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## Via Overnight Courier

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

Re:

Mandatory Detariffing Filing of

Quasar Communications Corporation

Pursuant to Opinion and Order in Case No. 06-1345-TP-ORD

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed herewith, on behalf of Quasar Communications Corporation ("Quasar"), are and original and ten (10) copies of Quasar's Mandatory Detariffing Filing in connection with Case No. 06-1345-TP-ORD.

Through these materials, Quasar has removed from its existing Ohio Tariff No. 1 all materials relating to services which have been detariffed by the PUCO, retaining only such information as is necessary to provide information concerning services which have not been detariffed, and to continue to provide consumer protection information.

Pursuant to discussions with PUCO Staff, Quasar's revised tariff pages bear an issued and an effective date of September 15, 2008; i.e., the date specified in Quasar's notice to customers of the effectiveness of this detariffing filing.

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To the extent there are any questions concerning these materials, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine M. Hannan

Regulatory Counsel for Quasar Communications Corporation

Catherine M. Haraan

**Enclosures** 

## 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 (Effective: 10/01/2007 through 04/01/2008)

In the Matter of the Application of Quasar Communications ) Corporation	TRF Docket No. 90 Case NOS /01/2 - TP - A' NOTE: Unless you have reserved a	
to Detariff Certain Tier 2 Services and make other changes related to the Implementation of Case No. 06-1345-TP-ORD	fields BLANK.	Case No. leave the Case No.
Name of Registrant(s) Quasar Communications Corporation		
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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.

<u>Carrier Type</u>	☐ ILEC	☐ CLEC	x cts
Business Tier 2 Services			
Residential & Business Toll Services			Х
Other Changes required by Rule (Describe in detail in Exhibit C)			

#### Part II - Exhibits

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

Included	Identified As:	Description of Required Exhibit:
X	Exhibit A	The existing affected tariff pages.
X	Exhibit B	The proposed revised tariff pages.
X	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.
X	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:
		<ul> <li>citation to the appropriate Web Page if any, in accordance with rule 4901:1-6-05(G)(4), and/or</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>copy of other materials and publications to be used to comply with 4901:1-6-05(G)(3).</li> </ul>
X	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).
X	Exhibit F	Affidavit that the Customer Notice described in Exhibit C has been sent to Customers.

## **AFFIDAVIT**

## Compliance with Commission Rules and Service Standards

I am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation, Quasar Communications Corporation , and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

(Name)

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) September 9, 2008 at (Location) McLean, Virginia

\*(Signature and Title atthense M) Tours (Date) 9/9/08

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, Catherine M. Hannan, Regulatory Counsel for Quasar Communications Corporation, 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 atherie M. Hans

(Date) 2/9/08

\*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:

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Or

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

## **EXHIBIT A**

Existing Affected Tariff Pages of Quasar Communications Corporation Ohio Tariff No. 1

## **CHECK SHEET**

The sheets listed below, which are inclusive of this tariff, 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 tariff and are currently in effect as of the date of the bottom of this page.

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## SYMBOLS SHEET

- 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 But No Change In Rate Or Charge

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#### TARIFF FORMAT SHEETS

- A. Sheet Numbering Sheet numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Sheets are numbered sequentially. However, new sheets are occasionally added to the tariff. 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 page. These numbers are used to determine the most current sheet version on file with the PUCO. 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., PUCO follows in their tariff approval process, the most current sheet number on file with the Commission is not always the tariff page 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 its next higher level:

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D. Check Sheets – When a tariff filing is made with the PUCO, an updated check sheet accompanies the tariff filing. The check sheet lists the sheets 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 sheet is the most current on file with the PUCO.

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## SECTION 1 – TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Access Line – An arrangement that connects the customer's location to the Company's network switching center.

Authorization Code – A numerical code, one or more of which are available to a customer to enable him/her to access the carrier, and which are used by the carrier both to prevent unauthorized access to its facilities and to identify the customer for billing purposes.

Company or Carrier - Quasar Communications Corporation

Customer - The person, firm, corporation or other entity which orders service and is responsible for payment of charges due and compliance with the Company's tariff regulations.

Day - From 8:00 AM up to but not including 5:00 PM local time Sunday through Friday.

Evening – From 5:00 PM up to but not including 11:00 PM local time Sunday through Friday.

Holidays - The Company's recognized holidays are New Year's Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

Night/Weekend - From 11:00 PM up to but not including 8:00 AM Sunday through Friday, and 8:00 AM Saturday up to but not including 5:00 PM Sunday.

PUCO – The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

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## SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### 2.1 Undertaking of the Company

The Company's services and facilities are furnished for communications originating at specified points within the state of Ohio under terms of this tariff.

The Company installs, operates and maintains the communications services provided herein in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this tariff. It 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 arrangement.

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

#### 2.2 Limitations

- 2.2.1 Service is offered subject to the availability of facilities and provisions of this tariff.
- 2.2.2 The Company reserves the right to discontinue furnishing service, or limit the use of service necessitated by conditions beyond its control: or when the customer is using the service in violation of the law or the provisions of this tariff.
- 2.2.3 All services and facilities provided under this tariff are directly controlled by the Company and the customer may not transfer or assign the use of service or facilities, except with the express written consent of the Company. Such transfer or assignment shall only apply where there is no interruption of the use or location of the service or facilities.
- 2.2.4 All regulations and conditions contained in this tariff shall apply to all such permitted assignees or transferees, as well as all conditions for service.

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## SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

## 2.3 Liabilities of the Company

- 2.3.1 The Company's liability arising out of mistakes, interruptions, omissions, delays, errors or defects in the transmission occurring in the course of furnishing service or facilities, and not caused by the negligence of its employees or its agents, in no event shall exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the customer for the period during which the aforementioned faults in transmission occur, unless ordered by the Commission.
- 2.3.2 The Company shall be indemnified and held harmless by the customer against:
  - (A) Claims for libel, slander, or infringement of copyright arising out of the material, data, information, or other content transmitted over the Company's facilities.
  - (B) All other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in connection with any service or facility provided by the Company.

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## SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

## 2.4 Interruption of Service

- 2.4.1 Credit allowances for the interruption of service which is not due to the Company's testing or adjusting, negligence of the customer, or due to the failure of channels or equipment provided by the customer, are subject to the general liability provisions set forth in Subsection 2.3.1. It shall be the customer's obligation to notify the Company immediately of any service interruption for which a credit allowance is desired. Before giving such notice, the customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not being caused by any action or omission by the customer within his control, or equipment, if any, furnished by the customer and connected to the Company's facilities. No refund or credit will be made for the time that the Company stands ready to repair the service and the subscriber does not provide access to the Company for such restoration work.
- 2.4.2 No credit shall be allowed for an interruption of a continuous duration of less than twenty-four hours after the subscriber notifies the Company.
- 2.4.3 Any credit issued to a customer pursuant to this section shall be calculated and issued in conformance with the applicable rules and regulations set forth in the Minimum Telephone Service Standard of the Ohio Administrative Code.

## 2.5 Disconnection of Service by Carrier

2.5.1 No sooner than 14 days after the due date of any bill rendered to the customer for services provided by the Company, the Company may discontinue service to the customer for non-payment of sums due for such service. Such disconnection shall comport with all applicable billing, notice, credit/deposit and disconnection standards set forth in the Minimum Telephone Service Standards of the Ohio Administrative Code.

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## SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

- 2.5 Disconnection of Service by Carrier (continued)
  - 2.5.2 After notifying or attempting to notify the customer, Company may discontinue service for any of the following reasons:
    - A. A violation of any regulation governing the service under this tariff.
    - B. A violation of any law, rule, or regulation of any government authority having jurisdiction over such service;
    - C. The commission of a fraudulent practice by the customer. A fraudulent practice is defined as the obtaining or attempting to obtain, or assisting another to obtain or attempt to obtain, services of the Company by any trick, scheme or false representation, or by or through any other fraudulent means or device whatsoever, with intent to avoid the payment, in whole or in part, of the regulated charges for such service.
  - 2.5.3 Service may be disconnected without notice for tampering with company equipment, for interfering with the service to other customers or in the event of a hazardous condition.

## 2.6 Deposits

The Company does not require a deposit from the customer.

## 2.7 Taxes

All state and local taxes (e.g., sales tax, municipal utilities tax) are listed on customer bills as separate line items and are not included in the quoted rates.

## 2.8 Billing of Calls

All charges due by the subscriber are payable at any agency duly authorized to receive such payments. Any objection to billed charges should be promptly reported to the Company. Adjustments to customers' bills shall be made to the extent that records are available and/or circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such charges are not in accordance with approved rates or that an adjustment may otherwise be appropriate.

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## SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

#### 3.1 Timing of Calls

## 3.1.1 When Billing Charges Begin and End for Calls

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

## 3.1.2 Billing Increments

The minimum call duration for billing purposes is 1 minute for a connected call and calls beyond I minute are billed in I minute increments.

## 3.1.3 Per Call Billing Charges

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

## 3.1.4 Uncompleted Calls

There shall be no charge for uncompleted calls.

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## SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE (continued)

#### 3.2 Calculation of Distance

Usage charges for all mileage sensitive products (if any) are based on the airline distance between rate centers associated with the originating and terminating points of the call.

The airline mileage between rate centers is determined by applying the formula below to the vertical and horizontal coordinates associated with the rate centers involved. The Company uses the rate centers that are produced by Bell Communications Research in the NPA-NXX V & H Coordinates Tape and Bell's NECA Tariff No. 4.

#### Formula:

The square root of:  $(V1-V2)^2 + (H1-H2)^2$ 

## 3.3 Minimum Call Completion Rate

A customer can expect a call completion rate (number of calls completed/number of calls attempted) of not less than 99% during peak use periods for all Feature Group D services ("1+" dialing).

## 3.4 Service Offerings

## 3.4.1 Quasar Long Distance Service

Quasar Long Distance Service is offered to residential customers. The service permits direct dialed outbound calling at a single per minute rate. Service is provided from pre-subscribed, dedicated or shared use access lines. Calls are billed in one minute increments. A monthly service charge also applies. Quasar offers multiple service plans for its long distance service. Rates for Quasar's service plans are set forth in Section 4.1 of this tariff.

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## SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE (continued)

## 3.4 Service Offerings (continued)

## 3.4.2 Quasar Calling Card Service

Quasar Calling Card Service is a calling card service offered to residential customers who subscribe to a Quasar Long Distance Service calling plan. Customers using the Carrier's calling card service access the service by dialing a 1-800 number followed by an account identification number and the number being called. This service permits subscribers utilizing the Carrier's calling card to make calls at a single per minute rate. Calls are billed in one (1) minute increments after the initial minimum period of one (1) minute.

## 3.4.3 Directory Assistance

The Company will connect requesting customers to the local exchange company directory assistance service for directory assistance calls within the state.

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## **SECTION 4 - RATES**

## 4.1 Quasar Long Distance Service

Quasar offers four service plans, the Quasar 6-12 Plan, the Quasar 7-14 Plan, the Quasar 8-16 Plan and the Quasar One Rate Plan. Except for the One Rate Plan, the rates for each plan vary between in-state and out-of-state calls. Rates listed in this tariff are for <u>in-state</u> calls only.

## 4.1.1 Quasar 6-12 Plan

Rate per minute: 12 cents
Plan is billed in full minute increments.

## 4.1.2 Quasar 7-14 Plan

Rate per minute: 14 cents
Plan is billed in full minute increments.

## 4.1.3 Quasar 8-16 Plan

Rate per minute: 16 cents
Plan is billed in full minute increments.

## 4.1.4 Quasar One Rate Plan

Rate per minute: 14 cents

Plan is billed in full minute increments. Minimum monthly usage: \$4.95

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## SECTION 4 - RATES (continued)

## 4.2 Quasar Calling Card Service

Rate per minute – 19 cents

Plan is billed in full minute increments.

## 4.3 Service Charges

Quasar Long Distance Service Monthly Service Charge:

Quasar 6-12 Plan - \$4.95

Quasar 7-14 Plan - \$3.95

Quasar 8-16 Plan - \$2.95

Quasar One Rate Plan - None

Quasar Calling Card Service Monthly Service Charge - None

#### 4.4 Director Assistance

Directory Assistance is billed on a per call basis at a rate of 85 cents per call.

## 4.5 Payment of Calls

## 4.5.1 Late Payment Charges

A late payment charge of 1.5% per month will be assessed on all unpaid balances more than thirty days old, except that such late payment charge will not be applied to any previously-applied late payment charges. Late payment charges will be assessed without discrimination.

## 4.5.2 Return Check Charge

A return check charge of \$10,00 will be assessed for checks returned for insufficient finds.

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## SECTION 4 - RATES (continued)

## 4.6 Special Promotions

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

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# TELEPHONE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FORM Pursuant to Case Nos. 99-998-TP-COI and 99-563-TP-COI

The provider affirms that it is in compliance with Commission directives concerning the following checked items, and that this represents an up-to-date listing of applicable "generic" service requirements. The provider understands that this in no way supersedes the context of the applicable Commission orders described below. Unless otherwise specified, this language replaces the need for related language to be contained in the provider's tariff.

# A. MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE AND CTS PROVIDERS (unless otherwise noted):

## [x] 1. SALES TAX (See also Case No. 87-1010-TP-LINC)

Certain telecommunication services, as defined in the Ohio Revised Code, are subject to state sales tax at the prevailing tax rates, if the services originate, or terminate in Ohio, or both, and are charged to a subscriber's telephone number or account in Ohio.

## [x] 2. MTSS TARIFF REQUIREMENTS

- [x] The provider attests that its tariffs include:
  - provider-specific language addressing the deposit method (as cited in 4901:1-5-13) adopted by the company and approved by the Commission;
  - o Toll Caps (choose one):
    - language addressing the provider-specific parameters of toll caps approved by the Commission, OR
    - In not applicable since the provider has not chosen to incorporate toll cape.
  - language regarding establishment of service, including requirements to establish creditworthiness, as cited in 4901:1-5-13;
  - language regarding residential service guarantors, as cited in 4901:1-5-14;
  - language regarding subscriber bills, as cited in 4901:1-5-15;
  - language regarding subscriber billing adjustments for local exchange service, as cited in 4901:1-5-16; and,

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 language regarding denial or disconnection of local and/or toll service, including the requirements for the reconnection of local and/or toll service, as cited in 4901:1-5-17.

Check the boxes below to attest that the provider shall adhere to the following criteria when the provider implements cancellation of service policies and/or requests an advance payment:

#### 4 Cancellation of 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;

## Il Advance Payment:

Advance Payment means a payment that may be required by the company as a means of being compensated for extraordinary expenses, including, but not limited to, special construction costs associated with a particular service installation.

## [x] 3. SURCHARGES

The company shall not assess separately any taxes, fees or surcharges, other than government-approved sales taxes imposed directly on the end users, without seeking Commission approval under the appropriate procedures required by the Commission. Generally, the Commission will not grant the inclusion of gross receipts tax as a separate item on the bill unless special circumstances so warrant and the Commission

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specifically approves same. The company shall not place a separate line item on a customer's bill without sending notice to all customers informing them of the new line item charges in accordance with Commission-adopted notice procedures.

The customer is responsible for the payment of all state, local and E9-1-1 taxes, surcharges, utility fees, or other similar fees for which the end user is directly responsible and that may be levied by a governing body or bodies in conjunction with or as a result of a service furnished under a tariff on file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. These charges may appear as separate line items on the customer's bill, as opposed to being included in the rates contained in a tariff. Any such line item charges will be reflected in the company's tariff.

## [x] 4. 1+ INTRALATA PRESUBSCRIPTION - Basic Local Exchange Providers Only (See Also Case No. 95-845-TP-COI, Guideline X.)

#### a. General

IntraLATA Presubscription is a procedure whereby a subscriber designates to the Telephone Company the carrier which the subscriber wishes to be the carrier of choice for intraLATA toll calls. Such calls are sutomatically directed to the designated carrier, without the need to use carrier access codes or additional disling to direct the call to the designated carrier. IntraLATA presubscription does not prevent a subscriber who has presubscribed to an intraLATA toll carrier from using carrier access codes or additional disling to direct calls to an alternative intraLATA toll carrier on a per call basis.

IntraLATA Presubscription will become effective upon the initial offering of certified local exchange service.

## b. IntraLATA Presubscription Options

Option A: Subscriber may select the Telephone Company as the presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.

Option B: Subscriber may select her/his interLATA toll carrier as the presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.

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Option C: Subscriber may select a carrier other than the Telephone Company or the subscriber's interLATA toll carrier as the presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.

Option D; Subscriber may select no presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription which will require the subscriber to dial a carrier access code to route all intraLATA toll calls to the carrier of choice for each call.

## c. Rules and Regulations

Subscribers of record will retain their current dialing arrangements until they request that their dialing arrangements be changed.

Subscribers of record or new subscribers may select either Options A, B, C, or D for intraLATA Presubscription.

Subscribers may change their selected Option and/or their presubscribed intraLATA toll carrier at any time subject to charges specified in Paragraph E, below.

## d. Intral ATA Presubscription Procedures

New subscribers will be asked to select an intraLATA toll carrier(s) at the time the subscriber places an order to establish local exchange service with the Telephone Company. The Telephone Company will process the subscriber's order for intraLATA service. The selected carrier(s) will confirm their respective subscribers' verbal selection by third-party verification or return written confirmation notices. All new subscribers' initial requests for intraLATA toll service presubscripion shall be provided free of charge.

If a new subscriber is unable to make a selection at the time the new subscriber places an order to establish local exchange service, the Telephone Company will read a random listing of all available intraLATA carriers to aid the subscriber in selection. If selection is still not possible, the Telephone Company will inform the subscriber that he/she will be given 90 calendar days in which to inform the Telephone Company of an intraLATA toll carrier presubscription selection free of charge. Until the subscriber informs the Telephone Company of his/her choice for intraLATA toll carrier, the subscriber will not have a presubscribed intraLATA toll carrier, but rather will be

required to dial a carrier access code to route all intraLATA toll calls to the carrier(s) of choice. Subscribers who inform the Telephone Company of a choice for intraLATA toll presubscription within the 90-day period will not be assessed a service charge for the initial subscriber request.

Subscribers of record may initiate an intraLATA presubscription change at any time subject to the charges specified in e.ii. below, If a customer of record inquires of the Telephone Company of the carriers available for intraLATA toll presubscription, the Telephone Company will read a random listing of all available intraLATA carriers to aid the subscriber in selection.

- e. IntraLATA Presubscription Charges
  - i. Application of Charges

After a subscriber's initial selection for a presubscribed intral.ATA toll carrier and as detailed in Paragraph D above, for any change thereafter, an Intral.ATA Presubscription Change Charge, as set forth in Paragraph E.2. will apply.

ii. Nonrecurring Charges IntraLATA Presubscription Charge Charge

Per business or residence line, trunk, or port:

- Initial line, trunk, or port

\$5,00

- Additional line, trunk, or port

\$1.50

- B. REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVISION OF CERTAIN SERVICES, OR WHERE CERTAIN CONDITIONS OF SERVICE ARE UTILIZED (check all applicable):
  - 3 1. DISCOUNTS FOR PERSONS WITH COMMUNICATION DISABILITIES AND THE TELECOMMUNICATION RELAY SERVICE

Applicable to all telephone companies offering message toll service (MTS) (See also Case Nos. 87-206-TP-COI and 91-113-TP-COI):

a. For purposes of these requirements, the definition of disabled refers to those persons with communication disabilities, including those hearing-disabled, deaf, deaf/blind, and speech-disabled persons who

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have a disability that prevents them from communicating over the telephone without the aid of a telecommunications device for the communicatively disabled.

- b. Residential disabled customers or disabled members of a customer's household, upon written application and upon certification of their disabled status, which is evidenced by either a certificate from a physician, health care official, state agency, or a diploma from an accredited educational institution for the disabled, are eligible to receive a discount off their MTS rates, and, if they utilize telebraille devices, they are eligible to receive free access to local and intrastate long distance directory assistance. Additionally, TDD lines maintained by non-profit organizations and governmental agencies, upon written application and verification that such lines are maintained for the benefit of the disabled, are eligible to receive a discount off their MTS rates.
- c. Upon receipt of the appropriate application, and certification of verification of a person with a communication disability, one of the following discounts shall be made available for the benefit of the disabled person:
  - i. Off the basic MTS, current, price list day rates: a 40 percent discount off the intrastate, interexchange, customer-dialed, station-to-station calls occurring between 8:00 a.m. and 4:59 p.m. Monday through Friday; a 60 percent discount off the intrastate, interexchange, customer-dialed, station-to-station calls occurring between 5:00 p.m. and 10:59 p.m. Sunday through Friday, and New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas; and a 70 percent discount off the intrastate, interexchange, customer-dialed, station-to-station calls occurring between 11:00 p.m. and 7:59 a.m. any day, 8:00 a.m. and 4:59 p.m. Sunday, and all day Saturday; or
  - ii. Off the basic MTS, current, price list day rates: no less than a straight 70 percent discount shall be made available on a 24 hour a day basis; or
  - iii. For MTS which is offered similar to the mileage-banded rate structure established in the Commission's April 9, 1985 Opinion and Order in Case No. 84-944-TP-COI, with the traditional day, evening, and night/weekend discounts: the "evening" discount off the intrastate, interexchange, customer-dialed,

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station-tostation calls placed during the "day" period Monday through Friday; and the "night/ weekend" discount off the intrastate, interexchange, customer-dialed, station-to-station calls placed during the "evening" period Sunday through Friday, and on New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Furthermore, the "night/ weekend" discount plus an additional discount equivalent to no less than ten percent of the company's current, price list, "day" rates for basic MTS shall be made available for intrastate, interexchange, customer-dialed, station-to-station calls placed during the "night/weekend" period any day, the "day" period Sunday, and all day Saturday.

d. All MTS calls placed through the telecommunication relay service (TRS) are eligible to receive a discount off the MTS rates. The rate discounts are the same as those set forth in paragraph 1.c. preceding. The discount shall not apply to sponsor charges associated with calls placed to pay-per-call services, such as 900, 976, or 900-like calls.

#### 2. EMERGENCY SERVICES CALLING PLAN

Applicable to all CLECs and CTSs offering MTS (See also Case Nos. 85-1466-TP-COI and 89-54-TP-COI):

Massage toll telephone calls to governmental emergency service agencies, as set forth in (a) following, having primary or principal responsibility with respect to the provision of emergency services to persons and property in the area from which the call is made, meeting the definition and criteria of an emergency call as set forth in (b) following, are offered at no charge to customers:

- a. Governmental fire fighting, Ohio State Highway Patrol, police, and emergency squad service (as designated by the appropriate governmental agency) qualify as governmental emergency service agencies provided they answer emergency service calls on a personally attended (live) 24-hour basis, 365 days a year, including holidays.
- b. An emergency is an occurrence or set of circumstances in which conditions pose immediate threat to human life, property, or both, and necessitate that prompt action be taken. An emergency call is an originated call of short duration to a governmental emergency service agency in order to seek assistance for such an emergency.

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## J. S. ALTERNATIVE OPERATOR SERVICES N/A

The following applies to the provision of alternative operator services (AOS) including Immate Facility Services. (See, also, Case No. 88-560-TP-COI, December 30, 1991 Supplemental Opinion and Order and February 27, 1992 Entry on Rehearing):

Preceding the maximum operator-assisted surcharges set forth in the text of the proposed tariff, as well as preceding the operator-assisted surcharges set forth in the price list attached to the proposed tariff, the service provider must insert a statement which specifies whether the rates as set forth apply to the provider's provision of traditional operator services, alternative operator services (AOS), or both.

## (A) Definitions

- (1) AOS are those services provided by the provider in which the customer and the end user are totally separate entities. The provider contracts with the customer to provide the AOS; however, the provider does not directly contract with the end user to provide the services even though it is the end user who actually pays for the processing of the operator-assisted calls. These do not include coin-sent calls.
- (2) Traditional operator services are those services provided by the provider in which the end user has a customer relationship with the provider, the provider contracts with the customer/end user to provide the services, and the customer/end user pays for the actual processing of the operator-assisted calls.

#### (B) AOS Service Parameters

(1) Local operator-assisted calls:

For local operator-assisted calls, both live and automated, the AOS provider shall not charge the billed party more than the ILEC's price list rates for traditional local operator-assisted calls in the same exchange. This requirement includes both the local usage rate (either flat-rate per call or a minute-of-use rate per call) and applicable operator surcharges. The minutes-of-use rate for a local call shall be no higher than the rates for MTS identified in paragraph (B)(2), below.

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(2) MTS provided in conjunction with AOS:
For intraLATA and interLATA, intrastate toll service calls, each
AOS provider must apply one of the following MTS price
ceilings to the MTS provided in conjunction with AOS:

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11 - 22	.40	.22
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- (3) For intraLATA and interLATA, intrastate toll service calls, each AOS provider's maximum operator-assisted rates shall be no more than:
  - (a) \$1.70 for customer-dialed calling card calls;
  - (b) \$2.50 for operator-handled calls; and
  - (c) \$4.80 for person-to-person calls.
- (4) Notice of any change in the rates stated above, whether it be upward or downward, must be maintained in the company's tariff (via its web-site or its tariff on file with the Commission), on or before the effective date.
- (C) Secured Immate Pacilities:

The following provisions apply to those operator service providers (OSPs) providing service to a secured inmate facility where the originating caller does not have access to other OSPs for the call from the secured inmate facility.

- (1) Local operator-assisted calls: For local operator-assisted calls, the AOS provider serving secured immate facilities shall not charge the billed party more than the ILEC price list rates for a local operator-assisted call in the same exchange.
- (2) IntraLATA and interLATA intrastate toll service calls: For intraLATA and interLATA intrastate toll service calls, the AOS provider serving secured immate facilities shall not charge the billed party more than the ILEC price list rates for

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an intraLATA intrastate call. This requirement includes both the rates for message toll service and operator surcharges.

- (D) The AOS providers shall not charge end users surcharges in addition to the price list rates for MTS and operator-assisted surcharges set forth in the AOS providers' tariffs. This restriction means that no surcharges, including but not limited to, bill rendering charges and any additional surcharge which a host facility may request the AOS provider to bill an end user, may be levied by the AOS provider on the end user. Any surcharges imposed by a host facility are to be billed separately by the host facility.
- (E) AOS and secured immate facility services are not subject to either Tier 1 or Tier 2 regulatory treatment, but rather will remain subject to the provisions of these rules and the applicable provisions adopted by the Commission in Case No. 88-560-TP-COI.

#### z 4. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

The following is applicable to all telephone companies that choose to include in their tariffs language which may limit their liability (See also Case No. 85-1406-AU-COI):

Approval of limitation of liability language by the PUCO does not constitute a determination by the Commission that the limitation of liability imposed by the company should be upheld in a court of law. Approval by the Commission merely recognizes that since it is a courts responsibility to adjudicate negligence and consequent damage claims, it is also the court's responsibility to determine the validity of the exculpatory clause.

## **5. TERMINATION LIABILITY**

The following is applicable to all telephone companies who choose to include in their tariffs language which imposes early termination liability on a customer for termination of service prior to the designated term of service:

Inclusion of early termination liability by the company in its tariff or a contract does not constitute a determination by the Commission that the termination liability imposed by the company is approved or sanctioned by the Commission. Customers shall be free to pursue whatever legal remedies they may have should a dispute arise.

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## 8 6. SERVICE CONNECTION ASSISTANCE (SCA) N/A

The following is applicable to all LECs that offer local service to residential customers:

SCA is targeted to help defray the one-time, up-front costs of connecting to the local exchange network for qualified customers. It provides a waiver of the deposit requirement, full or partial waiver of the service connection charges.

## 7. LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY and NUMBER POOLING N/A

See Case No. 95-845-TP-COI Guideline XIV, FCC Dockets 95-116 and 99-200. NOTE: LNP and number pooling are required of all facilities-based LECs, regardless of size, and CMRS where currently rolled-out by the FCC or as a result of a bona fide request unless granted an extension, exemption, or waiver by the Commission or the FCC.

## 8. TARIFFING AND DISCONNECTION PROCEDURES FOR SERVICE NA PACKAGES OR BUNDLES

Applicable to all LECs packaging or bundling regulated local services with toll service and/or unregulated services. See Rule 4901:1-6-21(C), Ohio Administrative Code.

## Option 1

#### **Tariffing**

Under option 1, LECs that package or bundle regulated local services with toll and/or unregulated services shall tariff only the regulated components of a package or bundle of services either as a package at a separate, single rate for the regulated components or individually at individual tariffed rates. The unregulated services and any rate(s) associated with the unregulated service components of any package or bundle of services shall not be tariffed.

#### Disconnection Procedures

Under option 1, if a customer fails to submit timely payment sufficient to cover the amount of the regulated charges, the LBC may discontinue the provision of the regulated services in compliance with Rule 4901:1–5-17, Ohio Administrative Code.

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Under option 1, LECs shall keep the Director of the Consumer Services Division and the Chief of Telecommunications of the Utilities Department informed and up-to-date on all current offers to consumers that bundle regulated local services with unregulated services at a single packaged rate, different from the rate shown in the tariff for the regulated components of the package. The notice to staff shall identify the regulated and unregulated services included and the packaged rate (the combined tariffed and untariffed rate).

## [] Option 2

## Tariffing

Under option 2, LECs shall tariff the entire package or bundle of services including both regulated local services and toll and/or unregulated services for a single combined packaged rate (including any amount attributable to the unregulated components). The LEC shall clearly identify the services within the package and denote which services are unregulated.

#### Disconnection Procedures

Under option 2, if a customer fails to submit timely payment sufficient to cover the entire amount of the regulated and unregulated bundled packaged rate, the LEC may discontinue the provision of any regulated and unregulated services, other than basic local exchange service, if payment is sufficient to cover the rate for basic local exchange service. For purposes of this rule, the rate for basic local exchange service shall be the tariffed rate for stand-alone basic local exchange service. In the event a CLEC does not offer basic local exchange service on a stand-alone basis, the CLEC shall identify an amount in the tartif for the basic local exchange service component of the package. In no event shall this amount exceed the packaged rate. Further, if the customer loses services included in the package due to non-payment or partial payment pursuent to this rule, the customer shall be entitled to add, change, or discontinue any regulated services provided according to the LEC's normal procedures for adding, changing or discontinuing such services.

#### Disconnection Notice

Under option 2, the LEC shall, in its notice of disconnection for non-payment, state the total amount due to avoid discontinuance of the package, as well as the total amount due to avoid discontinuance of the basic local exchange service component of the package.

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## **EXHIBIT B**

Proposed Revised Tariff Pages of Quasar Communications Corporation Ohio Tariff No. 1

## TITLE SHEET

## **OHIO TELECOMMMUNICATIONS TARIFF**

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.

Information concerning the rates, terms and conditions of service associated with Quasar Communications Corporation telecommunications services in the State of Ohio, previously on file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, may now be reviewed on the Company's website, <a href="https://www.quasarinc.net">www.quasarinc.net</a>.

ISSUED: September 15, 2008

By:

EFFECTIVE: September 15, 2008

## EXHIBIT C

Narrative Summarizing All Changes Proposed by Quasar Communications Corporation In Compliance with PUCO Opinion and Order in Case No. 06-1345-TP-ORD PUCO Opinion and Order in Case No. 06-1345-TP-ORD provides that even within the P.U.C.O.'s mandatory detariffing environment, carriers must retain tariffs for the following Tier 1 services:

"local dial tone service; touch tone dialing service; access to and usage of 9-1-1 services; access to operator services and directory assistance; provision of a telephone directory and listing; per call, caller identification blocking services, access to telecommunications relay service, access to toll presubscription, interexchange or toll providers and networks of other companies (i.e., Basic Local Exchange Services).

## Additionally, a tariff must continue to be maintained

"for purposes of complying with Commission and/or Federal Communications (FCC) directives including, but not limited to: primary interexchange carrier (PIC) change charges, Alternative Operator and Inmate Operator Services (AOS/IOS); late payment and bad check charges, per call and per line blocking; intrastate special and switched access services provided to carriers; N-1-1 service; pole attachments and conduit occupancy; pay telephone service; and telecommunications relay service."

Quasar Communications Corporation does not provide local telecommunications services in Ohio. However, the Company has undertaken a review of the provisions embodied in the Company's Ohio Tariff No. 1, which sets forth the rates, terms and conditions of service associated with the Company's toll telecommunications service offering in the State of Ohio.

Set forth at Exhibit A hereto are pages from Quasar's Ohio Tariff No. 1 which will be affected by the Company's compliance with the dictates of the PUCO's Opinion and Order. Set forth at Exhibit B hereto is the text of Ohio Tariff No. 1 which will remain on file with the PUCO following the effectiveness of the Company's mandatory detariffing filing.

To the extent the provisions previously set forth in Ohio Tariff No. 1 have not been superceded by PUCO rules, these rates, terms and conditions of service will continue to apply to Quasar's Ohio telecommunications service offerings.

## **EXHIBIT D**

Rule 4901:1-6-05(G)(3) Statement of Quasar Communications Corporation

Quasar Communications Corporation will comply with Rule 4901:1-6-05(G)(3) regarding disclosure of rates, terms and conditions for detariffed services by posting on the Company's website, on or before September 15, 2008, all information previously contained in its Ohio Tariff No. 1 (interexchange reseller services) filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio prior to the effectiveness of this detariffing filing. The information will also be made available to consumers upon written request.

## **EXHIBIT E**

Rule 4901:1-6-16(B) Customer Notice of Quasar Communications Corporation Date:

#### Dear Customer:

Beginning on September 15, 2008, the prices, service descriptions, and the terms and conditions for certain telecommunications services that you are provided by Quasar Communications Corporation will no longer be on file at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

These "detariffed" services include all long distance services furnished by Quasar within the State of Ohio as previously set forth in Quasar Ohio Tariff No. 1.

This modification does not automatically result in a change in the prices, terms, or conditions of services to which you currently subscribe. Quasar 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 company's future service offerings in a document online at <a href="https://www.quasarinc.net">www.quasarinc.net</a> or you can request a copy of this information by contact Quasar at 15610 Boulder Oaks Drive, Houston, TX 77084 and (800) 396-6216.

Since long distance 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.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call Quasar at the toll free number (800) 396-6216 or visit us at <a href="www.quasarinc.net">www.quasarinc.net</a>. You may also visit the consumer information page on the PUCO's website at puco.ohio.gov for further information.

Sincerely,

**Quasar Communications Corporation** 

#### Date:

#### Dear Customer:

Beginning on September 15, 2008, the prices, service descriptions, and the terms and conditions for long distance services that you are provided by Quasar Communications Corporation will no longer be on file at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

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Sincerely,

Quasar Communications Corporation

## **EXHIBIT F**

# Customer Notice Affidavit of Quasar Communications Corporation

## **CUSTOMER NOTICE AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF TEXAS:
SS: COUNTY OF HOUSTON:
AFFIDAVIT
I, Elise Escamilla, am an authorized agent of the applicant corporation, Quasar Communications Corporation, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf. I attest that customer notices accompanying this affidavit were sent to affected customers through United States mail, postage prepaid on, 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 9/3/0A (Location) (Date) (Location)
/s/ <u>Clise Scamelle</u> Quasar Communications Corporation  President
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9/3/08 (Date)
Notary Public My Commission Expires: 261/09
FEB 21, 2009