DESCRIPTION OF INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE**12.1 Rates Charged Based on Timing of Calls**

Where charges for service are specified based on the timing of calls, such as the duration of a telephone call, the following rules apply:

12.1.1 When Billing Charges Begin and Terminate for Phone Calls

The Customer's long distance usage charge is based on the actual usage of the Company's network. Usage begins when the called party picks up the receiver, (i.e. when two-way communication, often referred to as "conversation time," is possible). When the called party picks up is determined by hardware answer supervision in which the local telephone company sends a signal to the switch or the software utilizing audio tone detection. When software answer supervision is employed, up to 60 seconds of ringing is allowed before it is billed as usage of the network. A call is terminated when the calling or called party hangs up.

12.1.2 Billing Increments

Unless otherwise specified in this tariff, the minimum call duration for billing purposes is 1 minute for a connected call. Calls beyond 1 minute are billed in 1 minute increments.

12.1.3 Per Call Billing Charges

Billing will be rounded up to the nearest penny for each call.

12.1.4 Uncompleted Calls

There shall be no charges for uncompleted calls.

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

SECTION 12 – DESCRIPTION OF INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE, (CONT'D.)

12.2 Rates Based Upon Calculation of Distance

At this time, the Company does not specify the charges for service based on the calculation of distance. However, if in the future the charges for service are specified based upon the calculation of distance, the rules set in Section 3.3 will apply.

12.2.1 Calls Originating and Terminating Within 0-16 Mile and 22 Mile Mileage Bands

There will be no long distance toll charges for calls which originate and terminate within a 0 to 16 mile mileage band and the 22 mile mileage band for selected routes.

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SECTION 12 – DESCRIPTION OF INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE, (CONT'D.)**12.3 Minimum Call Completion Rate**

A Customer can expect a call completion rate (number of calls completed/number of calls attempted) of not less than 99.5% during peak use periods for the Company services.

12.4 Service Offerings**12.4.1 West Telecom Services, LLC Long Distance Service (LDS)****A. Description**

West Telecom Services, LLC Long Distance Service (LDS) is a communications service which is available for use by Customers twenty-four (24) hours a day. Customers may originate LDS from locations served by the Company, and may terminate in all locations within the State of Minnesota.

LDS calls will be billed in 6-second increments with an initial billing period of 6 seconds.

The service is offered in two variations depending upon the method the Customer employs to gain access to the Company's network for use of the service:

Switched LDS is offered in Feature Group D (FGD) exchanges where the Customer's local telephone lines are presubscribed by the local exchange company to the Company's LDS service, such that 111+11 interLATA calls are automatically routed to the Company's network.

Dedicated LDS is offered to the extent facilities are available in those cases where the Company and the Customer jointly arrange for the establishment of dedicated access facilities connecting the Customer's trunk-compatible PBX or other suitable equipment to the Company's POP. The Customer shall be responsible for all costs and charges associated with the dedicated access facilities.

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SECTION 12 – DESCRIPTION OF INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE, (CONT'D.)

12.4 Service Offerings, (Cont'd.)

12.4.1 West Telecom Services, LLC Long Distance Service (LDS), (Cont'd.)

B. Commitment Levels and Term Plans

LDS is available on a month to month basis or on an optional 1, 2, or 3 year term plan. Discounts off the base rates are available to the Customer according to the commitment level and term plan selected by the Customer. The commitment level is calculated from the monthly total usage generated from the following Company products: shared and dedicated domestic and interstate and intrastate outbound and inbound service, intraLATA, and calling card. Charges such as taxes, late payment fees or other service nonrecurring and monthly recurring charges will not be included in the total usage amount calculation.

Should the Customer's actual usage fall below the monthly minimum usage commitment, the Customer is required to pay the Company a fee equal to the difference between the Customer's discounted rate and the higher rate associated with the lower volume.

A Customer who terminates a term plan in the 1st year prior to the term's expiration will be required to pay in one lump sum an amount equaling the selected monthly commitment level times the number of months remaining in the term, plus an amount equal to any promotional credit, or discount, or waiver, if applicable, that was provided to the Customer.

A Customer who terminates a term plan in the 2nd or 3rd year prior to the term's expiration will be required to pay 35% an amount equaling the selected monthly commitment level times the number of months remaining in the term, plus an amount equal to any promotional credit, or discount, or waiver, if applicable, that was provided to the Customer.

C. Discounts

The following discounts on per minute base rates for qualifying usage are based on the monthly commitment level and term plan selected by the Customer. These discounts are applicable to the rates found in Section 4.1.1 of this Tariff.

<u>Term Plan</u>	<u>Discount (per minute)</u>
One Year	\$0.01
Two Years	\$0.02
Three Years	\$0.03

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SECTION 12 – DESCRIPTION OF INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE, (CONT'D.)

12.4 Service Offerings, (Cont'd.)

12.4.2 West Telecom Services, LLC Toll-Free Service

A. Description

West Telecom Services, LLC Toll Free Service is an inbound communications service which permits calls to be completed at the Customer's location without charge to the calling party. Access to the service is gained by dialing a ten (10) digit telephone number (800+ NXX-XXYX) which will terminate at the Customer's location. Calls may originate from any location within the State of Minnesota and may terminate at the Customer's location.

Toll Free Service will be billed per call based on the duration of the call. Each call will be billed in 6 second increments with an initial billing period of 6 seconds. Usage discounts apply to aggregate monthly interstate and intrastate usage.

Toll Free Service is offered in two variations depending upon the method the Customer employs to access the Company's network for use of the service:

Switched Toll Free service calls are originated via normal shared use facilities and are terminated via the Customer's local exchange service access line.

Dedicated Toll Free service calls are originated via normal shared use facilities and are terminated via dedicated access facilities connecting the Customer's premises and the Company's POP. This service is offered to the extent facilities are available and where the Company and the Customer jointly arrange for the establishment of dedicated access facilities connecting the Customer's trunk-compatible PBX or other suitable equipment to the Company's POP. The Customer shall be responsible for all costs and charges associated with the dedicated access facilities.

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SECTION 12 – DESCRIPTION OF INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE, (CONT'D.)

12.4 Service Offerings, (Cont'd.)

12.4.2 West Telecom Services, LLC Toll-Free Service, (Cont'd.)

B. Commitment Levels and Term Plans

Toll Free is available on a month to month basis or on an optional 1, 2, or 3-year term plan. Discounts off the base rates are available to the Customer according to the commitment level and term plan selected by the Customer. The commitment level is calculated from the monthly total usage generated from the following Company products: shared and dedicated domestic and interstate and intrastate outbound and inbound service, intraLATA, and calling card. Charges such as taxes, late payment fees or other service nonrecurring and monthly recurring charges will not be included in the total usage amount calculation

Should the Customer's actual usage fall below the monthly minimum usage commitment, the Customer is required to pay the Company a fee equal to the difference between the Customer's discounted rate and the higher rate associated with the lower volume.

A Customer who terminates a term plan in the 1st year prior to the term's expiration will be required to pay in one lump sum an amount equaling the selected monthly commitment level times the number of months remaining in the term, plus an amount equal to any promotional credit, or discount, or waiver, if applicable, that was provided to the Customer.

A Customer who terminates a term plan in the 2nd or 3rd year prior to the term's expiration will be required to pay 35% of an amount equaling the selected monthly commitment level times the number of months remaining in the term, plus an amount equal to any promotional credit, or discount, or waiver, if applicable, that was provided to the Customer.

C. Discounts

The following discounts on per minute base rates for qualifying usage are based on the monthly commitment level and term plan selected by the Customer. These discounts are applicable to the rates found in Section 4.1.2 of this Tariff.

<u>Term Plan</u>	<u>Discount (per minute)</u>
One Year	\$0.01
Two Years	\$0.02
Three Years	\$0.03

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

SECTION 12 – DESCRIPTION OF INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE, (CONT'D.)

12.4 Service Offerings, (Cont'd.)

12.4.3 Miscellaneous Services

A. West Telecom Services, LLC Calling Card Service

West Telecom Services, LLC Calling Card Service is provided to Customers for use when away from their established service location. Access to the service is gained by dialing a Company designated 800 access number (800-NXX-XXXX), plus the Customer's/ User's Calling Card authorization number and the called telephone number.

Beyond these standard features, the West Telecom Services, LLC Calling card includes the following enhanced features: conference calling, West Telecom Services, LLC Voice Mail access, voice messaging, news and information access and speed dialing. Use of these enhanced features is subject to separate charges. Calling Card calls are billed in full minute increments, with a one minute minimum. This service is offered with Peak and Off-Peak pricing. A description of the additional features are as follows.

1. Enhanced Features Charges

Enhanced features are available for use as described below. Enhanced features charges apply in lieu of standard usage charges. Usage charges are billed in six second increments with a one minute minimum.

(a) Conference Calling

Allows the User to establish a conference call by accessing the conference operator. Charges apply per established line and per minute of usage.

(b) Voice Mail Access

Allows the User to access West Telecom Services, LLC Voice Mail and to place return calls without having to hang-up and initiate a new calling card call.

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SECTION 12 – DESCRIPTION OF INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE, (CONT'D.)

12.4 Service Offerings, (Cont'd.)

12.4.3 Miscellaneous Services, (Cont'd.)

A. West Telecom Services, LLC Calling Card Service, (Cont'd.)

1. Enhanced Features Charges, (Cont'd.)

(c) Voice Messaging

Allows the User to leave up to a three minute voice recorded message that is stored for future delivery when the called number is busy or no answer.

(d) News and Information

Provides access to news, weather, sports, financial information and other features.

(e) Speed Dialing

Allows the User to access Speed Dialing by programming and storing up to nine frequently dialed numbers.

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SECTION 12 – DESCRIPTION OF INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE, (CONT'D.)

12.4 Service Offerings, (Cont'd.)

12.4.3 Miscellaneous Services, (Cont'd.)

A. West Telecom Services, LLC Calling Card Service, (Cont'd.)

2. Rate Periods

Peak and Off-Peak rate periods are as follows:

<u>Non-Holiday</u> <u>Periods</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To But Not</u> <u>Including</u>	<u>Days</u>
Peak		8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	Mon-Fri.
Off-Peak		5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	Mon-Fri.
		8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	Sat-Sun.
		8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	Holidays

Holidays: On Christmas Day (Dec. 25), New Years Day (Jan. 1), Memorial Day, Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day (first Monday in Sept.) and Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in Nov.) the Off-Peak Period rate applies unless a lower rate would normally apply.

B. Bill-to-Calling Card (BCC) Service

Bill-to-Calling Card Service allows users of touch-tone telephones connected to the Company's LDS services to charge calls to their local exchange company (LEC) calling card. In addition to standard LDS, the BCC charge, as set forth in 13.3.2 applies when users complete calls by entering both the called number and their LEC calling card number without the assistance of an operator. For BCC calls to Directory Assistance, the appropriate charges set forth in 13.3.3 will apply in addition. The Company accepts only LEC calling cards which it can identify as valid. Charges for BCC calls will appear on the user's LEC bill.

C. Directory Assistance (DA)

Company will connect LDS Service Customers to Directory Assistance (DA) for a fee as set forth in Section 13.3.3. A credit allowance for DA will be provided upon request if the Customer experiences poor transmission quality, is cut-off, receives an incorrect telephone number, or misdials the intended DA number (NPA+ 555-1212).

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SECTION 12 – DESCRIPTION OF INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE, (CONT'D.)**12.4 Service Offerings, (Cont'd.)****12.4.4 Special Promotions**

The Company may from time to time engage in special promotional service offerings designed to attract new Customers or to increase existing subscribers awareness of a particular tariff offering. The Commission will be notified of the starting and ending dates, times, and/or locations of such promotions.

12.4.5 Special Service Arrangements

Customer-specific service arrangements, which may include engineering, installation, construction, facilities, assembly and/or other special services, may be furnished in addition to existing tariff offerings. Rates, terms, and conditions plus any additional regulations, if applicable for the special service arrangements will be developed upon the Customer's request. Unless otherwise specified, the regulations for the special service arrangements are in addition to the applicable regulations specified in other sections of this tariff. The necessary tariff revisions will be filed to reflect the special service arrangements.

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SECTION 13 – INTEREXCHANGE RATES

13.1 West Telecom Services, LLC Long Distance Service (LDS)

13.1.1 New Service Offering

Rates and Charges

Outbound Switched	\$0.089
Outbound Dedicated	\$0.079
Inbound Switched	\$0.089
Inbound Dedicated	\$0.079

13.2 West Telecom Services, LLC Toll-Free Service

13.1.1 New Service Offering

Rates and Charges

Inbound Switched	\$0.089
Inbound Dedicated	\$0.079

13.1.2 Recurring and Nonrecurring Rates

	<u>Monthly Recurring</u>	<u>Nonrecurring</u>
Shared charge per 800 number	N/A	N/A
Dedicated charge per routing arrangement	N/A	N/A
Advanced features (per feature)	\$50.00	
1 routing feature	\$30.00	N/A
3 routing features	\$30.00	N/A
All routing features	\$30.00	N/A

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SECTION 13 – INTEREXCHANGE RATES, (CONT'D.)**13.4 Exemptions and Special Rates****13.4.1 Discounts for Hearing Impaired Customers**

A telephone toll message which is communicated using a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) by properly certified hearing or speech impaired persons or properly certified business establishments or individuals equipped with TDDs for communicating with hearing or speech impaired persons will receive, upon request, credit on charges for certain intrastate toll calls placed between TDDs. The credit to be given on a subsequent bill for such calls placed between TDDs will be equal to applying the evening rate during business day hours and the night/weekend rate during the evening rate period. Discounts do not apply to surcharges or per call add on charges for operator service when the call is placed by a method that would normally incur the surcharge.

13.4.2 Directory Assistance for Handicapped Persons

There is no charge for Directory Assistance for the first 50 calls in a monthly billing period from handicapped persons. Such persons must contact the Company for credit on their directory assistance calls.

13.4.3 Discounts for Telecommunications Relay Service

For intrastate toll calls received from the telecommunications relay service, there will be a 50 percent discount off the applicable rate for a voice non relay call except that where either the calling or called party indicates that either party is both hearing and visually impaired, the call will be discounted 60 percent off the applicable rate for a voice non relay call. The above discounts apply only to time-sensitive elements of a charge for the call and shall not apply to per call charges such as a credit card surcharge.