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**SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS****2.4.2 Station Equipment**

2.4.2.1 The Customer is responsible for providing and maintaining any terminal equipment on the Customer premises. The electric power consumed by such equipment shall be provided by, and maintained at the expense of, the Customer. All such terminal equipment must be registered with the FCC under 47 C.F.R., Part 68 and all wiring must be installed and maintained in compliance with those regulations. The Company will, where practicable, notify the Customer that temporary discontinuance of the use of a service may be required; however, where prior notice is not practicable, nothing contained herein shall be deemed to impair the Company's right to discontinue forthwith the use of a service temporarily if such action is reasonable under the circumstances. In case of such temporary discontinuance, the Customer will be promptly notified and afforded the opportunity to correct the condition that gave rise to the temporary discontinuance. During such period of temporary discontinuance, credit allowance for service interruptions as set forth in Section 2.6 following is not applicable.

2.4.2.2 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 other persons. Any additional protective equipment required to prevent such damage or injury shall be provided by the Company at the Customer's expense.

**2.4.3 Interconnection of Facilities**

2.4.3.1 Any special interface equipment necessary to achieve compatibility between the facilities and equipment of the Company used for furnishing local exchange service and the channels, facilities, or equipment of others may be provided at the Customer's expense.

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**SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS****2.4.3 Interconnection of Facilities (continued)**

2.4.3.2 Local Service 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, which are applicable to such connections.

2.4.3.3 Facilities furnished under this tariff may be connected to Customer provided terminal equipment in accordance with the provisions of this tariff.

**2.4.4 Inspections**

2.4.4.1 Upon reasonable 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 2.4.2.2 for the installation, operation, and maintenance of Customer-provided facilities and equipment to Company-provided facilities and equipment. No credit will be allowed for any interruptions occurring during such inspections.

**2.5 Payment Arrangements****2.5.1 Payment for Service**

The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for service and facilities furnished by the Company to the Customer or its Joint or Authorized Users.

**2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges**

Bills will be rendered monthly to Customer. Subscriber bills will contain all of the information required by 4901:1-5 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

2.5.2.1 All service, installation, monthly Recurring Charges and Nonrecurring Charges shall not be due earlier than fourteen (14) days from the date of the postmark on the bill. If not paid by the due date, it then becomes past due.

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**SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS****2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges (continued)**

2.5.2.2 The Company shall present bills for Recurring Charges monthly to the Customer, in advance of the month which service is provided. Usage charges will be billed in arrears.

2.5.2.3 For new Customers or existing Customers whose service is disconnected, the charge for the fraction of the month in which service was furnished will be calculated on a pro rata basis. For this purpose, every month is considered to have 30 days.

2.5.2.4 Checks with insufficient funds or non-existing accounts will be assessed a fee of \$30.00 up to a maximum rate of \$40.00, except as may be waived under appropriate circumstances.

**2.5.3 Disputed Bills**

2.5.3.1 The date of the dispute shall be the date the Company receives sufficient documentation to enable it to investigate the dispute. The date of the resolution is the date the Company completes its investigation and notifies the Customer of the disposition of the dispute.

**2.5.4 Customer Complaints and/or Billing Disputes**

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

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225 W. Washington Street, Suite 1285  
Chicago, IL 60606

Telephone: (312) 506-0920  
Facsimile: (312) 506-0931  
Toll Free: (888) 380-2721

Any objection to billed charges should be reported promptly to the Company. Customer is responsible for all nondisputed charges. If after investigation and review by the Company, a disagreement remains as to the disputed amount, the Customer may file an appropriate complaint with the PUCO in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure:

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You may contact the PUCO at 1-800-686-7826 (toll free) or TTY at 1-800-686-1570 (toll free) from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm weekdays or at [www.PUCO.ohio.gov](http://www.PUCO.ohio.gov).

Service Monitoring and Enforcement Department  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

**2.5.5 Deposits**

2.5.5.1 Applicants for service or existing Customer's whose financial condition is not acceptable to the Company, or is not a matter of general knowledge, may be required at any time to provide the Company a security deposit. All deposits will be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Rule 4901:1-17 of the Ohio Administrative Code and Rule 4901:1-5 of the PUCO's Minimum Telephone Service Standards. The deposit requested will be in cash or the equivalent of cash, and will be held as a guarantee for the payment of charges. A deposit does not relieve the Customer of the responsibility for the prompt payment of bills on presentation. The deposit will not exceed an amount equal to:

- (a) two month's average monthly bill for all regulated local exchange services for the ensuing twelve months, plus thirty percent (30%) of estimated monthly recurring charges.

2.5.5.2 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 within 45 days from the date of termination. Before the service or facility is discontinued, the Company may, at its option, return the deposit or credit it to the Customer's account.

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2.5.5 Deposits (continued)

2.5.5.3 Deposits held will accrue interest at a rate specified by the PUCO in Rule 4901:1-17 of the Ohio Administrative Code and will be refunded to the Customer after twelve consecutive months of payment.

2.5.5.4 Credit may be established by any means found in 4901:1-17 of the Ohio Administrative Code

2.5.6 Discontinuance of Service

2.5.6.1 Disconnection of local and toll service will be in accordance with Rule 4901:1-5 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

2.5.6.2 Disconnection for nonpayment of local service will be in accordance with Rule 4901:1-5 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

2.5.6.3 Disconnection for Nonpayment of Toll Service will be in accordance with Rule 4901:1-5 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

2.5.6.4 Disconnection for Reasons other than Nonpayment with notice will be in accordance with Rules 4901:1-5 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

2.5.6.5 Disconnection for Reasons other than Nonpayment without notice will be in accordance with Rule 4901:1-5 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

2.6 Allowances for Interruptions of Service

2.6.1 Credit for Interruptions: At a minimum, credit allowances will be calculated consistent with MTSS Rule, 4901:1-5.

2.6.2 Limitations on Allowances

No credit allowance will be made for:

- (a) service interruption caused as a result of negligent or willful act on the part of the subscriber;

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- (b) interruptions due to the failure or malfunction of subscriber owned telephone equipment;
- (c) interruptions of service as a result of acts of God in accordance with MTSS 4901:1-5, military action, wars, insurrection, riots, or strikes; or
- (d) is extended by the company's inability to gain access to the Customer's premises due to the Customer missing a repair appointment.

2.6.3 Use of Alternative Service Provided by the Company: Where the Company bears no liability for the interruption and the Customer elect to use an alternative service provided by the Company during the period that a service is interrupted, the Customer must pay the applicable tariffed rates and charges.

2.7 Cancellation of Service

2.7.1 Cancellation of Service by the Customer

Inclusion of early termination liability by the company in its tariff or contract does not constitute a determination by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) that the termination liability imposed by the company is approved or sanctioned by the PUCO. Customers shall be free to pursue whatever legal remedies they may have, should a dispute arise. 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 2.6.1 above), Customer agrees to pay to Company following sums which shall become due and owing as of the effective date of the cancellation or termination and be payable within the period set forth in 2.5.2: all costs, fees and expenses reasonable incurred in connection with:

- (1) All Nonrecurring Charges reasonably expended by Company to establish service to Customer, plus
- (2) any disconnection, early cancellation or termination charges reasonably incurred and paid to third parties by Company on behalf of Customer, plus

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**SECTION 2 – REGULATIONS****2.7.1 Cancellation of Service by the Customer (continued)**

- (3) all Recurring Charges specified in the applicable Service Order tariff for the balance of the then current term or as may be pro-rated in the absence of a term contract.

Commission approval of this provision does not constitute a determination of the reasonableness of termination liability.

**2.8 Transfer 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 (a) pursuant to any sale or transfer of substantially all the assets of the Company; or (b) pursuant to any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company.

**2.9 Notices and Communications**

- 2.9.1 The Customer shall designate on the Service Order an address to which the Company shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that Customer may also designate a separate address to which the Company's bills for service shall be mailed.
- 2.9.2 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.
- 2.9.3 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 deposit 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.

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- 2.9.4 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.
- 2.9.5 Subscriber bills will contain all of the information required by 4901:1-5 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

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**SECTION 3 – SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS AND RATES****3.1 Local Service Areas**

The Company will provide local exchange service throughout the AT&T Ohio, Cincinnati Bell, United Telephone d/b/a Embarq and Verizon North access areas.

**3.2 Local Exchange Service**

Installation, monthly recurring charges will apply to the Company's local exchange services.

3.2.1 The Company's Local Telephone Service provides a Customer with the ability to:

- place or receive calls to any calling Station in the local calling area, as defined herein;
- access basic 911 Emergency Service; and
- place or receive calls to 800/888/887 telephone numbers.

3.2.2 Local Line provided the Customer with a single, voice-grade communications channel. Each Local Line will include a telephone number.

3.2.3 Optional Features: A Customer may order optional features at the rates specified in this tariff.

3.2.4 Local Line Rates and Charges: A Local Line Customer will be charged applicable Non-Recurring Charges, monthly Recurring Charges and usage charges as specified herein.

**3.3 Service Charges and Surcharges****3.3.1. Reserved for Future Use**

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## 3.3.2 Restoral Charge

A restoral charge applies each time a service is reconnected after suspension or termination for nonpayment but before cancellation of the service.

	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
Business	\$300.00

## 3.3.3 Moves, Adds, and Changes

The Company alone may make changes in the location of its lines and equipment. When it is found that a move or change of such lines or equipment has been made by others, the Connection Charge for the underlying service will apply as if the work had been done by the Company.

The customer will be assessed a charge for any move, add or change of a Company service and is charged in addition to any other monthly or installation charge which is associated with the service the customer orders. Move, Add and Change are defined as follows:

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

Add: The addition of a vertical service to existing equipment and/or service at one location.

Change: Change - including rearrangement or reclassification - of existing service at the same location.

	<u>MAXIMUM</u>		
	<u>Move</u>	<u>Add</u>	<u>Change</u>
Business Charge per Order	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Line Connection (per line)	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Record Work Only (This charge is applicable for changes that do not involve central office or premise work.)			\$200.00

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**SECTION 3 – SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS AND RATES****3.3.4 Charges Associated With Premises Visit****Trouble Isolation Charge**

When a visit to the customer's premises is necessary to isolate a problem reported to the Company but identified by the Company's technician as attributable to customer-provided equipment or inside wire, a separate charge applies in addition to all other charges for the visit.

	<b><u>MAXIMUM</u></b>
Per Premises Visit, Business:	\$300.00

**3.3.5 Primary Interexchange Carrier Change Charge**

Customers may be presubscribed to the carrier of their choice for both interLATA and intraLATA service. The customer will incur a charge each time there is a change in the long distance carrier associated with the customer's intraLATA or interLATA service after the initial installation of service. If a subscriber changes both the InterLata and IntraLata presubscribed interexchange carrier at the same time, 50% of the otherwise applicable IntraLata presubscription change charge will apply.

	<b><u>MAXIMUM</u></b>
Manual Process	\$5.50
Electronic Process	\$1.25

**3.4 Custom Calling Service****3.4.1 General**

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

**3.4.2 Feature Descriptions and Rates**

Rates in this section are applied on a monthly basis unless otherwise specified:

<b>CALLER ID</b>	<b><u>MAXIMUM</u></b>
	\$12.00

This Central Office feature provides for the display of the incoming telephone number on a customer provided display device attached to the customer's telephone or answering machine with a built-in display screen. The Caller ID feature will forward the calling number from the appropriately equipped terminating central office to the customer provided display device. The Company will forward all telephone numbers subject to technical limitations.

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**SECTION 3 – SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS AND RATES****3.5 BUSINESS NETWORKED SWITCHED SERVICES****3.5.1 General**

Business Network Switched Service provide a business customer with a connection to the Company's switching network which enables the customer to:

- A. receive calls from other stations on the public switched telephone network;
- B. access the Company's local calling service;
- C. access the Company's operators and business office for service related assistance; access toll-free telecommunications service such as 800 NPA; and access 911 service for emergency calling; and
- D. access the service of providers of interexchange service. A customer may presubscribe to such provider's service to originate calls on a direct dialed basis or to receive 800 service from such provider, or may access a provider on an ad hoc basis by dialing the provider's Carrier Identification Code (10XXX).

Business Network Switched Service is provided via one or more channels terminated at the customer's premises. Each Business Network Switched Service channel corresponds to one or more analog, voice-grade telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time.

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**SECTION 3 – SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS AND RATES****3.5.2 Service Descriptions and Rates**

The following Business Access Service Options are offered:

**Basic Business Line Service**

All Business Network Switched Service may be connected to customer-provided terminal equipment such as station sets, key systems, or facsimile machines. Service may be arranged for two-way calling, inward calling only or outward calling only.

**A. Service Establishment Charge**

This charge applies when the Company initially establishes the Customer's account for any service provided by the Company. This charge is applied in addition to any other monthly or connection charge that is associated with the service the Customer orders.

**Tier 1**

	<b><u>MAXIMUM</u></b>
-Per Order	\$200.00
-Per Visit (1 hour)	\$300.00
-After Hours (1 hour)	\$400.00
Line Connection	\$300.00
Service Order	\$200.00

Custom Features are also available as described in the service catalog.

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**SECTION 3 – SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS AND RATES****B. Basic Business Line Service****1. General**

Basic Business Line Service provides a customer with a one or more analog, voice-grade telephonic communications channel that can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Local calling service is available at a flat rate included in the line price, or on a message usage basis. Basic Business Lines are provided for connection of customer-provided single-line terminal equipment such as station sets or facsimile machines.

Each Basic Business Line has the following characteristics:

Terminal Interface:	2-wire
Signaling Type:	Loop Start
Pulse Type:	Dual Tone Multi-Frequency (DTMF)
Directionality:	Two-way, In-Only, or Out-Only, as specified by the customer.

**2. Flat Rate Basic Business Line Service**

Service to points within the local calling area is included in the charge for Flat Rate Service.

In addition to the recurring charges listed below, service order charges apply as described in this tariff.

<b><u>Tier 1</u></b>	<b><u>MAXIMUM</u></b>
Monthly Recurring Charges: Business Single Line	\$150.00

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**SECTION 4 – PROMOTIONAL OFFERINGS**

The Company may from time to time engage in special promotions of limited duration of its service offerings designed to attract new Customers or to increase existing Customer awareness of a particular tariff offering. Waiver of any charges other than a nonrecurring charge shall be limited to ninety (90) calendar days on a per Customer basis during a 12-month period. Requests for promotional offerings will be presented to the Commission for its review in accordance with Case No. 06-1344-TP-COI.

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**SECTION 5 – 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 service in this tariff. ICB rates will be offered to the Customer in writing and on a non-discriminatory basis and may be filed with the PUCO.

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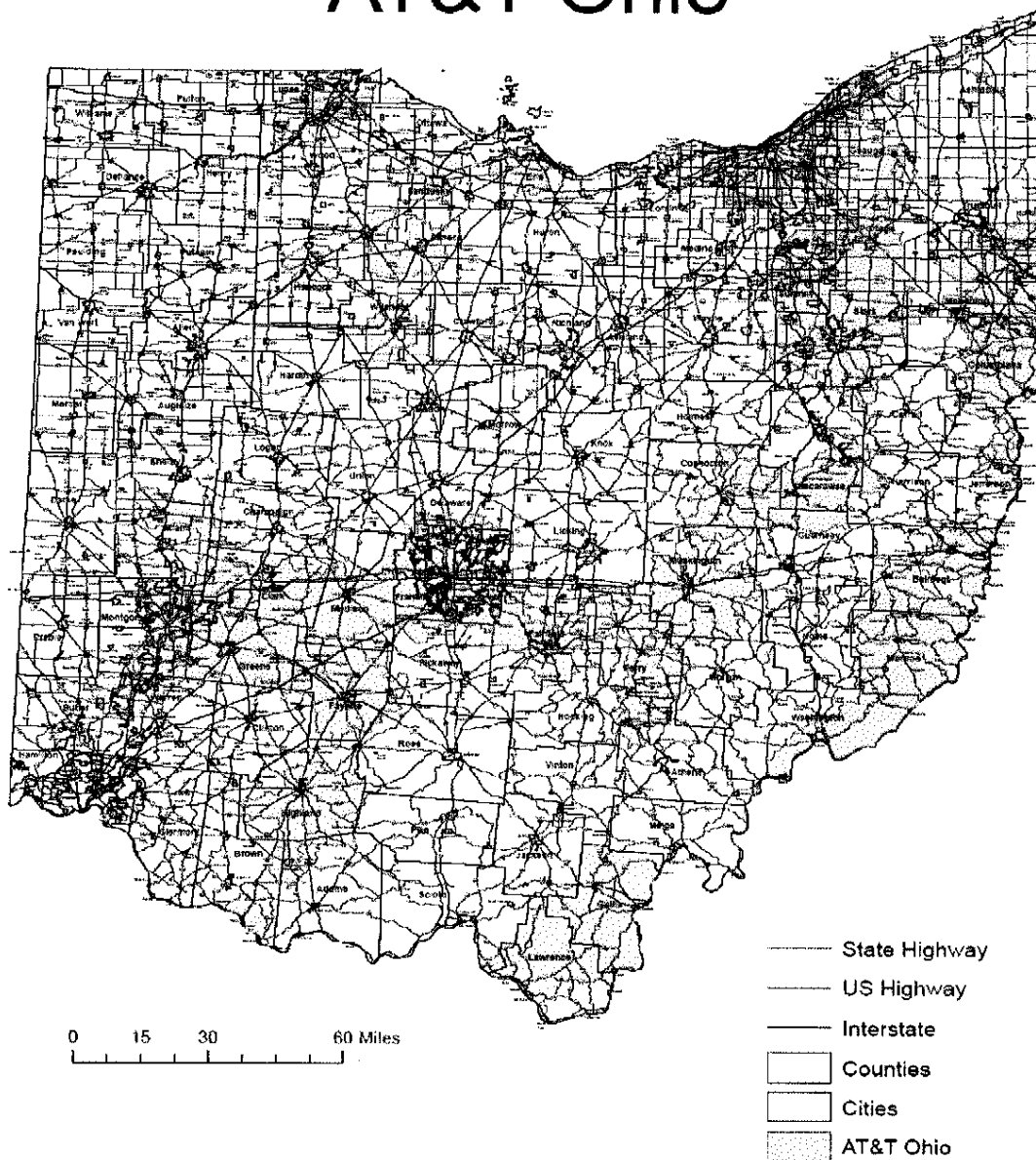
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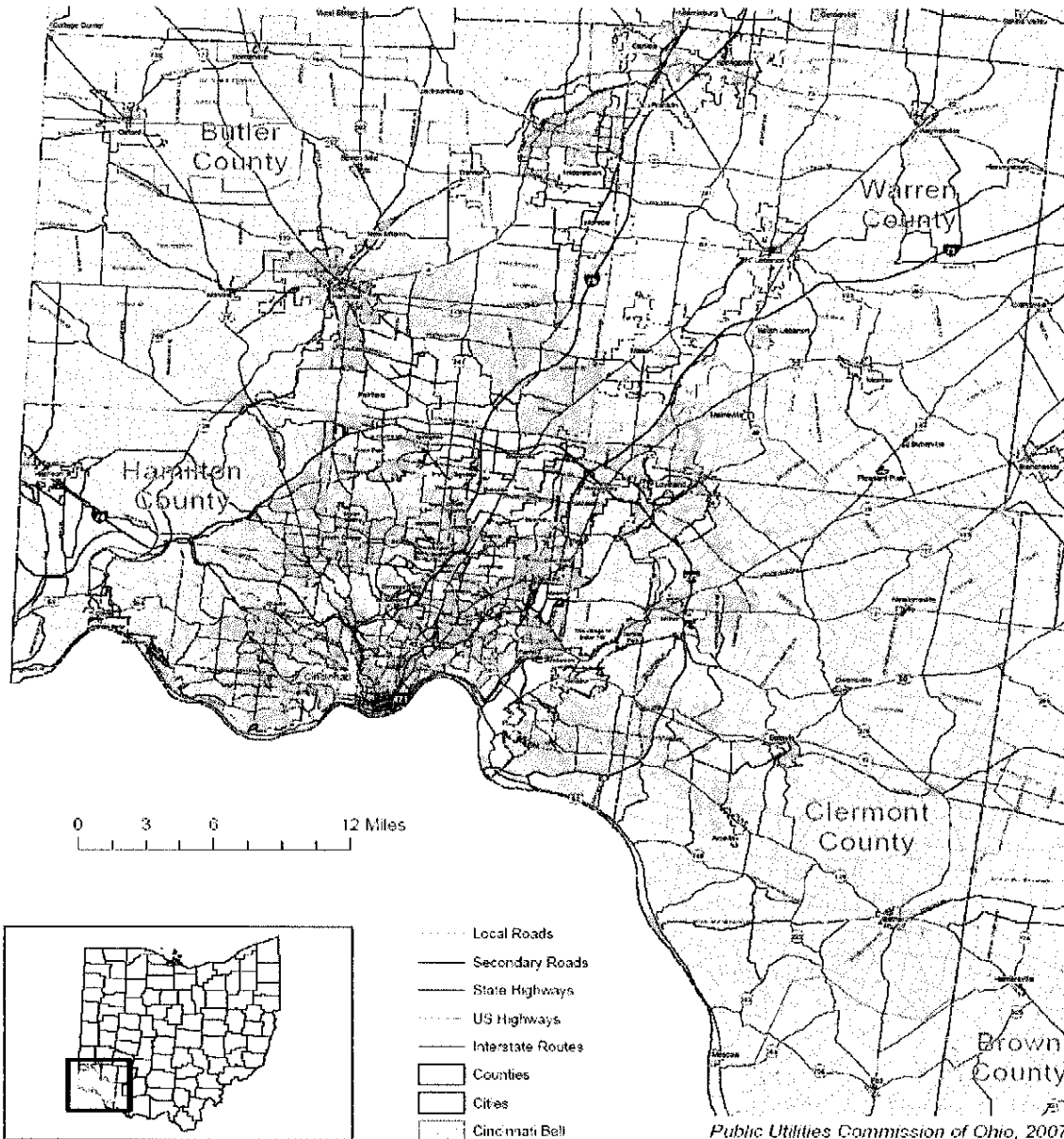
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# Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company



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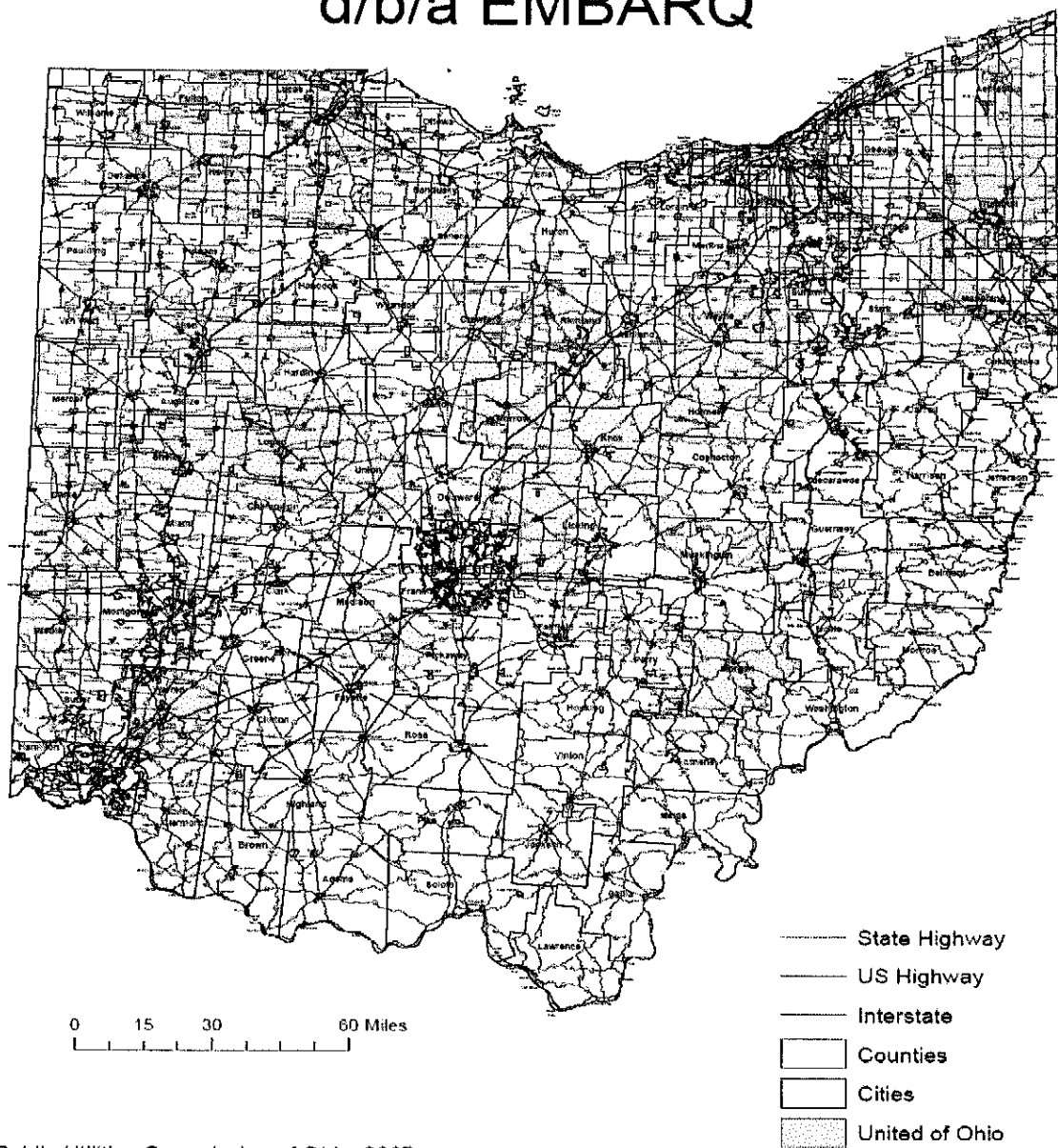
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# United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a EMBARQ



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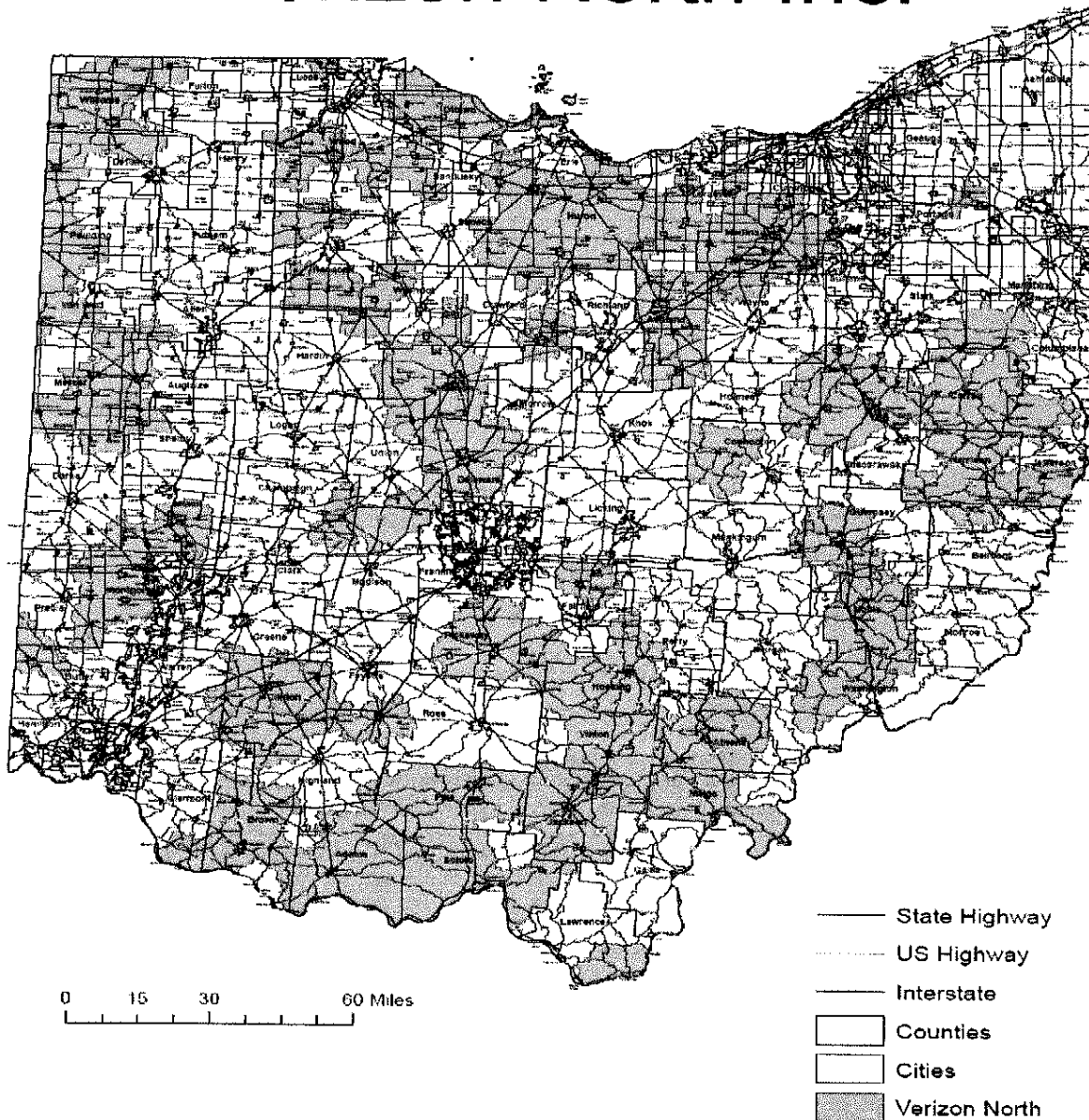
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Local Exchange Service – Rates and Charges7.1 **Service Charges and Surcharges**7.1.1 **Reserved for Future Use**7.1.2 **Restoral Charge**Business  
\$100.007.1.3 **Moves, Adds, and Changes**

	<u>Move</u>	<u>Add</u>	<u>Change</u>
Business Charge per Order	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Line Connection (per line)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Record Work Only (This charge is applicable for changes that do not involve central office or premise work.)			\$50.00

7.1.4 **Charges Associated With Premises Visit****Trouble Isolation Charge**

Per Premises Visit, Business: \$100.00

7.1.5 **Primary Interexchange Carrier Change Charge**

Manual Process	\$5.50
Electronic Process	\$1.25

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**SECTION 7 – PRICE LIST****7.2 Custom Calling Service****CALLER ID****\$3.00**

This Central Office feature provides for the display of the incoming telephone number on a customer provided display device attached to the customer's telephone or answering machine with a built-in display screen. The Caller ID feature will forward the calling number from the appropriately equipped terminating central office to the customer provided display device. The Company will forward all telephone numbers subject to technical limitations.

**7.3 Service Establishment Charge****Tier 1**

-Per Order		\$50.00
-Per Visit	(1 hour)	\$100.00
-After Hours	(1 hour)	\$200.00
Line Connection		\$100.00
Service Order		\$50.00

Custom Features are also available as described in this tariff.

**7.4 Flat Rate Basic Business Line Service****Tier 1**

Monthly Recurring Charges:

Business Single Line	\$48.00
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**OF**

**PEERLESS NETWORK OF OHIO, LLC**

Toll Services, except for Customer Deposits, Return Check Charge and Late Payment Charges are now located in the Company's Pricing Guide and may also be viewed at the Company's headquarters: 200 South Wacker Drive, Suite 3100, Chicago, IL 60606.

"Customers have certain rights and responsibilities under the Minimum Telephone Service Standards (Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-5)(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.**

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**1.1 Return Check Charge**

A return check charge of \$25.00 will be assessed for checks returned for insufficient funds. Any applicable return check charges will be assessed according to the terms and conditions of this tariff and pursuant to Ohio law and Commission regulations. At the option of the Company, this charge may be waived because of extenuating circumstances (i.e. bank error).

**1.2 Late Payment Charge**

If any portion of the payment is not received by the Company, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Company in funds that are not immediately available, within thirty (30) days after the billing date, are subject to late payment penalty charges of 1.5% per month. The late payment charge will not be applied to previous late payment charges that have assessed against but not paid for, but will apply to the accumulated services for which the Customer is in arrears. Late payment charges will be applied without discrimination.

**1.3 Deposits**

Company will not require deposits or advance payments by Customers for services.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER-TO-CARRIER SERVICES TARIFF

OF

**PEERLESS NETWORK OF OHIO, LLC**

This rate sheet contains the descriptions, regulations and rates applicable to the furnishing of competitive carrier to carrier and access services and facilities for telecommunications services provided by PEERLESS NETWORK OF OHIO, LLC ("Peerless") within the State of Ohio. This rate sheet is on file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Copies may be inspected during normal business hours at the Company's principal place of business at 225 West Washington Street, Suite 1285, Chicago, IL 60606.

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**CHECK SHEET**

Sheets of this rate sheet are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheet(s). Original and revised sheets as named below comprise all changes from the original rate sheet and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this sheet.

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**SYMBOLS**

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

- D** - Delete or discontinue.
- I** - Change resulting in an increase to a customer's bill.
- M** - Moved from another rate sheet location.
- N** - New.
- R** - Change resulting in a reduction to a customer's bill.
- T** - Change in text or regulation but no change in rate or charge.

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**RATE SHEET FORMAT**

- A. Sheet Numbering** - Sheet numbers appear in the upper right corner of the sheet. Sheets are numbered sequentially. However, new sheets are occasionally added to the rate sheet. When a new sheet is added between sheets already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new sheet added between sheets 14 and 15 would be 14.1.
- B. Sheet Revision Numbers** - Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each sheet. These numbers are used to determine the most current sheet version on file with the Commission. For example, the 4<sup>th</sup> revised Sheet 14 cancels the 3<sup>rd</sup> revised Sheet 14. Because of various suspension periods, deferrals, etc. the Commission follows in its rate sheet approval process, the most current sheet number on file with the Commission is not always the sheet in effect. Consult the Check Sheet for the sheet currently in effect.
- C. Paragraph Numbering Sequence** - There are nine levels of paragraph coding. Each level of coding is subservient to the next higher level:
- 2.
  - 2.1
  - 2.1.1
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- D. Check Sheets** - When a rate sheet filing is made with the FCC, an updated Check Sheet accompanies the rate sheet filing. The Check Sheet lists the sheets contained in the rate sheet, with a cross-reference to the current revision number. When new sheets 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 sheet if these are the only changes made to it (i.e., the format, etc. remain the same, just revised revision levels on some sheets.) The rate sheet user should refer to the latest Check Sheet to find out if a particular sheet is the most current on file with the FCC.

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**SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS**

Certain terms used generally throughout this rate sheet for the Access Services of this Company are defined below.

**Access Code:** A uniform seven-digit code assigned by the Company to an individual Customer. The seven-digit code has the form 950-XXXX or 101XXXX.

**Access Service:** Switched Access to the network of an Interexchange Carrier for the purpose of originating or terminating communications.

**Access Service Request (ASR):** The industry service order format used by Access Service Customers and access providers as agreed to by the Ordering and Billing Forum.

**Access Tandem:** An Exchange Carrier's switching system that provides a concentration and distribution function for originating or terminating traffic between local switching centers and Customers' premises.

**Authorized User:** A person, firm, corporation or other entity that either is authorized by the Customer to use Access Services or is placed in a position by the Customer, either through acts or omissions, to use Access Services.

**Carrier or Common Carrier:** See Interexchange Carrier or Exchange Carrier.

**Commission:** Refers to the Public Utility Commission of Ohio

**Common Channel Signaling (CCS):** A high-speed packet switched communications network that is separate (out of band) from the public packet switched and message networks. It is used to carry addressed signaling messages for individual trunk circuits and/or database related services between signaling points in the CCS network.

**Company:** PEERLESS NETWORK OF OHIO, LLC, issuer of this rate sheet

**Constructive Order:** Delivery of calls to or acceptance of calls from the Company's End User locations over Company-switched local exchange services constitutes a Constructive Order by the Customer to purchase switched access services as described herein. Similarly the selection by a Company's End User of the Customer as the presubscribed IXC constitutes a Constructive Order of switched access by the Customer.

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**SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS (continued)**

**Customer:** The person, firm, corporation or other entity, which orders Service and is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with the Company's rate sheet regulations. The Customer could be an interexchange carrier, a wireless provider, or any other carrier authorized to operate in the state.

**8XX Data Base Access Service:** The term "8XX Data Base Access Service" denotes a toll-free originating Trunk side Access Service when the 8XX Service Access Code (i.e., 800, 822, 833, 844, 855, 866, 877, or 888 as available) is used.

**End User:** Any individual, association, corporation, governmental agency or any other entity other than an Interexchange Carrier which subscribes to intrastate service provided by an Exchange Carrier.

**Entrance Facility:** A trunk facility connecting the Customer's point of presence with the local switching center.  
**Exchange Carrier:** Any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, governmental entity or corporation engaged in the provision of local exchange telephone service.

**Firm Order Confirmation (FOC):** Acknowledgment by the Company of receipt of an Access Service Request from the Customer and commitment by the Company of a Service Date.

**Individual Case Basis:** A service arrangement in which the regulations, rates and charges are developed based on the specific circumstances of the Customer's situation.

**Interexchange Carrier (IXC) or Interexchange Common Carrier:** Any individual, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, governmental entity or corporation engaged in state or foreign communication for hire by wire or radio, between two or more exchanges.

**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 for the provision and administration of communications services.

**Line Information Data Base (LIDB):** The data base which contains base information such as telephone numbers, calling card numbers and associated billed number restriction data used in connection with the validation and billing of calls.

**Local Access:** The connection between a Customer's premises and a point of presence of the Exchange Carrier.

**Local Switching Center:** The switching center where telephone exchange service Customer station Channels are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to interoffice Trunks.

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**SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS (continued)**

**Local Traffic:** Traffic is "Local Traffic" under this rate sheet is: (i) the call originates and terminates in the same exchange area; or (ii) the call originates and terminates within different Peerless Exchanges that share a common mandatory local calling area, e.g., a mandatory Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS) or Extended Area Service areas (EAS) or other like types of mandatory local calling scopes.

**Meet Point:** A point of interconnection that is not an end office or tandem.

**Meet Point Billing:** The arrangement through which multiple Exchange Carriers involved in providing Access Services, divide the ordering, rating, and billing of such services on a proportional basis, so that each Exchange Carrier involved in providing a portion of the Access Service agrees to bill under its respective rate sheet.

**Mobile Telephone Switching Office:** Location where the wireless Customer maintains a facility for purposes of interconnecting to the Company's Network.

**Network Services:** The Company's telecommunications Access Services offered on the Company's Network.

**Nonrecurring Charges:** The one-time initial charges for services or facilities, including but not limited to charges for construction, installation, or special fees, for which the Customer becomes liable at the time the Service Order is executed.

**Off-Hook:** The active condition of Switched Access or a telephone exchange service line.

**Optional Expanded Area Service Traffic (OEAS):** Optional service found in large urban areas financed by separate charge on end users that elect service as defined by a tariffed approved by the Commission.

**On-Hook:** The idle condition of switched access or a telephone exchange service line.

**Out of Band Signaling:** An exchange access signaling feature which allows customers to exchange call control and signaling information over a communications path which is separate from the message path.

**Point of Presence:** Location where the Customer maintains a facility for purposes of interconnecting to the Company's Network.

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**SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS (continued)**

**Premises:** The space occupied by a Customer or Authorized User in a building or buildings or on contiguous property (except railroad rights-of-way, etc.).

**Presubscription:** An arrangement whereby an End User may select and designate to the Company an Interexchange Carrier (IXC) or Carriers it wishes to access, without an Access Code, for completing both intraLATA toll calls and/or interLATA calls. The selected IXC(s) are referred to as the End User's Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC).

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

**Service Order:** The written request for Network Services executed by the Customer and the Company in a format devised by the Company; or, in the alternative, the submission of an Access Service Request by the Customer in the manner specified in this rate sheet.

**Service(s):** The Company's telecommunications Access Services offered on the Company's Network.

**Signaling Point of Interface:** The Customer designated location where the SS7 signaling information is exchanged between the Company and the Customer.

**Signaling System 7 (SS7):** The common Channel Out of Band Signaling protocol developed by the Consultative Committee for International Telephone and Telegraph (CCITT) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

**Switched Access Service:** Access to the switched network of an Exchange Carrier for the purpose of originating or terminating communications. Switched Access is available to carriers, as defined in this rate sheet.

**Trunk:** A communications path connecting two switching systems in a network, used in the establishment of an end-to-end connection.

**Wireless Provider:** Any carrier authorized to operate as a provider of cellular, personal communications, paging or any other form of wireless transmission.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS****2.1 Undertaking of Company****2.1.1 Scope**

The Company's services offered pursuant to this Rate Sheet are furnished for Switched Access Service.

The Company may offer these services over its own or resold facilities.

The Company installs, operates, and maintains the communications services provided herein in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this Rate Sheet. The Company may act as the Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities as required in the Commission's rules and orders, when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to the Company network. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service agreement.

The Company's services and facilities are provided on a monthly basis unless otherwise indicated, and are available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

**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 rate sheet 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 from time to time, to furnish service as required at the sole discretion of the Company.
- C. The provisioning and restoration of service in emergencies shall be in accordance with Part 64, Subpart D, Appendix A of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations, which specifies the priority system for such activities.

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