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February 25, 2008

<u>Via Hand Delivery</u>

Ms. Reneé J. Jenkins Director of Administration Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Independents Fiber Network, LLC to Detariff Certain Tier 2 Services and make other changes related to the Implementation of Case No. 06-1345-TP-ORD; PUCO Case No. 08-0166-TP-ATA

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

Independents Fiber Network, LLC submits an Application for electronic filing in connection with the above-referenced matter. The TRF Number for Independents Fiber Network, LLC is 90-6173-CT-TRF.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Carolyn S. Flahive

Enclosure

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## The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPLICATION FORM for DETARIFFING AND RELATED ACTIONS

Per the Commission's 09/19/07 "Implementation Order" in Case No. 06-1345-TP-ORD

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In the Matter of the Application of Independents Fiber Network, LLC to Detariff Certain Tier 2 Services and make other changes related to the Implementation of Case No. 06- 1345-TP-ORD Name of Registrant(s) <u>Independents Fiber Network, LLC</u>	) ) )	<ul> <li>TRF Docket No. 90-<u>6173</u>-CT-TRF</li> <li>Case No.<u>08</u> - <u>0166</u> - <b>TP</b> - <b>ATA</b></li> <li>NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case No. leave the "Case No fields BLANK.</li> </ul>		
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## Part I – Tariffs

## Please indicate the Carrier Type and the reason for submitting this form by checking the boxes below.

NOTE: All cases are ATA process cases, tariffs are effective the day they are filed, and remain in effect unless the Commission acts to suspend.

Carrier Type		CTS
Business Tier 2 Services		$\square$
Residential & Business Toll Services		
Other Changes required by Rule (Describe in detail in Exhibit C)		$\boxtimes$

## Part II – Exhibits

## Note that the following exhibits are required for all filings using this form.

Included	Identified As:	Description of Required Exhibit:
$\square$	Exhibit A	The existing affected tariff pages.
$\square$	Exhibit B	The proposed revised tariff pages.
$\square$	Exhibit C	Matrix or narrative summarizing all changes proposed in the application, and/or
		other information intended to assist Staff in the review of the Application.
$\square$	Exhibit D	Explanation of how the Applicant intends to comply with Rule 4901:1-6-
		05(G)(3) regarding disclosure of rates, terms, and conditions for detariffed
		services, including:
		• citation to the appropriate Web Page if any, in accordance with rule
		4901:1-6-05(G)(4), and/or
		• copy of other materials and publications to be used to comply with
		4901:1-6-05(G)(3).
	Exhibit E	One-time customer notice of detariffing and related changes consistent with rule
		4901:1-06-16(B), including where customers may find the information
		regarding such services as required by rule 4901:1-6-05(G)(3).
$\square$	Exhibit F	Affidavit that the Customer Notice described in Exhibit C has been sent to
		Customers.

## <u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

## Compliance with Commission Rules and Service Standards

I am an attorney of the applicant corporation, <u>Independents Fiber Network, LLC</u>, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

I attest that these tariffs comply with all applicable rules, including the Minimum Telephone Service Standards (MTSS) Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-5 OAC for the state of Ohio. I understand that tariff notification filings do not imply Commission approval and that the Commission's rules, including the Minimum Telephone Service Standards, as modified and clarified from time to time, supersede any contradictory provisions in our tariff. We will fully comply with the rules of the state of Ohio and understand that noncompliance can result in various penalties, including the suspension of our certificate to operate within the state of Ohio.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on (Date) 2/25/08

at (Location) Columbus, Ohio

\*(Signature and Title) /s/ Carolyn S. Flahive

This affidavit is required for every tariff-affecting filing. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicant.

## VERIFICATION

I, Carolyn S. Flahive, verify that I have utilized the Telecommunications Application Form for Detariffing and Related Actions provided by the Commission and that all of the information submitted here, and all additional information submitted in connection with this case, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\*(Signature and Title) /s/Carolyn S. Flahive

(Date) 2/25/08

(Date) 2/25/08

\*Verification is required for every filing. It may be signed by counsel or an officer of the applicant, or an authorized agent of the applicant.

Send your completed Application Form, including all required attachments as well as the required number of copies, to:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Attention: Docketing Division 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215-3793

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Make such filing electronically as directed in Case No 06-900-AU-WVR

# EXHIBIT A

(Existing Affected Tariff Pages)

## TITLE SHEET

## P.U.C.O. 1

## INDEPENDENTS FIBER NETWORK, LLC

## 90-6173-CT-TRF

## INTEREXCHANGE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

This tariff includes the rates, charges, terms and conditions of service for the provision of interexchange communications services by Independents Fiber Network, LLC between locations within the State of Ohio. This tariff is available for public inspection during normal business hours at Independents Fiber Network, LLC, 13888 County Road 25A, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895.

Customers may contact Independents Fiber Network, LLC toll-free at 800-634-4032.

Effective: January 9, 2004

#### CHECK SHEET

Pages, as listed below, are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective page(s). Original and revised pages as named below comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this page.

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SYMBOLS

The following are the only symbols used for the purposes indicated below:

- C Changed regulation
  D Delete or discontinue
  I Change Resulting in an increase to a Customer's Bill
  M Moved from another tariff location.
  N New
  R Change resulting in a reduction to a Customer's bill
  T Change in text or regulation
- Z Correction

## TARIFF FORMAT

- A. Page Numbering Page numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Pages are numbered sequentially. However, new pages are occasionally added to the tariff. When a new page is added between pages already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new page added between pages 14 and 15 would be 14.1.
- B. Page Revision Numbers Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each page. These numbers are used to determine the most current page version on file with the Commission. For example, the 4<sup>th</sup> revised Page 14 replaces the 3<sup>rd</sup> revised Page 14. Because of various suspension periods, deferrals, etc., the most current page number on file with the Commission is not always the tariff page in effect. Consult the Check Sheet for the page currently in effect.
- **C. Paragraph Numbering Sequence** There are nine levels of paragraph coding. Each level of coding is subservient to its next higher level:
  - 2. 2.1. 2.1.1. 2.1.1.A. 2.1.1.A.1. 2.1.1.A.1.(a). 2.1.1.A.1.(a).I 2.1.1.A.1.(a).I.(i). 2.1.1.A.1.(a).I.(i).(1).
- D. Check Sheets When a tariff filing is made with the Commission, an updated Check Sheet accompanies the tariff filing. The Check Sheet lists the pages contained in the tariff, with a cross reference to the current revision number. When new pages are added, the Check Sheet is changed to reflect the revision. All revisions made in a given filing are designated by an asterisk (\*). There will be no other symbols used on this page if these are the only changes made to it (i.e., the format, etc. remains the same, just revised revision levels on some pages.) The tariff user should refer to the latest Check Sheet to find out if a particular page is the most current on wile with the Commission.

## SECTION 1 – TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ACF – Advanced Communication Function of software allowing products to communicate with each other.

Acceptance Testing – Normal testing procedures by which a circuit is deemed ready for service.

Additional Engineering Charges – Charges applicable for engineering services done outside the normal engineering parameters. Any charge incurred will be presented to the Customer before actual billing of charge.

Administrative Charge – The charge Customers are assessed for the provisions of administrative services by the Company, including the consolidation of billings and financing.

Authorized User – A carrier, person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity who is authorized by the Customer to be connected to and utilize the Carrier's services under the terms and regulations of this tariff. The Authorized User is responsible for payment unless the charges for the services utilized are accepted and paid for by the Customer.

**Bandwidth** – The total line rate, expressed in bits per second; and allocated for a circuit which provides the path for transmission of voice, data, and/or video to or from the Customer's premises.

Circuit or Channel – The unit of bandwidth utilization for any given speed of service.

Channel Mileage - Distance calculated between two Company Points of Presence.

**Channel Mileage Termination** – The point at which the Company's channel originates, terminates or drops for the insertion or removal of a Customer's signal.

Commission – Refers to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

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## SECTION 1 – TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (continued)

**Company or Carrier** – Independents Fiber Network, LLC unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context.

Cooperative Acceptance Testing – Joint Acceptance Testing by both the Company and the Customer.

**Customer** – A person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity which arranges for the Carrier to provide, discontinue or rearrange telecommunications services on behalf of itself or others; uses the Carrier's telecommunications services; and is responsible for payment of charges, all under the provisions and terms of this tariff.

**Dedicated Access Line (DAL)** – A connection which provides a channel/circuit for transmission of voice, data and/or video which is dedicated for the sole use of the Customer.

**DS-1** – Digital Service Level 1 in the hierarchy of digital signal levels; a 1.544 Mbps digital signal comprised of 24 multiplexed DS-0 circuits that is carried over a T-1 facility.

**DS-3** – Digital service level 3 in the hierarchy of digital signal levels; a 44.736 Mbps digital signal comprised of 28 multiplexed DS-1 circuits that is carried over a T-3 facility.

Duplex – An operation which permits Customers to communicate in both directions simultaneously.

**Expedited Service Order** – A Service Order which, in compliance with a Customer's request, is completed in a time period shorter than the Company's standard service interval.

**ICB** – Individual Case Basis.

IFN - Used throughout this tariff to refer to Independents Fiber Network, LLC.

Kbps – One thousand bits per second.

LATA – Local Area of Transport and Access.

**LDC** – Local Distribution Channel.

LEC – Local Exchange Carrier.

Mbps – One million bits per second.

## **SECTION 1 – TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (continued)**

**Optical Digital Service (ODS)** – Channels provided for digital transmission at the discrete bit rates of 1.544 Mbps and 44.736 Mbps. ODS services are provided over a fiber optic backbone.

**ODS DS-1** – Service comprised of channels operating at the terminating bit rate of 1.544 Mbps.

**ODS DS-3** – Service comprised of channels operating at the terminating bit rate of 44.736 Mbps.

**POP** – Point of Presence; the facility of any carrier which allows origination or termination of communications services.

PUCO – The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

**Service Order** – A standard Company order form which includes all pertinent billing, technical and descriptive information which will enable the Company to provide the communication services or facilities, or both, as requested by the Customer and as provided by the Company.

**Term Agreement** – A standard Company contract with the Customer in which the Customer commits to purchase service from the Company for a specified period of time. The minimum period of service for a Term Agreement is twelve (12) months.

## **SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS**

#### 2.1 Undertaking of Independents Fiber Network, LLC

The Company provides long distance interexchange telecommunications service to Customers for their direct transmission of voice, data and other types of telecommunications.

The Company may act as the Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to the Company's network. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangements.

The Company's services are provided on a monthly basis, unless otherwise stated in this tariff. Services are available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.

#### 2.2 Use

- **2.2.1** Services provided under this tariff may be used by the Customer for any lawful telecommunications purpose for which the service is technically suited.
- **2.2.2** The services the Company offers shall not be used for any unlawful purpose or for any use as to which the Customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents and permits.
- **2.2.3** The Company may require Customers for service who intend to use the Company's offerings for resale, shared and/or joint use to file a letter with the Company confirming that their use of the Company's offerings complies with relevant laws and the PUCO regulations, policies, orders, and decisions.

## **SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)**

#### 2.3 Limitations

- **2.3.1** Service is offered subject to the availability of the necessary facilities and equipment, or both facilities and equipment, and subject to the provisions of this tariff.
- 2.3.2 The Company shall not be responsible for installation, operation or maintenance of any terminal equipment or communications systems provided by a Customer or Authorized User. The Company's service is not represented as adapted to the use of such Customer equipment. The responsibility of the Company shall be limited to the furnishing of service and to maintenance and operation of such service. The furnishing of service will require certain physical arrangements of the facilities of the Company and is, therefore, subject to the availability of such facilities. Service is offered subject to the availability of the necessary facilities and/or equipment and is limited to the capacity of the Company's fiber optic cable 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 and further subject to the provisions of this tariff. The Company reserves the right not to provide service to or from a location where the necessary facilities or equipment are not available.
- **2.3.3** The Company reserves the right to discontinue service when necessitated by conditions beyond its control, or when the Customer is using the service in violation of the provisions of this tariff, or in violation of the law.
- **2.3.4** The Company does not undertake to transmit messages, but offers the use of its facilities when available, and will not be liable for errors in transmission or for failure to establish connections.

## SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

#### 2.3 Limitations (continued)

- **2.3.5** The Company reserves the right to limit or to allocate the use of existing facilities, or of additional facilities offered by the Company, in accordance with Commission rules and regulations. The Company may also, without obtaining the further consent from the Customer, assign any rights, privileges, or obligations under this tariff. The Customer shall not, without prior written consent of the Company, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, assign, transfer, or in any other manner dispose of, any of its rights, privileges, or obligations under this tariff, and any attempt to make such an assignment, transfer, disposition without consent shall be null and void.
- **2.3.6** To the extent that any conflict arises between the terms and conditions of a service agreement or other contract and the terms and conditions of this tariff, the tariff shall prevail.
- **2.3.7** Title to all equipment provided by the Company under this tariff remains with the Company.
- **2.3.8** The Company may require a written contract with the Customer prior to providing service.
- **2.3.9** The Customer, upon request, shall furnish such information as may be required to permit the Company to design and maintain the Company services it offers and to assure that the service arrangements is in accordance with provisions of this tariff and the contract entered into between the Customer and the Company.
- **2.3.10** Title to all facilities provided by the Company under these regulations remains with the Company.

## SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

#### 2.4 Assignment and Transfer

- 2.4.1 All facilities provided under this tariff are directly or indirectly controlled by the Company and the Customer may not transfer or assign the use of service or facilities without the express written consent of the Company. All regulations and conditions contained in this tariff shall apply to all such permitted assignees or transferees, as well as all conditions of service. Such transfer or assignment, when permitted, shall only apply where there is no interruption of the use or location of the service or facilities.
- 2.4.2 The Customer may request the Company to assign one or more sub-accounts for billing purposes, and to direct sub-account invoices to the Customer's affiliates or other designated entities for payment. Such requests shall not affect the liability of the Customer, who shall remain solely liable to the Company for payment of all invoices for service requested and obtained by the Customer, whether invoiced by the Company to the Customer, the Customer's affiliates, or other designated entities.

## SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

#### 2.5 Liability of the Company

- 2.5.1 The Customer's remedy for any damages, claims or causes of action arising out of mistakes, interruptions, omissions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission which occur in the course of furnishing service or facilities, shall be the credits to the Customer provided in Section 2.9. Except as set forth above, the Company shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, special, actual, punitive or any other damages, or business interruption, or for any lost profits of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of any defects or any other cause. In the event of an interruption in service or any defect in the service whatsoever, neither the Company nor any affiliated or unaffiliated third party provider or operator of facilities employed in the provision of the service shall be liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, special, actual, punitive or any other damages, or for any lost profits of any kind or nature whatsoever. Moreover, any such mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission or service, which are caused or contributed to by the negligence or willful act of the Customer or Authorized User, or which arise from the use of Customer-provided facilities or equipment shall not result in the imposition of any liability whatsoever upon the Company.
- **2.5.2** The Company shall not be liable for any claim or loss, expense or damage (including indirect, special or consequential damage), for any interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect in any service, facility or transmission provided under this tariff, if caused by any person or entity other than the Company, by any malfunction of any service or facility provided by any other carrier, by an Act of God, fire, war, civil disturbance, or act of government, or by any other cause beyond the Company's direct control.

## **SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)**

#### 2.5 Liability of the Company (continued)

- 2.5.3 Indemnification – The Company's liability, if any, for its gross negligence or willful misconduct is not limited by this tariff. With respect to any other claim or suit by a Customer or by any others, the Customer indemnifies and saves harmless the Company against claims, losses or suits for injury to or death of any person, or damage to any property which arises from the use, placement or presence of the Company's equipment, facilities and associated wiring of the Customer's premises and further the Customer indemnifies and saves harmless the Company against claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy or the infringement of copyright arising directly or indirectly from the material transmitted over the facilities of the Company or the use thereof by the Customer; against claims for infringement of patents arising from combining with or using in connection with, facilities furnished by the Company and apparatus, equipment and systems provided by the Customer; and against all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the Customer in connection with the services or facilities provided by the Company. No agents or employees of other carriers shall be deemed to be agents or employees of the Company.
- **2.5.4 Defacement of premises:** No liability shall attach to the Company by reason of any defacement or damage to the Customer's premises resulting from the existence of the Company's equipment or facilities on such premises, or by the installation or removal thereof, when such defacement or damage is not the result of the negligence of the Company or its employees.
- **2.5.5** The Company is not liable for any act or omission of any other entity furnishing a portion of the service or any acts or omission of the Customer.
- **2.5.6** Service furnished by the Company may be interconnected with the services or facilities of other carriers or private systems. However, service furnished is provided solely by the Company and is not a joint undertaking with other parties.

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Effective: January 9, 2004

## SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

#### 2.5 Liability of the Company (continued)

- **2.5.7** The Company shall not be liable for any claim, loss, or refund as a result of loss or theft of Personal Identification Numbers issued for use with the Company's services.
- **2.5.8** The Company shall not be liable for any damages, including usage charges, that the Customer may incur as a result of the unauthorized use of authorization codes or communications equipment. The unauthorized use of communications equipment includes, but is not limited to, the placement of calls from the Customer's premises, and the placement of calls through equipment controlled and/or provided by the Customer that are transmitted over the Company's network without the authorization of the Customer. The Customer shall be fully liable for all such usage charge.
- **2.5.9** The Company shall not be liable for the claims of vendors supplying equipment to Customers of the Company which may be installed at premise of the Company; nor shall the Company be liable for the performance of said vendor or vendor's equipment.
- 2.5.10 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 AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE OR PURPOSE, EXCEPT THOS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN, OR THROUGH A CONTRACT ON FILE AND APPROVED BY THE PUCO.

## **SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)**

## 2.6 Minimum Service Period

The Minimum Service Period for which services are provided by the Company to the Customer and for which rates and charges are applicable is one (1) month unless otherwise specified in this tariff or by mutually agreed upon contract or Term Agreement between the Customer and the Company. For the purpose of determining charges for a fractional part of a month, every month is considered to have thirty (30) days.

## 2.7 Commencement of Service

A prospective Customer desiring service form the Company shall enter into a written contract with the Company specifying the services to be provided by the Company and the terms and conditions applicable thereto. The Company will not provide services to the Customer until such a contract has been executed. Such contracts will be filed with and approved by the Commission.

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## SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

#### 2.8 Customer Responsibility

- **2.8.1** All Customers assume general responsibilities in connection with the provision and use of the Company's service. When facilities, equipment, and/or communication systems provided by others are connected to the Company's facilities, the Customer assumes additional responsibilities. All Customers are responsible for the following:
  - **A.** Placing orders for service, paying all charges for service rendered by the Company and complying with all of the Company's regulations governing the service. The Customer is also responsible for assuring that its Authorized Users comply with regulations.
  - **B.** Ensuring compatibility of equipment and systems provided by the Customer or Authorized User with the interface equipment provided and/or sanctioned by the Company.
  - **C.** Damage to facilities of the Company caused by the negligence or willful act of the Customer or Authorized User. The Customer shall shut down its transmission signals, if the Company determines that said transmission is causing interference to others.
  - **D.** Reimbursing the Company for any loss occasioned by the theft of the Company's facilities installed on the Customer's or Authorized User's premises.
  - **E.** The provision of the power required to operate the Company's facilities installed on the Customer's or Authorized User's premises.
  - **F.** The provision, installation and maintenance of sealed conduit with explosiveproof fittings between equipment furnished by the Company in explosive atmosphere and points outside the hazardous area where connection may be made with the facilities of the Company. The Customer may be required to install and maintain the Company's equipment within the hazardous area if, in the opinion of the Company, injury or damage to its employees or property might result from installation or maintenance by the Company.

## SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

#### 2.8 Customer Responsibility (continued)

#### **2.8.1** (continued)

- **G.** Obtaining permission for the Company's agents or employees to enter the premises of the Customer or Authorized User at any reasonable hour for the purpose of installing, inspecting, repairing, or upon termination of the service, removing the facilities and equipment of the Company.
- **H.** Making the Company's service components and equipment available periodically for maintenance purposes at a time agreeable to both the Company and the Customer, and providing for reasonable access to those facilities and equipment.
- I. All actions or omissions of a person, firm or corporation appointed by the Customer as its agent. Any limitations of any agent's authority shall not be binding on the Company.
- **J.** Any breach of the terms and conditions contained in this tariff or in the contract between the Customer and the Company governing service.
- K. The Customer shall arrange access to any of the rights-of-way, conduit and equipment space starting at and from the point of entry to the Customer's location to the termination point where service is finally delivered to the Customer at any time so that the Company's authorized personnel, employees, or agents may install, repair, maintain, inspect, replace or remove any and all facilities and associated equipment provided by the Company. Access to such sites shall be made available at a time mutually agreeable to the Customer and the Company. The Customer acknowledges that, when repair work is required to restore services after interruption, it may be necessary to provide the access on a twenty-four hour, seven day a week basis. The Company shall also have the right to obtain access to the cable installed in the Customer provided conduit at any splice or junction box. No credit allowance will be made for the period during which service is interrupted for such purposes.

## SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

#### 2.8 Customer Responsibility (continued)

#### **2.8.1** (continued)

L. The Customer shall provide the necessary equipment space, conduit, electrical power and suitable environmental conditions required to provide the services, as specified by the Company, at each Customer termination point, without charge or cost to the Company. The Customer agrees to take good care of premises equipment and building wiring provided by the Company as part of the services. The Customer agrees to return such equipment and wiring to the Company at the expiration of the applicable terms in its original condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Customer shall bear the risk of any loss or damage to the Company's equipment or wiring located in the Customer's premise, except where such loss or damage is caused by the Company. The Customer shall be responsible for insuring that the equipment, wiring, space and associated facilities, conduit and rights-of-way are protected against fire, theft, vandalism or other casualty, and that the use thereof complies with the applicable laws, rules and regulations and with all applicable lease or other contractual agreements. The Company shall install such wiring and equipment as reasonably directed by the Customer to comply with lease or other contractual obligations to which the Customer is a party.

## SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

#### 2.8 Customer Responsibility (continued)

## 2.8.2 Billing and Payment for Service

#### A. Responsibility for Charges

The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services and equipment furnished to the Customer for transmission of calls via the Company. In particular and without limitation to the foregoing, the Customer is responsible for any and all cost(s) incurred as the result of:

- 1. any delegation of authority resulting in the use of his or her communications equipment and/or network services which result in the placement of calls via the Company;
- 2. any and all use of the services provided by the Company, including calls which the Customer did not individually authorize;
- **3.** any calls placed by or through the Customer's equipment via any remote access feature(s);

Charges for installations, service connections, moves and rearrangements are payable upon demand to the Company or its authorized agent. Billing thereafter will include recurring charges and actual usage as defined in this tariff.

## **B. Disputed Charges**

Any objections to billed charges must be reported to the Company or its billing agent in writing within a reasonable time frame of the closing date printed on the invoice or statement issued to the Customer. Adjustments to the Customer's account shall be made to the extent that circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate.

Customers should direct disputes to IFN, 13888 County Road 25A, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895 or call IFN toll-free at 1-800-634-4032. Additionally, customers may contact the PUCO Public Interest Center at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215 or may call the PUCO toll-free at 1-800-686-7826.

Effective: January 9, 2004

In Accordance with Case No. 03-2383-TP-ACE Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Tim Berelsman, General Manager Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895

## SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

#### 2.8 Customer Responsibility (continued)

## 2.8.2 Billing and Payment for Service (continued)

#### C. Bills and Billing Practices

The Company's bills and billing practices will conform to the Commission's Minimum Telephone Service Standards set forth at O.A.C. 4901:1-5-15.

#### **2.8.3** Taxes and Fees

- A. To the extent that a municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government, or commission imposes and collects from the Company a gross receipts tax, occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee, or regulatory fee, such taxes and fees shall, as allowed by law, be billed pro rata to the Customer receiving service from the Company within the territorial limits of such municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government.
- **B.** Service shall not be subject to taxes for a given taxing jurisdiction if the Customer provides the Company with written verification, acceptable to the Company and to the relevant taxing jurisdiction, that the Customer has been granted a tax exemption.
- C. The Company may adjust its rates or impose additional rates on it Customer to recover amounts it is required by governmental or quasi-governmental authorities to collect from or pay to others. The Company may also adjust its rates or impose additional rates to cover the administrative cost of collecting such charges or paying compensation to other entities. Examples of such programs include, but are not limited to, the Universal Service Fund (USF), the Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge (PICC), and compensation to pay telephone service providers for the use of their pay telephones to access the Company's services.
- **D.** The Company shall not assess separately any fees or surcharges, other than government approved sales taxes, without first seeking Commission approval under the appropriate procedures required by the Commission.

## SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

#### 2.8 Customer Responsibility (continued)

## 2.8.4 Late Payment Fees

A late payment fee of 1.5% per month will be charged on any past due balance. Any applicable late payment fees will be assessed according to the terms and conditions of the Company or its billing agent and pursuant to Ohio state law.

## 2.8.5 Return Check Charge

Customers will be charged \$20.00 on all checks issued to the Company which are returned due to insufficient funds. At the discretion of the Company, the insufficient funds check charge may be waived under appropriate circumstances (e.g., a bank error).

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## SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

#### 2.8 Customer Responsibility (continued)

#### 2.8.6 Deposits

- A. New customers for service or existing Customers may be required to establish creditworthiness. The Company will utilize the Individual Service History Method for calculating deposits and will comply with the Commission's Minimum Telephone Service Standards set forth at O.A.C. 4901:1-5-13(B)(2)(a). A deposit does not relieve the Customer of the responsibility for prompt payment of bills on presentation.
- **B.** When a service or facility is discontinued, the amount of a deposit, if any, will be applied to the Customer's account and any credit balance remaining will be refunded, assuming no breach of a Term Agreement exists. Before the service or facility is discontinued, the Company may return the deposit or credit it to the Customer's account, at the Customer's option.
- **C.** Deposits held by the Company will accrue interest in accordance with Commission Rules and Ohio law.
- **D.** Deposits and interest accrued to date will be refunded or released within thirty (30) days after disconnection of service or after twelve (12) consecutive months of service without the Customer having had service discontinued for non-payment, and without the Customer having had more than two (2) occasions on which the bill was not paid by the time specified for prompt payment, and the Customer is not then delinquent in the payment of the bill. The deposit will be applied as a credit to final payment(s) assuming no breach of a Term Agreement exists.

## SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

#### 2.8 Customer Responsibility (continued)

## 2.8.7 Cancellation of Service by Customer

A. Cancellation of Application for Service: When a Customer cancels 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:

Where the Company has notified a Customer or prospective Customer of the possibility that special expenses may be incurred in connection with provisioning the customer's service, and then the Company does incur such expenses. Expenses could include special construction, or where special arrangements of facilities or equipment have begun before the Company received a cancellation notice. The charge will be equal to the costs actually incurred, less net salvage.

## SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

#### 2.8 Customer Responsibility (continued)

#### 2.8.7 Cancellation of Service by Customer (continued)

- **B. Cancellation Prior to Expiration of Term:** If a Customer cancels service prior to the completion of the Term Agreement for any reason whatsoever, the Customer agrees to pay the Company the following sums, which shall become due and owing as of the effective date of cancellation or termination and be payable within thirty (30) days:
  - 1. All Non-Recurring Charges reasonably expended by the Company to establish service to the Customer, plus
  - 2. Any disconnection, early cancellation or termination charges reasonably incurred by the Company or paid to third parties by the Company on behalf of the Customer, plus
  - **3.** All Recurring Charges specified in the applicable Service Order and tariff for the balance of the then current terms.

## SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

#### 2.9 **Refunds or Credits for Service Outages or Interruptions**

- **2.9.1** An interruption period begins when the Customer reports a service, facility or circuit to be inoperative and, if necessary, releases it for testing and repair. An interruption period ends when the service, facility or circuit is operative. Credits for service outages or interruptions are subject to the regulations listed below.
- **2.9.2** If the Customer reports a service, facility or circuit to be interrupted but declines to release it for testing and repair, or refuses access to its premises for testing and repair by the Company, the service, facility or circuit is considered to be impaired but not interrupted. No credit allowances will be made for a service, facility or circuit considered by the Company to be impaired.
- **2.9.3** It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify the Company immediately of any interruption in service for which a credit allowance is desired by the Customer. Before giving such notice, the Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not within his or her control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by the Customer.
- **2.9.4** The Customer shall be responsible for the payment of service charges based upon time and materials 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.
- **2.9.5** For purposes of credit computation, every month shall be considered to have seven hundred and twenty (720) hours. For services with a monthly recurring charge, no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of continuous duration of less than four (4) hours. The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of four (4) or more hours at the rate of 1/720<sup>th</sup> of the monthly charge for the services affected for each hour that the interruption continues. The formula used for computation of credits is as follows:

Credit =  $A/720 \times B$ 

A = Outage Time in Hours (Must be 4 or more) B = Total Monthly Recurring Charge for affected service

## **SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)**

#### 2.10 Cancellation or Termination of Service by Company

- **2.10.1** For nonpayment: The Company may terminate service to a Customer for nonpayment of undisputed charges upon sending written notice of disconnection, which must be postmarked at least seven (7) days prior to the date of disconnection of service, to the Customer without incurring any liability for damages due to loss of telephone service to the Customer. The Company shall not disconnect service sooner than fourteen (14) days after the due date on the bill.
- **2.10.2** The Company may refuse or discontinue service in accordance with the Commission's Minimum Telephone Service Standards as set forth at O.A.C. 4901:1-5-17.

## SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

#### 2.11 Continuation of Service

- **2.11.1** For Month-to-Month Customers: Service will continue on a month-to-month basis until such time as the Customer cancels service or until such time as the Company discontinues service in accordance with the rules as outlined in this tariff.
- 2.11.2 For Term Agreement Customers: Service will continue in accordance with the Term Agreement. Such agreement shall be renewed automatically for the initial term or in any additional terms, unless the Customer provides written notice of its intent not to renew such agreement at least thirty (30) days prior to the initial or any additional term. All termination obligations applicable under the original Term Agreement apply to this renewed agreement.

#### 2.12 Interconnection

Service furnished by the Company may be connected with the services or facilities of other authorized communications common carriers and with private systems, subject to the technical limitations established by the Company. Such service or facilities are provided under the terms, rates and conditions of the other carrier. Any special interface equipment or facilities necessary to achieve compatibility between the facilities of the Company and other participating carriers shall be provided at the Customer's expense. The Customer is responsible for all charges billed by other carriers for use in connection with the Company's service. The Customer shall be responsible for damage to the facilities of the Company caused by the negligence or willful act of the Customer or Authorized User.

## SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

#### 2.13 Terminal Equipment

The Company's facilities and service may be used with or terminated in terminal equipment or communications systems such as a PBX, key system, single line telephone, or pay telephone. Such terminal equipment shall be furnished and maintained at the expense of the Customer. The Customer is responsible for all costs at his or her premises, including personnel, wiring, electrical power, and the like, incurred in the use of the Company's service. When such terminal equipment is used, the equipment shall comply with the generally accepted minimum protective criteria standards of the telecommunications industry.

## 2.14 Inspection, Testing and Adjustment

Upon reasonable notice, the facilities or equipment provided by the Company shall be made available to the Company for such tests and adjustments as may be necessary for their maintenance in a condition satisfactory to the Company. No interruption allowance shall be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made, unless such interruption exceeds twenty-four hours in length and credit for the interruption is requested by the Customer.

## **SECTION 3 – SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS**

### 3.1 General

The Company provides transport services for point-to-point or multi-point communications within the state. The Company's services are available twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week.

## **3.2** Special Services

Special Services are any services not specifically defined otherwise in this Section.

- **3.2.1** If at the request of the Customer, the Company obtains facilities not normally used to provide service to its Customers, the costs incurred will be billed as a Special Service.
- **3.2.2** If at the request of the Customer, the Company provides technical assistance not normally required to provide service, the costs involved will be billed to the Customer as a Special Service.
- **3.2.3** Where special signaling, conditioning, equipment or other features are required to make Customer-provided equipment efficient and compatible with the Company's service, the cost of providing necessary equipment and materials and all associated installation costs including engineering, labor, supervising and transportation costs will be billed to the Customer as a Special Service.
- **3.2.4** After Hours Installation and/or Maintenance Charge: When, at the specific request of the Customer, installation and/or routing maintenance is performed outside of regular business hours, additional Special Service charges apply. Special Service charges will be based upon the actual labor, material and other costs incurred by or billed to the Company in the provision of the Special Services. Such circumstances include but are not limited to, stand-by in excess of one hour, weekend, holiday or night time cutover, and additional installation testing in excess of the normal testing required to provide service.

## **SECTION 3 – SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS (continued)**

#### **3.3** Transport Service

Transport Service provides a transmission path to connect designated premises of one or more customers, directly through one or more Company POP(s) where bridging or multiplexing functions are performed.

The Company offers Transport Service between POPs on its network. This service provides for two-way simultaneous transmission of signals of speeds up to 44.746 Mbps. In order to subscribe to Transport Service, the Customer(s) will need to gain entry to the Company's network by means of a local access facility.

Rates do not include charges for facilities from the Customer(s) location(s) to the Company POP. Upon the Customer's request, the Company may act as the Customer's agent for obtaining local access from a third party local access provider from the Customer location to the Company POP. The rates for local access service obtained by the Company as the Customer's agent from a third party local access provider will be the third party local access provider's effective tariff rates. Alternatively, subject to the availability of necessary facilities, Company-provided local access may be provided pursuant to the LDC rates described in Section 3.3.3.A of this tariff.

## **3.3.1** Acceptance Testing

At no additional charge, the Company and the Customer(s) will cooperatively test, at the time of installation, the circuits to meet the agreed upon standards. Acceptance is considered to take place upon completion and approval of all tests. Billing will commence upon acceptance.

## **3.3.2** Trouble Reporting

The Company will be responsible for receiving from the Customer(s) trouble reports sectionalized to the Company facilities and/or equipment. The Company will test cooperatively or independently to assist in trouble sectionalization. Other charges as described in this tariff will still apply.

## **SECTION 3 – SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS (continued)**

#### **3.3** Transport Service (continued)

## **3.3.3** Rate Regulations

There are three basic rate categories which apply to Transport Service:

- Local Distribution Channel (LDC)
- Channel Mileage
- Optional Features and Functions
- A. <u>Local Distribution Channel (LDC)</u>. The Local Distribution Channel (LDC) rate category provides for the communications path either from the Customer's origination point to the Company's POP or from the POP to the Customer's destination point. This charge will apply even if the Customer designated premises and the Company's serving wire center are co-located in the same building. The LDC includes such traditional rate elements as channel mileage termination, add-drop multiplexing charges and customer provided access charges.

#### **SECTION 3 – SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS (continued)**

#### **3.3** Transport Service (continued)

#### **3.3.3** Rate Regulations (continued)

- **B.** <u>Channel Mileage</u>. The Channel Mileage rate category provides for the transmission facilities between the Company's POPs associated with two Customer-designated premises. Channel Mileage is portrayed in two elements: fixed per band and rate per mile. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, the Company will not switch local calls.
- C. <u>Optional Features and Functions</u>. The Optional Features and functions rate category provides for optional features and functions which may be added to a Transport Service to improve its quality or utility to meet specific communications requirements. These are not necessarily identifiable with specific equipment, but rather represent the end result in terms of performance characteristics that may be obtained. These characteristics may be obtained by using various combinations of equipment. Although the equipment necessary to perform a specified function may be installed at various locations along the path of the service, they will be charged for as a single rate element.

Examples of Optional Features and Functions that are available include, but are not limited to the following:

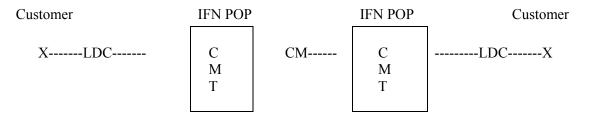
- Signaling Capability
- Hubbing Functions
- Conditioning
- Customer Multiplexing

#### **SECTION 3 – SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS (continued)**

#### **3.3** Transport Service (Cont'd.)

#### **3.3.3** Rate Regulations (Cont'd.)

**E.** The following diagram depicts service connecting two Customer designated premises located 10 miles apart.



LDC – Local Distribution Channel, which includes traditional CMT rate element CM – Channel Mileage IFN POP – IFN Servicing Center

Applicable rate elements are: LDC – Two (2) applicable CM – 10 Miles

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#### **SECTION 3 – SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS (continued)**

#### **3.3** Transport Service (Cont'd.)

#### **3.3.4** Rates and Charges

There are two types of rates and charges. They are monthly recurring rates and nonrecurring charges. The rates and charges are described as follows:

- A. <u>Monthly Recurring Rates</u>. Monthly rates that apply each month or fraction thereof that Transport Service is provided. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have 30 days.
- B. <u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>. Nonrecurring charges are one-time charges that apply for specific work activities. Maximum charges for such activities, otherwise not contained in the monthly rates and charges of this tariff, will be as follows:
  - \$70.00 per hour
  - \$17.50 per quarter hour
  - minimum bill of one hour

These hourly charges will be for the following:

- 1. The charges specified do not contemplate work being performed by the Company employees at a time when overtime wages apply, due to the request of the Customer, nor do they contemplate work once begun being interrupted by the Customer. If the Customer requests labor be performed at hours of the day or days of the week other than normal working hours or days (9:00 am 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday), or on Company recognized national holidays (New Year's Day, Martin Luther King's Birthday, President's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day), or if the Customer interrupts work once begun, an additional charge based upon actual costs incurred by the Company will be imposed.
- 2. <u>Installation of Interface Equipment</u>: The Company's charges for modem light source and receiver installation shall be based on the per man hour labor rate of the Company in effect at the time the work is performed.

#### **SECTION 3 – SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS (continued)**

#### **3.3** Transport Service (Cont'd.)

#### **3.3.4** Rates and Charges (Cont'd.)

#### **B.** <u>Nonrecurring Charges</u> (Cont'd.)

- 3. <u>Installation of Lateral Cable</u>: The Company's charges for installation of lateral cable within the Customer's premises from the vertical riser to the Customer's or Authorized User's station will be based upon the Company's costs of providing such service. Such cost will be determined based upon all relevant elements of cost, including, but not limited to:
  - (a) Site Survey
  - (b) Physical Design
  - (c) Contractor/Construction Costs
  - (d) Rights of Way
  - (e) Equipment
  - (f) Engineering
  - (g) Construction
  - (h) Depreciation
  - (i) Operations
  - (j) Maintenance
  - (k) Applicable license fees, preparation costs and associated legal expense
  - (l) Applicable Taxes
  - (m) Rate of Return Contingencies
  - (n) Administration Charges

#### **SECTION 3 – SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS (continued)**

#### **3.3** Transport Service (Cont'd.)

#### **3.3.4** Rates and Charges (Cont'd.)

#### **B.** <u>Nonrecurring Charges</u> (Cont'd.)

- 4. <u>Special Construction/Individual Contract Basis Arrangements</u>: Upon request or in response to competitive request for proposal or for non-standard services, the Company will develop a responsive individual contract billing arrangement for services offered in this tariff, the Company will engage in special construction to provide any of the communications services it is lawfully able to provide, subject to the conditions contained in this tariff and the contract between the Customer and the Company. The Company's charges for special construction services will be based upon the Company's cost of providing such services. The cost will be determined based on all relevant elements of cost, including, but not limited to:
  - (a) Site Survey
  - (b) Physical Design
  - (c) Contractor/Construction Costs
  - (d) Rights of Way
  - (e) Equipment
  - (f) Maintenance
  - (g) Administration Charges

An individual contract billing arrangement price quote will be offered to the Customer for acceptance in writing. Such individual contract billing arrangements will specify, among other things, the length of service, minimum volume of service required, and the rates and charges for the proposed service.

### **SECTION 3 – SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS (continued)**

#### **3.3** Transport Service (Cont'd.)

#### **3.3.4** Rates and Charges (Cont'd.)

- **B.** <u>Nonrecurring Charges</u> (Cont'd.)
  - 5. <u>Move Charge</u>: The Company's charge for a move of a station to a new location on the same or different premises shall be the Company's actual cost incurred in connection with such move.
  - 6. <u>Maintenance and Service Charge</u>: The Customer shall be responsible for the cost incurred by the Company in connection with a maintenance and/or service visit to the Customer's or Authorized User's premises when the difficulty or trouble results from the equipment or facilities provided by the Customer or Authorized User. Said cost shall be based upon the current per-man hour labor rate of the Company in effect at the time of the visit.
- C. <u>Customer Contracts</u>: All customer contracts will be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rev. Code §4905.31(E).

## **SECTION 4 – RATES**

## 4.1 ODS DS-1 Service

#### 4.1.1 Local Distribution Channel (LDC), per point of termination

1 Year – Monthly Extension Rate	\$ ICB
Recurring Charges, Contract Payment Plan Discounts	
24 Months	% ICB
36 Months	% ICB
60 Months	% ICB

#### 4.1.2 Channel Mileage

1 Year – Monthly Extension Rate*	\$4.00/Airline Mile
Recurring Charges, Contract Payment Plan Discounts	
24 Months	% ICB
36 Months	% ICB
60 Months	% ICB

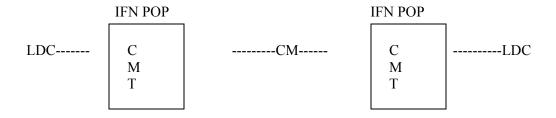
\* Minimum charge – based on 20 Airline Miles

## 4.1.3 **Optional Features and Functions**

1 Year – Monthly Extension Rate	\$ ICB
Recurring Charges, Contract Payment Plan Discounts	
24 Months	% ICB
36 Months	% ICB
60 Months	% ICB

# **SECTION 4 – RATES (Cont'd.)**

#### 4.2 **ODS DS-3 Service (44.736 Mbps)**



#### 4.2.1 Local Distribution Channel (LDC) [per point of termination]

44.736 Mbps	Monthly/1 Year	24 Month	36 Month	<u>60 Month</u>
- 1 DS-3	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
- 3 DS-3 (per DS-3)	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
- 6 DS-3 (per DS-3)	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
- 12 DS-3 (per DS-3)	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB

#### 4.2.2 Channel Mileage (CM) [per mile]\*

44.736 Mbps	Monthly/12-Month	24 Month	<u>36 Month</u>	<u>60 Month</u>
-	\$70 per Airline Mile	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB

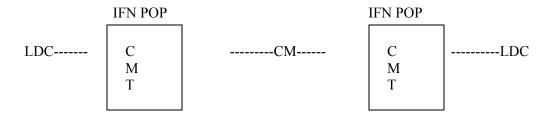
\* Minimum charge – based on 20 Airline Miles

#### 4.2.3 **Optional Features and Functions**

44.736 Mbps	Monthly/12-Month	24 Month	<u>36 Month</u>	60 Month
Multiplexing per	\$700	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
arrangement				

# **SECTION 4 – RATES (Cont'd.)**

#### 4.3 ODS OC3/OC3c Service (155.52 Mbps)



#### 4.3.1 Local Distribution Channel (LDC) [per point of termination]

155.52 Mbps	Monthly/1 Year	24 Month	36 Month	<u>60 Month</u>
- 1 OC3/OC3c	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
- 3 OC3/OC3c (per OC3/OC3c)	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
- 6 OC3/OC3c (per OC3/OC3c)	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
- 12 OC3/OC3c (per OC3/OC3c)	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB

#### 4.3.2 Channel Mileage (CM) [per mile]\*

155.52 Mbps	Monthly/12-Month	24 Month	<u>36 Month</u>	60 Month
*	\$175 per Airline Mile	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB

\* Minimum charge – based on 20 Airline Miles

#### 4.3.3 **Optional Features and Functions**

155.52 Mbps	Monthly/12-Month	24 Month	<u>36 Month</u>	60 Month
Multiplexing per	\$1500	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
arrangement				

#### **SECTION 4 – RATES (Cont'd.)**

#### 4.4 **ODS OC12/OC12c Service (622.08 Mbps)**



## 4.4.1 Local Distribution Channel (LDC) [per point of termination]

622.08 Mbps	Monthly/1 Year	24 Month	36 Month	<u>60 Month</u>
- 1 OC12/OC12c	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
- 3 OC12/OC12c (per OC12/OC12c)	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
- 6 OC12/OC12c (per OC12/OC12c)	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
- 12 OC12/OC12c (per OC12/OC12c)	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB

#### 4.4.2 Channel Mileage (CM) [per mile]

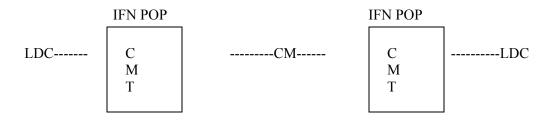
622.08 Mbps	Monthly/12-Month	24 Month	<u>36 Month</u>	<u>60 Month</u>
-	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB

#### 4.4.3 **Optional Features and Functions**

622.08 Mbps	Monthly/12-Month	24 Month	36 Month	<u>60 Month</u>
Multiplexing per	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
arrangement				

#### **SECTION 4 – RATES (Cont'd.)**

#### 4.5 ODS OC-48 Service (2488.32 Mbps)



## 4.5.1 Local Distribution Channel (LDC) [per point of termination]

2488.32 Mbps	Monthly/1 Year	24 Month	36 Month	60 Month
- 1 OC-48	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
- 3 OC-48 (per OC-48)	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
- 6 OC-48 (per OC-48)	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
- 12 OC-48 (per OC-48)	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB

#### 4.5.2 Channel Mileage (CM) [per mile]

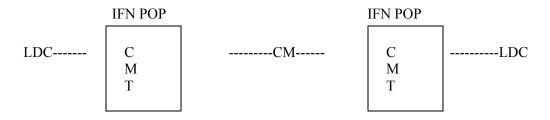
2488.32 Mbps	Monthly/12-Month	<u>24 Month</u>	<u>36 Month</u>	<u>60 Month</u>
-	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB

#### 4.5.3 **Optional Features and Functions**

2488.32 Mbps	Monthly/12-Month	24 Month	<u>36 Month</u>	<u>60 Month</u>
Multiplexing per	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
arrangement				

#### **SECTION 4 – RATES (Cont'd.)**

#### 4.6 ODS 10 Base-T Service (10 Mbps)



#### 4.6.1 Local Distribution Channel (LDC) [per point of termination]

10 Mbps	Monthly/1 Year	24 Month	<u>36 Month</u>	60 Month
- 1 10 Base-T	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
- 3 10 Base-T (per 10 Base-T)	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
- 6 10 Base-T (per 10 Base-T)	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
- 12 10 Base-T (per 10 Base-T)	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB

## 4.6.2 Channel Mileage (CM) [per mile]\*

10 Mbps	Monthly/12-Month	24 Month	<u>36 Month</u>	<u>60 Month</u>
-	\$17 per Airline Mile	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB

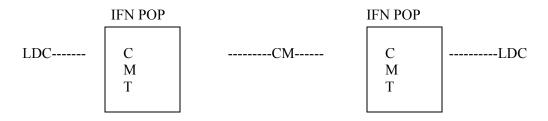
\* Minimum charge – based on 20 Airline Miles

#### 4.6.3 **Optional Features and Functions**

10 Mbps	Monthly/12-Month	24 Month	<u>36 Month</u>	<u>60 Month</u>
Multiplexing per	\$500	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
arrangement				

#### **SECTION 4 – RATES (Cont'd.)**

#### 4.7 ODS 100 Base-T Service (100 Mbps)



#### 4.7.1 Local Distribution Channel (LDC) [per point of termination]

100 Mbps	Monthly/1 Year	24 Month	<u>36 Month</u>	60 Month
- 1 100 Base-T	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
- 3 100 Base-T (per 100 Base-T)	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
- 6 100 Base-T (per 100 Base-T)	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
- 12 100 Base-T (per 100 Base-T)	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB

#### 4.7.2 Channel Mileage (CM) [per mile]\*

100 Mbps	Monthly/12-Month	24 Month	<u>36 Month</u>	<u>60 Month</u>
-	\$135 per Airline Mile	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB

\* Minimum charge – based on 20 Airline Miles

#### 4.7.3 **Optional Features and Functions**

100 Mbps	Monthly/12-Month	24 Month	36 Month	60 Month
Multiplexing per	\$1250	\$ICB	\$ICB	\$ICB
arrangement				

#### **SECTION 4 – RATES (Cont'd.)**

#### 4.8 Customer Provided Access

When a Customer provides its own access to an IFN POP, the following monthly recurring charges shall apply in addition to the LDC charge associated with customer provided access:

Entrance Facility	\$ICB
Occupancy & Maintenance	\$ICB
Cross Connect	\$ICB

#### 4.9 Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring charges are one-time charges that apply for specific work activities. The charges applicable to ODS service described in Sections 4.1 and 4.2 for such activities are as follows:

<ul><li>One time circuit installation</li><li>Specific work activity installations*</li></ul>	-	Per DS-1 \$500.00 \$50.00 per hour \$12.50 per quarter hour A minimum bill of one ho	Per DS-3 \$1,000.00
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\* Installation waives for term commitments of 24 months and above.

## **SECTION 5 – PROMOTIONS**

#### 5.1 General

The Company m ay from time to time engage in special promotional trial service offerings of its tariffed services for a limited duration (not to exceed ninety (90) days for non-optional, recurring charges), designed to attract new Customers or to increase existing Customer awareness of a particular tariff offering, on a non-discriminatory basis to any Customer similarly classified who requests the special offer. Requests for specific limited duration promotional offerings will be presented to the PUCO for its review in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the PUCO, in the form of an addendum to the Company's tariff.

# EXHIBIT B

(Proposed Revised Tariff Pages)

# TITLE SHEET

# P.U.C.O. 1

# INDEPENDENTS FIBER NETWORK, LLC

90-6173-CT-TRF

## INTEREXCHANGE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

Service is provided by Independents Fiber Network, LLC between locations within the State of Ohio. (T) This tariff is available for public inspection during normal business hours at Independents Fiber Network, LLC, 13888 County Road 25A, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895.

Customers may contact Independents Fiber Network, LLC toll-free at 800-634-4032.

In Accordance with Case No. 08-0166-TP-ATA Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Tim Berelsman, General Manager Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895

## **SECTION 1 – GENERAL**

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- 1.1 Customers have certain rights and responsibilities under the Minimum Telephone Service (N) Standards (Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-5) (the "MTSS"). These safeguards can be found in the Appendix to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-5-03, which is entitled "Telephone Customer Rights and Responsibilities." These rights and responsibilities include complaint handling, ordering or changing service, service repair, payment of bills, and disconnection and reconnection of service.
- **1.2** As of the Effective Date below, the rates, service descriptions, and the terms and conditions for (N) certain business telecommunications services will no longer be included in this tariff, which is on file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. You may view the service descriptions and terms and conditions for those services at the Company's website: www.ifnetwork.biz. For rate information, please contact the Company.

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COMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE TARIFF

# **SECTION 2 – MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES** (T)

#### 2.1 Late Payment Fees

A late payment fee of 1.5% per month will be applied to regulated charges not paid at least (T) nineteen days after the postmark on the customer's bill. The late payment fee will not apply to any portion of the bill that is in bona fide dispute or to any previous late payment fees included in the amount due.

#### 2.2 Return Check Charge

Customers will be charged \$20.00 on all checks issued to the Company which are returned due to insufficient funds. At the discretion of the Company, the insufficient funds check charge may be waived under appropriate circumstances (e.g., a bank error).

# EXHIBIT C

(Summary of Tariff Revisions)

## EXHIBIT C

The Applicant, Independents Fiber Network, LLC ("IFN"), has deleted all tier 2 services from its tariff. IFN does not offer any services to residential customers nor tier 1 services to business customers. IFN does impose a Late Payment Fee and a Return Check Charge, where and when applicable, both of which remain in the tariff.

IFN also added a) the general MTSS reference pursuant to the September 26, 2007 Entry in Case No. 05-1102-TP-ORD and b) an explanation that certain tier 2 services have been detariffed with references to the Applicant's website for service descriptions and terms and conditions, and to contact the Applicant directly for rate information.

All tariff sheets not filed herein within Exhibit B are deleted.

# EXHIBIT D

The Applicant intends to comply with Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-6-05(G)(3) by maintaining service descriptions and terms and conditions of the detariffed services on its website; rate information will be provided on hard copy to customers upon request.

# EXHIBIT E

# (Customer Notice)

The following notice was mailed to customers on February 8, 2008.

In addition, on February 4, 2008 the Applicant forwarded the notices to the following Commission-provided electronic mailbox: Telecomm-Rule16@puc.state.oh.us in accordance with the Entry issued September 19, 2007 in Case No. 06-1345-TP-ORD.



February 8, 2008

NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE

Dennis Depinet Bascom Internet Services PO Box 316 Bascom, Ohio 44809

Beginning on February 25, 2008, the prices, service descriptions, and the terms and conditions for certain telecommunication services that you are provided by Independents Fiber Network, LLC ("IFN"), will no longer be on file at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). Such services include:

#### Special Services

- Transport Service
  - ODS DS–1 – ODS DS–3 – ODS OC3/OC3c

- ODS OC12/OC12c

– ODS OC–48 – ODS 10 Base–T – ODS 100 Base–T

Customer Provided Access: Entrance Facility, Occupancy & Maintenance, Cross Connect

This modification does not automatically result in a change in the prices, terms, or conditions of those services to which you currently subscribe. IFN must still provide a customer notice at least fifteen days in advance of rate increases, changes in terms and conditions and discontinuance of existing services. Additionally, you will be able to view the service descriptions and terms and conditions for those services and future offerings at www.ifnetwork.biz. For rate information, please contact IFN at 13888 County Road 25A, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895 or toll free at 800-634-4032.

Since these services will no longer be on file with the Commission, this means that the agreement reached between the customer and the company, instead of the document on file at the PUCO, will now control new services or changes in service. This agreement, whether it is verbal or written, will still be subject to consumer protections required and enforced by the PUCO.

For any new services or changes in service, it will be important that you carefully review and confirm the price, terms and conditions.

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If you have any questions about this matter, please call IFN at the toll free number 800-634-4032.

Sincerely,				
Independents Fiber	Netw	vork, LLC		
P.O. Box 2038		Wapakoneta, OH 45895	419-739-3100	419-739-31

EXHIBIT F

(Affidavit)

#### CUSTOMER NOTICE AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF OHIO

SS:

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COUNTY OF AUGLAIZE :

#### AFFIDAVIT

I, Timothy N. Berelsman, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, Independents Fiber Network, LLC, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that customer notices accompanying this affidavit were sent to affected customers through a direct mail letter on February 8, 2008, in accordance with Rule 4901:1-6-16, Ohio Administrative Code. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 20, 2008 Auglaize County of Ohio (Date) (Location)

Is/ <u>Uty Male</u>, <u>Oirector</u> 2/20/2008 (Signature and Title) (Date)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Jebruary 20, 2008 (Date)

Linda M. Wochler Linda M. Wochler

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# Case No(s). 90-6173-CT-TRF, 08-0166-TP-ATA

Summary: Application In the Matter of the Application of Independents Fiber Network, LLC to Detariff Certain Tier 2 Services and make other changes related to the Implementation of Case No. 06-1345-TP-ORD electronically filed by Carolyn S Flahive on behalf of Independents Fiber Network, LLC