

April 12, 2021
Via Web Filing

Ms. Tonawa Troupe, Acting Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

**RE: In the Matter of the Application of Spectrotel, Inc. d/b/a OneTouch Communications d/b/a Touch Base Communications to Transfer Certificate to Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC d/b/a Touch Base Communications
Case No. 21-0390**

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Enclosed for filing please find the original of the above-mentioned Application of Spectrotel, Inc. to Transfer Certificate to Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC submitted on behalf of Spectrotel, Inc. d/b/a OneTouch Communications d/b/a Touch Base Communications ("Spectrotel" or "Company"). Spectrotel has completed an internal corporate reorganization resulting in the creation of a new affiliate, Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC d/b/a Touch Base Communications, which will become the telecommunications service provider for the Company's Ohio customers.

Spectrotel, Inc. was issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to provide Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications Services in Case No. 10-1016-TP-ACN, Certificate No. 90-9287. Spectrotel respectfully requests that the Commission approve the transaction to the extent required by law and/or Commission rules and transfer or reissue Spectrotel Inc.'s CPCN to Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC dba Touch Base Communications, effective as soon as practicable.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3031 or via email to Sthomas@inteserra.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sharon Thomas

Sharon Thomas
Consultant

cc: David Zahka – Spectrotel (via email)
tms: OHx2101

Enclosures
ST/gs

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
TELECOMMUNICATIONS FILING FORM

(Effective: 04-01-2020)

Per the Commission's 5/29/2019 "Implementation Order" in Case No. 19-0173-TP-ORD

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In the Matter of the Application of Spectrotel, Inc. d/b/a)	TRF Docket No. 90- 9287-TP-TRF
OneTouch Communications d/b/a Touch Base Communications)	Case No. 21-0390
to Transfer Certificate to Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC d/b/a)	NOTE: Unless you have reserved a Case #, leave
Touch Base Communications)	the "Case No." field BLANK.

Name of Registrant(s) Spectrotel, Inc.

DBA(s) of Registrant(s) OneTouch Communications d/b/a Touch Base Communications

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Address (if different from above) [Click here to enter text.](#)

Motion for protective order included with filing? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Motion for waiver(s) filed affecting this case? ☐ Yes ☒ No [Note: Waivers may toll any automatic timeframe.]

Notes:

Sections I and II are pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 4901:1-6.

Section III – Part I - Carrier to Carrier is pursuant to OAC 4901:1-7 and Pole Attachment to OAC 4901:1-3

Section III – Part II - Wireless is pursuant to OAC 4901:1-6-24.

Section IV – Attestation.

(1) Indicate the Carrier Type and the reason for submitting this form by checking the boxes below.

(2) For requirements for various applications, see identified section of the Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4901 and/or the supplemental application form noted.

(3) Information regarding the number of copies required by the PUCO may be obtained from the PUCO's website at www.PUCO.ohio.gov under the docketing information system section (Procedural filing requirements), by calling the Docketing Division at 614-466-4095 or by visiting the Docketing Division at the offices of the PUCO.

(4) An Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) offering basic local exchange service (BLES) outside its traditional service area should choose CLEC designation when proposing to offer BLES outside its traditional service area or when proposing to make changes to that service.

All filings that result in a change to one or more tariff pages require, at a minimum, the following exhibits:

Exhibit	Description:
A	The tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s) as they exist before the change(s).
B	The tariff pages subject to the proposed change(s), reflecting the change, with the change(s) marked in the right margin.
C	A short description of the nature of the change(s), the intent of the change(s), and the customers affected.
D	A copy of the notice provided to customers, along with an affidavit that the notice was provided according to the applicable rule(s).

Section I – Part I - Common Filings:

Carrier Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain below)	For Profit ILEC	Not for Profit ILEC	CLEC
Change terms & conditions of existing BLES.	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)(2)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce non-recurring charge, surcharge or fee to BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)		<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Introduce or Increase Late Payment	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-6-14(I)</u> (Auto 30 days)
Revisions to BLES Cap	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(E)</u> (0 day notice)		
Introduce BLES or expand local service area (calling area)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(E)</u> (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(E)</u> (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-14(E)</u> (0 day notice)
Change BLES Rates	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-14(E) & (G)</u> (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-14(E)</u> (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-14(H)</u> (0 day notice)
To obtain BLES pricing flexibility	<input type="checkbox"/> BLS <u>1-6-14(C)(1)(c)</u> (Auto 30 days)		
Notice of no obligation to construct facilities and provide BLES	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-27(C)</u> (0 day notice)	
Change in boundary	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACB <u>1-6-32</u> (Auto 14 days)	
Expand service operation area			<input type="checkbox"/> TRF <u>1-6-08(C)</u> (0 day notice)
BLES withdrawal	<input type="checkbox"/> WBL <u>4927.10</u> (120 day notice)		<input type="checkbox"/> ZTA <u>1-6-25(B)</u> (0 day notice)
Other (explain):			

*Other exhibits may be required under the applicable rule, see the 4901:106-14(E) Filing Requirements on the PUCO's webpage for a complete list of exhibits.

Section I – Part II – Customer Notification Offerings Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-07 OAC

Type of Notice	Direct Mail	Bill Insert	Bill Notation	Electronic Mail
<input type="checkbox"/> 15-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> 30-day Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date Notice Sent:				

Section I – Part III – Inmate Operator Service Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-22 OAC

Introduce New	Tariff Change	Price Change	Withdraw
<input type="checkbox"/> TRF (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> TRF (0 day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC (Non-Auto)

Section II – Part I – Carrier Certification – Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-08 & 10 OAC and Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation (CETC) – Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-6-09 OAC

ILEC (Out of territory)	CLEC	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local Service	CESTC	CETC
<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> (Auto 30-day)*	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> (Auto 30-day)*	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE <u>1-6-08</u> (Auto 30-day)*	<input type="checkbox"/> ACE 1-6-10 (Auto 30-day)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC 1-6-09 (Non-Auto)*

*Supplemental forms can be found on the PUCO webpage – [Telecommunications application forms](#).

Section II – Part II – Change in Operation or Ownership

Change in Operation or Ownership	ILEC	CLEC	Telecommunications Service Provider Not Offering Local Service
Abandon all services		<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ABN <u>1-6-26</u> (Auto 30 days)
Change of official name *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACN <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0-day notice)
Change in ownership *	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <u>1-6-29(E)(1)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACO <u>1-6-29(E)(1)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0-day notice)
Merger *	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <u>1-6-29(E)(1)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> AMT <u>1-6-29(E)(1)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0-day notice)
Transfer certificate *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0-day notice)
Transaction for transfer or lease of property, plant or business *	<input type="checkbox"/> ATR <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATC <u>1-6-29(B)</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29(C)</u> (0-day notice)
FCC Authorized Change in Ownership or Merger	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29 (E)(2)</u> (0-day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29 (E)(2)</u> (0-day notice)	<input type="checkbox"/> CIO <u>1-6-29 (E)(2)</u> (0-day notice)

*Other exhibits may be required under the applicable rule(s). ACN, ACO, AMT, ATC, ATR, and CIO applications see the [4901:1-6-29 Filing Requirements](#) on the PUCO webpage for a complete list of exhibits.

Section III – Part I - Carrier to Carrier (Pursuant to 4901:1-7) & Attachments to Utility Equipment or Rights of Way (Pursuant to 4901:1-3)

Carrier to Carrier	ILEC	CLEC
Interconnection agreement or amendment to an approved agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (Auto 90 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (Auto 90 days)
Request for arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)	<input type="checkbox"/> ARB <u>1-7-09</u> (Non-Auto)
Introduce or change carrier to carrier tariffs	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-7-14</u> (Auto 30 days)
Request rural carrier exemption, rural carrier suspension or modification	<input type="checkbox"/> UNC <u>1-7-04 or 05</u> (Auto 30 days)	
Changes in rates, terms & conditions to pole attachments, conduit occupancy and rights of way. (13-579-AU-ORD 11/30/16 Entry)	<input type="checkbox"/> ATA <u>1-3-04</u> (Auto 60 days)	

Section III – Part II – Facilities-based Wireless Service Providers (Pursuant to 4901:1-6-24)

Registration and Change in Operations*	<input type="checkbox"/> RCC <u>1-6-24(B)</u> (0 day notice)
Interconnection Agreement or amendment to an approved Agreement.	<input type="checkbox"/> NAG <u>1-7-07</u> (0 day notice)

*Change in Operations filing must be filed in the original RCC case designation code established during the registration process.

Section IV. – Attestation

Registrant hereby attests to its compliance with the pertinent entries and orders issued by the Commission.

AFFIDAVIT

Compliance with Commission Rules

I am an officer/agent of the applicant corporation, Spectrotel, Inc. dba OneTouch Communications dba Touch Base Communications, and am authorized to make this statement on its behalf.

/s/ Sharon Thomas, Consultant

(Name)

Please check All that apply:

☒ I attest that these tariffs comply with all applicable rules for the State of Ohio. I understand that tariff notification filings do not imply Commission approval and that the Commission's rules, 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 attest that customer notices accompanying this filing form were sent to affected customers, as specified in Section II, in accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-6-7.

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

Executed on April 12, 2021 at Maitland, FL 32751

/s/ Sharon Thomas

April 12, 2021

*Signature and Title

Date

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

VERIFICATION

I, Sharon Thomas, Consultant, verify I have utilized the Telecommunications Filing Form for the most proceedings provided by the Commission and that all of the information submitted here and all additional information in connection with this case, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ Sharon Thomas

April 12, 2021

*Signature and Title

Date

**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.*

File document electronically as directed in case number 06-900-AU-WVR
or

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

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

EXHIBIT A

**SPECTROTEL, INC.
D/B/A ONETOUCH COMMUNICATIONS
D/B/A TOUCH BASE COMMUNICATIONS**

SUPERSEDED TARIFFS

CARRIER-TO-CARRIER TARIFF

SPECTROTEL, INC.
d/b/a OneTouch Communications
d/b/a Touch Base Communications

ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

Certificate No. 90-9287-TRF

Regulations and Schedule of Intrastate Access Rates

This tariff includes the rates, charges, terms and conditions of service for the provision of intrastate access telecommunications services by Spectrotel, Inc. d/b/a d/b/a OneTouch Communications d/b/a Touch Base Communications. This tariff is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the main office of Spectrotel, Inc. with principal offices at 3535 State Highway, Suite 7, Neptune, New Jersey 07753.

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CHECK SHEET

The sheets listed below of this tariff are effective as of the date shown. Revised sheets contain all changes from the original tariff that are in effect as of the date indicated.

SHEET	REVISION		SHEET	REVISION		SHEET	REVISION	
Title	Original	*	26	Original	*	51	Original	*
1	Original	*	27	Original	*	52	Original	*
2	Original	*	28	Original	*	53	Original	*
3	Original	*	29	Original	*	54	Original	*
4	Original	*	30	Original	*	55	Original	*
5	Original	*	31	Original	*	56	Original	*
6	Original	*	32	Original	*	57	Original	*
7	Original	*	33	Original	*	58	Original	*
8	Original	*	34	Original	*	59	Original	*
9	Original	*	35	Original	*	60	Original	*
10	Original	*	36	Original	*			
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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- (C) To signify changed rate, regulation or condition.
- (D) To signify discontinued rate, regulation or condition.
- (I) To signify an increase.
- (M) To signify text relocated without change.
- (N) To signify new material, including a listing, rate, regulation, rule or condition.
- (R) To signify a reduction.
- (T) To signify a change in the word of text, but no change in the rate, rule or condition.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Access Code - Denotes a uniform code assigned by the Company to an individual Customer. The code has the form 101XXXX or 950-XXXX.

Access Minutes - The increment for measuring usage of exchange facilities for the purpose of calculating chargeable usage.

Access Service Request (ASR) - The service order form used by access service Customers and the Company to the process of establishing, moving or rearranging access services provided by the Company.

Access Tandem - A switching system that provides a traffic concentration and distribution function for originating or terminating traffic between End Offices and the Customer's Premises or Point of Presence.

Answer Supervision - The transmission of the switch trunk equipment supervisory signal (off-hook or on-hook) to a carrier's Point of Presence or customer's terminal equipment as an indication that the called party has answered or disconnected.

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

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

Bps - Bits per second. The number of bits transmitted in a one second interval.

Call - End User attempt for which the complete address code (e.g., 0-, 911, or 10 digits) is provided to the Serving Wire Center, End Office or Access Tandem Switch.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS, (CONT'D)

Central Office - The premises of the Company or another local exchange carrier containing one or more switches where End User station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to other station loops, trunks or access facilities.

Channel - A communications path between two or more points.

CIC - An interexchange carrier identification code.

Commission - Refers to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, unless otherwise indicated.

Company - Used throughout this tariff to indicate Spectrotel, Inc. d/b/a OneTouch Communications d/b/a Touch Base Communications.

Constructive Order - Delivery of calls to or acceptance of calls from the Customer's End Users over Company-switching facilities constitutes a Constructive Order by the Customer to purchase switched access services as described herein. Similarly the selection of the Customer by an End User as the End User's PIC constitutes a Constructive Order for switched access by the Customer.

CPE - Customer Premises Equipment. All Terminal Equipment or other communications equipment and/or systems provided by the Customer for use with the Company's facilities and services.

Customer - Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity which uses service under the terms and conditions of this tariff and is responsible for the payment of charges. In most contexts, the Customer is an Interexchange Carrier utilizing the Company's Switched services described in this tariff to reach its End Users.

Customer Premises - The premises specified by the Customer for termination of access services. Typically an Interexchange Carrier's Point of Presence.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS, (CONT'D)

Dual Tone Multifrequency (DTMF) - Tone signaling, also known as touch tone signaling.

End Office - The Central Office from which the End User's Premises would normally obtain local exchange service and dial tone from the Company.

End Office Switch - A Company switching system where End User station loops or Customer facilities are terminated for purposes of interconnection to other station loops, trunks or access facilities. In most contexts, the End User is connected via station loops or trunks to an End Office Switch.

End User - Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity which uses the service of the Company under the terms and conditions of this tariff. In most contexts, the End User is the customer of an Interexchange Carrier who in turn utilizes the Company's Switched services described in this tariff to provide the End User with access to the IC's communication and switching systems.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS, (CONT'D)

End User Premises - The premises specified by the Customer or End User for termination of access services at the End User's physical location.

Equal Access - Where the local exchange company central office provides interconnection to interexchange carriers with Feature Group D circuits. In such End Offices, Customers can presubscribe their telephone line(s) to their preferred interexchange carrier. A form of dialed access provided by local exchange companies whereby telephone calls dialed by the Customer are automatically routed to the Company's network. Customers may also route calls to the Company's network by dialing an access code provided by the Company.

Exchange - A group of lines in a unit generally smaller than a LATA established by the Company or other local exchange carrier for the administration of communications service in a specified area. An Exchange may consist of one or more central offices together with the associated facilities used in furnishing communications service within that area.

Gbps - Gigabits per second; billions of bits per second.

Individual Case Basis or ICB - A process whereby the terms, conditions, rates and/or charges for a service provided under the general provisions of this tariff are developed or modified based on the unique circumstances in each case.

Interstate - For the purpose of this tariff, the term Interstate applies to the regulatory jurisdiction of services used for communications between one or more originating and terminating points located in different states within the United States or between one or more points in the United States and at least one international location.

Intrastate - For the purpose of this tariff, the term Intrastate applies to the regulatory jurisdiction of services used for communications between one or more originating and terminating points, all located within the same state.

Interexchange Carrier (IXC or IC) - A long distance telecommunications services provider that furnishes services between exchange areas.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS, (CONT'D)

Kbps - Kilobits per second; 1000s of bits per second.

LATA - Local Access and Transport Area. A geographic area for the provision and administration of communications services existing on February 8, 1996, as previously established by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192; or established by a Bell operating company after February 8, 1996 and approved by the FCC; or any other geographic area designated as a LATA in the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

LEC - Local Exchange Company.

Mbps - Megabits per second; millions of bits per second.

Message - See Call.

N/A - Not Applicable.

Non-Recurring Charge ("NRC") - The initial charge, usually assessed on a one-time basis, to initiate and establish a service or feature.

NPA - Numbering Plan Area or area code.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS, (CONT'D)

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

On-Hook - The idle condition of Switched Access service or a telephone exchange line.

Originating Direction - The use of Switched Access Service for the origination of calls from an End User's Premises to a Customer's Point of Presence.

PIC Authorization - A Customer's or End User's selection of a PIC that meets the requirements of federal and state law.

PIC - Primary Interexchange Carrier.

Point of Presence or POP - The physical location associated with an Interexchange Carrier's communication and switching systems.

Point of Termination - The point of demarcation within a Customer Premises at which the Company's responsibility for the provision of access service ends. The point of demarcation is the point of interconnection between Company communications facilities and Customer-provided facilities as defined in Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Premises - A building, portion of a building in a multi-tenant building, or buildings on continuous property not separated by a highway. May also denote a Customer-owned enclosure or utility vault located above or below ground on private property or on Customer acquired right-of-way.

Presubscription - An arrangement whereby an End User selects and designate to the Company or other LEC a carrier he or she wishes to access, without an access code, for completing interLATA and/or intraLATA toll calls. The selected carrier is referred to as the Primary Interexchange Carrier.

Primary Interexchange Carrier - The IXC designated by the Customer as its first routing choice and primary overflow carrier for routing of 1+ direct dialed and operator assisted non-local calls.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS, (CONT'D)

Query - The inquiry to a Company data base to obtain information, processing instructions or service data.

Recurring Charge - The charges to the Customer for services, facilities or equipment, which continue for the agreed upon duration of the service. Recurring charges do not vary based on Customer usage of the services, facilities or equipment provided.

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

Service Order - A written request for network services executed by the Customer and the Company. The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company begins the respective obligations of the parties in that order services offered under this tariff.

Serving Wire Center Switch - A Company switching system where End User station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to other station loops, trunks or access facilities. In most contexts, the Customer is connected via trunks to a Serving Wire Center Switch.

Station - Refers to telephone equipment or an exchange access line from or to which calls are placed.

Switched Access - Where originating or terminating access between an end user and an interexchange carrier is provided via Feature Group facilities, circuits or channels provided by a local exchange carrier. A method of reaching the Customer's communication and switching systems whereby the End User is connected to the Customer's Point of Presence or designate using services of the local switched network.

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Tandem Switch - See Access Tandem.

Terminal Equipment - Telecommunications devices, apparatus and associated wiring on the Customer-designated premises.

Terminating Direction - The use of Switched Access Service for the completion of calls from a Customer's Point of Presence to an End User Premises.

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

Trunk Group - A set of trunks which are traffic engineered as a unit for the establishment of connections between switching systems in which all of the communications paths are interchangeable.

V & H Coordinates - Geographic points which define the originating and terminating points of a call in mathematical terms so that the airline mileage of the call may be determined. Call mileage may be used for the purpose of rating calls.

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2.1 Undertaking of the Company

- 2.1.1 The Company undertakes to furnish switched or dedicated access communications service pursuant to the terms of this tariff.
- 2.1.2 The Company's services and facilities are available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.
- 2.1.3 The Company is responsible under this tariff only for the services and facilities provided hereunder, and it assumes no responsibility for any service provided by any other entity that purchases access to the Company network in order to originate or terminate its own services, or to communicate with its own customers.
- 2.1.4 The Company arranges for installation, operation, and maintenance of the communications services provided in this tariff for Customers in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this tariff. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangements.

2.2 Use of the Company's Service

- 2.2.1 Services provided under this tariff may be used by the Customer for any lawful telecommunications purpose for which the service is technically suited.
- 2.2.2 The services the Company offers shall not be used for any unlawful purpose or for any use as to which the Customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents and permits.
- 2.2.3 Recording of telephone conversations of service provided by the Company under this tariff is prohibited except as authorized by applicable federal, state and local laws.
- 2.2.4 Any service provided under this tariff may be resold to or shared (jointly used) with other persons at the Customer's option. The Customer remains solely responsible for all use of service ordered by it or billed to its account(s) pursuant to this tariff, for determining who is authorized to use its service, and for promptly notifying the Company of any unauthorized use. The Customer may advise its customers that a portion of its service is provided by the Company, but the Customer shall not represent that the Company jointly participates with the Customer in the provision of the service. The Company may require applicants for service who intend to use the Company's offerings for resale, shared and/or joint use to file a letter with the Company confirming that their use of the Company's offerings complies with relevant laws and the Commission's regulations, policies, orders, and decisions.

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2.3 Limitations

- 2.3.1** The Company does not undertake to transmit messages, but offers the use of its facilities when available, and will not be liable for errors in transmission or for failure to establish connections.
- 2.3.2** The furnishing of service under this tariff is subject to the availability on a continuing basis of all the necessary facilities and equipment 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.
- 2.3.3** 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.
- 2.3.4** The Company may block any signals being transmitted over its network by Customers which cause interference to the Company or other users. Customer shall not be relieved of all obligations to make payments for charges relating to any blocked service and shall indemnify the Company for any claim, judgment or liability resulting from such blockage.
- 2.3.5** The Company reserves the right to discontinue service when the Customer is using the service in violation of the provisions of this tariff, or in violation of the law.

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2.4 Assignment and Transfer

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 to a) any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Company, whether direct or indirect; b) under any sale or transfer of all or substantially all the assets of the Company within the applicable state or states; or c) under any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company.

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2.5 Application or Service

Customers may be required to enter into written or oral service orders which shall contain or reference a specific description of the service ordered, the rates to be charged, the duration of the services, and the terms and conditions in this tariff. Customers will also be required to execute any other documents as may be reasonably requested by the Company.

2.6 Ownership of Facilities

2.6.1 The Customer obtains no property right or interest in the use of any specific type of facility, service, equipment, number, process, or code.

2.6.2 Title to all facilities utilized by the Company to provide service under the provisions of this tariff shall remain with the Company, its partners, agents, contractors or suppliers. Such facilities shall be returned to the Company, its partners, agents, contractors or suppliers by the Customer, whenever requested, within a reasonable period following the request in original condition, reasonable wear and tear expected.

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2.7 Liability of the Company

- 2.7.1** The liability of the Company for damages of any nature arising from errors, mistakes, omissions, interruptions, or delays of the Company, its agents, servants, or employees, in the course of establishing, furnishing, rearranging, moving, terminating, changing or removing the service or facilities or equipment shall not exceed an amount equal to the charges applicable under this tariff (calculated on a proportionate basis where appropriate, at the sole discretion of the Company) to the period during which such error, mistake, omission, interruption or delay occurs.
- 2.7.2** In no event shall the Company be liable for any incidental, indirect, special, or consequential damages (including, without limitation, lost revenue or profits) of any kind whatsoever regardless of the cause or foreseeability thereof.
- 2.7.3** When the services or facilities of other common carriers are used separately or in conjunction with the Company's facilities or equipment in establishing connection to points not reached by the Company's facilities or equipment, the Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of such other common carriers or their agents, servants or employees.
- 2.7.4** The Company shall not be liable for any failure of performance hereunder if such failure is due to any cause or causes beyond the reasonable control of the Company. Such causes shall include, without limitation, fire, explosion, vandalism, cable cut, storm or other similar occurrence, any law, order, regulation, direction, action or request of the United States government or of any other government or of any civil or military authority, national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars, strikes, lockouts or work stoppages or other labor difficulties, supplier failures, shortages, breaches or delays, or preemption of existing service to restore service in compliance with FCC, or other relevant Commission, rules and regulations.
- 2.7.5** The Company shall not be liable for interruptions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission, or for any injury whatsoever, caused by the Customer, or the Customer's agents, End Users, or by facilities or equipment provided by the Customer.

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2.7 Liability of the Company, (Cont'd.)

- 2.7.6** No liability shall attach to the Company by reason of any defacement or damage to the Customer 's premise resulting from the existence of the Company 's equipment or facilities on such premise, or by the installation or removal thereof, when such defacement or damage is not the result of the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of the Company or its employees.
- 2.7.7** The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations provided by it for use in an explosive atmosphere.
- 2.7.8** The Company makes no warranties or representations, express or implied, either in fact or by operation of law, statutory or otherwise, including warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular use, except those expressly set forth herein.
- 2.7.9** Failure by the Company to assert its rights under a provision of this tariff does not preclude the Company from asserting its rights under other provisions.
- 2.7.10** 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.

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2.8 Liability of the Customer

- 2.8.1** The Customer will be liable for damages to the facilities of the Company and for all incidental and consequential damages caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer, its officers, employees, agents, invites, or contractors where such acts or omissions are not the direct result of the Company's negligence or intentional misconduct.
- 2.8.2** To the extent caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer as described in 2.8.1, preceding, the Customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from and against all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses for (1) any loss, destruction or damage to property of any third party, and (2) any liability incurred by to any third party pursuant to this or any other tariff of the Company, or otherwise, for any interruption of, interference to, or other defect in any service provided to such third party.
- 2.8.3** A Customer shall not assert any claim against any other Customer or user of the Company's services for damages resulting in whole or in part from or arising in connection with the furnishing of service under this tariff including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or other defects or misrepresentations, whether or not such other Customer or user contributed in any way to the occurrence of the damages, unless such damages were caused solely by the negligent or intentional act or omission of the other Customer or user and not by any act or omission of the Company. Nothing in this tariff is intended either to limit or to expand Customer's right to assert any claims against third parties for damages of any nature other than those described in the preceding sentence.
- 2.8.4** The Customer shall be fully liable for any damages, including, without limitation, usage charges, that the Customer may incur as a result of the unauthorized use of services provided to a Customer. Unauthorized use occurs when a person or entity that does not have actual, apparent, or implied authority to use the network, obtains the Company's services provided under this tariff. The unauthorized use of the Company's services includes, but is not limited to, the placement of calls from the Customer's premise, and the placement of calls through equipment controlled and/or provided by the Customer, that are transmitted over the Company's network without the authorization of the Customer. The Customer shall be fully liable for all such usage charges.

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2.9 Obligations of the Customer

2.9.1 The Customer is responsible for making proper application for service; placing any necessary orders; for complying with tariff regulations; and payment of charges for services provided. Specific Customer responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- A.** reimbursing the Company for damage to or loss of the Company's facilities or equipment caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer; or the non-compliance by the Customer, with these regulations; or by fire or theft or other casualty on the Customer premise, unless caused by the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of the employees or agents of the Company;
- B.** providing at no charge, as specified by the Company upon ordering service, any needed equipment, secured space, power, supporting structures, and conduit to operate Company facilities and equipment installed on the premises of the Customer, and the level of heating and air conditioning necessary to maintain the proper operating environment on such premise;
- C.** obtaining, maintaining and otherwise having full responsibility for all rights-of-way and conduit necessary for installation of fiber optic cable and associated equipment used to provide communications services to the Customer from the cable building entrance or property line to the location of the equipment space described in Section 2.9.1 (b). Any and all costs associated with the obtaining and maintaining the rights-of-way described herein, including the costs of altering the structure to permit installation of the Company provided facilities, shall be borne entirely by, or may be charged by the Company, to the Customer; the Company may require the Customer to demonstrate its compliance with this section prior to accepting an order for service;
- D.** providing a safe place to work and complying with all laws and regulations regarding the working conditions on the premise at which Company employees and agents shall be installing or maintaining the Company's facilities and equipment; the Customer may be required to install and maintain Company facilities and equipment within a hazardous area if, in the Company's opinion, injury or damage to the Company employees or property might result from installation or maintenance by the Company; the Customer shall be responsible for identifying, monitoring, removing and disposing of any hazardous material (e.g., friable asbestos) prior to any construction or installation work;

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2.9 Obligations of the Customer, (Cont'd.)

2.9.1 (continued)

- E.** complying with all laws and regulations applicable to, and obtaining all consents, approvals, licenses and permits as may be required with respect to, the location of Company facilities and equipment in any Customer Premises or the rights-of-way for which Customer is responsible under Section 2.9 (c); and granting or obtaining permission for Company agents or employees to enter the premise of the Customer at any time for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining, repairing, or upon termination of service as stated herein, removing the facilities or equipment of the Company;
- F.** not creating or allowing to be placed any liens or other encumbrances on the Company's equipment or facilities;
- G.** making Company facilities and equipment available periodically for maintenance purposes at a time agreeable to both the Company and the Customer, such agreement not to be reasonably withheld or denied. No allowance will be made for the period during which service is interrupted for such purposes;
- H.** ensuring that any Customer provided equipment and/or systems are properly interfaced with Company facilities or services, that the signals emitted into Company's network are of the proper mode, bandwidth, power, and signal level for the intended use of the Customer and in compliance with the criteria set forth in this tariff, and that the signals do not damage equipment, injure personnel, or degrade service to other Customers.

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2.9 Obligations of the Customer, (Cont'd.)

2.9.2 With regard to access services provided by the Company, specific Customer responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

A. Design of Customer Services

The Customer shall be responsible for its own expense for the overall design of its services and for any redesigning or rearrangements of its services which may be required because of changes in facilities, operations or procedures of the Company, minimum protection criteria, or operating or maintenance characteristics of the facilities.

B. Network Contingency Coordination

The Customer shall, in cooperation with the Company, coordinate in planning the actions to be taken to maintain maximum network capability following natural or man-made disasters which affect telecommunications service.

C. Jurisdictional Reports

The jurisdictional reporting requirements will be as specified below. When a Customer orders Access Service, its projected Percent Interstate Usage (PIU) must be provided in whole numbers to the Company. These whole number percentages will be used by the Company to apportion the use and/or charges between interstate and intrastate until a revised report is received as set forth herein. Reported or default PIU factors are used only where the call detail is insufficient to determine the appropriate jurisdiction of the traffic.

- (1) Originating Access: Originating access minutes consist of traffic originating from the Company Local Switching Center(s). The Customer must provide the Company with a projected PIU factor on an annual basis. If no PIU for originating minutes is submitted as specified herein, actual 3 months prior usage will be used to determine the projected PIU factor, if such usage history is available. If no such usage history is available, a default PIU of 50% will be applied.

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2.9 Obligations of the Customer, (Cont'd.)

2.9.2 (continued)

C. Jurisdictional Reports, (Cont'd.)

- (2) Terminating Access: Terminating access minutes consist of traffic terminating to the Company Local Switching Center(s). The Customer must provide the Company with a projected PIU factor on an annual basis. If no PIU for terminating minutes is submitted as specified herein, actual 3 months prior usage will be used to determine the projected PIU factor, if such usage history is available. If no such usage history is available, a default PIU of 50% will be applied.
- (3) Except where the Company measured access minutes are used as set forth above, the Customer reported Projected PIU factor as set forth above will be used until the Customer reports a different projected PIU factor, as set forth below.

D. Jurisdictional Audits

- (1) The Customer shall keep sufficient detail from which the percentages of interstate and intrastate use reported to the Company can be verified and upon request of the Company make such records available for inspection and audit. The customer must maintain these records for 24 months from the date the report became effective for billing purposes.
- (2) Initiation of an audit will be at the sole discretion of the Company. The audit shall be performed by an independent party selected by the Company. An audit may be initiated by the Company for a single customer no more than once per year. The customer shall supply the required data within 30 calendar days of the Company request.
- (3) In the event that an audit reveals that any customer reported PIU was incorrect, the Company shall apply the audit result to all usage affected by the audit. The customer shall be backbilled or credited, for a period retroactive to the date that the incorrect percentage was reported, but not to exceed 24 months. Backbilled amounts are subject to a late payment penalty and payment shall be made in immediately available funds, within 31 days from receipt of bill or by the following bill date, whichever is a shorter period.

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2.9 Obligations of the Customer, (Cont'd.)

2.9.2 (continued)

D. Jurisdictional Audits, (Cont'd.)

- (4) Should an audit reveal that the misreported percentage(s) of use has resulted in an underpayment of access charges to the Company of five percent or more of the total Switched Access Services bill, the customer shall reimburse the Company for the cost of the audit. Proof of cost shall be the bills, in reasonable detail submitted to the Company by the auditor.
- (5) Within 15 days of completion of the auditor's report, the Company will furnish a copy of the audit results to the person designated by the customer to receive such results.

2.10 Billing and Payment For Service

2.10.1 Responsibility for Charges

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

- A. any delegation of authority resulting in the use of Customer's communications equipment and/or network services which result in the placement of calls via the Company;
- B. any and all use of the service arrangement provided by the Company, including calls which the Customer did not individually authorize;
- C. any calls placed by or through the Customer's equipment via any remote access feature(s).

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2.10 Billing and Payment For Service, (Cont'd.)

2.10.2 Minimum Period

The minimum period for which services are provided and for which rates and charges are applicable is one (1) month unless otherwise specified in this tariff or by mutually agreed upon contract. When a service is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable, whether the service is used or not.

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2.10 Billing and Payment For Service, (Cont'd.)

2.10.3 Payment for Service

- A. All charges due by the Customer are payable to the Company or any agent duly authorized to receive such payments. The Company shall bill on a current basis all charges incurred by, and credits due to, the Customer under this tariff. Any known unbilled charges for prior periods and any known unbilled adjustments also will be applied to this bill. Terms of payment shall be according to the rules and regulations of the agent and subject to the rules of regulatory bodies having jurisdiction.
- B. Non-recurring charges for installations, service connections, moves or rearrangements are due and payable upon receipt of the Company's invoice by the Customer. At the Company's discretion, payment of all or a portion of any non-recurring charges may be required prior to commencement of facility or equipment installation or construction required to provide the services requested by the Customer.
- C. The Company shall present invoices for recurring charges monthly to the Customer, in advance of the month in which service is provided, and recurring charges shall be due and payable as specified on the bill. The Company reserves the right to utilize as its sole and exclusive billing method electronic invoices that are accessible by the Customer via a secure web interface.
- D. When billing is based upon Customer usage, usage charges will be billed monthly in arrears for service provided in the preceding billing period. Charges shall be due and payable as specified on the bill. Any requests by the Customer for call detail records supporting billed usage charges must be submitted to the Company in writing or via electronic mail that is acknowledged as received by the Company, within ninety (90) days of the date of the invoice on which the usage was billed. Any such call detail records will be provided in a format to be mutually agreed between the Company and the Customer.
- E. Customer billing will begin on the service commencement date, which is the day the Company determines in its reasonable sole discretion that the service or facility is available for use, except that the service commencement date may be postponed by mutual agreement of the parties, or if the service or facility does not conform to standards under this tariff or the service order. Billing accrues through and includes the day that the service, circuit, arrangement or component is discontinued.

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2.10 Billing and Payment For Service, (Cont'd.)

2.10.3 Payment for Service, (Cont'd.)

- F. When service does not begin on the first day of the month, or end on the last day of the month, the charge for the fraction of the month in which service was furnished will be calculated on a pro rata basis. For this purpose, every month is considered to have 30 days.
- G. Amounts not paid within 30 days after the mailing date of invoice will be considered past due.

2.10.4 Disputed Charges

- A. Any objections to billed charges must be reported to the Company or its billing agent in writing or via electronic mail that is acknowledged by the Company within ninety (90) days of the invoice date of the bill issued to the Customer. Adjustments to Customers' bills shall be made to the extent that circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate.
- B. In the event that a billing dispute occurs concerning any charges billed to the Customer by the Company, the Customer must submit a documented claim for the disputed amount. The Customer will submit all documentation as may reasonably be required to support the claim. All claims must be submitted to the Company within ninety (90) days of the invoice date of the bill for the disputed services. If the Customer does not submit a claim as stated above, the Customer waives all rights to filing a claim thereafter.
- C. If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Customer and the Customer has withheld the disputed amount, no interest credits or penalties will apply.
- D. If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Company and the Customer has withheld the disputed amount, any payments withheld pending settlement of the disputed amount shall be subject to the late payment penalty as set forth in 2.10.5.
- E. If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Customer and the Customer has paid the disputed amount, the Customer will receive an interest credit from the Company for the disputed amount times a late factor as set forth in 2.10.5.
- F. If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Company and the Customer has paid the disputed amount on or before the payment due date, no interest credit or penalties will apply.

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2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Cont'd.)

2.10.4 Disputed Charges (Cont'd.)

- G. In the event that a billing dispute occurs concerning any charges billed to the Customer by the Company, the Customer must submit a documented claim for the disputed amount including a detailed written explanation of the basis of the dispute. The Customer also will submit all documentation as may reasonably be required to support the claim. If the Customer and the Company are unable to resolve the dispute to their mutual satisfaction, the Customer may file a complaint with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure. The address of the Commission is as follows:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793
(614) 466-3292

2.10.5 Late Payment Fees

A late payment charge of 1.5% per month, or the highest rate permitted by applicable law, whichever is less, shall be due to the Company for any billed amount for which payment has not been received by the Company within thirty (30) days of the invoice date of the Company's invoice for service, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Company in funds which are not immediately available upon presentment. If the last calendar day for remittance falls on a Sunday, legal holiday or other day when the offices of the Company are closed, the date for acceptance of payments prior to assessment of any late payment fees shall be extended through to the next business day.

2.10.6 Returned Check Charge

A service charge equal to \$25.00, or the actual fee incurred by Company from a bank or financial institution, whichever is greater, will be assessed for all checks returned by a bank or other financial institution for: insufficient or uncollected funds, closed account, apparent tampering, missing signature or endorsement, or any other insufficiency or discrepancy necessitating return of the instrument at the discretion of the drawee bank or other financial institution.

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2.11 Taxes, Surcharges and Fees

- 2.11.1** All state and local taxes (i.e., sales tax, municipal utilities tax) are listed as separate line items on the Customer's bill and are not included in the quoted rates and charges set forth in this tariff. To the extent that a municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government, or Commission imposes upon and collects from the Company a sales tax, occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, rights-of-way fee, franchise fee, or other regulatory fee or tax, such and fees and taxes shall, insofar as practicable and allowed by law, be billed pro rata to Customers receiving service from the Company within the territorial limits of such municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government. It shall be the responsibility of the Customer to pay any such taxes and fees that subsequently become applicable retroactively.
- 2.11.2** The Company may adjust its rates and charges or impose additional rates and charges on its Customers in order to recover amounts it is required by governmental or quasi-governmental authorities to collect from or pay to others in support of statutory or regulatory programs.

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2.12 Deposits and Advanced Payments

2.12.1 General

The Company reserves the right to validate the creditworthiness of Customers and billed parties through available verification procedures. Where a Customer's creditworthiness is unacceptable to the Company, Company may refuse to provide service, require a deposit or advance payment, or otherwise restrict or interrupt service to a Customer.

2.12.2 Deposits

- A. To safeguard its interests, the Company may require the Customer to make a deposit to be held as a guarantee for the payment of charges under Commission rules. A deposit may be required if the Customer's financial condition is not acceptable to the Company or is not a matter of general knowledge. A deposit does not relieve the Customer of the responsibility for the prompt payment of bills on presentation. A deposit may be required in addition to an advance payment.
- B. The maximum amount of any deposit shall not exceed the equivalent of the customers estimated liability for two months service.
- C. The Company will pay interest on deposits, to accrue from the date the deposit is made until it has been refunded, or until a reasonable effort has been made to effect refund. The Company will pay interest at the rate prescribed by the Commission or as otherwise permitted by applicable law.
- D. If the amount of a deposit is proven to be less than required to meet the requirements specified above, the Customer shall be required to pay an additional deposit upon request.
- E. Upon discontinuance of service, the Company shall promptly and automatically refund the Customer's deposit plus accrued interest, or the balance, if any, in excess of the unpaid bills including any penalties assessed for service furnished by the Company.

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2.12 Deposits and Advanced Payments, (Cont'd.)

2.12.3 Advance Payments

To safeguard its interests, the Company may require a Customer to make an advance payment before services and facilities are furnished. The advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to one (1) month's estimated billing. This will be applied against the next month's charges and a new advance payment may be collected for the next month, if necessary. Advance payments do not accrue interest. An advance payment may be required in addition to a deposit.

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2.13 Cancellation by Customer

2.13.1 General

- A.** Customers of the Company's service may cancel service by providing the Company with written notification thirty (30) days prior to the requested cancellation date. The Company shall hold the Customer responsible for payment of all bills for service furnished until the cancellation date specified by the Customer or until thirty (30) days after the date that the cancellation notice is received, whichever is later.
- B.** Customers seeking to cancel service have an affirmative obligation to block traffic originating from or terminating to the Company's network.. By originating traffic from or terminating traffic to the Company's network, the Customer will have constructively ordered the Company's switched access service.

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2.13 Cancellation by Customer, (Cont'd.)

2.13.2 Cancellation of Application for Service

- A. Where the Company permits the Customer to cancel an application for service prior to the start of service or prior to any special construction, no charges will be imposed except for those specified below.
- B. Where, prior to cancellation by the Customer, the Company incurs any expenses in installing the service or in preparing to install the service that it otherwise would not have incurred, a charge equal to the costs the Company incurred, less net salvage, shall apply, but in no case shall this charge exceed the sum of the charge for the minimum period of services ordered, including installation charges, and all charges others levy against the Company that would have been chargeable to the Customer had service begun.
- C. Where the Company incurs any expense in connection with special construction, or where special arrangements of facilities or equipment have begun, before the Company receives a cancellation notice, a charge equal to the costs incurred, less net salvage, may apply. In such cases, the charge will be based on such elements as the cost of the equipment, facilities, and material, the cost of installation, engineering, labor, and supervision, general and administrative expense, other disbursements, depreciation, maintenance, taxes, provision for return on investment, and any other costs associated with the special construction or arrangements.
- D. The charges described above will be calculated and applied on a case-by-case basis.

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2.14 Cancellation by Company

2.14.1 Service continues to be provided until canceled by the Customer pursuant to Section 2.13 or until discontinued by the Company. The Company may render bills subsequent to the termination of service for charges incurred before termination. The Customer shall pay such bills in full in accordance with the payment terms of this tariff.

2.14.2 The Company may refuse or discontinue service to a Customer under the following conditions. The Company will give notice to Customers of such refusal or discontinuance at the earliest reasonable opportunity.

- A.** For violation of law: Except as provided elsewhere in this tariff, the Company may refuse, suspend or cancel service, without notice, for any violation of terms of this tariff, for any violation of any law, rule, regulation, order, decree or policy of any government authority of competent jurisdiction, or by reason of any order or decision of a court or other government authority having jurisdiction which prohibits the Company from furnishing such service or prohibits Customer from subscribing to, using, or paying for such service.
- B.** For the Company to comply with any order or request of any governmental authority having jurisdiction: The Company may refuse, suspend or cancel service, without notice, in order to permit the Company to comply with any order or request of any governmental authority having jurisdiction.
- C.** In the event of Customer or Authorized User use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's equipment or service to others.
- D.** In the event of tampering with the equipment or services owned by the Company or its agents in a manner which adversely affects the network or other customers.
- E.** In the event of unauthorized or fraudulent use of service. Whenever service is discontinued for fraudulent use of service, the Company may, to the extent that Company opts to restore such service, require the Customer to make, at Customer's own expense, all changes in facilities or equipment necessary to eliminate illegal use and to pay an amount reasonably estimated as the loss in revenues resulting from such fraudulent use.
- F.** If any of the facilities, appliances, or apparatus on Customer's premise are found to be unsafe or causing harm to the Company's facilities, and may refuse to furnish service until the applicant or Customer shall have remedied the condition.

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2.14 Cancellation by Company, (Cont'd.)

2.14.3 The Company may refuse or discontinue service provided that, unless otherwise stated, the Customer shall be given five (5) business days written notice to comply with any rule or remedy any deficiency:

- A.** For nonpayment: The Company, by written notice to the Customer and in accordance with applicable law, may refuse, suspend or cancel service without incurring any liability when there is an unpaid balance for service that is past due. If any billed amount is in dispute, the customer has the right to appeal to the PUCO. Service will not be discontinued while the dispute is under PUCO review.
- B.** For returned checks: The Customer whose check or draft is returned unpaid for any reason, after two attempts at collection, may, at the Company's discretion, be subject to refusal, suspension or cancellation of service in the same manner as provided for nonpayment of overdue charges.
- C.** For neglect or refusal to provide reasonable access to the Company or its agents for the purpose of inspection and maintenance of equipment owned by the Company or its agents.
- D.** For Customer use or Customer's permitting use of obscene, profane or grossly abusive language over the Company's facilities, and who, after five (5) days notice, fails, neglects or refuses to cease and refrain from such practice or to prevent the same, and to remove its property from the premise of such person.
- E.** For use of telephone service for any property or purpose other than that described in the application.
- F.** For Customer's breach of any contract for service between the Company and the Customer.

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2.15 Restoration of Service

- 2.15.1** If service has been discontinued for nonpayment or as otherwise provided herein and the Customer wishes service continued, service may be restored at the Company's sole discretion, when all past due amounts are paid or the event giving rise to the discontinuance (if other than nonpayment) is corrected. Customers whose service was disconnected for non-payment may be required to pay a deposit and/or advance payment prior to service restoration.
- 2.15.2** A restoration fee of \$25.00, or the actual costs incurred by the Company, whichever is greater, applies to Customers whose service is restored following disconnection by the Company.
- 2.15.3** Restoration of disrupted services shall be in accordance with applicable Commission and/or Federal Communications Commission Rules and Regulations specified in Part 64, Subpart D, which specify the priority system for such activities.

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2.16 Provision of Company Equipment and Facilities

- 2.16.1** The Company shall use reasonable efforts to maintain only the facilities and equipment that it furnishes to the Customer. The Customer may not nor may the Customer permit others to rearrange, disconnect, remove, attempt to repair, or otherwise interfere with any of the facilities or equipment installed by the Company, except upon the written consent of the Company.
- 2.16.2** The Company may substitute, change or rearrange any equipment or facility at any time and from time to time, but shall not thereby alter the technical parameters of the service provided the Customer.
- 2.16.3** Equipment the Company provides or installs at the Customer premise shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which the equipment is provided.
- 2.16.4** The Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation, or maintenance of any Customer provided communications equipment. Where such equipment is connected to the facilities furnished under this tariff, the responsibility of the Company shall be limited to the furnishing of facilities offered under this tariff and to the maintenance and operation of such facilities. Subject to this responsibility, the Company shall not be responsible for:
- A.** the transmission of signals by Customer provided equipment or for the quality of, or defects in, such transmission; or
 - B.** the reception of signals by Customer-provided equipment; or
 - C.** network control signaling where such signaling is performed by Customer-provided network control signaling equipment.

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2.17 Customer-Provided Equipment

- 2.17.1** The Company's services are designed primarily for the transmission of voice-grade telephonic signals, except as otherwise stated in this tariff. A user may transmit any form of signal that is compatible with the Company's equipment, but the Company does not represent that its services will be suitable for purposes other than voice-grade telephonic communication except as specifically stated in this tariff.
- 2.17.2** Terminal equipment on the user's premise and the electric power consumed by such equipment shall be provided by and maintained at the expense of the Customer. The Customer is responsible for the provision of wiring or cable to connect its terminal equipment to the Company's network.
- 2.17.3** The Customer is responsible for ensuring that Customer-provided equipment connected to Company equipment and facilities is compatible with such equipment and facilities. The magnitude and character of the voltages and currents impressed on Company-provided equipment and wiring by the connection, operation, or maintenance of such equipment and wiring shall be such as not to cause damage to the Company-provided equipment and wiring or injury to the Company's employees or to other persons. Any additional protective equipment required to prevent such damage or injury shall be provided by the Company at the Customer's expense, subject to prior Customer approval of the equipment expense.
- 2.17.4** Upon suitable notification to the Customer, and at a reasonable time, the Company may make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the Customer is complying with the requirements under this Section 2.18 for the installation, operation, and maintenance of Customer-provided facilities, equipment, and wiring in the connection of Customer-provided facilities and equipment to Company-owned facilities and equipment.
- 2.17.5** If the protective requirements for Customer-provided equipment are not being complied with, the Company may take such action as it deems necessary to protect its facilities, equipment, and personnel. The Company may, upon five (5) days written notice, require the use of additional protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this written notice fails to remedy any protective deficiencies or potential harm, the Company may, upon additional five (5) days written notice, terminate the existing service of the Customer.
- 2.17.6** If harm to the Company's network, personnel or services is imminent, the Company reserves the right to shut down Customer's service immediately, with no prior notice required.

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2.18 Inspection, Testing and Adjustments

- 2.18.1** The Company may, upon reasonable notice, make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine whether the terms and conditions of this tariff are being complied with in the installation, operation or maintenance of the Customer's or the Company's facilities or equipment.
- 2.18.2** Upon thirty (30) days notice, the facilities or equipment provided by the Customer shall be made available to the Company for such tests and adjustments as may be necessary for their maintenance in a condition satisfactory to the Company. No interruption allowance shall be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made, unless such interruption exceeds twenty-four hours in length and is requested by the Customer.
- 2.18.3** The Company will provide the Customer reasonable notification of service-affecting activities that may occur in normal operation of its business. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, equipment or facilities additions, removals or rearrangements and routine preventative maintenance. Generally, such activities are not specific to an individual Customer but affect many Customers' services. No specific advance notification period applies to all service activities. The Company will work cooperatively with the Customer to determine the reasonable notification requirements. With some emergency or unplanned service-affecting conditions, such as an outage resulting from cable damage, notification to the Customer may not be possible.

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2.19 Allowances for Interruptions in Service

2.19.1 General

- A. Upon the written request of the Customer, delivered to the Company no later than thirty (30) days following the date of service interruption, a credit allowance will be given when service is interrupted, except as specified in Section 2.20.2 following. A service is interrupted when it becomes inoperative to the Customer, e.g., the Customer is unable to transmit or receive, because of a failure of a component furnished by the Company under this tariff.
- B. An interruption period begins when the Customer reports to the Company a service, facility or circuit is inoperative and, if necessary, releases it for testing and repair by the Company, as determined in its sole and reasonable discretion. An interruption period ends when the service, facility or circuit is operative.
- C. If the Customer reports a service, facility or circuit to be interrupted but declines to release it for testing and repair, refuses access to its premise for test and repair by the Company, or continues to make voluntary use of the service, the service, facility or circuit is considered to be impaired but not interrupted. No credit allowances will be made for a service, facility or circuit considered by the Company to be impaired.
- D. The Customer shall be responsible for the payment of service charges for visits by the Company's agents or employees to the premises of the Customer when the service difficulty or trouble report results from the use of equipment or facilities provided by any party other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer.

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2.19 Allowances for Interruptions in Service, (Cont'd.)

2.19.2 Limitations of Allowances

- A.** No credit allowance will be made for any interruption in service:
- (1) due to the negligence of or noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff by any person or entity other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer;
 - (2) due to the failure of power, equipment, systems, connections or services not provided by the Company;
 - (3) due to circumstances or causes beyond the control of the Company;
 - (4) during any period in which the Company is not given full and free access to its facilities and equipment for the purposes of investigating and correcting interruptions;

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2.19 Allowances for Interruptions in Service, (Cont'd.)

2.19.2 Limitations of Allowances, (Cont'd.)

- (5) during any period when the Customer has released service to the Company for maintenance purposes or for implementation of a Customer order for a change in service arrangements;
- (6) that occurs or continues due to the Customer's failure to authorize replacement of any element of special construction; and
- (7) that was not reported to the Company within 30 days of the date that service was affected.

2.19.3 Use of Another Means of Communications

If the Customer elects to use another means of communications during the period of interruption, the Customer must pay the charges for the alternative service used.

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2.19 Allowances for Interruptions in Service, (Cont'd.)

2.19.4 Application of Credits for Interruptions in Service

- A. Except as provided in Section 2.10.2 A., if a Customer's service is interrupted, and it remains interrupted for eight normal working hours or longer after access to the premises is made available and after being reported to be out of order, appropriate adjustments or refunds shall be made to the Customer, when such adjustment exceeds \$1.00.
- B. The amount of adjustment or refund shall be determined on the basis of the known period of interruption, generally beginning from the time the service interruption is first reported. The refund to the Customer shall be a pro rata part of the month's flat rate charges (if any) for the period of days and that portion of the service facilities rendered useless or inoperative. The refund may be accomplished by a credit on a subsequent bill for the service.
- C. For purposes of credit computation every month shall be considered to have seven hundred and twenty (720) hours. For services with a monthly recurring charge, no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of continuous duration of less than eight (8) hours. The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of eight (8) or more hours at the rate of 1/720th of the monthly charge for the services affected for each day that the interruption continues. The formula used for computation of credits is as follows:

$$\text{Credit} = A/720 \times B$$

A = outage time in hours (must be 8 or more)
B = total monthly recurring charge for affected service.
- D. No credits will be provided for usage sensitive services.

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2.20 Notices and Communications

- 2.20.1** 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.
- 2.20.2** 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 bills for service to which the Customer shall mail payment on that bill.
- 2.20.3** Notice of a pending disconnection of a Customer 's service may contain the reason for the notice, the date of the notice, a description of any remedies the Customer may make, the time allotted for the Customer to make remedies (if any), and a toll free customer service number the Customer may call to obtain additional information.
- 2.20.4** Except as otherwise stated in this tariff, all other notices or communications required to be given under this tariff will be in writing.
- 2.20.5** 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 second business day following placement of the notice, communication or bill with the U.S. mail or a private delivery service, prepaid and properly addressed, or when actually received or refused by the addressee, whichever occurs first.
- 2.20.6** The Company or the Customer shall advise the other party of any changes to the addresses designated for notices, other communications or billing, by following the procedures for giving notice set forth herein.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

3.1 General

- 3.1.1** Switched Access Service, which is available to Customers for their use in furnishing their services to End Users, provides a two-point communications path between a Customer's Premises and an End User's Premises. It provides for the use of common terminating, switching and trunking facilities, and for the use of common subscriber plant of the Company. Switched Access Service provides for the ability to originate calls from an End User's Premises to a Customer's Premises and to terminate calls from a Customer's Premises to an End User's Premises in the LATA where it is provided.
- 3.1.2** When a rate as set forth in this tariff is shown to more than two decimal places, the charges will be determined using the rate shown. The resulting amount will then be rounded to the nearest penny (i.e., rounded to two decimal places).
- 3.1.3** In the absence of an ASR as described in Section 3.4, delivery of calls to, or acceptance of calls from, the Customer's End User location(s) via Company-provided switched access services shall constitute a Constructive Order and an agreement by the Customer to purchase the Company's switched access services as described and priced herein.

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3.2 Manner of Provision

- 3.2.1** Switched Feature Group (FG) Access is furnished for originating and terminating calls by the Customer to its End User. FG Access is furnished on a per-line or per trunk basis.
- 3.2.2** Originating traffic type represents access capacity within a LATA for carrying traffic from the End User to the Customer; and Terminating traffic type represents access capacity within a LATA for carrying traffic from the Customer to the End User. When ordering capacity for FG Access, the Customer must at a minimum specify such access capacity in terms of originating traffic type and/or terminating traffic type.
- 3.2.3** Feature Group Access is provisioned, at minimum, at the DS-1 level and provides line-side or trunk-side access to End Office switches, for the Customer's use in originating and terminating communications. Basic FG Access service will be provided with Multi-Frequency In Band Signaling (SS7 is also available, where capabilities exist).
- 3.2.4** Two types of Feature Group Access are available:
- A. Tandem Connect Access:** This option applies when the customer has no direct facilities to the Company. All traffic is routed to and from Company 's End Office via the Customer 's tandem provider. Delivery of calls to, or acceptance of calls from, the Customer 's End User location(s) via Company-provided Tandem Connect Access services shall constitute a Constructive Order and an agreement by the Customer to purchase the Company 's switched access services as described and priced herein.
 - B. Direct Connect Access:** The Company will provide facilities between the Customer 's premises and a Company End Office. This transmission path is dedicated to the use of a single Customer. The Company requires the Customer to submit an ASR or comparable documentation for Direct Connect Access. Direct Connect Access is provided on an Individual Case Basis as Special Service Arrangements pursuant to Section 4 of this tariff.

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3.3 Rate Categories

There are three rate categories that apply to Switched Access Service:

- End Office Switching (includes Common Line and Switched Transport)
- Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Access Service
- Optional Features

3.3.1 End Office Switching

The Company combines traditional per minute switched access rate elements into a single composite per minute rate element. This element includes the following rate categories:

A. Switched Transport

The Switched Transport rate category establishes the charges related to the transmission and tandem switching facilities between the customer designated premises and the end office switch(es) where the customer's traffic is switched to originate or terminate the customer's communications.

- (1) **Tandem Switched Termination** element includes the non-distance-sensitive portion of Switched Transport and is assessed on a per minute of use basis.
- (2) **Tandem Switched Transport Facility** element includes the distance-sensitive portion of Switched Transport and is assessed on a per access minute of use basis.
- (3) **Tandem Switching** element includes the access tandem switching associated with Tandem-Switched Transport traffic and is assessed per access minute switched through the tandem.

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3.3 Rate Categories, (Cont'd.)

3.3.1 End Office Switching, (Cont'd.)

A. Switched Transport, (Cont'd.)

- (4) **Common multiplexing** is provided on a usage-sensitive basis in conjunction with Tandem Switched Transport. Switched access facilities are connected to the tandem as DSI/T-1 circuits. Multiplexing is required to convert common switched facilities from an operating speed of 44.736 Mbps to an operating speed of 1.544 Mbps.

B. End Office Switching

The End Office Switching rate category establishes the charges related to the use of end office switching equipment, the terminations in the end office of end user lines, the terminations of calls at Company Intercept Operators or recordings, the Signaling Transfer Point (STP) costs, and the SS7 signaling function between the end office and the STP.

- (1) **Local Switching** rate element provides for (1) local end office switching, i.e., the common switching functions associated with the various Switched Access Service arrangements and (2) intercept functions, i.e., the termination of certain calls at a Telephone company intercept operator or recording.

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3.3 Rate Categories, (Cont'd.)

3.3.1 End Office Switching, (Cont'd.)

C. End Office Switching, (Cont'd.)

- (2) **Common Trunk Ports** used by multiple customers provides for the termination of common transport trunks in common trunk ports in conjunction with tandem routed traffic. The Common Trunk Port rate is assessed on a usage sensitive basis on tandem routed switched access.

3.3.2 Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Query

Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Query is a service offering that utilizes originating trunk side Switched Access Service to deliver Toll Free calls to the Company's Interexchange Carrier Customers. The service provides for the forwarding of End User dialed Toll Free calls to a Company Service Switching Point which will initiate a query to the database to perform the Customer identification and delivery function. The call is forwarded to the appropriate Interexchange Carrier Customer based on the dialed Toll-Free Number. Records exchange, rating and billing for Toll Free Data Base Access Service is subject to the provisions of the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing Guidelines (MECAB).

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3.4 Access Ordering

3.4.1 General

- A. Customers may order switched access through a Constructive Order, as defined herein, or through an ASR. The format and terms of the ASR will be as specified in the Industry Access Service Order Guidelines, unless otherwise specified herein.
- B. A Customer may order any number of services of the same type and between the same premises on a single ASR. All details for services for a particular order must be identical.
- C. The Customer shall provide all information necessary for the Company to provide and bill for the requested service. When placing an order for Access Service, the Customer shall provide the following minimum information:
 - (1) Customer name and Premises address(es);
 - (2) Billing name and address (when different from Customer name and address); and
 - (3) Customer contact name(s) and telephone number(s) for the following provisioning activities: order negotiation, order confirmation, interactive design, installation and billing.

3.4.2 Access Service Date Intervals

- A. Access Service is provided with Standard or Negotiated Intervals
- B. The Company will specify a firm order confirmation date and Service Commencement Date contingent on the ASR being complete as received. To the extent the Access Service can be made available with reasonable effort, the Company will provide the Access Service in accordance with the Customer's requested interval, subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) For service provided under a Standard Interval: The Standard Interval for Switched Service will be sixty (60) business days from the Application Date. This interval only applies to standard service offerings where there are pre-existing facilities to the Customer Premises. Access Services provided under the Standard Interval will be installed during Company business hours.

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3.4 Access Ordering, (Cont'd.)

3.4.2 Access Service Date Intervals, (Cont'd.)

B. (continued)

- (2) For service provided under a Negotiated Interval: The Company will offer a Service Date based on the type and quantity of Access Services the Customer has requested. The Company will negotiate a Service Date interval with the Customer when:
 - (a) The Customer requests a Service Date before or beyond the applicable Standard Interval Service Date; or
 - (b) There is no existing facility connecting the Customer Premises with the Company; or
 - (c) The Customer requests a service that is not considered by the Company to be a standard service offering (for example, if additional engineering or special construction is required to complete the order); or
 - (d) The Company determines that Access Service cannot be installed within the Standard Interval.

- C. All services for which rates are applied on an Individual Case Basis are provided with a Negotiated Interval.

3.4.3 Access Service Request Modifications

The Customer may request a modification of its ASR prior to the Service Commencement Date. All modifications must be in writing using the industry ASR process. The Company, in its sole discretion, may accept a verbal modification from the Customer. The Company will make every effort to accommodate a requested modification when it is able to do so with the normal work force assigned to complete such an order within normal business hours.

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3.5 Special Construction or Special Service Arrangements

- 3.5.1** Subject to the agreement of the Company and to all of the regulations contained in this tariff, special construction of Company facilities or development of special service arrangements may be undertaken by the Company on a reasonable-efforts basis at the request of the Customer. Such construction or arrangements will be provided pursuant to regulations contained in Section 4 of this tariff.

3.6 Obligations of the Company

- 3.6.1** With regard to access services provided by the Company, specific Company responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

A. Network Management

The Company will administer its network to ensure that provision of acceptable service levels to all telecommunications users of the Company's network services. Generally, service levels are considered acceptable only when both End Users and Customers are able to establish connections with minimal delay encountered within the Company network. The Company maintains the right to apply protective controls, i.e., those actions, such as call gapping, which selectively cancel the completion of traffic, over any traffic carried over its network, including that associated with a Customer's Switched Access Service. Generally, such protective measures would only be taken as a result of occurrences such as a failure or overload of Company or Customer facilities, natural disasters, mass calling or national security demands.

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3.6 Obligations of the Company, (Cont'd.)

3.6.1 (continued)

B. Design and Traffic Routing of Switched Access Service

The Company shall design and determine the routing of Switched Access Service, including the selection of the first point of switching and the selection of facilities from the interface to any switching point and to the End Offices. The Company shall also decide if capacity is to be provided by originating only, terminating only, or two-way trunk groups. Finally, the Company will decide whether trunk side access will be provided through the use of two-wire or four-wire trunk terminating equipment.

Selection of facilities and equipment and traffic routing of the service are based on standard engineering methods, available facilities and equipment and the Company's traffic routing plans. If the Customer desires different routing or directionality than that determined by the Company, the Company will work cooperatively with the Customer in determining (1) whether the service is to be routed directly to an end office or through an access tandem switch and (2) the directionality of the service.

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3.7 Obligations of the Customer

3.7.1 The Customer has certain specific obligations pertaining to the use of Switched Access Service. These obligations are in addition to obligations specified in Section 2.9 of this tariff and are as follows:

A. Report Requirements

Customers are responsible for providing the following reports to the Company, when applicable:

(1) Jurisdictional Reports

When a Customer orders Switched Access Service for both interstate and intrastate use, the Customer is responsible for providing reports as set forth in Section 2.9.2(c) preceding. Charges will be apportioned in accordance with those reports.

(2) Code Screening Reports

When a Customer orders service call routing, trunk access limitation or call gapping arrangements, the customer must report the number of trunks and/or the appropriate codes to be instituted in each end office or access tandem switch, for each of the arrangements ordered.

B. On and Off-Hook Supervision

The Customer's facilities shall provide the necessary on and off-hook supervision for accurate timing of calls.

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3.8 Rate Regulations

3.8.1 General

There are three type of rates and charges that apply to Switched Access Service provided by the Company. These are monthly recurring charges, usage charges, and nonrecurring charges.

3.8.2 Types of Charges

- A. Nonrecurring charges are one time charges that apply for a specific work activity (e.g., installation or change to an existing service). Non-recurring charges may apply for installation of service, installation of optional features and service rearrangements.
- B. Recurring Charges are flat monthly rates that apply for each month or fraction thereof that a specific rate element is provided. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have 30 days.
- C. Usage Charges are rates that apply only when a specific rate element is used. These are applied on a per-access minute, a per-call or per-query basis. Usage rates are accumulated over a monthly period.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.8 Rate Regulations, (Cont'd.)

3.8.3 Measurement of Access Minutes

- A. When recording originating calls over FG Access with multi-frequency address signaling, usage measurement begins when the first wink supervisory signal is forwarded from the Customer's facilities. The measurement of originating call usage over FG Access ends when the originating FG Access entry switch receives disconnect supervision from either the originating End User's End Office (indicating that the originating End User has disconnected), or from the Customer's facilities, whichever is recognized first by the entry switch.
- B. For terminating calls over FG Access with multi-frequency address signaling, the measurement of access minutes begins when a seizure signal is received from the Carrier's trunk group at the Point of Presence within the LATA. The measurement of terminating call usage over FG Access ends when a disconnect signal is received, indicating that either the originating or terminating user has disconnected.
- C. When recording originating calls over FG Access with SS7 signaling, usage measurement begins with the transmission of the initial address message by the switch for direct trunk groups and with the receipt of an exit message by the switch for tandem trunk groups. The measurement of originating FG Access usage ends when the entry switch receives or sends a release message, whichever occurs first.
- D. For terminating calls over FG Access with SS7 signaling, the measurement of access minutes begins when the terminating recording switch receives the initial address message from the terminating End User. On directly routed trunk groups or on tandem routed trunk groups, the Company switch receives the initial address message and sends the indication to the Customer in the form of an answer message. The measurement of terminating FG Access call usage ends when the entry switch receives or sends a release message, whichever occurs first.
- E. Mileage, where applicable, will be measured in accordance with standard industry practices.

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3.8 Rate Regulations, (Cont'd.)

3.8.4 Moves

A. A move of services involves a change in the physical location of one of the following:

- (1) The point of termination at the Customer's Premises, or
- (2) The Customer's Premises

B. The charges for the move are dependent on whether the move is to a new location within the same building or to a different building as described below:

- (1) Moves Within the Same Building

When the move is to a new location within the same building, the charge for the move will be an amount equal to one half of the nonrecurring charge for the capacity affected. There will be no change in the minimum period requirements.

- (2) Moves to a Different Building

Moves to a different building will be treated as a discontinuance and start of service and all associated nonrecurring charges will apply. New minimum period requirements will be established for the new service. The Customer will also remain responsible for satisfying all outstanding minimum period charges for the discontinued service.

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3.8 Rate Regulations, (Cont'd.)

3.8.5 Installation of Optional Features

- A. If a separate nonrecurring charge applies for the installation of an optional feature available with Switched Access Service, the charge applies whether the feature is installed coincident with the initial installation of service or at any time subsequent to the initial installation of service.
- B. For all other changes, including the addition of, or modifications to, optional features without separate nonrecurring charges, a charge equal to one half the Switched Transport nonrecurring (i.e. installation) charge will apply. When an optional feature is not required on each transmission path, but rather for an entire transmission path group, an end office or an access tandem switch, only one such charge will apply.

3.8.6 Service Rearrangements

- A. Service rearrangements are changes to existing services which do not result in either a change in the minimum period requirements or a change in the physical location of the point of termination at the Customer's premises or the Customer's End User's premises. Changes that result in the establishment of new minimum period obligations are treated as disconnects and starts.
- B. The charge to the Customer for the service rearrangement is dependent on whether the change is administrative only in nature or involves an actual physical change to the service.
- C. Administrative changes will be made without charge(s) to the Customer. Such changes require the continued provision and billing of the Access Service to the same entity or change in jurisdiction.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.9 Rates and Charges

3.9.1 Switched Transport

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- Tandem Switched Transport Facility Note 1
- Tandem Switching Note 1
- Common Multiplexing Note 1

3.9.2 End Office Switching

- Local Switching (per access minute) Note 1
- Common Trunk Port (per access minute) Note 1

3.9.3 Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Query Note 1

Note 1: The Company's rates mirror the current intrastate switched access rates of the underlying Incumbent Local Exchange Company (ILEC) which serve the territory in which the traffic originates or terminates, as set forth in AT&T Ohio PUCO Tariff No. 20, Part 21.

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SECTION 4 - SPECIAL CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, AND CONSTRUCTION

4.1 Special Contract Arrangements

At the option of the Company, services may be offered on a contract basis to meet specialized pricing requirements of the Customer not contemplated by this tariff. The terms of each contract shall be mutually agreed upon between the Customer and Company and may include discounts off of rates contained herein and waiver of recurring, nonrecurring, or usage charges. The terms of the contract may be based partially or completely on the term and volume commitment, type of access arrangement, mixture of services, or other distinguishing features. Service shall be available to all similarly situated Customers for a fixed period of time following the initial offering to the first contract Customer as specified in each individual contract.

Each contract will be in writing and will be filed with the P.U.C.O. for approval.

4.2 Special Service Arrangements

4.2.1 If a Customer's requirements cannot be met by services included in this tariff, or pricing for a service is shown in this tariff as "ICB", the Company will provide, where practical, special service arrangements at charges to be determined on an Individual Case Basis. These special service arrangements will be provided if the provision of such arrangements are not detrimental to any other services furnished under the Company's tariffs.

4.2.2 Special service arrangement rates are subject to revision depending on changing costs or operating conditions.

4.2.3 If and when a special service arrangement becomes a generically tariffed offering, the tariffed rate or rates will apply from the date of tariff approval.

4.2.4 Special Service Arrangements will be provided pursuant to written contract, which will be filed with the P.U.C.O. for approval.

4.3 Non-Routine Installation Charges

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

Any non-routine installation charges will be charged pursuant to a written contract, which will be filed with the P.U.C.O. for approval.

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SECTION 4 - SPECIAL CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, AND CONSTRUCTION, (CONT'D)

4.4 Special Construction Charges

4.4.1 General

- A.** Special construction charges may apply for services provided to the Customer by the Company. Special construction includes but is not limited to that construction undertaken:
- (1) where facilities are not presently available, and there is no other requirement for the facilities so constructed;
 - (2) of a type other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
 - (3) over a route other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
 - (4) in a quantity greater than that which the Company would normally construct;
 - (5) on an expedited basis;
 - (6) on a temporary basis until permanent facilities are available;
 - (7) involving abnormal costs;
 - (8) in advance of its normal construction; or
 - (9) when the Company furnishes a facility or service for which a rate or charge is not specified in the Company's tariff.
- B.** Where the Company furnishes a facility or service requiring special construction, charges will be determined by the Company and may include: (1) non-recurring charges; (2) recurring charges; (3) usage charges; (4) termination liabilities; or (5) a combinations thereof.
- C.** Rates and charges for special construction shall be determined and presented to the Customer for its approval prior to the start of construction. No construction will commence until and unless the Customer accepts in writing the rates and charges as presented by the Company. Such rates and charges will be included in a written contract, which will be filed with the P.U.C.O. for approval.

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TITLE SHEET

SPECTROTEL, INC.

D/B/A ONETOUCH COMMUNICATIONS

D/B/A TOUCH BASE COMMUNICATIONS

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REGULATIONS AND SCHEDULE OF INTRASTATE CHARGES
APPLYING TO LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE
WITHIN THE STATE OF OHIO

This Tariff describes the Company's Regulated Local Terms, Conditions, Payments and Rates and Charges offered by Spectrotel, Inc. d/b/a OneTouch Communications d/b/a Touch Base Communications with principal offices at 3535 State Highway, Suite 7, Neptune, New Jersey 07753.

This tariff is on file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the Company's principal place of business.

This tariff is compliance with Rule 4901:1-6, OAC.

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

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

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

APPLICATION OF TARIFF

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Spectrotel, Inc. d/b/a OneTouch Communications d/b/a Touch Base Communications provides telecommunications services in accordance with the requirements of the Ohio Administrative Code and the Ohio Revised Code apply to the operations of the Company. The Company will comply with the Commission's policies and requirements for persons with communications disabilities and privacy and number disclosure requirements covered in subject cases. Any changes in terms or conditions of this tariff and/or operations of the Company will generate an obligation of the Company to provide notice of such changes in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

SERVICE AREA DESCRIPTION

Spectrotel will offer service in those areas currently served by AT&T Ohio, CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink, Frontier North Inc., Windstream Ohio, Inc. and Windstream Western Reserve, Inc.

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This tariff is effective only where an interconnection agreement is effective between Spectrotel and the underlying carrier. Specific service area information may be found in Section 3 of this tariff.

TARIFF FORMAT

- A. Page Numbering - Page numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Pages are numbered sequentially. However, new pages are occasionally added to the tariff. When a new page is added between pages already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new page added between pages 14 and 15 would be 14.1.
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- 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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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS

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

Authorization Code - A numerical code, one or more of which may be assigned to a Customer, to enable Carrier to identify the origin of service of the Customer so it may rate and bill the call. All authorization codes shall be the sole property of Carrier and no Customer shall have any property or other right or interest in the use of any particular authorization code. Automatic numbering identification (ANI) may be used as or in connection with the authorization code.

Authorized User - A person, firm or corporation authorized by the Customer to be an end-user of the service of the Customer.

Automatic Numbering Identification (ANI) - A type of signaling provided by a local exchange telephone company which automatically identifies the local exchange line from which a call originates.

Common Carrier - An authorized company or entity providing telecommunications services to the public

Commission – Public Utility Commission of Ohio.

Company - Whenever used in this tariff, “Company” refers to Spectrotel, Inc. d/b/a OneTouch Communications d/b/a Touch Base Communications, unless otherwise specified or clearly indicated by the context.

Customer - The person, firm or corporation that orders service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the terms and conditions of this tariff.

Customer Premises - A location designated by the Customer for the purposes of connecting to the Company’s services.

Customer Terminal Equipment - Terminal equipment provided by the Customer.

Deposit - Refers to a cash or equivalent of cash security held as a guarantee for payment of the charges.

End Office - With respect to each NPA-NXX code prefix assigned to the Company, the location of the Company’s “end office” for purposes of this tariff shall be the point of interconnection associated with that NPA-NXX code in the Local Exchange Routing Guide “ALERG”, issued by Telcordia.

Equal Access - A form of dialed access provided by local exchange companies whereby interexchange calls dialed by the Customer are automatically routed to the Company network. Presubscribed Customers may also route interexchange calls to the Company network by dialing an access code supplied by the Company.

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS, (CONT'D.)

Exchange Telephone Company or Telephone Company - Denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, or corporation authorized by the appropriate regulatory bodies to engage in providing public switched communication service throughout an exchange area, and between exchange areas within the LATA.

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

IXC or Interexchange Carrier- A long distance telecommunications services provider.

Interruption - The inability to complete calls due to equipment malfunctions or human errors. Interruption shall not include, and no allowance shall be given for service difficulties such as slow dial tone, circuits busy or other network and/or switching capability shortages. Nor shall Interruption include the failure of any service or facilities provided by a common carrier or other entity other than the Carrier. Any Interruption allowance provided within this Tariff by Carrier shall not apply where service is interrupted by the negligence or willful act of the Customer, or where the Carrier, pursuant to the terms of this Tariff, terminates service because of non-payment of bills, unlawful or improper use of the Carrier's facilities or service, or any other reason covered by this Tariff or by applicable law.

Joint User - A person, firm or corporation designated by the Customer as a user of local exchange service furnished to the Customer by the Company, and to whom a portion of the charges for such facilities are billed under a joint use arrangement.

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

LEC - Local Exchange Company refers to the dominant, monopoly local telephone company in the area also served by the Company.

Local Calling - A completed call or telephonic communication between a calling Station and any other Station within the local service area of the Calling Station.

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

MOU - Minutes of Use.

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS, (CONT'D.)

Non-Recurring Charge "NRC" - The initial charge, usually assessed on a one-time basis, to initiate and establish service.

PIN - Personal Identification Number. See Authorization Code.

Point of Presence "POP" - Point of Presence

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

Recurring Charges - Monthly charges to the Customer for services, and equipment, which continues for the agreed upon duration of the service.

Service - Any means of service offered herein or any combination thereof.

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

Service Order - The written request for Company services executed by the Customer and the Company in the format devised by the Company. The signing of a Service Order Form by the Customer and acceptance by the Company initiates the respective obligations of the parties as set forth therein and pursuant to this tariff.

Services - The Company telecommunications services offered on the Company network.

Shared Inbound Calls - Refers to calls that are terminated via the Customer's Company-provided local exchange line.

Shared Outbound Calls - Refers to calls in Feature Group (FGD) exchanges whereby the Customer's local telephone lines are presubscribed by the Company to the Company outbound service such that "1 + 10-digit number" calls are automatically routed to the Company or an IXC network. Calls to stations within the Customer's LATA may be placed by dialing "10XXX" or "101XXXX" with 1 + 10-digit number."

Spectrotel - Spectrotel, Inc., issuer of this tariff.

Station - The network control signaling unit and any other equipment provided at the Customer premises which enables the Customer to establish communications connections and to effect communications through such connections.

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS, (CONT'D.)

Subscriber - The person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity who orders telecommunications service from the Company. Service may be ordered by, or on behalf of, those who own, lease or otherwise manage the pay telephone, or other switch vehicle from which an End User places a call utilizing the services of the Company.

Switched Access Origination/Termination - Where access between the Customer and the interexchange carrier is provided on local exchange company Feature Group circuits and the connection to the Customer is a LEC-provided business or residential access line. The cost of switched Feature Group access is billed to the interexchange carrier.

Terminal Equipment - Any telecommunications equipment other than the transmission or receiving equipment installed at a Company location.

Usage Charges - Charges for minutes or messages traversing over local exchange facilities.

User (or End User) - Any person or entity that obtains the Company's services provided under this tariff, regardless of whether such person or entity is so authorized by the Customer.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of the Company

2.1.1 Scope

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

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

Failure by the Company to assert its rights pursuant to one provision of this Tariff does not preclude the Company from asserting its rights under other provisions.

2.1.2 Shortage of Equipment or Facilities

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

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.3 Terms and Conditions

- A. Minimum Period – When service is provided on a term basis, the minimum term period is 30 days unless otherwise specified in this tariff or mutually agreed upon by contract.
- B. The Company may require a minimum contract period longer than one month in connection with special, non-standard types or arrangements of equipment, or for unusual construction, necessary to meet special demands for service. Customers may be required to enter into written service orders which shall contain or reference a specific description of the service ordered, the rates to be charged, the duration of the services, and the terms and conditions in this tariff. Customers will also be required to execute any other documents as may be reasonably requested by the Company.
- C. Except as otherwise stated in this tariff, at the expiration of the initial term specified in each Service Order, or in any extension thereof, service shall continue on a month-to-month basis at the then current rates unless terminated by either party upon notice. Any termination shall not relieve the Customer of its obligation to pay any charges incurred under the service order and this tariff prior to termination. The rights and obligations that by their nature extend beyond the termination of the term of the service order shall survive such termination.
- D. In any action between the parties to enforce any provision of this tariff, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its legal fees and court costs from the non-prevailing party in addition to other relief a court may award.
- E. This tariff shall be interpreted and governed by the laws of the state of Ohio regardless of its choice of laws provision.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.3 Terms and Conditions, (Cont'd.)

- G. Any other Telephone Company may not interfere with the right of any person or entity to obtain service directly from the Company. No person or entity shall be required to make any payment, incur any penalty, monetary or otherwise, or purchase any services in order to have the right to obtain service directly from the Company.
- H. To the extent that either the Company or any other telephone company exercises control over available cable pairs, conduit, duct space, raceways, or other facilities needed by the other to reach a person or entity, the party exercising such control shall make them available to the other on terms equivalent to those under which the Company makes similar facilities under its control available to its Customers. At the reasonable request of either party, the Company and the other telephone company shall join the attempt to obtain from the owner of the property access for the other party to serve a person or entity.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.4 Liability of the Company

- A. Except as otherwise stated in this section, the liability of the Company for damages arising out of either: (1) the furnishing of its services, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, or errors, or other defects, representations, or use of these services or (2) the failure to furnish its service, whether caused by acts or omission, shall be limited to the extension of allowances to the Customer for interruptions in service as set forth in Section 2.6.
- B. Except for the extension of allowances to the Customer for interruptions in service as set forth in Section 2.7, the Company shall not be liable to a Customer or third party for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, reliance, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages, including, but not limited to, loss of revenue or profits, for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to, any act or omission, failure to perform, delay, interruption, failure to provide any service or any failure in or breakdown of facilities associated with the service.
- C. The liability of the Company for errors in billing that result in overpayment by the Customer shall be limited to a credit equal to the dollar amount erroneously billed or, in the event that payment has been made and service has been discontinued, to a refund of the amount erroneously billed.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.4 Liability of the Company, (Cont'd.)

- D. The Company shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the Customer from and against all loss, liability, damage and expense, including reasonable counsel fees, due to:
1. Any act or omission of: (a) the Customer, (b) any other entity furnishing service, equipment or facilities for use in conjunction with services or facilities provided by the Company; or (c) common carriers or warehousemen, except as contracted by the Company;
 2. Any delay or failure of performance or equipment due to causes beyond the Company's control, including but not limited to: fires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, or other catastrophes; national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars or other civil commotions; strikes, lockouts, work stoppages or other labor difficulties; criminal actions taken against the Company; unavailability, failure or malfunction of equipment or facilities provided by the Customer or third parties; and any law, order, regulation or other action of any governing authority or agency thereof;
 3. Any unlawful or unauthorized use of the Company's facilities and services;
 4. Libel, slander, invasion of privacy or infringement of patents, trade secrets, or copyrights arising from or in connection with the material transmitted by means of Company-provided facilities or services; or by means of the combination of Company-provided facilities or services;
 5. Breach in the privacy or security of communications transmitted over the Company's facilities;
 6. Changes in any of the facilities, operations or procedures of the Company that render any equipment, facilities or services provided by the Customer obsolete, or require modification or alteration of such equipment, facilities or services, or otherwise affect their use or performance, except where reasonable notice is required by the Company and is not provided to the Customer, in which event the Company's liability is limited as set forth in paragraph A. of this Subsection 2.1.4.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.4 Liability of the Company, (Cont'd.)

E. (Cont'd.)

7. Defacement of or damage to Customer premises resulting from the furnishing of services or equipment on such premises or the installation or removal thereof;
8. Injury to property or injury or death to persons, including claims for payments made under Workers' Compensation law or under any plan for employee disability or death benefits, arising out of, or caused by, any act or omission of the Customer, or the construction, installation, maintenance, presence, use or removal of the Customer's facilities or equipment connected, or to be connected to the Company's facilities;
9. Any noncompletion of calls due to network busy conditions;
10. Any calls not actually attempted to be completed during any period that service is unavailable;
11. And any other claim resulting from any act or omission of the Customer or patron(s) of the Customer relating to the use of the Company's services or facilities.

F. The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations provided by it for use in an explosive atmosphere.

G. The Company makes no warranties or representations, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, either in fact or by operation of law, statutory or otherwise, including warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular use, except those expressly set forth herein.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.4 Liability of the Company, (Cont'd.)

- H. Failure by the Company to assert its rights pursuant to one provision of this rate sheet does not preclude the Company from asserting its rights under other provisions.
- I. Directory Errors - In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, no liability for damages arising from errors or mistakes in or omissions of directory listings, or errors or mistakes in or omissions of listing obtainable from the directory assistance operator, including errors in the reporting thereof, shall attach to the Company. An allowance for errors or mistakes in or omissions of published directory listings or for errors or mistakes in or omissions of listing obtainable from the directory assistance operator, the Company will issue a credit of not less than three months local service charges. Such credit shall not apply in cases where the Customer has provided such listing information after the deadline for directory publication.
- J. With respect to Emergency Number 911 Service:
 - 1. This service is offered solely as an aid in handling assistance calls in connection with fire, police and other emergencies. The Company is not responsible for any losses, claims, demands, suits or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made instituted or asserted by the Customer or by any other party or person for any personal injury or death of any person or persons, and for any loss, damage or destruction of any property, whether owned by the Customer or others, caused or claimed to have been caused by: (1) mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or other defects in the provision of service, of (2) installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, local or use of any equipment and facilities furnishing this service.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.4 Liability of the Company, (Cont'd.)

J. With respect to Emergency Number 911 Service (Cont'd.):

2. Neither is the Company responsible for any infringement, nor invasion of the right of privacy of any person or persons, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly, by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, occasion or use of emergency 911 service features and the equipment associated therewith, or by any services furnished by the Company, including, but not limited to the identification of the telephone number, address or name associated with the telephone used by the party or parties accessing emergency 911 service, and which arise out of the negligence or other wrongful act of the Company, the Customer, its users, agencies or municipalities, or the employees or agents of any one of them.
3. When a Customer with a non published telephone number, as defined herein, places a call to the emergency 911 service, the Company will release the name and address of the calling party, where such information can be determined, to the appropriate local governmental authority responsible for emergency 911 service upon request of such governmental authority. By subscribing to service under this rate sheet, the Customer acknowledges and agrees with the release of information as described above.

- K. 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 court's responsibility to adjudicate negligence and consequent damage claims, it is also the court's responsibility to determine the validity of the exculpatory clause.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.5 Notification of Service-Affecting Activities

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

2.1.6 Provision of Equipment and Facilities

- A. The Company shall use reasonable efforts to make available services to a Customer on or before a particular date, subject to the provisions of and compliance by the Customer.
- B. The Company shall use reasonable efforts to maintain only the facilities and equipment that it furnishes to the Customer. The Customer may not, nor may the Customer permit others to, rearrange, disconnect, remove, attempt to repair, or otherwise interfere with any of the facilities or equipment installed by the Company, except upon the written consent of the Company.
- C. The Company may substitute, change or rearrange any equipment or facility at any time and from time to time, but shall not thereby alter the technical parameters of the service provided the Customer.
- D. Equipment the Company provides or installs at the Customer Premises for use in connection with the services the Company offers shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which it was provided.
- E. The Customer shall be responsible for the payment of service charges as set forth herein for visits by the Company's agents or employees to the Premises of the Customer when the service difficulty or trouble report results from the use of equipment or facilities provided by any party other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.6 Provision of Equipment and Facilities, (Cont'd.)

F. The Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation, or maintenance of any Customer-provided communications equipment. Where such equipment is connected to the facilities furnished pursuant to this tariff, the responsibility of the Company shall be limited to the furnishing of facilities offered under this tariff and to the maintenance and operation of such facilities. Subject to this responsibility, the Company shall not be responsible for:

- .1 the transmission of signals by Customer-provided equipment or for the quality of, or defects in, such transmission; or
- .2 the reception of signals by Customer-provided equipment.

2.1.7 Non-routine Installation

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

2.1.8 Special Construction

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

- A. where facilities are not presently available, and there is no other requirement for the facilities so constructed;
- A. of a type other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
- C. over a route other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
- D. in a quantity greater than that which the Company would normally construct;

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.8 Special Construction, (Cont'd.)

- E. on an expedited basis;
- F. on a temporary basis until permanent facilities are available;
- G. involving abnormal costs; or
- H. in advance of its normal construction.

2.1.9 Ownership of Facilities

Title to all facilities provided in accordance with this rate sheet remains in the Company, its partners, agents, contractors or suppliers.

2.2 Prohibited Uses

- 2.2.1 The services the Company offers shall not be used for any unlawful purpose or for any use as to which the Customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents and permits.
- 2.2.2 The Company may require applicants for service who intend to use the Company's offerings for resale and/or for shared use to file a letter with the Company confirming that their use of the Company's offerings complies with relevant laws and Commission regulations, policies, orders, and decisions.
- 2.2.3 The Company may block any signals being transmitted over its Network by Customers that cause interference to the Company or other users. Customer shall be relieved of all obligations to make payments for charges relating to any blocked Service and shall indemnify the Company for any claim, judgment or liability resulting from such blockage.
- 2.2.4 A Customer, joint user, or authorized user may not assign, or transfer in any manner, the service or any rights associated with the service without the written consent of the Company. The Company will permit a Customer to transfer its existing service to another entity if the existing Customer has paid all charges owed to the Company for regulated communications services. Such a transfer will be treated as a disconnection of existing service and installation of new service, and non-recurring installation charges as stated in this tariff will apply.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer

2.3.1 General

The Customer is responsible for making proper application for service; placing any necessary order, complying with tariff regulations; payment of charges for services provided. Specific Customer responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. the payment of all applicable charges pursuant to this tariff;
- B. reimbursing the company for damage to or loss of Company facilities or equipment caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer; or the noncompliance by the Customer, with these regulations; or by fire or theft or other casualty on the Customer Premises, unless caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the employees or agents of the Company;
- C. providing at no charge, as specified from time to time by the Company, any needed personnel, equipment space and power to operate Company facilities and equipment installed on the premises of the Customer, and the level of heating and air conditioning necessary to maintain the proper operating environment on such premises;
- D. obtaining, maintaining, and otherwise having full responsibility for all rights-of-way and conduits necessary for installation of fiber optic cable and associated equipment used to provide Communication Services to the Customer from the cable building entrance or property line to the location of the equipment space described in 2.3.1(C.) Any and all costs associated with obtaining and maintaining the rights-of-way described herein, including the costs of altering the structure to permit installation of the Company-provided facilities, shall be borne entirely by, or may be charged by the Company to, the Customer. The Company may require the Customer to demonstrate its compliance with this section prior to accepting an order for service;
- E. providing a safe place to work and complying with all laws and regulations regarding the working conditions on the premises at which Company employees and agents shall be installing or maintaining Company facilities and equipment. The Customer may be required to install and maintain Company facilities and equipment within a hazardous area if, in the Company opinion, injury or damage to Company employees or property might result from installation or maintenance by the Company. The Customer shall be responsible for identifying, monitoring, removing and disposing of any hazardous material (e.g. asbestos) prior to any construction or installation work;

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.3 Responsibilities of the Customer, (Cont'd.)

2.3.1 General, (Cont'd.)

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

2.3.2 Liability of the Customer

- A. The Customer will be liable for damages to the facilities of the Company and for all incidental and consequential damages caused by the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the Customer, its officers, employees, agents, invites, or contractors where such acts or omissions are not the direct result of the Company's negligence or intentional misconduct.
- B. To the extent caused by any negligent or intentional act of the Customer as described in A., preceding, the Customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from and against all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for (1) any loss, destruction or damage to property of any third party, and (2) any liability incurred by the Company to any third party pursuant to this or any other rate sheet of the Company, or otherwise, for any interruption of, interference to, or other defect in any service provided by the Company to such third party.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.3 Responsibilities of the Customer, (Cont'd.)

2.3.2 Liability of the Customer

- C. The Customer shall not assert any claim against any other Customer or user of the Company's services for damages resulting in whole or in part from or arising in connection with the furnishing of service under this rate sheet including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or other defects or misrepresentations, whether or not such other Customer or user contributed in any way to the occurrence of the damages, unless such damages were caused solely by the negligent or intentional act or omission of the other Customer or user and not by any act or omission of the Company. Nothing in this rate sheet is intended either to limit or to expand Customer's right to assert any claims against third parties for damages of any nature other than those described in the preceding sentence.

2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels

2.4.1 General

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

2.4.2 Station Equipment

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

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.4.3 Interconnection of Facilities

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

2.4.4 Inspections

- A. Upon suitable notification to the Customer, and at a reasonable time, the Company may make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the Customer is complying with the requirements set forth in Section 2.4.2A. for the installation, operation, and maintenance of Customer-provided facilities, equipment, and wiring in the connection of Customer-provided facilities and equipment to Company-owned facilities and equipment.
- B. If the protective requirements for Customer-provided equipment are not being complied with, the Company may take such action as it deems necessary to protect its facilities, equipment, and personnel. The Company will notify the Customer promptly if there is any need for further corrective action. Within ten days of receiving this notice, the Customer must take this corrective action and notify the Company of the action taken. If the Customer fails to do this, the Company may take whatever additional action is deemed necessary, including the suspension of service, to protect its facilities, equipment and personnel from harm.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.5 Payment Arrangements

2.5.1 Payment for Service

The Customer is responsible for the payment of all charges for facilities and services furnished by the Company to the Customer and to all Authorized Users by the Customer, regardless of whether those services are used by the Customer itself or are resold to or shared with other persons. Charges based on actual usage during a month will be billed monthly in the month following the month in which the service was used. All fixed monthly and nonrecurring charges for services ordered will be billed monthly in advance.

The Customer is responsible for payment of any sales, use, gross receipts, excise, access or other local, state, federal and 911 taxes, charges or surcharges (however designated) (excluding taxes on Company net income) imposed on or based upon the provision, sale or use of Network Services.

Customers will only be charged once, on either an interstate or intrastate basis, for any nonrecurring charges.

Service will be billed directly by the Company on a monthly basis and is due and payable upon receipt or as specified on the Customer's bill. Service will continue to be provided until canceled by the Customer or discontinued by the Company as set forth in Section 2.5.6 of this tariff.

Where special construction is required, the Company reserves the right to require from an applicant for service advance payments of fixed charges and nonrecurring charges. The advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to the fixed charges and nonrecurring charge(s) for the special construction.

Advanced payments for special construction will be credited on the first bill in their entirety.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.5 Payment Arrangements, (Cont'd.)

2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges

Bills will be rendered monthly to Customer.

- A. All service, installation, monthly Recurring Charges and Nonrecurring Charges are due and payable upon receipt but no sooner than 19 days from the postmark on the bill.
- B. The Company shall present bills for Recurring Charges monthly to the Customer, in advance of the month in which service is provided. Usage charges will be billed in arrears.
- C. 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 thirty (30) days.
- D. Amounts not paid within thirty (30) days after the date of the invoice, but no sooner than nineteen (19) days after the postmark on the bill, are considered past due, and a late payment penalty shall be due the Company. The late payment penalty shall be that portion of the payment not received by the due date minus any charges billed as local taxes, multiplied by 1.5%.
- E. Billing of the Customer by the Company will begin on the Service Commencement Date, which is the first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the service or facility is available for use, except that the Service Commencement Date may be postponed by mutual agreement of the parties, or if the service or facility does not conform to standards set forth in this tariff or the Service Order. Billing accrues through and includes the day that the service, circuit, arrangement or component is discontinued.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.5 Payment Arrangements, (Cont'd.)

2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges, (Cont'd.)

- G. If service is disconnected by the Company in accordance with Section 2.5.6 following and later restored, restoration of service will be subject to all applicable installation charges.

2.5.3 Disputed Bills

- A. In the event that a billing dispute occurs concerning any charges billed to the Customer by the Company, the Company may require the Customer to pay the undisputed portion of the bill to avoid discontinuance of service for non-payment. The Customer must submit a documented claim for the disputed amount. The Customer will submit all documentation as may reasonably be required to support the claim.
- B. Unless disputed, the invoice shall be deemed to be correct and payable in full by the Customer. If the Customer is unable to resolve any dispute with the Company, then the Customer may file a complaint with the Public Utility Commission of Ohio. The Customer 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 5:30 PM on weekdays or at: www.PUCO.ohio.gov or at the following address:

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

Residential Customers may also contact the Ohio Consumers' Counsel for assistance with complaints and utility issues at 1-877-742-5622 (toll free) from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM on weekdays or at www.pickocc.org.

- C. If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Customer and the Customer has withheld the disputed amount, no interest credits or penalties will apply.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.5 Payment Arrangements, (Cont'd.)

2.5.4 Advance Payments

To safeguard its interests, the Company may require a Customer to make an advance payment before services and facilities are furnished, when special construction is required, as described in 2.5.1 preceding. The advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to the estimated non-recurring charges for the special construction and recurring charges (if any) for a period to be set between the Company and the Customer. The initial advance payment will be credited to the Customer's initial bill. Subsequent advance payments will be credited on the appropriate monthly bill. Advance payments do not accrue interest. An advance payment may be required in addition to a deposit.

2.5.5 Changes in Service Requested

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

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.6 Discontinuance of Service

2.6.1 General

- A. For the purposes of this section, all regulated telephone services provided by the Company, except toll service, shall be defined as local service.
- B. The Company may disconnect a Customer's local service for nonpayment of charges incurred for local service. The Company may disconnect a Customer's toll service for nonpayment of toll charges.
- C. The Company's disconnection notices must inform the Customer facing local service disconnection of the total amount which the Customer would need to pay in order to avoid disconnection of local service. It must also inform the Customer of the Company's legal obligation to provide local only service to Customers whose local service charges are paid, even while their toll service is disconnected for nonpayment of outstanding toll debt.
- D. The Company is prohibited from disconnecting any Customer's local service for nonpayment of charges incurred by the Customer for toll service.
- E. Partial payments by a Customer to the Company will be apportioned by the Company to its regulated local service charges first before being applied by the Company to any toll charges and will be apportioned to regulated telephone service charges first before being applied to charges for non-regulated services.
- F. The suspension or discontinuance of service(s) by the Company pursuant to this Section does not relieve the Customer of any obligation to pay the Company for charges due and owing for service(s) furnished during the time of or up to suspension or discontinuance.
- G. Upon the Company's discontinuance of service to the Customer under this Section, all applicable charges, including termination charges that may be set forth in the term contract or allowable under this tariff, shall become due. This is in addition to all other remedies that may be available to the Company at law or in equity or under any other provision of this tariff.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.6 Discontinuance of Service, (Cont'd.)

2.6.2 Disconnection for Reasons other than Nonpayment

A. The Company may, after notification, or attempt to notify through any reasonable means, disconnect service when any of the following conditions exist:

1. A violation of or noncompliance with the Company rules or tariffs on file with the Commission;
2. A failure to comply with municipal ordinances or other laws pertaining to telecommunications services;
3. A refusal by the Subscriber to permit the local service provider access to its facilities.
4. When the subscriber has committed a fraudulent practice as set forth and defined in the Company tariffs on file with the Commission.

B. The Company may without prior notice disconnect service when any of the following conditions exist:

1. An emergency may threaten the health or safety of a person, or the local service provider's distribution system. If service is disconnected, the Company shall act promptly to restore service as soon as possible;
2. A subscriber's use of telecommunications equipment adversely affects the Company's equipment, its service to others, or the safety of the Company's employees or subscribers; or
3. A subscriber tampers with facilities or equipment owned by the Company.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.7 Allowances for Interruptions in Service

2.7.1 Credit for Interruptions

- A. When the use of service or facilities furnished by the Company is interrupted due to any cause other than the negligence or willful act of the Customer, or the operation or failure of the facilities or equipment provided by the Customer, a pro rate adjustment of the monthly recurring charges subject to interruption will be allowed for the service and facilities rendered useless and inoperative by reason of the interruption.
- B. If the Customer reports a service, facility or circuit to be inoperative but declines to release it for testing and repair, it is considered to be impaired, but not interrupted. Only those facilities on the interrupted portion of the circuit will receive a credit. Credit allowances for service outages that exceed twenty-four (24) hours in duration will be rounded up to the next whole 24 hours.

2.7.2 Limitations of Allowances

Limitations of Allowances apply when the interruption is caused by:

- 1. As a result of a negligent or willful act on the part of the subscriber;
- 2. Occurs as a result of a malfunction of subscriber-owned telephone equipment or inside wire;
- 3. Occurs as a result of a military action, war, insurrection, riot, or strike; or
- 4. Cannot be repaired due to the subscriber missing a repair appointment.

2.7.3 Use of Another Means of Communications

If the Customer elects to use another means of communications during the period of interruption, the Customer must pay the charges for the alternative service used.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.8 Joint Use Arrangements

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

2.9 Cancellation by Customer

Customers may cancel service verbally or in writing. The company shall hold the Customer responsible for payment of all charges, including fixed fees, surcharges, etc., which accrue up to the cancellation date. Customers that cancel the primary local exchange line will have the entire Account disconnected, including any secondary line and all associated features. In the event the Customer executes a term commitment agreement with the Company, the Customer must cancel service and terminate the agreement in accordance with the agreement terms.

2.10 Cancellation of Service/Termination Liability

If a Customer cancels a Service Order or terminates services before the completion of the term for any reason whatsoever other than a service interruption (as defined in Section 2.7.1 above), the Customer agrees to pay to the Company termination liability charges, as defined below. These charges shall become due as of the effective date of the cancellation or termination and be payable within the period, set forth in Section 2.5.2.

2.10.1 Termination Liability

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

- A. all unpaid Non-Recurring charges reasonably expended by the Company to establish service to the Customer; plus
- B. any disconnection, early cancellation or termination charges reasonably incurred and paid to third parties by the Company on behalf of the Customer; plus
- C. all Recurring Charges specified in the applicable Service Order Tariff for the balance of the then current term discounted at the prime rate announced in the Wall Street Journal on the third business day following the date of cancellation;
- D. minus a reasonable allowance for costs avoided by the Company as a direct result of the Customer's cancellation.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.11 Transfers and Assignments

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

- A. to any subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company; or
- B. pursuant to any sale or transfer of substantially all the assets of the Company; or
- C. pursuant to any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company.

2.12 Customer Liability for Unauthorized Use of the Network

Unauthorized use of the network occurs when a person or entity that does not have actual, apparent, or implied authority to use the network, obtains Company services provided under this tariff. Unauthorized use of the network includes, but is not limited to, lost or stolen calling cards, abuse or misuse of the Customer's service by third parties, the Customer's employees or the public.

2.13 Notices and Communications

- 2.13.1 The Customer shall designate on the Service Order the address to which the Company shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that the Customer may also designate a separate address to which Company bills for service shall be mailed.
- 2.13.2 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.
- 2.13.3 Except as otherwise stated in this tariff, all notices or other communications required to be given pursuant to this tariff will be in writing. Notices and other communications of either party, and all bills mailed by the Company, shall be presumed to have been delivered to the other party on the third business day following placement of the notice, communication or bill with the U.S. Mail or a private delivery service, prepaid and properly addressed, or when actually received or refused by the addressee, whichever occurs first.
- 2.13.4 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.
- 2.13.5 Customer bills will contain all of the information required by the Ohio Administrative Code.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.14 Miscellaneous Provisions

2.14.1 Telephone Number Changes

Whenever any Customer's telephone number is changed after a directory is published, the Company shall intercept all calls to the former number for at least one hundred and twenty (120) days and give the calling party the new number provided existing central office equipment will permit, and the Customer so desires.

When service in an existing location is continued for a new Customer, the existing telephone number may be retained by the new Customer only if the former Customer consents in writing, and if all charges against the account are paid or assumed by the new Customer.

2.14.2 Maintenance and Operations Records

Records of various tests and inspections, to include non-routine corrective maintenance actions or monthly traffic analysis summaries for network administration, necessary for the purposes of the Company or to fulfill the requirements of Commission rules shall be kept on file in the office of the Company as required under Commission rules.

SECTION 3 - SERVICE AREAS

3.1 Exchange Service Areas

The Company provides Local exchange services, subject to availability of facilities and equipment, in areas currently served by the Incumbent LECs:

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AT&T Ohio

(T)

CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink

(N)

United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink

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Frontier North Inc.

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Windstream Ohio, Inc.

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Windstream Western Reserve, Inc.

(N)

The Company concurs in the exchange, rate class, local calling area, and zone designations specified in the Local Exchange Services Tariffs of the above listed ILECs in their entireties. The Company does not concur in the rates of the ILECs. The Company's rates are set forth in this tariff.

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SECTION 4 - SERVICE CHARGES AND SURCHARGES

4.1 Service Order and Change Charges

Service Order and Change Charges are one-time charges associated with a service or item of equipment which applies on a per-item basis each time the service or an item of equipment is provided and includes, but is not limited to the following:

Service Connection Charge: A Service Connection Charge is a one-time charge, which applies for Company work associated with activities to set up/change accounts, including, but not limited to, service order issuance, programming, billing, etc., for installations, moves, changes, or rearrangements of services and/or equipment.

Subsequent Non-Recurring Charge: A non-recurring charge may apply to the installation, change, or move of services, as specified in tariffs for each service or item of equipment, in addition to rates identified within this section of the tariff.

Service Connection Charges are in addition to other rates and charges normally applying under the tariffs. They apply in addition to construction charges made because of unusual costs in establishing service.

SECTION 4 - SERVICE CHARGES AND SURCHARGES, (CONT'D.)

4.1 Service Order and Change Charges, (Cont'd.)

4.1.2 Nonrecurring Charges

A.	AT&T Ohio Area			(T)
		Residence	Business	
	Service Order Charge, per Order:	\$16.95	\$24.95	
	New Installation Charge, per Line:	\$17.95	\$39.95	
	Change Charge, per Order:	\$27.95	\$39.95	
B.	CenturyLink, Frontier and Windstream Areas			(N)
		Residence	Business	
	Service Order Charge, per Order:	N/A*	\$15.00	
	New Installation Charge, per Line:	N/A*	\$30.00	
	Change Charge, per Order:	N/A*	\$15.00	(N)

*Residential Services Not Available.

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SECTION 4 - SERVICE CHARGES AND SURCHARGES, (CONT'D.)

4.2 Premises Visit Charge

Premises Visit charges apply when the installation of network access facilities or trouble resolution require a visit to the Customer's premises. This charge applies in addition to the Technician Dispatch Charge. The Customer will be advised before a visit of the possibility of a premise charge. The Customer will also be advised to check the Network Interface Device (NID) in accordance with PUCO Case No. 86-927-TP-COI. The Customer will also be advised that if a NID is not in place and the Company cannot ascertain with certainty that the service difficulty is located on the Customer's side of the demarcation point, the Company is required to come to the location at no charge to diagnose the problem and install a NID at no charge during this premises visit.

	MAXIMUM	CURRENT
Rate Per Hour:	\$125.00	\$75.00

4.3 Service Restoral Charge

A service restoral charge applies each time a service is reconnected after suspension or termination for nonpayment but before cancellation of the service, as deemed in Section I of this Tariff.

	MAXIMUM	CURRENT
Restoration, per line:	\$45.95	29.95

SECTION 4 - SERVICE CHARGES AND SURCHARGES, (CONT'D.)

4.4 Carrier Presubscription

4.4.1 General

Carrier Presubscription is a procedure whereby a Customer designates to the Company the carrier that the Customer wishes to be the carrier of choice for intraLATA and interLATA toll calls. Such calls are automatically directed to the designated carrier, without the need to use carrier access codes or additional dialing to direct the call to the designated carrier. Presubscription does not prevent a Customer who has presubscribed to an IntraLATA or InterLATA toll carrier from using carrier access codes or additional dialing to direct calls to an alternative long distance carrier on a per call basis.

4.4.2 Presubscription Options - Customers may select the same carrier or separate carriers for intraLATA and interLATA long distance. The following options for long distance Presubscription are available:

- Option A: Customer selects the Company as the presubscribed carrier for IntraLATA and InterLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.
- Option B: Customer may select the Company as the presubscribed carrier for IntraLATA calls subject to presubscription and some other carrier as the presubscribed carrier for interLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.
- Option C: Customer may select a carrier other than the Company for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription and the Company for interLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.
- Option D: Customer may select the carrier other than the Company for both intraLATA and interLATA toll calls subject to presubscription
- Option E: Customer may select two different carriers, neither being the Company for intraLATA and interLATA toll calls. One carrier to be the Customers primary intraLATA interexchange carrier. The other carrier to be the Customers primary interLATA interexchange carrier.
- Option F: Customer may select a carrier other than the Company for no presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription which will require the Customer to dial a carrier access code to route all intraLATA toll calls to the carrier of choice for each call.

SECTION 4 - SERVICE CHARGES AND SURCHARGES, (CONT'D.)

4.4 Carrier Presubscription, (Cont'd.)

4.4.3 Rules and Regulations

Customers of record will retain their primary interexchange carrier(s) until they request that their dialing arrangements be changed.

Customers of record or new Customers may select either Options A, B, C, D, E or F for intraLATA Presubscription.

Customers may change their selected Option and/or presubscribed toll carrier at any time subject to charges specified in 4.4.5 below:

4.4.4 Presubscription Procedures

A new Customer will be asked to select intraLATA and interLATA toll carriers at the time the Customer places an order to establish local exchange service with the Company. The Company will process the Customers' order for service. All new Customers' initial requests for intraLATA toll service presubscription shall be provided free of charge.

If a new Customer is unable to make selection at the time the new Customer places an order to establish local exchange service, the Company will read a random listing of all available intraLATA and interLATA carriers to aid the Customer in selection. If selection is still not possible, the Company will inform the Customer that he/she will be given 90 calendar days in which to inform the Company of his/her choice for primary toll carrier(s) free of charge. Until the Customer informs the Company of his/her choice of primary toll carrier, the Customer will not have access to long distance services on a presubscribed basis, but rather will be required to dial a carrier access code to route all toll calls to the carrier(s) of choice. Customers who inform the Company of a choice for toll carrier presubscription within the 90 day period will not be assessed a service charge for the initial Customer request.

Customers of record may initiate a intraLATA or interLATA presubscription change at any time, subject to the charges specified in 4.4.5 below. If a Customer of record inquires of the Company of the carriers available for toll presubscription, the Company will read a random listing of all available intraLATA carriers to aid the Customer in selection.

SECTION 4 - SERVICE CHARGES AND SURCHARGES, (CONT'D.)

4.4 Carrier Presubscription, (Cont'd.)

4.4.5 Presubscription Charges

A. Application of Charges

After a Customer's initial selection for a presubscribed toll carrier and as detailed in Paragraph 4.4.4 above, for any change thereafter, an Presubscription Change Charge, as set for the below will apply. Customers who request a change in intraLATA and interLATA carriers with the same order will be assessed a single charge per line.

The Presubscription Change Charge shall be applied as follows:

1. The charge shall be no greater than those set forth in below, unless modified by a company-specific Commission approved tariff.
2. If a Customer 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. Nonrecurring Charges

Per business or residence line, trunk, or port	
Initial Line, or Trunk or Port	\$5.50

SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES

5.1 General

Local exchange service is offered to business and residential Customers on a presubscription basis from equal access originating end offices only. Rates for service may vary by call type and/or term commitment. Usage rates, per call charges and monthly fees may apply. In addition, applicable Service Order and other non-recurring charges may apply. Call timing is defined in the description for each service. Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Service is available where technically feasible and where facilities permit. Spectrotel mirrors the Rate Group designations of the incumbent LEC.

5.1.1 Application of Business and Residential Rates

- A. The determination as to whether telephone service should be classified as Business or Residential is based on the character of the use to be made of the service. Service is classified as Business service where the use is primarily or substantially of a business, professional, institutional, or otherwise occupational nature. Where the business use, if any, is incidental and where the major use is of a personal or domestic nature at the person's dwelling, service is classified as Residential service.
- B. Business rates apply at the following locations, among others:
 - 1. In offices, stores and factories, and in quarters occupied by clubs, lodges, fraternal societies, schools, colleges, libraries, hospitals, and other business establishments.
 - 2. In residence locations where the place of residence is in the immediate proximity to a place of business and it is evident that the telephone in the residence is or will be used for business purposes, and in residence locations where an extension is located at a place where business rates would apply.
 - 3. In the residence of a practicing physician, dentist, veterinary, surgeon, or other medical practitioner who has no service at business rates at another location.
 - 4. In any residence location where there is substantial business use of the service and the Customer has no service at business rates.

SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

5.1 General, (Cont'd.)

5.1.1 Application of Business and Residential Rates

- C. Residence rates apply at the following locations, among others:
 - 1. In private residences; in the residential portion of hotels, apartment houses, boarding houses, churches, or institutions when the use of the service is confined to the domestic use of the Customer and listings of a business nature are not furnished.
 - 2. In the residence of a practicing physician, dentist, veterinarian, surgeon, or other medical practitioner provided that such residence is not a part of an office building and provided the Customer has service charged for at business rates another location.
- D. Calls are measured in durational increments identified for each service. All calls that are fractions of a measurement increment are rounded-up to the next whole unit.
- E. Timing on completed calls begins when the call is answered by the called party. Answering is determined by hardware answer supervision in all cases where this signaling is provided by the terminating local carrier and any intermediate carrier(s). Timing for operator service person-to-person calls start with completion of the connection to the person called or an acceptable substitute station called.
- F. Timing terminates on all calls when the calling party hangs up or the Company's network receives an off-hook signal from the terminating carrier.
- G. Calls originating in one time period and terminating in another will be billed in proportion to the rates in effect during different segments of the call.
- H. All times refer to local time.

SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

5.2 Basic Local Exchange Service

5.2.1 General

Basic Local Exchange Service provides a Customer with a telephonic connection to, and a unique telephone number on, the Company switching network that enables the Customer to:

- a) receive calls from other stations on the public switched telephone network;
- b) access the Company's Local Calling Services and other Services as set forth in this tariff;
- c) access interexchange calling services of the Company and of other carriers;
- d) access (at no additional charge) to the Company's operators and business office for service related assistance;
- e) access toll-free telecommunications services such as 800 NPA; and access toll-free emergency services by dialing 0 or 9-1-1 (where available);
- f) access relay services for the hearing and/or speech impaired.

Basic Local Exchange Services cannot be used to originate calls to caller-paid information services (e.g., 900, 976) provided by other companies. Calls to those numbers and other numbers used for caller-paid information services will be blocked by the Company's switch. Each Basic Local Exchange Service corresponds to one or more telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time.

Individual line Residence and Business Basic Local Exchange Service is comprised of exchange access lines defined as follows:

Exchange Access Line - The service central office line equipment and all the Company plant facilities up to the demarcation point. These facilities are Company-provided and maintained and provide access to and from the telecommunications network for message toll service and for local calling appropriate to the tariffed use offering selected by the Customer.

SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

5.3 Residential Local Exchange Service

5.3.1 Description

Flat Rate Residential Local Exchange Service provides a Customer with a single, analog, voice-grade telephonic communications channel that can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Flat Rate Local Exchange Service lines are provided for the connection of Customer-provided wiring, telephone, facsimile machines or other station equipment. Local exchange service lines and trunks are provided on a single party (individual) basis only. No multi-party lines are provided.

Recurring charges for Flat Rate Local Exchange Service are billed monthly in advance. Non-recurring charges for installation or rearrangement of service are billed on the next month's bill immediately following work performed by the Company.

SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

5.4 Business Local Exchange Service

5.4.1 Description

Local exchange service lines and trunks are provided on a single party (individual) basis only. No multi-party lines are provided. Service is available on a flat rate, measured rate or message rate basis depending on the service plan selected by the Customer. Not all service plans will be available in all areas.

Recurring charges for Business Local Exchange Service are billed monthly in advance. Usage charges, if applicable, are billed in arrears. Non-recurring charges for installation or rearrangement of service are billed on the next month's bill immediately following work performed by the Company.

Service Options:

- A. Basic Measured Business Line Service
Basic Measured Business Line Service provides business Customers with measured local calling service. Local calls will be billed on a per-minute of use basis. Basic Measured Business Line Service includes support for Touch-Tone.
- B. Premium Measured Business Line Service
Premium Measured Business Line Service provides business Customers with measured local calling service. Local calls will be billed on a per-minute of use basis. Premium Measured Business Line Service.
- C. Basic Message Business Line Service
Basic Message Business Line Service provides business Customers with local calling service where local calls are billed on a per-message or per-call basis. Basic Message Business Line Service includes support for Touch-Tone.
- D. Premium Message Business Line Service
Premium Message Business Line Service provides business Customers with local calling service where local calls are billed on a per-message or per-call basis. Premium Message Business Line Service.
- E. Advantage Unlimited Service
Advantage Unlimited Service provides business Customers with unlimited local calling only.

SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

5.5 Business Local Exchange Service, (Cont'd.)

5.5.2 Rates and Charges

A. Measured Business Line Service

1. AT&T Area (T)

MAXIMUM (T)

SERVICE TYPE

	Basic Measured <u>Business Line</u>	Premium Measured <u>Business Line</u>	(T)
Monthly Recurring Charge:			
Rate Group			
B	\$22.95	\$27.95	
C	\$23.50	\$30.50	
D	\$29.50	\$33.50	

Local Usage Charge:			(T)
Initial MOU	\$0.0485	\$0.0485	
Additional MOU	\$0.0125	\$0.0125	

CURRENT (T)

SERVICE TYPE

	Basic Measured <u>Business Line</u>	Premium Measured <u>Business Line</u>	(T)
Monthly Recurring Charge:			
Rate Group			
B	\$15.95	\$18.95	
C	\$17.50	\$20.50	
D	\$19.50	\$22.50	

Local Usage Charge:			(T)
Initial MOU	\$0.0335	\$0.0335	
Additional MOU	\$0.0085	\$0.0085	

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5.5 Business Local Exchange Service, (Cont'd.)

5.5.2 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

A. Measured Business Line Service

2. CenturyLink, Frontier and Windstream Areas

(N)

MAXIMUM

SERVICE TYPE

Basic Measured Business Line

Monthly Recurring Charge: \$54.00

Local Usage Charge:

Initial MOU \$0.0360

Additional MOU \$0.0360

CURRENT

SERVICE TYPE

Basic Measured Business Line

Monthly Recurring Charge: \$27.00

Local Usage Charge:

Initial MOU \$0.0180

Additional MOU \$0.0180

(N)

SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

5.5 Business Local Exchange Service, (Cont'd.)

5.5.2 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

B. Message Business Line Service

1. MAXIMUM

		SERVICE TYPE	
		<u>Basic Message Business Line</u>	<u>Premium Message Business Line</u>
Rate Group	B	\$22.95	\$27.95
	C	\$23.50	\$30.50
	D	\$29.50	\$33.50
Local Usage			
	Per Month	\$8.25	\$8.25
	Call Allowance	75	75
	Per Additional Message	\$0.099	\$0.099

2. CURRENT

		SERVICE TYPE	
		<u>Basic Message Business Line</u>	<u>Premium Message Business Line</u>
Rate Group	B	\$15.95	\$18.95
	C	\$17.50	\$20.50
	D	\$19.50	\$22.50
Local Usage			
	Per Month	\$5.25	\$5.25
	Call Allowance	75	75
	Per Additional Message	\$0.069	\$0.069

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5.5 Business Local Exchange Service, (Cont'd.)

5.5.2 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

C. Advantage Unlimited Service

1. MAXIMUM

Rate Group

B	\$45.95
C	\$48.95
D	\$51.95

Local Usage Included

2. CURRENT

Rate Group

B	\$30.95
C	\$32.95
D	\$34.95

Local Usage Included

SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

5.5 Business Local Exchange Service, (Cont'd.)

5.5.2 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

D. Flat Rate Local Business Line

1. CenturyLink, Frontier and Windstream Areas

Monthly Recurring Charge: MAXIMUM
\$58.00

Monthly Recurring Charge: CURRENT
\$29.00

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(N)

SECTION 6 – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES AND RATES

6.1 Directory Listing Service

6.1.1 General Terms and Conditions

- A. The Company shall provide for a single directory listing, termed the primary listing, in the telephone directory published by the dominant exchange service provider in the Customer's exchange areas of the Station number which is designated as the Customer's main billing number. Directory listings of additional Company Station numbers, other than the Customer's main billing number, associated with a Customer's service will be provided for a monthly recurring charge per listing.
- B. The Company reserves the right to limit the length of any listing in the directory by the use of abbreviations when, in its judgment, the clearness of the listing, or the identification of the Customer is not impaired thereby. Where more than one line is required to properly list the Customer, no additional charge is made.
- C. The Company may refuse a listing which is known not to constitute a legally authorized or adopted name, obscenities in the name, or any listing which, in the opinion of the Company, is likely to mislead or deceive calling persons as to the identity of the listed party, or is a contrived name used for advertising purposes or to secure a preferential position in the directory or is more elaborate than is reasonably necessary to identify the listed party. The Company, upon notification to the Customer, will withdraw any listing which is found to be in violation of its rules with respect thereto.
- D. Each listing must be designated Government or Business to be placed in the appropriate section of the directory. In order to aid the user of the directory, and to avoid misleading or deceiving the calling party as to the identity of the listed party, only business listings may be placed in the Business Section and only residential listings in the Residential section. The Company, upon notification to the Customer, will withdraw any listing which is found to be in violation of its rules with respect thereto.
- E. In order for listings to appear in an upcoming directory, the Customer must furnish the listing to the Company in time to meet the directory publishing schedule.
- F. Rates and regulations for listing service are applicable only to listings in the alphabetical directories.
- G. Directory listings are limited to such information as is essential to the identification of the listed party. The listing of a service, commodity, or trade name is not permitted unless it is the name, or an integral part of the name, under which the Customer does business.

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SECTION 6 – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

6.1 Directory Listing Service, (Cont'd.)

6.1.1 General Terms and Conditions, (Cont'd.)

- H. A listing is limited to one line in the directory, except where in the judgment of the Company, more than one line is required to identify the Customer properly. In such cases, the additional lines required are provided at no extra charge.
- I. Listing services are available with all classes of main telephone exchange service.

6.1.2 Listings

A. Primary Listing

One listing, termed the initial listing is included with each Customer's service, and with the initial line of a line hunting group.

B. Nonpublished Service

Nonpublished service means that the Customer's telephone number is not listed in the directory, nor does it appear in the Company's Directory Assistance Records. However, such information may be displayed on a call-by-call basis at Public Safety Answering Point locations where Enhanced Universal Emergency Number service is provided (E911). The Company will complete calls to a non-published number only when the caller dials direct or gives the operator number. No exceptions will be made, even if the caller says it is an emergency.

When the Company agrees to keep a number unlisted, it does so without any obligation. Except for cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct, the Company is not liable for any damages that might arise from publishing a non-published number in the directory or disclosing it to some. If, in error, the telephone number is published in the directory, the Company's only obligation is to credit or refund any monthly charges the Customer paid for non-published service.

The subscriber indemnifies (i.e., promises to reimburse the Company for any amount the Company must pay as a result of) and save the Company harmless against any and all claims for damages caused or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by the publication of a non-published service or the disclosing of said number to any person.

SECTION 6 – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

6.1 Directory Listing Service, (Cont'd.)

6.1.2 Listings, (Cont'd.)

E. Nondirectory Listed Service

Nondirectory listed service means that the Customer's telephone number is not listed in the directory, but does it appear in the Company Directory Assistance Records.

This service is subject to the rules and regulations for E911 service, where applicable.

The Company will complete calls to a non-listed number.

When the Company agrees to keep a number unlisted, it does so without any obligation. Except for cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct, the Company is not liable for any damages that might arise from publishing a non-listed number in the directory or disclosing it to some. If, in error, the telephone number is listed in the directory, the only obligation of the Company is to credit or refund any monthly charges the Customer paid for non-listed service.

The subscriber indemnifies (i.e., promises to reimburse the Company for any amount the Company must pay as a result of) and save the Company harmless against any and all claims for damages caused or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by the publication of a nondirectory listed service or the disclosing of said number to any person.

SECTION 6 – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

6.1 Directory Listing Service (Cont'd.)

6.1.3 Rates

A. Nonrecurring Charges

1. AT&T Ohio, United Telephone, Frontier and Windstream Areas (T)

	Residential	Business
Primary Listing	N/C	N/C
Non-Published, per line	\$0.00	\$0.00
Non-Listed Service, per listing:	\$0.00	\$0.00

2. Monthly Recurring Charges

a. AT&T Ohio Area (T)

	Residential	Business
Primary Listing	N/C	N/C
Non-Published, per Line (<i>maximum</i>)	\$15.00	\$15.00
Non-Listed Service, per Listing:	\$1.00	\$1.00
Semi-Private Listing Service, Per Listing	\$1.00	\$1.00

b. CenturyLink, Frontier and Windstream Areas (N)

	Residential	Business
Primary Listing	N/C	N/C
Non-Published, per Line (<i>maximum</i>)	N/A *	\$4.00
Non-Listed Service, per Listing:	N/A *	\$4.00
Semi-Private Listing Service, Per Listing	N/A *	\$4.00

*Residential Services Not Available.

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SECTION 7 - SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

7.1 Special Construction

7.1.1 Basis for Charges

Basis for Charges where the Company furnishes a facility or service for which a rate or charge is not specified in the Company's tariffs, charges will be based on the costs incurred by the Company (including return) and may include:

- A. nonrecurring charges;
- B. recurring charges;
- C. termination liabilities; or
- D. combinations of A, B, and C.

7.1.2 Basis for Cost Computation

The costs referred to in 8.1 preceding may include one or more of the following items to the extent they are applicable:

- A. Costs to install the facilities to be provided including estimated costs for the rearrangements of existing facilities. These costs include:
 - 1. equipment and materials provided or used;
 - 2. engineering, labor, and supervision;
 - 3. transportation; and
 - 4. rights of way and/or any required easements.
- B. Cost of maintenance.
- C. Depreciation on the estimated cost installed of any facilities provided, based on the anticipated useful service life of the facilities with an appropriate allowance for the estimated net salvage.
- D. Administration, taxes, and uncollectible revenue on the basis of reasonable average cost for these items.
- E. License preparation, processing, and related fees.
- F. Tariff preparation, processing and related fees.
- G. Any other identifiable costs related to the facilities provided; or
- H. An amount for return and contingencies.

SECTION 7 - SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS (CONT'D.)

7.1 Special Construction (Cont'd.)

7.1.3 Termination Liability

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

- A. The period on which the termination liability is based is the estimated service life of the facilities provided.
- B. The amount of the maximum termination liability is equal to the estimated amounts (including return) for:
 - .1 Costs to install the facilities to be provided including estimated costs for the rearrangements of existing facilities. These costs include:
 - (a.) equipment and materials provided or used;
 - (b.) engineering, labor, and supervision;
 - (c.) transportation; and
 - (d.) rights of way and/or any required easements;
 - .2 license preparation, processing, and related fees;
 - .3 tariff preparation, processing and related fees;
 - .4 cost of removal and restoration, where appropriate; and
 - .5 any other identifiable costs related to the specially constructed or rearranged facilities.
- C. The termination liability method for calculating the unpaid balance of a term obligation is obtained by multiplying the sum of the amounts determined as set forth in Section 7.1.3.B preceding by a factor related to the unexpired period of liability and the discount rate for return and contingencies. The amount determined in Section 7.1.3.B preceding shall be adjusted to reflect the redetermined estimated net salvage, including any reuse of the facilities provided. This amount shall be adjusted to reflect applicable taxes.

SECTION 7 - SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS (CONT'D.)

7.2 Non-Routine Installation and/or Maintenance

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

7.3 Individual Case Basis (ICB) Arrangements

Rates for ICB arrangements will be developed on a case-by-case basis in response to a bona fide request from a Customer or prospective Customer for service which vary from tariffed arrangements. Rates quoted in response to such requests may be different for tariffed service than those specified for such service in the Rate Attachment. ICB rates will be offered to Customers in writing and will be made available to similarly situated Customers. A summary of each ICB contract pricing arrangement offered pursuant to this paragraph will be filed as an addendum to this Tariff within 30 days after the contract is signed by both the Company and the Customer. The following information will be included in the summary:

- a. LATA and type of switch
- b. The V&H distance from the central office to the Customer's premises
- c. Service description
- d. Rates and charges
- e. Quantity of circuits
- f. Length of the agreement.

SECTION 8 - PROMOTIONAL OFFERINGS

8.1 General

From time to time the Company shall, at its option, promote subscription or stimulate network usage by offering to waive some or all of the nonrecurring or recurring charges for the Customer (if eligible) of target services for a limited duration. Such promotions shall be made available to all similarly situated Customers in the target market area. The Company shall file promotions with the Commission for tariff approval prior to offering service at promotional rates

8.2 Demonstration of Service

From time to time the Company may demonstrate service for potential Customers by providing free use of its network on a limited basis for a period of time, not to exceed one (1).

EXHIBIT B

**SPECTROTEL, INC.
D/B/A ONETOUCH COMMUNICATIONS
D/B/A TOUCH BASE COMMUNICATIONS**

REVISED TARIFF SHEETS

This Tariff, Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC d/b/a Touch Base Communications' P.U.C.O. Tariff No. 4, cancels and replaces Spectrotel, Inc. d/b/a OneTouch Communications d/b/a Touch Base Communications' P.U.C.O. Tariff No. 3 in its entirety.

TITLE SHEET

SPECTROTEL OF THE MIDWEST LLC
D/B/A TOUCH BASE COMMUNICATIONS

Certificate No. 90-9287-TRF

REGULATIONS AND SCHEDULE OF INTRASTATE CHARGES
APPLYING TO LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE
WITHIN THE STATE OF OHIO

This Tariff describes the Company's Regulated Local Terms, Conditions, Payments and Rates and Charges offered by Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC d/b/a Touch Base Communications with principal offices at 3535 State Highway 66, Suite 7, Neptune, New Jersey 07753.

This tariff is on file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the Company's principal place of business.

This tariff is compliance with Rule 4901:1-6, OAC.

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

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

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

APPLICATION OF TARIFF

Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC d/b/a Touch Base Communications provides telecommunications services in accordance with the requirements of the Ohio Administrative Code and the Ohio Revised Code apply to the operations of the Company. The Company will comply with the Commission's policies and requirements for persons with communications disabilities and privacy and number disclosure requirements covered in subject cases. Any changes in terms or conditions of this tariff and/or operations of the Company will generate an obligation of the Company to provide notice of such changes in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

SERVICE AREA DESCRIPTION

Spectrotel will offer service in those areas currently served by AT&T Ohio, CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink, Frontier North Inc., Windstream Ohio, Inc. and Windstream Western Reserve, Inc.

This tariff is effective only where an interconnection agreement is effective between Spectrotel and the underlying carrier. Specific service area information may be found in Section 3 of this tariff.

TARIFF FORMAT

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

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS

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

Authorization Code - A numerical code, one or more of which may be assigned to a Customer, to enable Carrier to identify the origin of service of the Customer so it may rate and bill the call. All authorization codes shall be the sole property of Carrier and no Customer shall have any property or other right or interest in the use of any particular authorization code. Automatic numbering identification (ANI) may be used as or in connection with the authorization code.

Authorized User - A person, firm or corporation authorized by the Customer to be an end-user of the service of the Customer.

Automatic Numbering Identification (ANI) - A type of signaling provided by a local exchange telephone company which automatically identifies the local exchange line from which a call originates.

Common Carrier - An authorized company or entity providing telecommunications services to the public

Commission – Public Utility Commission of Ohio.

Company - Whenever used in this tariff, “Company” refers to Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC d/b/a Touch Base Communications, unless otherwise specified or clearly indicated by the context.

Customer - The person, firm or corporation that orders service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the terms and conditions of this tariff.

Customer Premises - A location designated by the Customer for the purposes of connecting to the Company’s services.

Customer Terminal Equipment - Terminal equipment provided by the Customer.

Deposit - Refers to a cash or equivalent of cash security held as a guarantee for payment of the charges.

End Office - With respect to each NPA-NXX code prefix assigned to the Company, the location of the Company’s “end office” for purposes of this tariff shall be the point of interconnection associated with that NPA-NXX code in the Local Exchange Routing Guide “ALERG”, issued by Telcordia.

Equal Access - A form of dialed access provided by local exchange companies whereby interexchange calls dialed by the Customer are automatically routed to the Company network. Presubscribed Customers may also route interexchange calls to the Company network by dialing an access code supplied by the Company.

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS, (CONT'D.)

Exchange Telephone Company or Telephone Company - Denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, or corporation authorized by the appropriate regulatory bodies to engage in providing public switched communication service throughout an exchange area, and between exchange areas within the LATA.

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

IXC or Interexchange Carrier- A long distance telecommunications services provider.

Interruption - The inability to complete calls due to equipment malfunctions or human errors. Interruption shall not include, and no allowance shall be given for service difficulties such as slow dial tone, circuits busy or other network and/or switching capability shortages. Nor shall Interruption include the failure of any service or facilities provided by a common carrier or other entity other than the Carrier. Any Interruption allowance provided within this Tariff by Carrier shall not apply where service is interrupted by the negligence or willful act of the Customer, or where the Carrier, pursuant to the terms of this Tariff, terminates service because of non-payment of bills, unlawful or improper use of the Carrier's facilities or service, or any other reason covered by this Tariff or by applicable law.

Joint User - A person, firm or corporation designated by the Customer as a user of local exchange service furnished to the Customer by the Company, and to whom a portion of the charges for such facilities are billed under a joint use arrangement.

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

LEC - Local Exchange Company refers to the dominant, monopoly local telephone company in the area also served by the Company.

Local Calling - A completed call or telephonic communication between a calling Station and any other Station within the local service area of the Calling Station.

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

MOU - Minutes of Use.

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS, (CONT'D.)

Non-Recurring Charge "NRC" - The initial charge, usually assessed on a one-time basis, to initiate and establish service.

PIN - Personal Identification Number. See Authorization Code.

Point of Presence "POP" - Point of Presence

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

Recurring Charges - Monthly charges to the Customer for services, and equipment, which continues for the agreed upon duration of the service.

Service - Any means of service offered herein or any combination thereof.

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

Service Order - The written request for Company services executed by the Customer and the Company in the format devised by the Company. The signing of a Service Order Form by the Customer and acceptance by the Company initiates the respective obligations of the parties as set forth therein and pursuant to this tariff.

Services - The Company telecommunications services offered on the Company network.

Shared Inbound Calls - Refers to calls that are terminated via the Customer's Company-provided local exchange line.

Shared Outbound Calls - Refers to calls in Feature Group (FGD) exchanges whereby the Customer's local telephone lines are presubscribed by the Company to the Company outbound service such that "1 + 10-digit number" calls are automatically routed to the Company or an IXC network. Calls to stations within the Customer's LATA may be placed by dialing "10XXX" or "101XXXX" with 1 + 10-digit number."

Spectrotel – Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC d/b/a/Touch Base Communications., issuer of this tariff.

Station - The network control signaling unit and any other equipment provided at the Customer premises which enables the Customer to establish communications connections and to effect communications through such connections.

SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS, (CONT'D.)

Subscriber - The person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity who orders telecommunications service from the Company. Service may be ordered by, or on behalf of, those who own, lease or otherwise manage the pay telephone, or other switch vehicle from which an End User places a call utilizing the services of the Company.

Switched Access Origination/Termination - Where access between the Customer and the interexchange carrier is provided on local exchange company Feature Group circuits and the connection to the Customer is a LEC-provided business or residential access line. The cost of switched Feature Group access is billed to the interexchange carrier.

Terminal Equipment - Any telecommunications equipment other than the transmission or receiving equipment installed at a Company location.

Usage Charges - Charges for minutes or messages traversing over local exchange facilities.

User (or End User) - Any person or entity that obtains the Company's services provided under this tariff, regardless of whether such person or entity is so authorized by the Customer.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of the Company

2.1.1 Scope

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

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

Failure by the Company to assert its rights pursuant to one provision of this Tariff does not preclude the Company from asserting its rights under other provisions.

2.1.2 Shortage of Equipment or Facilities

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

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.3 Terms and Conditions

- A. Minimum Period – When service is provided on a term basis, the minimum term period is 30 days unless otherwise specified in this tariff or mutually agreed upon by contract.
- B. The Company may require a minimum contract period longer than one month in connection with special, non-standard types or arrangements of equipment, or for unusual construction, necessary to meet special demands for service. Customers may be required to enter into written service orders which shall contain or reference a specific description of the service ordered, the rates to be charged, the duration of the services, and the terms and conditions in this tariff. Customers will also be required to execute any other documents as may be reasonably requested by the Company.
- C. Except as otherwise stated in this tariff, at the expiration of the initial term specified in each Service Order, or in any extension thereof, service shall continue on a month-to-month basis at the then current rates unless terminated by either party upon notice. Any termination shall not relieve the Customer of its obligation to pay any charges incurred under the service order and this tariff prior to termination. The rights and obligations that by their nature extend beyond the termination of the term of the service order shall survive such termination.
- D. In any action between the parties to enforce any provision of this tariff, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its legal fees and court costs from the non-prevailing party in addition to other relief a court may award.
- E. This tariff shall be interpreted and governed by the laws of the state of Ohio regardless of its choice of laws provision.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.3 Terms and Conditions, (Cont'd.)

- F. Any other Telephone Company may not interfere with the right of any person or entity to obtain service directly from the Company. No person or entity shall be required to make any payment, incur any penalty, monetary or otherwise, or purchase any services in order to have the right to obtain service directly from the Company.
- G. To the extent that either the Company or any other telephone company exercises control over available cable pairs, conduit, duct space, raceways, or other facilities needed by the other to reach a person or entity, the party exercising such control shall make them available to the other on terms equivalent to those under which the Company makes similar facilities under its control available to its Customers. At the reasonable request of either party, the Company and the other telephone company shall join the attempt to obtain from the owner of the property access for the other party to serve a person or entity.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.4 Liability of the Company

- A. Except as otherwise stated in this section, the liability of the Company for damages arising out of either: (1) the furnishing of its services, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, or errors, or other defects, representations, or use of these services or (2) the failure to furnish its service, whether caused by acts or omission, shall be limited to the extension of allowances to the Customer for interruptions in service as set forth in Section 2.6.
- B. Except for the extension of allowances to the Customer for interruptions in service as set forth in Section 2.7, the Company shall not be liable to a Customer or third party for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, reliance, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages, including, but not limited to, loss of revenue or profits, for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to, any act or omission, failure to perform, delay, interruption, failure to provide any service or any failure in or breakdown of facilities associated with the service.
- C. The liability of the Company for errors in billing that result in overpayment by the Customer shall be limited to a credit equal to the dollar amount erroneously billed or, in the event that payment has been made and service has been discontinued, to a refund of the amount erroneously billed.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.4 Liability of the Company, (Cont'd.)

D. The Company shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the Customer from and against all loss, liability, damage and expense, including reasonable counsel fees, due to:

1. Any act or omission of: (a) the Customer, (b) any other entity furnishing service, equipment or facilities for use in conjunction with services or facilities provided by the Company; or (c) common carriers or warehousemen, except as contracted by the Company;
2. Any delay or failure of performance or equipment due to causes beyond the Company's control, including but not limited to: fires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, or other catastrophes; national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars or other civil commotions; strikes, lockouts, work stoppages or other labor difficulties; criminal actions taken against the Company; unavailability, failure or malfunction of equipment or facilities provided by the Customer or third parties; and any law, order, regulation or other action of any governing authority or agency thereof;
3. Any unlawful or unauthorized use of the Company's facilities and services;
4. Libel, slander, invasion of privacy or infringement of patents, trade secrets, or copyrights arising from or in connection with the material transmitted by means of Company-provided facilities or services; or by means of the combination of Company-provided facilities or services;
5. Breach in the privacy or security of communications transmitted over the Company's facilities;
6. Changes in any of the facilities, operations or procedures of the Company that render any equipment, facilities or services provided by the Customer obsolete, or require modification or alteration of such equipment, facilities or services, or otherwise affect their use or performance, except where reasonable notice is required by the Company and is not provided to the Customer, in which event the Company's liability is limited as set forth in paragraph A. of this Subsection 2.1.4.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.4 Liability of the Company, (Cont'd.)

E. (Cont'd.)

7. Defacement of or damage to Customer premises resulting from the furnishing of services or equipment on such premises or the installation or removal thereof;
8. Injury to property or injury or death to persons, including claims for payments made under Workers' Compensation law or under any plan for employee disability or death benefits, arising out of, or caused by, any act or omission of the Customer, or the construction, installation, maintenance, presence, use or removal of the Customer's facilities or equipment connected, or to be connected to the Company's facilities;
9. Any noncompletion of calls due to network busy conditions;
10. Any calls not actually attempted to be completed during any period that service is unavailable;
11. And any other claim resulting from any act or omission of the Customer or patron(s) of the Customer relating to the use of the Company's services or facilities.

- F. The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations provided by it for use in an explosive atmosphere.
- G. The Company makes no warranties or representations, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, either in fact or by operation of law, statutory or otherwise, including warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular use, except those expressly set forth herein.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.4 Liability of the Company, (Cont'd.)

- H. Failure by the Company to assert its rights pursuant to one provision of this rate sheet does not preclude the Company from asserting its rights under other provisions.
- I. Directory Errors - In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, no liability for damages arising from errors or mistakes in or omissions of directory listings, or errors or mistakes in or omissions of listing obtainable from the directory assistance operator, including errors in the reporting thereof, shall attach to the Company. An allowance for errors or mistakes in or omissions of published directory listings or for errors or mistakes in or omissions of listing obtainable from the directory assistance operator, the Company will issue a credit of not less than three months local service charges. Such credit shall not apply in cases where the Customer has provided such listing information after the deadline for directory publication.
- J. With respect to Emergency Number 911 Service:
 - 1. This service is offered solely as an aid in handling assistance calls in connection with fire, police and other emergencies. The Company is not responsible for any losses, claims, demands, suits or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made instituted or asserted by the Customer or by any other party or person for any personal injury or death of any person or persons, and for any loss, damage or destruction of any property, whether owned by the Customer or others, caused or claimed to have been caused by: (1) mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or other defects in the provision of service, of (2) installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, local or use of any equipment and facilities furnishing this service.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.4 Liability of the Company, (Cont'd.)

J. With respect to Emergency Number 911 Service (Cont'd.):

2. Neither is the Company responsible for any infringement, nor invasion of the right of privacy of any person or persons, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly, by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, occasion or use of emergency 911 service features and the equipment associated therewith, or by any services furnished by the Company, including, but not limited to the identification of the telephone number, address or name associated with the telephone used by the party or parties accessing emergency 911 service, and which arise out of the negligence or other wrongful act of the Company, the Customer, its users, agencies or municipalities, or the employees or agents of any one of them.
3. When a Customer with a non published telephone number, as defined herein, places a call to the emergency 911 service, the Company will release the name and address of the calling party, where such information can be determined, to the appropriate local governmental authority responsible for emergency 911 service upon request of such governmental authority. By subscribing to service under this rate sheet, the Customer acknowledges and agrees with the release of information as described above.

- K. 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 court's responsibility to adjudicate negligence and consequent damage claims, it is also the court's responsibility to determine the validity of the exculpatory clause.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.5 Notification of Service-Affecting Activities

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

2.1.6 Provision of Equipment and Facilities

- A. The Company shall use reasonable efforts to make available services to a Customer on or before a particular date, subject to the provisions of and compliance by the Customer.
- B. The Company shall use reasonable efforts to maintain only the facilities and equipment that it furnishes to the Customer. The Customer may not, nor may the Customer permit others to, rearrange, disconnect, remove, attempt to repair, or otherwise interfere with any of the facilities or equipment installed by the Company, except upon the written consent of the Company.
- C. The Company may substitute, change or rearrange any equipment or facility at any time and from time to time, but shall not thereby alter the technical parameters of the service provided the Customer.
- D. Equipment the Company provides or installs at the Customer Premises for use in connection with the services the Company offers shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which it was provided.
- E. The Customer shall be responsible for the payment of service charges as set forth herein for visits by the Company's agents or employees to the Premises of the Customer when the service difficulty or trouble report results from the use of equipment or facilities provided by any party other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.6 Provision of Equipment and Facilities, (Cont'd.)

F. The Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation, or maintenance of any Customer-provided communications equipment. Where such equipment is connected to the facilities furnished pursuant to this tariff, the responsibility of the Company shall be limited to the furnishing of facilities offered under this tariff and to the maintenance and operation of such facilities. Subject to this responsibility, the Company shall not be responsible for:

- .1 the transmission of signals by Customer-provided equipment or for the quality of, or defects in, such transmission; or
- .2 the reception of signals by Customer-provided equipment.

2.1.7 Non-routine Installation

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

2.1.8 Special Construction

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

- A. where facilities are not presently available, and there is no other requirement for the facilities so constructed;
- B. of a type other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
- C. over a route other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
- D. in a quantity greater than that which the Company would normally construct;

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.1.8 Special Construction, (Cont'd.)

- E. on an expedited basis;
- F. on a temporary basis until permanent facilities are available;
- G. involving abnormal costs; or
- H. in advance of its normal construction.

2.1.9 Ownership of Facilities

Title to all facilities provided in accordance with this rate sheet remains in the Company, its partners, agents, contractors or suppliers.

2.2 Prohibited Uses

- 2.2.1 The services the Company offers shall not be used for any unlawful purpose or for any use as to which the Customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents and permits.
- 2.2.2 The Company may require applicants for service who intend to use the Company's offerings for resale and/or for shared use to file a letter with the Company confirming that their use of the Company's offerings complies with relevant laws and Commission regulations, policies, orders, and decisions.
- 2.2.3 The Company may block any signals being transmitted over its Network by Customers that cause interference to the Company or other users. Customer shall be relieved of all obligations to make payments for charges relating to any blocked Service and shall indemnify the Company for any claim, judgment or liability resulting from such blockage.
- 2.2.4 A Customer, joint user, or authorized user may not assign, or transfer in any manner, the service or any rights associated with the service without the written consent of the Company. The Company will permit a Customer to transfer its existing service to another entity if the existing Customer has paid all charges owed to the Company for regulated communications services. Such a transfer will be treated as a disconnection of existing service and installation of new service, and non-recurring installation charges as stated in this tariff will apply.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer

2.3.1 General

The Customer is responsible for making proper application for service; placing any necessary order, complying with tariff regulations; payment of charges for services provided. Specific Customer responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. the payment of all applicable charges pursuant to this tariff;
- B. reimbursing the company for damage to or loss of Company facilities or equipment caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer; or the noncompliance by the Customer, with these regulations; or by fire or theft or other casualty on the Customer Premises, unless caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the employees or agents of the Company;
- C. providing at no charge, as specified from time to time by the Company, any needed personnel, equipment space and power to operate Company facilities and equipment installed on the premises of the Customer, and the level of heating and air conditioning necessary to maintain the proper operating environment on such premises;
- D. obtaining, maintaining, and otherwise having full responsibility for all rights-of-way and conduits necessary for installation of fiber optic cable and associated equipment used to provide Communication Services to the Customer from the cable building entrance or property line to the location of the equipment space described in 2.3.1(C.) Any and all costs associated with obtaining and maintaining the rights-of-way described herein, including the costs of altering the structure to permit installation of the Company-provided facilities, shall be borne entirely by, or may be charged by the Company to, the Customer. The Company may require the Customer to demonstrate its compliance with this section prior to accepting an order for service;
- E. providing a safe place to work and complying with all laws and regulations regarding the working conditions on the premises at which Company employees and agents shall be installing or maintaining Company facilities and equipment. The Customer may be required to install and maintain Company facilities and equipment within a hazardous area if, in the Company opinion, injury or damage to Company employees or property might result from installation or maintenance by the Company. The Customer shall be responsible for identifying, monitoring, removing and disposing of any hazardous material (e.g. asbestos) prior to any construction or installation work;

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.3 Responsibilities of the Customer, (Cont'd.)

2.3.1 General, (Cont'd.)

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

2.3.2 Liability of the Customer

- A. The Customer will be liable for damages to the facilities of the Company and for all incidental and consequential damages caused by the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the Customer, its officers, employees, agents, invites, or contractors where such acts or omissions are not the direct result of the Company's negligence or intentional misconduct.
- B. To the extent caused by any negligent or intentional act of the Customer as described in A., preceding, the Customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from and against all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for (1) any loss, destruction or damage to property of any third party, and (2) any liability incurred by the Company to any third party pursuant to this or any other rate sheet of the Company, or otherwise, for any interruption of, interference to, or other defect in any service provided by the Company to such third party.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.3 Responsibilities of the Customer, (Cont'd.)

2.3.2 Liability of the Customer

- C. The Customer shall not assert any claim against any other Customer or user of the Company's services for damages resulting in whole or in part from or arising in connection with the furnishing of service under this rate sheet including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or other defects or misrepresentations, whether or not such other Customer or user contributed in any way to the occurrence of the damages, unless such damages were caused solely by the negligent or intentional act or omission of the other Customer or user and not by any act or omission of the Company. Nothing in this rate sheet is intended either to limit or to expand Customer's right to assert any claims against third parties for damages of any nature other than those described in the preceding sentence.

2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels

2.4.1 General

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

2.4.2 Station Equipment

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

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

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

2.4.3 Interconnection of Facilities

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

2.4.4 Inspections

- A. Upon suitable notification to the Customer, and at a reasonable time, the Company may make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the Customer is complying with the requirements set forth in Section 2.4.2A. for the installation, operation, and maintenance of Customer-provided facilities, equipment, and wiring in the connection of Customer-provided facilities and equipment to Company-owned facilities and equipment.
- B. If the protective requirements for Customer-provided equipment are not being complied with, the Company may take such action as it deems necessary to protect its facilities, equipment, and personnel. The Company will notify the Customer promptly if there is any need for further corrective action. Within ten days of receiving this notice, the Customer must take this corrective action and notify the Company of the action taken. If the Customer fails to do this, the Company may take whatever additional action is deemed necessary, including the suspension of service, to protect its facilities, equipment and personnel from harm.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.5 Payment Arrangements

2.5.1 Payment for Service

The Customer is responsible for the payment of all charges for facilities and services furnished by the Company to the Customer and to all Authorized Users by the Customer, regardless of whether those services are used by the Customer itself or are resold to or shared with other persons. Charges based on actual usage during a month will be billed monthly in the month following the month in which the service was used. All fixed monthly and nonrecurring charges for services ordered will be billed monthly in advance.

The Customer is responsible for payment of any sales, use, gross receipts, excise, access or other local, state, federal and 911 taxes, charges or surcharges (however designated) (excluding taxes on Company net income) imposed on or based upon the provision, sale or use of Network Services.

Customers will only be charged once, on either an interstate or intrastate basis, for any nonrecurring charges.

Service will be billed directly by the Company on a monthly basis and is due and payable upon receipt or as specified on the Customer's bill. Service will continue to be provided until canceled by the Customer or discontinued by the Company as set forth in Section 2.5.6 of this tariff.

Where special construction is required, the Company reserves the right to require from an applicant for service advance payments of fixed charges and nonrecurring charges. The advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to the fixed charges and nonrecurring charge(s) for the special construction.

Advanced payments for special construction will be credited on the first bill in their entirety.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.5 Payment Arrangements, (Cont'd.)

2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges

Bills will be rendered monthly to Customer.

- A. All service, installation, monthly Recurring Charges and Nonrecurring Charges are due and payable upon receipt but no sooner than 19 days from the postmark on the bill.
- B. The Company shall present bills for Recurring Charges monthly to the Customer, in advance of the month in which service is provided. Usage charges will be billed in arrears.
- C. 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 thirty (30) days.
- D. Amounts not paid within thirty (30) days after the date of the invoice, but no sooner than nineteen (19) days after the postmark on the bill, are considered past due, and a late payment penalty shall be due the Company. The late payment penalty shall be that portion of the payment not received by the due date minus any charges billed as local taxes, multiplied by 1.5%.
- E. Billing of the Customer by the Company will begin on the Service Commencement Date, which is the first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the service or facility is available for use, except that the Service Commencement Date may be postponed by mutual agreement of the parties, or if the service or facility does not conform to standards set forth in this tariff or the Service Order. Billing accrues through and includes the day that the service, circuit, arrangement or component is discontinued.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.5 Payment Arrangements, (Cont'd.)

2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges, (Cont'd.)

- F. If service is disconnected by the Company in accordance with Section 2.5.6 following and later restored, restoration of service will be subject to all applicable installation charges.

2.5.3 Disputed Bills

- A. In the event that a billing dispute occurs concerning any charges billed to the Customer by the Company, the Company may require the Customer to pay the undisputed portion of the bill to avoid discontinuance of service for non-payment. The Customer must submit a documented claim for the disputed amount. The Customer will submit all documentation as may reasonably be required to support the claim.
- B. Unless disputed, the invoice shall be deemed to be correct and payable in full by the Customer. If the Customer is unable to resolve any dispute with the Company, then the Customer may file a complaint with the Public Utility Commission of Ohio. The Customer 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 5:30 PM on weekdays or at: www.PUCO.ohio.gov or at the following address:

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

Residential Customers may also contact the Ohio Consumers' Counsel for assistance with complaints and utility issues at 1-877-742-5622 (toll free) from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM on weekdays or at www.pickocc.org.

- C. If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Customer and the Customer has withheld the disputed amount, no interest credits or penalties will apply.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.5 Payment Arrangements, (Cont'd.)

2.5.4 Advance Payments

To safeguard its interests, the Company may require a Customer to make an advance payment before services and facilities are furnished, when special construction is required, as described in 2.5.1 preceding. The advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to the estimated non-recurring charges for the special construction and recurring charges (if any) for a period to be set between the Company and the Customer. The initial advance payment will be credited to the Customer's initial bill. Subsequent advance payments will be credited on the appropriate monthly bill. Advance payments do not accrue interest. An advance payment may be required in addition to a deposit.

2.5.5 Changes in Service Requested

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

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.6 Discontinuance of Service

2.6.1 General

- A. For the purposes of this section, all regulated telephone services provided by the Company, except toll service, shall be defined as local service.
- B. The Company may disconnect a Customer's local service for nonpayment of charges incurred for local service. The Company may disconnect a Customer's toll service for nonpayment of toll charges.
- C. The Company's disconnection notices must inform the Customer facing local service disconnection of the total amount which the Customer would need to pay in order to avoid disconnection of local service. It must also inform the Customer of the Company's legal obligation to provide local only service to Customers whose local service charges are paid, even while their toll service is disconnected for nonpayment of outstanding toll debt.
- D. The Company is prohibited from disconnecting any Customer's local service for nonpayment of charges incurred by the Customer for toll service.
- E. Partial payments by a Customer to the Company will be apportioned by the Company to its regulated local service charges first before being applied by the Company to any toll charges and will be apportioned to regulated telephone service charges first before being applied to charges for non-regulated services.
- F. The suspension or discontinuance of service(s) by the Company pursuant to this Section does not relieve the Customer of any obligation to pay the Company for charges due and owing for service(s) furnished during the time of or up to suspension or discontinuance.
- G. Upon the Company's discontinuance of service to the Customer under this Section, all applicable charges, including termination charges that may be set forth in the term contract or allowable under this tariff, shall become due. This is in addition to all other remedies that may be available to the Company at law or in equity or under any other provision of this tariff.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.6 Discontinuance of Service, (Cont'd.)

2.6.2 Disconnection for Reasons other than Nonpayment

A. The Company may, after notification, or attempt to notify through any reasonable means, disconnect service when any of the following conditions exist:

1. A violation of or noncompliance with the Company rules or tariffs on file with the Commission;
2. A failure to comply with municipal ordinances or other laws pertaining to telecommunications services;
3. A refusal by the Subscriber to permit the local service provider access to its facilities.
4. When the subscriber has committed a fraudulent practice as set forth and defined in the Company tariffs on file with the Commission.

B. The Company may without prior notice disconnect service when any of the following conditions exist:

1. An emergency may threaten the health or safety of a person, or the local service provider's distribution system. If service is disconnected, the Company shall act promptly to restore service as soon as possible;
2. A subscriber's use of telecommunications equipment adversely affects the Company's equipment, its service to others, or the safety of the Company's employees or subscribers; or
3. A subscriber tampers with facilities or equipment owned by the Company.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.7 Allowances for Interruptions in Service

2.7.1 Credit for Interruptions

- A. When the use of service or facilities furnished by the Company is interrupted due to any cause other than the negligence or willful act of the Customer, or the operation or failure of the facilities or equipment provided by the Customer, a pro rate adjustment of the monthly recurring charges subject to interruption will be allowed for the service and facilities rendered useless and inoperative by reason of the interruption.
- B. If the Customer reports a service, facility or circuit to be inoperative but declines to release it for testing and repair, it is considered to be impaired, but not interrupted. Only those facilities on the interrupted portion of the circuit will receive a credit. Credit allowances for service outages that exceed twenty-four (24) hours in duration will be rounded up to the next whole 24 hours.

2.7.2 Limitations of Allowances

Limitations of Allowances apply when the interruption is caused by:

- 1. As a result of a negligent or willful act on the part of the subscriber;
- 2. Occurs as a result of a malfunction of subscriber-owned telephone equipment or inside wire;
- 3. Occurs as a result of a military action, war, insurrection, riot, or strike; or
- 4. Cannot be repaired due to the subscriber missing a repair appointment.

2.7.3 Use of Another Means of Communications

If the Customer elects to use another means of communications during the period of interruption, the Customer must pay the charges for the alternative service used.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.8 Joint Use Arrangements

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

2.9 Cancellation by Customer

Customers may cancel service verbally or in writing. The company shall hold the Customer responsible for payment of all charges, including fixed fees, surcharges, etc., which accrue up to the cancellation date. Customers that cancel the primary local exchange line will have the entire Account disconnected, including any secondary line and all associated features. In the event the Customer executes a term commitment agreement with the Company, the Customer must cancel service and terminate the agreement in accordance with the agreement terms.

2.10 Cancellation of Service/Termination Liability

If a Customer cancels a Service Order or terminates services before the completion of the term for any reason whatsoever other than a service interruption (as defined in Section 2.7.1 above), the Customer agrees to pay to the Company termination liability charges, as defined below. These charges shall become due as of the effective date of the cancellation or termination and be payable within the period, set forth in Section 2.5.2.

2.10.1 Termination Liability

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

- A. all unpaid Non-Recurring charges reasonably expended by the Company to establish service to the Customer; plus
- B. any disconnection, early cancellation or termination charges reasonably incurred and paid to third parties by the Company on behalf of the Customer; plus
- C. all Recurring Charges specified in the applicable Service Order Tariff for the balance of the then current term discounted at the prime rate announced in the Wall Street Journal on the third business day following the date of cancellation;
- D. minus a reasonable allowance for costs avoided by the Company as a direct result of the Customer's cancellation.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.11 Transfers and Assignments

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

- A. to any subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company; or
- B. pursuant to any sale or transfer of substantially all the assets of the Company; or
- C. pursuant to any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company.

2.12 Customer Liability for Unauthorized Use of the Network

Unauthorized use of the network occurs when a person or entity that does not have actual, apparent, or implied authority to use the network, obtains Company services provided under this tariff. Unauthorized use of the network includes, but is not limited to, lost or stolen calling cards, abuse or misuse of the Customer's service by third parties, the Customer's employees or the public.

2.13 Notices and Communications

- 2.13.1 The Customer shall designate on the Service Order the address to which the Company shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that the Customer may also designate a separate address to which Company bills for service shall be mailed.
- 2.13.2 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.
- 2.13.3 Except as otherwise stated in this tariff, all notices or other communications required to be given pursuant to this tariff will be in writing. Notices and other communications of either party, and all bills mailed by the Company, shall be presumed to have been delivered to the other party on the third business day following placement of the notice, communication or bill with the U.S. Mail or a private delivery service, prepaid and properly addressed, or when actually received or refused by the addressee, whichever occurs first.
- 2.13.4 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.
- 2.13.5 Customer bills will contain all of the information required by the Ohio Administrative Code.

SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

2.14 Miscellaneous Provisions

2.14.1 Telephone Number Changes

Whenever any Customer's telephone number is changed after a directory is published, the Company shall intercept all calls to the former number for at least one hundred and twenty (120) days and give the calling party the new number provided existing central office equipment will permit, and the Customer so desires.

When service in an existing location is continued for a new Customer, the existing telephone number may be retained by the new Customer only if the former Customer consents in writing, and if all charges against the account are paid or assumed by the new Customer.

2.14.2 Maintenance and Operations Records

Records of various tests and inspections, to include non-routine corrective maintenance actions or monthly traffic analysis summaries for network administration, necessary for the purposes of the Company or to fulfill the requirements of Commission rules shall be kept on file in the office of the Company as required under Commission rules.

SECTION 3 - SERVICE AREAS

3.1 Exchange Service Areas

The Company provides Local exchange services, subject to availability of facilities and equipment, in areas currently served by the Incumbent LECs:

AT&T Ohio
CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink
United Telephone Company of Ohio d/b/a CenturyLink
Frontier North Inc.
Windstream Ohio, Inc.
Windstream Western Reserve, Inc.

The Company concurs in the exchange, rate class, local calling area, and zone designations specified in the Local Exchange Services Tariffs of the above listed ILECs in their entirety. The Company does not concur in the rates of the ILECs. The Company's rates are set forth in this tariff.

SECTION 4 - SERVICE CHARGES AND SURCHARGES

4.1 Service Order and Change Charges

Service Order and Change Charges are one-time charges associated with a service or item of equipment which applies on a per-item basis each time the service or an item of equipment is provided and includes, but is not limited to the following:

Service Connection Charge: A Service Connection Charge is a one-time charge, which applies for Company work associated with activities to set up/change accounts, including, but not limited to, service order issuance, programming, billing, etc., for installations, moves, changes, or rearrangements of services and/or equipment.

Subsequent Non-Recurring Charge: A non-recurring charge may apply to the installation, change, or move of services, as specified in tariffs for each service or item of equipment, in addition to rates identified within this section of the tariff.

Service Connection Charges are in addition to other rates and charges normally applying under the tariffs. They apply in addition to construction charges made because of unusual costs in establishing service.

SECTION 4 - SERVICE CHARGES AND SURCHARGES, (CONT'D.)

4.1 Service Order and Change Charges, (Cont'd.)

4.1.2 Nonrecurring Charges

A. AT&T Ohio Area

	Residence	Business
Service Order Charge, per Order:	\$16.95	\$24.95
New Installation Charge, per Line:	\$17.95	\$39.95
Change Charge, per Order:	\$27.95	\$39.95

B. CenturyLink, Frontier and Windstream Areas

	Residence	Business
Service Order Charge, per Order:	N/A*	\$15.00
New Installation Charge, per Line:	N/A*	\$30.00
Change Charge, per Order:	N/A*	\$15.00

*Residential Services Not Available.

SECTION 4 - SERVICE CHARGES AND SURCHARGES, (CONT'D.)

4.2 Premises Visit Charge

Premises Visit charges apply when the installation of network access facilities or trouble resolution require a visit to the Customer's premises. This charge applies in addition to the Technician Dispatch Charge. The Customer will be advised before a visit of the possibility of a premise charge. The Customer will also be advised to check the Network Interface Device (NID) in accordance with PUCO Case No. 86-927-TP-COI. The Customer will also be advised that if a NID is not in place and the Company cannot ascertain with certainty that the service difficulty is located on the Customer's side of the demarcation point, the Company is required to come to the location at no charge to diagnose the problem and install a NID at no charge during this premises visit.

	MAXIMUM	CURRENT
Rate Per Hour:	\$125.00	\$75.00

4.3 Service Restoral Charge

A service restoral charge applies each time a service is reconnected after suspension or termination for nonpayment but before cancellation of the service, as deemed in Section I of this Tariff.

	MAXIMUM	CURRENT
Restoration, per line:	\$45.95	29.95

SECTION 4 - SERVICE CHARGES AND SURCHARGES, (CONT'D.)

4.4 Carrier Presubscription

4.4.1 General

Carrier Presubscription is a procedure whereby a Customer designates to the Company the carrier that the Customer wishes to be the carrier of choice for intraLATA and interLATA toll calls. Such calls are automatically directed to the designated carrier, without the need to use carrier access codes or additional dialing to direct the call to the designated carrier. Presubscription does not prevent a Customer who has presubscribed to an IntraLATA or InterLATA toll carrier from using carrier access codes or additional dialing to direct calls to an alternative long distance carrier on a per call basis.

4.4.2 Presubscription Options - Customers may select the same carrier or separate carriers for intraLATA and interLATA long distance. The following options for long distance Presubscription are available:

- Option A: Customer selects the Company as the presubscribed carrier for IntraLATA and InterLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.
- Option B: Customer may select the Company as the presubscribed carrier for IntraLATA calls subject to presubscription and some other carrier as the presubscribed carrier for interLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.
- Option C: Customer may select a carrier other than the Company for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription and the Company for interLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.
- Option D: Customer may select the carrier other than the Company for both intraLATA and interLATA toll calls subject to presubscription
- Option E: Customer may select two different carriers, neither being the Company for intraLATA and interLATA toll calls. One carrier to be the Customers primary intraLATA interexchange carrier. The other carrier to be the Customers primary interLATA interexchange carrier.
- Option F: Customer may select a carrier other than the Company for no presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription which will require the Customer to dial a carrier access code to route all intraLATA toll calls to the carrier of choice for each call.

SECTION 4 - SERVICE CHARGES AND SURCHARGES, (CONT'D.)

4.4 Carrier Presubscription, (Cont'd.)

4.4.3 Rules and Regulations

Customers of record will retain their primary interexchange carrier(s) until they request that their dialing arrangements be changed.

Customers of record or new Customers may select either Options A, B, C, D, E or F for intraLATA Presubscription.

Customers may change their selected Option and/or presubscribed toll carrier at any time subject to charges specified in 4.4.5 below:

4.4.4 Presubscription Procedures

A new Customer will be asked to select intraLATA and interLATA toll carriers at the time the Customer places an order to establish local exchange service with the Company. The Company will process the Customers' order for service. All new Customers' initial requests for intraLATA toll service presubscription shall be provided free of charge.

If a new Customer is unable to make selection at the time the new Customer places an order to establish local exchange service, the Company will read a random listing of all available intraLATA and interLATA carriers to aid the Customer in selection. If selection is still not possible, the Company will inform the Customer that he/she will be given 90 calendar days in which to inform the Company of his/her choice for primary toll carrier(s) free of charge. Until the Customer informs the Company of his/her choice of primary toll carrier, the Customer will not have access to long distance services on a presubscribed basis, but rather will be required to dial a carrier access code to route all toll calls to the carrier(s) of choice. Customers who inform the Company of a choice for toll carrier presubscription within the 90 day period will not be assessed a service charge for the initial Customer request.

Customers of record may initiate a intraLATA or interLATA presubscription change at any time, subject to the charges specified in 4.4.5 below. If a Customer of record inquires of the Company of the carriers available for toll presubscription, the Company will read a random listing of all available intraLATA carriers to aid the Customer in selection.

SECTION 4 - SERVICE CHARGES AND SURCHARGES, (CONT'D.)

4.4 Carrier Presubscription, (Cont'd.)

4.4.5 Presubscription Charges

A. Application of Charges

After a Customer's initial selection for a presubscribed toll carrier and as detailed in Paragraph 4.4.4 above, for any change thereafter, a Presubscription Change Charge, as set for the below will apply. Customers who request a change in intraLATA and interLATA carriers with the same order will be assessed a single charge per line.

The Presubscription Change Charge shall be applied as follows:

1. The charge shall be no greater than those set forth in below, unless modified by a company-specific Commission approved tariff.
2. If a Customer 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. Nonrecurring Charges

Per business or residence line, trunk, or port
Initial Line, or Trunk or Port \$5.50

SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES

5.1 General

Local exchange service is offered to business and residential Customers on a presubscription basis from equal access originating end offices only. Rates for service may vary by call type and/or term commitment. Usage rates, per call charges and monthly fees may apply. In addition, applicable Service Order and other non-recurring charges may apply. Call timing is defined in the description for each service. Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Service is available where technically feasible and where facilities permit. Spectrotel mirrors the Rate Group designations of the incumbent LEC.

5.1.1 Application of Business and Residential Rates

- A. The determination as to whether telephone service should be classified as Business or Residential is based on the character of the use to be made of the service. Service is classified as Business service where the use is primarily or substantially of a business, professional, institutional, or otherwise occupational nature. Where the business use, if any, is incidental and where the major use is of a personal or domestic nature at the person's dwelling, service is classified as Residential service.
- B. Business rates apply at the following locations, among others:
 - 1. In offices, stores and factories, and in quarters occupied by clubs, lodges, fraternal societies, schools, colleges, libraries, hospitals, and other business establishments.
 - 2. In residence locations where the place of residence is in the immediate proximity to a place of business, and it is evident that the telephone in the residence is or will be used for business purposes and in residence locations where an extension is located at a place where business rates would apply.
 - 3. In the residence of a practicing physician, dentist, veterinary, surgeon, or other medical practitioner who has no service at business rates at another location.
 - 4. In any residence location where there is substantial business use of the service and the Customer has no service at business rates.

SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

5.1 General, (Cont'd.)

5.1.1 Application of Business and Residential Rates

- C. Residence rates apply at the following locations, among others:
 - 1. In private residences; in the residential portion of hotels, apartment houses, boarding houses, churches, or institutions when the use of the service is confined to the domestic use of the Customer and listings of a business nature are not furnished.
 - 2. In the residence of a practicing physician, dentist, veterinarian, surgeon, or other medical practitioner provided that such residence is not a part of an office building and provided the Customer has service charged for at business rates another location.
- D. Calls are measured in durational increments identified for each service. All calls that are fractions of a measurement increment are rounded-up to the next whole unit.
- E. Timing on completed calls begins when the call is answered by the called party. Answering is determined by hardware answer supervision in all cases where this signaling is provided by the terminating local carrier and any intermediate carrier(s). Timing for operator service person-to-person calls start with completion of the connection to the person called or an acceptable substitute station called.
- F. Timing terminates on all calls when the calling party hangs up or the Company's network receives an off-hook signal from the terminating carrier.
- G. Calls originating in one time period and terminating in another will be billed in proportion to the rates in effect during different segments of the call.
- H. All times refer to local time.

SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

5.2 Basic Local Exchange Service

5.2.1 General

Basic Local Exchange Service provides a Customer with a telephonic connection to, and a unique telephone number on, the Company switching network that enables the Customer to:

- a) receive calls from other stations on the public switched telephone network;
- b) access the Company's Local Calling Services and other Services as set forth in this tariff;
- c) access interexchange calling services of the Company and of other carriers;
- d) access (at no additional charge) to the Company's operators and business office for service related assistance;
- e) access toll-free telecommunications services such as 800 NPA; and access toll-free emergency services by dialing 0 or 9-1-1 (where available);
- f) access relay services for the hearing and/or speech impaired.

Basic Local Exchange Services cannot be used to originate calls to caller-paid information services (e.g., 900, 976) provided by other companies. Calls to those numbers and other numbers used for caller-paid information services will be blocked by the Company's switch. Each Basic Local Exchange Service corresponds to one or more telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time.

Individual line Residence and Business Basic Local Exchange Service is comprised of exchange access lines defined as follows:

Exchange Access Line - The service central office line equipment and all the Company plant facilities up to the demarcation point. These facilities are Company-provided and maintained and provide access to and from the telecommunications network for message toll service and for local calling appropriate to the tariffed use offering selected by the Customer.

SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

5.3 Residential Local Exchange Service

5.3.1 Description

Flat Rate Residential Local Exchange Service provides a Customer with a single, analog, voice-grade telephonic communications channel that can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Flat Rate Local Exchange Service lines are provided for the connection of Customer-provided wiring, telephone, facsimile machines or other station equipment. Local exchange service lines and trunks are provided on a single party (individual) basis only. No multi-party lines are provided.

Recurring charges for Flat Rate Local Exchange Service are billed monthly in advance. Non-recurring charges for installation or rearrangement of service are billed on the next month's bill immediately following work performed by the Company.

SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

5.4 Business Local Exchange Service

5.4.1 Description

Local exchange service lines and trunks are provided on a single party (individual) basis only. No multi-party lines are provided. Service is available on a flat rate, measured rate or message rate basis depending on the service plan selected by the Customer. Not all service plans will be available in all areas.

Recurring charges for Business Local Exchange Service are billed monthly in advance. Usage charges, if applicable, are billed in arrears. Non-recurring charges for installation or rearrangement of service are billed on the next month's bill immediately following work performed by the Company.

Service Options:

A. Basic Measured Business Line Service

Basic Measured Business Line Service provides business Customers with measured local calling service. Local calls will be billed on a per-minute of use basis. Basic Measured Business Line Service includes support for Touch-Tone.

B. Premium Measured Business Line Service

Premium Measured Business Line Service provides business Customers with measured local calling service. Local calls will be billed on a per-minute of use basis. Premium Measured Business Line Service.

C. Basic Message Business Line Service

Basic Message Business Line Service provides business Customers with local calling service where local calls are billed on a per-message or per-call basis. Basic Message Business Line Service includes support for Touch-Tone.

D. Premium Message Business Line Service

Premium Message Business Line Service provides business Customers with local calling service where local calls are billed on a per-message or per-call basis. Premium Message Business Line Service.

E. Advantage Unlimited Service

Advantage Unlimited Service provides business Customers with unlimited local calling only.

SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

5.5 Business Local Exchange Service, (Cont'd.)

5.5.1 Rates and Charges

A. Measured Business Line Service

1. AT&T Area

MAXIMUM

SERVICE TYPE

	Basic Measured <u>Business Line</u>	Premium Measured <u>Business Line</u>
Monthly Recurring Charge:		
Rate Group		
B	\$22.95	\$27.95
C	\$23.50	\$30.50
D	\$29.50	\$33.50

Local Usage Charge:

Initial MOU	\$0.0485	\$0.0485
Additional MOU	\$0.0125	\$0.0125

CURRENT

SERVICE TYPE

	Basic Measured <u>Business Line</u>	Premium Measured <u>Business Line</u>
Monthly Recurring Charge:		
Rate Group		
B	\$15.95	\$18.95
C	\$17.50	\$20.50
D	\$19.50	\$22.50

Local Usage Charge:

Initial MOU	\$0.0335	\$0.0335
Additional MOU	\$0.0085	\$0.0085

SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

5.5 Business Local Exchange Service, (Cont'd.)

5.5.2 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

A. Measured Business Line Service

2. CenturyLink, Frontier and Windstream Areas

MAXIMUM

SERVICE TYPE

Basic Measured Business Line

Monthly Recurring Charge: \$54.00

Local Usage Charge:

Initial MOU \$0.0360

Additional MOU \$0.0360

CURRENT

SERVICE TYPE

Basic Measured Business Line

Monthly Recurring Charge: \$27.00

Local Usage Charge:

Initial MOU \$0.0180

Additional MOU \$0.0180

SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

5.5 Business Local Exchange Service, (Cont'd.)

5.5.2 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

B. Message Business Line Service

1. MAXIMUM

		SERVICE TYPE	
		<u>Basic Message Business Line</u>	<u>Premium Message Business Line</u>
Rate Group	B	\$22.95	\$27.95
	C	\$23.50	\$30.50
	D	\$29.50	\$33.50
Local Usage			
	Per Month	\$8.25	\$8.25
	Call Allowance	75	75
	Per Additional Message	\$0.099	\$0.099

2. CURRENT

		SERVICE TYPE	
		<u>Basic Message Business Line</u>	<u>Premium Message Business Line</u>
Rate Group	B	\$15.95	\$18.95
	C	\$17.50	\$20.50
	D	\$19.50	\$22.50
Local Usage			
	Per Month	\$5.25	\$5.25
	Call Allowance	75	75
	Per Additional Message	\$0.069	\$0.069

SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

5.5 Business Local Exchange Service, (Cont'd.)

5.5.2 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

C. Advantage Unlimited Service

1. MAXIMUM

Rate Group

B	\$45.95
C	\$48.95
D	\$51.95

Local Usage Included

2. CURRENT

Rate Group

B	\$30.95
C	\$32.95
D	\$34.95

Local Usage Included

SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

5.5 Business Local Exchange Service, (Cont'd.)

5.5.2 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

D. Flat Rate Local Business Line

1. CenturyLink, Frontier and Windstream Areas

	MAXIMUM
Monthly Recurring Charge:	\$58.00

	CURRENT
Monthly Recurring Charge:	\$29.00

SECTION 6 – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES AND RATES

6.1 Directory Listing Service

6.1.1 General Terms and Conditions

- A. The Company shall provide for a single directory listing, termed the primary listing, in the telephone directory published by the dominant exchange service provider in the Customer's exchange areas of the Station number which is designated as the Customer's main billing number. Directory listings of additional Company Station numbers, other than the Customer's main billing number, associated with a Customer's service will be provided for a monthly recurring charge per listing.
- B. The Company reserves the right to limit the length of any listing in the directory by the use of abbreviations when, in its judgment, the clearness of the listing, or the identification of the Customer is not impaired thereby. Where more than one line is required to properly list the Customer, no additional charge is made.
- C. The Company may refuse a listing which is known not to constitute a legally authorized or adopted name, obscenities in the name, or any listing which, in the opinion of the Company, is likely to mislead or deceive calling persons as to the identity of the listed party, or is a contrived name used for advertising purposes or to secure a preferential position in the directory or is more elaborate than is reasonably necessary to identify the listed party. The Company, upon notification to the Customer, will withdraw any listing which is found to be in violation of its rules with respect thereto.
- D. Each listing must be designated Government or Business to be placed in the appropriate section of the directory. In order to aid the user of the directory, and to avoid misleading or deceiving the calling party as to the identity of the listed party, only business listings may be placed in the Business Section and only residential listings in the Residential section. The Company, upon notification to the Customer, will withdraw any listing which is found to be in violation of its rules with respect thereto.
- E. In order for listings to appear in an upcoming directory, the Customer must furnish the listing to the Company in time to meet the directory publishing schedule.
- F. Rates and regulations for listing service are applicable only to listings in the alphabetical directories.
- G. Directory listings are limited to such information as is essential to the identification of the listed party. The listing of a service, commodity, or trade name is not permitted unless it is the name, or an integral part of the name, under which the Customer does business.

SECTION 6 – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

6.1 Directory Listing Service, (Cont'd.)

6.1.1 General Terms and Conditions, (Cont'd.)

- H. A listing is limited to one line in the directory, except where in the judgment of the Company, more than one line is required to identify the Customer properly. In such cases, the additional lines required are provided at no extra charge.
- I. Listing services are available with all classes of main telephone exchange service.

6.1.2 Listings

A. Primary Listing

One listing, termed the initial listing is included with each Customer's service, and with the initial line of a line hunting group.

B. Nonpublished Service

Nonpublished service means that the Customer's telephone number is not listed in the directory, nor does it appear in the Company's Directory Assistance Records. However, such information may be displayed on a call-by-call basis at Public Safety Answering Point locations where Enhanced Universal Emergency Number service is provided (E911). The Company will complete calls to a non-published number only when the caller dials direct or gives the operator number. No exceptions will be made, even if the caller says it is an emergency.

When the Company agrees to keep a number unlisted, it does so without any obligation. Except for cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct, the Company is not liable for any damages that might arise from publishing a non-published number in the directory or disclosing it to some. If, in error, the telephone number is published in the directory, the Company's only obligation is to credit or refund any monthly charges the Customer paid for non-published service.

The subscriber indemnifies (i.e., promises to reimburse the Company for any amount the Company must pay as a result of) and save the Company harmless against any and all claims for damages caused or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by the publication of a non-published service or the disclosing of said number to any person.

SECTION 6 – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

6.1 Directory Listing Service, (Cont'd.)

6.1.2 Listings, (Cont'd.)

C. Nondirectory Listed Service

Nondirectory listed service means that the Customer's telephone number is not listed in the directory, but does it appear in the Company Directory Assistance Records.

This service is subject to the rules and regulations for E911 service, where applicable.

The Company will complete calls to a non-listed number.

When the Company agrees to keep a number unlisted, it does so without any obligation. Except for cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct, the Company is not liable for any damages that might arise from publishing a non-listed number in the directory or disclosing it to some. If, in error, the telephone number is listed in the directory, the only obligation of the Company is to credit or refund any monthly charges the Customer paid for non-listed service.

The subscriber indemnifies (i.e., promises to reimburse the Company for any amount the Company must pay as a result of) and save the Company harmless against any and all claims for damages caused or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by the publication of a nondirectory listed service or the disclosing of said number to any person.

SECTION 6 – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

6.1 Directory Listing Service (Cont'd.)

6.1.3 Rates

A. Nonrecurring Charges

1. AT&T Ohio, United Telephone, Frontier and Windstream Areas

	Residential	Business
Primary Listing	N/C	N/C
Non-Published, per line	\$0.00	\$0.00
Non-Listed Service, per listing:	\$0.00	\$0.00

2. Monthly Recurring Charges

a. AT&T Ohio Area

	Residential	Business
Primary Listing	N/C	N/C
Non-Published, per Line (<i>maximum</i>)	\$15.00	\$15.00
Non-Listed Service, per Listing:	\$1.00	\$1.00
Semi-Private Listing Service, Per Listing	\$1.00	\$1.00

b. CenturyLink, Frontier and Windstream Areas

	Residential	Business
Primary Listing	N/C	N/C
Non-Published, per Line (<i>maximum</i>)	N/A*	\$4.00
Non-Listed Service, per Listing:	N/A*	\$4.00
Semi-Private Listing Service, Per Listing	N/A*	\$4.00

*Residential Services Not Available.

SECTION 7 - SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

7.1 Special Construction

7.1.1 Basis for Charges

Basis for Charges where the Company furnishes a facility or service for which a rate or charge is not specified in the Company's tariffs, charges will be based on the costs incurred by the Company (including return) and may include:

- A. nonrecurring charges;
- B. recurring charges;
- C. termination liabilities; or
- D. combinations of A, B, and C.

7.1.2 Basis for Cost Computation

The costs referred to in 8.1 preceding may include one or more of the following items to the extent they are applicable:

- A. Costs to install the facilities to be provided including estimated costs for the rearrangements of existing facilities. These costs include:
 - 1. equipment and materials provided or used;
 - 2. engineering, labor, and supervision;
 - 3. transportation; and
 - 4. rights of way and/or any required easements.
- B. Cost of maintenance.
- C. Depreciation on the estimated cost installed of any facilities provided, based on the anticipated useful service life of the facilities with an appropriate allowance for the estimated net salvage.
- D. Administration, taxes, and uncollectible revenue on the basis of reasonable average cost for these items.
- E. License preparation, processing, and related fees.
- F. Tariff preparation, processing and related fees.
- G. Any other identifiable costs related to the facilities provided; or
- H. An amount for return and contingencies.

SECTION 7 - SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS (CONT'D.)

7.1 Special Construction (Cont'd.)

7.1.3 Termination Liability

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

- A. The period on which the termination liability is based is the estimated service life of the facilities provided.
- B. The amount of the maximum termination liability is equal to the estimated amounts (including return) for:
 - .1 Costs to install the facilities to be provided including estimated costs for the rearrangements of existing facilities. These costs include:
 - (a.) equipment and materials provided or used;
 - (b.) engineering, labor, and supervision;
 - (c.) transportation; and
 - (d.) rights of way and/or any required easements;
 - .2 license preparation, processing, and related fees;
 - .3 tariff preparation, processing and related fees;
 - .4 cost of removal and restoration, where appropriate; and
 - .5 any other identifiable costs related to the specially constructed or rearranged facilities.
- C. The termination liability method for calculating the unpaid balance of a term obligation is obtained by multiplying the sum of the amounts determined as set forth in Section 7.1.3.B preceding by a factor related to the unexpired period of liability and the discount rate for return and contingencies. The amount determined in Section 7.1.3.B preceding shall be adjusted to reflect the redetermined estimated net salvage, including any reuse of the facilities provided. This amount shall be adjusted to reflect applicable taxes.

SECTION 7 - SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS (CONT'D.)

7.2 Non-Routine Installation and/or Maintenance

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

7.3 Individual Case Basis (ICB) Arrangements

Rates for ICB arrangements will be developed on a case-by-case basis in response to a bona fide request from a Customer or prospective Customer for service which vary from tariffed arrangements. Rates quoted in response to such requests may be different for tariffed service than those specified for such service in the Rate Attachment. ICB rates will be offered to Customers in writing and will be made available to similarly situated Customers. A summary of each ICB contract pricing arrangement offered pursuant to this paragraph will be filed as an addendum to this Tariff within 30 days after the contract is signed by both the Company and the Customer. The following information will be included in the summary:

- a. LATA and type of switch
- b. The V&H distance from the central office to the Customer's premises
- c. Service description
- d. Rates and charges
- e. Quantity of circuits
- f. Length of the agreement.

SECTION 8 - PROMOTIONAL OFFERINGS

8.1 General

From time to time the Company shall, at its option, promote subscription or stimulate network usage by offering to waive some or all of the nonrecurring or recurring charges for the Customer (if eligible) of target services for a limited duration. Such promotions shall be made available to all similarly situated Customers in the target market area. The Company shall file promotions with the Commission for tariff approval prior to offering service at promotional rates

8.2 Demonstration of Service

From time to time the Company may demonstrate service for potential Customers by providing free use of its network on a limited basis for a period of time, not to exceed one (1).

CARRIER-TO-CARRIER TARIFF

This Tariff, Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC d/b/a Touch Base Communications' P.U.C.O. Tariff No. 5, cancels and replaces Spectrotel, Inc. d/b/a OneTouch Communications d/b/a Touch Base Communications' P.U.C.O. Tariff No. 3 (Access Services) in its entirety.

SPECTROTEL OF THE MIDWEST LLC

d/b/a Touch Base Communications

ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

Certificate No. 90-9287-TRF

Regulations and Schedule of Intrastate Access Rates

This tariff includes the rates, charges, terms and conditions of service for the provision of intrastate access telecommunications services by Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC d/b/a Touch Base Communications. This tariff is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the main office of Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC d/b/a Touch Base Communications with principal offices at 3535 State Highway 66, Suite 7, Neptune, New Jersey 07753.

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CARRIER-TO-CARRIER TARIFF

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SHEET	REVISION		SHEET	REVISION		SHEET	REVISION	
Title	Original	*	26	Original	*	51	Original	*
1	Original	*	27	Original	*	52	Original	*
2	Original	*	28	Original	*	53	Original	*
3	Original	*	29	Original	*	54	Original	*
4	Original	*	30	Original	*	55	Original	*
5	Original	*	31	Original	*	56	Original	*
6	Original	*	32	Original	*	57	Original	*
7	Original	*	33	Original	*	58	Original	*
8	Original	*	34	Original	*	59	Original	*
9	Original	*	35	Original	*	60	Original	*
10	Original	*	36	Original	*			
11	Original	*	37	Original	*			
12	Original	*	38	Original	*			
13	Original	*	39	Original	*			
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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- (C) To signify changed rate, regulation or condition.
- (D) To signify discontinued rate, regulation or condition.
- (I) To signify an increase.
- (M) To signify text relocated without change.
- (N) To signify new material, including a listing, rate, regulation, rule or condition.
- (R) To signify a reduction.
- (T) To signify a change in the word of text, but no change in the rate, rule or condition.

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Access Code - Denotes a uniform code assigned by the Company to an individual Customer. The code has the form 101XXXX or 950-XXXX.

Access Minutes - The increment for measuring usage of exchange facilities for the purpose of calculating chargeable usage.

Access Service Request (ASR) - The service order form used by access service Customers and the Company to the process of establishing, moving or rearranging access services provided by the Company.

Access Tandem - A switching system that provides a traffic concentration and distribution function for originating or terminating traffic between End Offices and the Customer's Premises or Point of Presence.

Answer Supervision - The transmission of the switch trunk equipment supervisory signal (off-hook or on-hook) to a carrier's Point of Presence or customer's terminal equipment as an indication that the called party has answered or disconnected.

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

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

Bps - Bits per second. The number of bits transmitted in a one second interval.

Call - End User attempt for which the complete address code (e.g., 0-, 911, or 10 digits) is provided to the Serving Wire Center, End Office or Access Tandem Switch.

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Central Office - The premises of the Company or another local exchange carrier containing one or more switches where End User station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to other station loops, trunks or access facilities.

Channel - A communications path between two or more points.

CIC - An interexchange carrier identification code.

Commission - Refers to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, unless otherwise indicated.

Company - Used throughout this tariff to indicate Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC d/b/a OneTouch Communications.

Constructive Order - Delivery of calls to or acceptance of calls from the Customer's End Users over Company-switching facilities constitutes a Constructive Order by the Customer to purchase switched access services as described herein. Similarly, the selection of the Customer by an End User as the End User's PIC constitutes a Constructive Order for switched access by the Customer.

CPE - Customer Premises Equipment. All Terminal Equipment or other communications equipment and/or systems provided by the Customer for use with the Company's facilities and services.

Customer - Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity which uses service under the terms and conditions of this tariff and is responsible for the payment of charges. In most contexts, the Customer is an Interexchange Carrier utilizing the Company's Switched services described in this tariff to reach its End Users.

Customer Premises - The premises specified by the Customer for termination of access services. Typically an Interexchange Carrier's Point of Presence.

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Dual Tone Multifrequency (DTMF) - Tone signaling, also known as touch tone signaling.

End Office - The Central Office from which the End User's Premises would normally obtain local exchange service and dial tone from the Company.

End Office Switch - A Company switching system where End User station loops or Customer facilities are terminated for purposes of interconnection to other station loops, trunks or access facilities. In most contexts, the End User is connected via station loops or trunks to an End Office Switch.

End User - Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity which uses the service of the Company under the terms and conditions of this tariff. In most contexts, the End User is the customer of an Interexchange Carrier who in turn utilizes the Company's Switched services described in this tariff to provide the End User with access to the IC's communication and switching systems.

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End User Premises - The premises specified by the Customer or End User for termination of access services at the End User's physical location.

Equal Access - Where the local exchange company central office provides interconnection to interexchange carriers with Feature Group D circuits. In such End Offices, Customers can presubscribe their telephone line(s) to their preferred interexchange carrier. A form of dialed access provided by local exchange companies whereby telephone calls dialed by the Customer are automatically routed to the Company's network. Customers may also route calls to the Company's network by dialing an access code provided by the Company.

Exchange - A group of lines in a unit generally smaller than a LATA established by the Company or other local exchange carrier for the administration of communications service in a specified area. An Exchange may consist of one or more central offices together with the associated facilities used in furnishing communications service within that area.

Gbps - Gigabits per second; billions of bits per second.

Individual Case Basis or ICB - A process whereby the terms, conditions, rates and/or charges for a service provided under the general provisions of this tariff are developed or modified based on the unique circumstances in each case.

Interstate - For the purpose of this tariff, the term Interstate applies to the regulatory jurisdiction of services used for communications between one or more originating and terminating points located in different states within the United States or between one or more points in the United States and at least one international location.

Intrastate - For the purpose of this tariff, the term Intrastate applies to the regulatory jurisdiction of services used for communications between one or more originating and terminating points, all located within the same state.

Interexchange Carrier (IXC or IC) - A long distance telecommunications services provider that furnishes services between exchange areas.

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Kbps - Kilobits per second; 1000s of bits per second.

LATA - Local Access and Transport Area. A geographic area for the provision and administration of communications services existing on February 8, 1996, as previously established by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192; or established by a Bell operating company after February 8, 1996 and approved by the FCC; or any other geographic area designated as a LATA in the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

LEC - Local Exchange Company.

Mbps - Megabits per second; millions of bits per second.

Message - See Call.

N/A - Not Applicable.

Non-Recurring Charge ("NRC") - The initial charge, usually assessed on a one-time basis, to initiate and establish a service or feature.

NPA - Numbering Plan Area or area code.

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

On-Hook - The idle condition of Switched Access service or a telephone exchange line.

Originating Direction - The use of Switched Access Service for the origination of calls from an End User's Premises to a Customer's Point of Presence.

PIC Authorization - A Customer's or End User's selection of a PIC that meets the requirements of federal and state law.

PIC - Primary Interexchange Carrier.

Point of Presence or POP - The physical location associated with an Interexchange Carrier's communication and switching systems.

Point of Termination - The point of demarcation within a Customer Premises at which the Company's responsibility for the provision of access service ends. The point of demarcation is the point of interconnection between Company communications facilities and Customer-provided facilities as defined in Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Premises - A building, portion of a building in a multi-tenant building, or buildings on continuous property not separated by a highway. May also denote a Customer-owned enclosure or utility vault located above or below ground on private property or on Customer acquired right-of-way.

Presubscription - An arrangement whereby an End User selects and designate to the Company or other LEC a carrier he or she wishes to access, without an access code, for completing interLATA and/or intraLATA toll calls. The selected carrier is referred to as the Primary Interexchange Carrier.

Primary Interexchange Carrier - The IXC designated by the Customer as its first routing choice and primary overflow carrier for routing of 1+ direct dialed and operator assisted non-local calls.

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Query - The inquiry to a Company data base to obtain information, processing instructions or service data.

Recurring Charge - The charges to the Customer for services, facilities or equipment, which continue for the agreed upon duration of the service. Recurring charges do not vary based on Customer usage of the services, facilities or equipment provided.

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

Service Order - A written request for network services executed by the Customer and the Company. The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company begins the respective obligations of the parties in that order services offered under this tariff.

Serving Wire Center Switch - A Company switching system where End User station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to other station loops, trunks or access facilities. In most contexts, the Customer is connected via trunks to a Serving Wire Center Switch.

Station - Refers to telephone equipment or an exchange access line from or to which calls are placed.

Switched Access - Where originating or terminating access between an end user and an interexchange carrier is provided via Feature Group facilities, circuits or channels provided by a local exchange carrier. A method of reaching the Customer's communication and switching systems whereby the End User is connected to the Customer's Point of Presence or designate using services of the local switched network.

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Tandem Switch - See Access Tandem.

Terminal Equipment - Telecommunications devices, apparatus and associated wiring on the Customer-designated premises.

Terminating Direction - The use of Switched Access Service for the completion of calls from a Customer's Point of Presence to an End User Premises.

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

Trunk Group - A set of trunks which are traffic engineered as a unit for the establishment of connections between switching systems in which all of the communications paths are interchangeable.

V & H Coordinates - Geographic points which define the originating and terminating points of a call in mathematical terms so that the airline mileage of the call may be determined. Call mileage may be used for the purpose of rating calls.

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2.1 Undertaking of the Company

- 2.1.1** The Company undertakes to furnish switched or dedicated access communications service pursuant to the terms of this tariff.
- 2.1.2** The Company's services and facilities are available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.
- 2.1.3** The Company is responsible under this tariff only for the services and facilities provided hereunder, and it assumes no responsibility for any service provided by any other entity that purchases access to the Company network in order to originate or terminate its own services, or to communicate with its own customers.
- 2.1.4** The Company arranges for installation, operation, and maintenance of the communications services provided in this tariff for Customers in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this tariff. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangements.

2.2 Use of the Company's Service

- 2.2.1** Services provided under this tariff may be used by the Customer for any lawful telecommunications purpose for which the service is technically suited.
- 2.2.2** The services the Company offers shall not be used for any unlawful purpose or for any use as to which the Customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents and permits.
- 2.2.3** Recording of telephone conversations of service provided by the Company under this tariff is prohibited except as authorized by applicable federal, state and local laws.
- 2.2.4** Any service provided under this tariff may be resold to or shared (jointly used) with other persons at the Customer's option. The Customer remains solely responsible for all use of service ordered by it or billed to its account(s) pursuant to this tariff, for determining who is authorized to use its service, and for promptly notifying the Company of any unauthorized use. The Customer may advise its customers that a portion of its service is provided by the Company, but the Customer shall not represent that the Company jointly participates with the Customer in the provision of the service. The Company may require applicants for service who intend to use the Company's offerings for resale, shared and/or joint use to file a letter with the Company confirming that their use of the Company's offerings complies with relevant laws and the Commission 's regulations, policies, orders, and decisions.

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2.3 Limitations

- 2.3.1** The Company does not undertake to transmit messages, but offers the use of its facilities when available, and will not be liable for errors in transmission or for failure to establish connections.
- 2.3.2** The furnishing of service under this tariff is subject to the availability on a continuing basis of all the necessary facilities and equipment 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.
- 2.3.3** 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.
- 2.3.4** The Company may block any signals being transmitted over its network by Customers which cause interference to the Company or other users. Customer shall not be relieved of all obligations to make payments for charges relating to any blocked service and shall indemnify the Company for any claim, judgment or liability resulting from such blockage.
- 2.3.5** The Company reserves the right to discontinue service when the Customer is using the service in violation of the provisions of this tariff, or in violation of the law.

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2.4 Assignment and Transfer

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 to a) any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Company, whether direct or indirect; b) under any sale or transfer of all or substantially all the assets of the Company within the applicable state or states; or c) under any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company.

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2.5 Application or Service

Customers may be required to enter into written or oral service orders which shall contain or reference a specific description of the service ordered, the rates to be charged, the duration of the services, and the terms and conditions in this tariff. Customers will also be required to execute any other documents as may be reasonably requested by the Company.

2.6 Ownership of Facilities

2.6.1 The Customer obtains no property right or interest in the use of any specific type of facility, service, equipment, number, process, or code.

2.6.2 Title to all facilities utilized by the Company to provide service under the provisions of this tariff shall remain with the Company, its partners, agents, contractors or suppliers. Such facilities shall be returned to the Company, its partners, agents, contractors or suppliers by the Customer, whenever requested, within a reasonable period following the request in original condition, reasonable wear and tear expected.

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2.7 Liability of the Company

- 2.7.1** The liability of the Company for damages of any nature arising from errors, mistakes, omissions, interruptions, or delays of the Company, its agents, servants, or employees, in the course of establishing, furnishing, rearranging, moving, terminating, changing or removing the service or facilities or equipment shall not exceed an amount equal to the charges applicable under this tariff (calculated on a proportionate basis where appropriate, at the sole discretion of the Company) to the period during which such error, mistake, omission, interruption or delay occurs.
- 2.7.2** In no event shall the Company be liable for any incidental, indirect, special, or consequential damages (including, without limitation, lost revenue or profits) of any kind whatsoever regardless of the cause or foreseeability thereof.
- 2.7.3** When the services or facilities of other common carriers are used separately or in conjunction with the Company's facilities or equipment in establishing connection to points not reached by the Company's facilities or equipment, the Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of such other common carriers or their agents, servants or employees.
- 2.7.4** The Company shall not be liable for any failure of performance hereunder if such failure is due to any cause or causes beyond the reasonable control of the Company. Such causes shall include, without limitation, fire, explosion, vandalism, cable cut, storm or other similar occurrence, any law, order, regulation, direction, action or request of the United States government or of any other government or of any civil or military authority, national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars, strikes, lockouts or work stoppages or other labor difficulties, supplier failures, shortages, breaches or delays, or preemption of existing service to restore service in compliance with FCC, or other relevant Commission, rules and regulations.
- 2.7.5** The Company shall not be liable for interruptions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission, or for any injury whatsoever, caused by the Customer, or the Customer's agents, End Users, or by facilities or equipment provided by the Customer.

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2.7 Liability of the Company, (Cont'd.)

- 2.7.6** No liability shall attach to the Company by reason of any defacement or damage to the Customer 's premise resulting from the existence of the Company 's equipment or facilities on such premise, or by the installation or removal thereof, when such defacement or damage is not the result of the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of the Company or its employees.
- 2.7.7** The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations provided by it for use in an explosive atmosphere.
- 2.7.8** The Company makes no warranties or representations, express or implied, either in fact or by operation of law, statutory or otherwise, including warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular use, except those expressly set forth herein.
- 2.7.9** Failure by the Company to assert its rights under a provision of this tariff does not preclude the Company from asserting its rights under other provisions.
- 2.7.10** 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.

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2.8 Liability of the Customer

- 2.8.1** The Customer will be liable for damages to the facilities of the Company and for all incidental and consequential damages caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer, its officers, employees, agents, invites, or contractors where such acts or omissions are not the direct result of the Company's negligence or intentional misconduct.
- 2.8.2** To the extent caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer as described in 2.8.1, preceding, the Customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from and against all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses for (1) any loss, destruction or damage to property of any third party, and (2) any liability incurred by to any third party pursuant to this or any other tariff of the Company, or otherwise, for any interruption of, interference to, or other defect in any service provided to such third party.
- 2.8.3** A Customer shall not assert any claim against any other Customer or user of the Company's services for damages resulting in whole or in part from or arising in connection with the furnishing of service under this tariff including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or other defects or misrepresentations, whether or not such other Customer or user contributed in any way to the occurrence of the damages, unless such damages were caused solely by the negligent or intentional act or omission of the other Customer or user and not by any act or omission of the Company. Nothing in this tariff is intended either to limit or to expand Customer's right to assert any claims against third parties for damages of any nature other than those described in the preceding sentence.
- 2.8.4** The Customer shall be fully liable for any damages, including, without limitation, usage charges, that the Customer may incur as a result of the unauthorized use of services provided to a Customer. Unauthorized use occurs when a person or entity that does not have actual, apparent, or implied authority to use the network, obtains the Company's services provided under this tariff. The unauthorized use of the Company's services includes, but is not limited to, the placement of calls from the Customer's premise, and the placement of calls through equipment controlled and/or provided by the Customer, that are transmitted over the Company's network without the authorization of the Customer. The Customer shall be fully liable for all such usage charges.

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2.9 Obligations of the Customer

2.9.1 The Customer is responsible for making proper application for service; placing any necessary orders; for complying with tariff regulations; and payment of charges for services provided. Specific Customer responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- A.** reimbursing the Company for damage to or loss of the Company's facilities or equipment caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer; or the non-compliance by the Customer, with these regulations; or by fire or theft or other casualty on the Customer premise, unless caused by the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of the employees or agents of the Company;
- B.** providing at no charge, as specified by the Company upon ordering service, any needed equipment, secured space, power, supporting structures, and conduit to operate Company facilities and equipment installed on the premises of the Customer, and the level of heating and air conditioning necessary to maintain the proper operating environment on such premise;
- C.** obtaining, maintaining and otherwise having full responsibility for all rights-of-way and conduit necessary for installation of fiber optic cable and associated equipment used to provide communications services to the Customer from the cable building entrance or property line to the location of the equipment space described in Section 2.9.1 (b). Any and all costs associated with the obtaining and maintaining the rights-of-way described herein, including the costs of altering the structure to permit installation of the Company provided facilities, shall be borne entirely by, or may be charged by the Company, to the Customer; the Company may require the Customer to demonstrate its compliance with this section prior to accepting an order for service;
- D.** providing a safe place to work and complying with all laws and regulations regarding the working conditions on the premise at which Company employees and agents shall be installing or maintaining the Company's facilities and equipment; the Customer may be required to install and maintain Company facilities and equipment within a hazardous area if, in the Company's opinion, injury or damage to the Company employees or property might result from installation or maintenance by the Company; the Customer shall be responsible for identifying, monitoring, removing and disposing of any hazardous material (e.g., friable asbestos) prior to any construction or installation work;

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2.9.1 (continued)

- E.** complying with all laws and regulations applicable to, and obtaining all consents, approvals, licenses and permits as may be required with respect to, the location of Company facilities and equipment in any Customer Premises or the rights-of-way for which Customer is responsible under Section 2.9 (c); and granting or obtaining permission for Company agents or employees to enter the premise of the Customer at any time for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining, repairing, or upon termination of service as stated herein, removing the facilities or equipment of the Company;
- F.** not creating or allowing to be placed any liens or other encumbrances on the Company's equipment or facilities;
- G.** making Company facilities and equipment available periodically for maintenance purposes at a time agreeable to both the Company and the Customer, such agreement not to be reasonably withheld or denied. No allowance will be made for the period during which service is interrupted for such purposes;
- H.** ensuring that any Customer provided equipment and/or systems are properly interfaced with Company facilities or services, that the signals emitted into Company's network are of the proper mode, bandwidth, power, and signal level for the intended use of the Customer and in compliance with the criteria set forth in this tariff, and that the signals do not damage equipment, injure personnel, or degrade service to other Customers.

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2.9 Obligations of the Customer, (Cont'd.)

2.9.2 With regard to access services provided by the Company, specific Customer responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

A. Design of Customer Services

The Customer shall be responsible for its own expense for the overall design of its services and for any redesigning or rearrangements of its services which may be required because of changes in facilities, operations or procedures of the Company, minimum protection criteria, or operating or maintenance characteristics of the facilities.

B. Network Contingency Coordination

The Customer shall, in cooperation with the Company, coordinate in planning the actions to be taken to maintain maximum network capability following natural or man-made disasters which affect telecommunications service.

C. Jurisdictional Reports

The jurisdictional reporting requirements will be as specified below. When a Customer orders Access Service, its projected Percent Interstate Usage (PIU) must be provided in whole numbers to the Company. These whole number percentages will be used by the Company to apportion the use and/or charges between interstate and intrastate until a revised report is received as set forth herein. Reported or default PIU factors are used only where the call detail is insufficient to determine the appropriate jurisdiction of the traffic.

- (1) Originating Access: Originating access minutes consist of traffic originating from the Company Local Switching Center(s). The Customer must provide the Company with a projected PIU factor on an annual basis. If no PIU for originating minutes is submitted as specified herein, actual 3 months prior usage will be used to determine the projected PIU factor, if such usage history is available. If no such usage history is available, a default PIU of 50% will be applied.

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2.9 Obligations of the Customer, (Cont'd.)

2.9.2 (continued)

C. Jurisdictional Reports, (Cont'd.)

- (2) Terminating Access: Terminating access minutes consist of traffic terminating to the Company Local Switching Center(s). The Customer must provide the Company with a projected PIU factor on an annual basis. If no PIU for terminating minutes is submitted as specified herein, actual 3 months prior usage will be used to determine the projected PIU factor, if such usage history is available. If no such usage history is available, a default PIU of 50% will be applied.
- (3) Except where the Company measured access minutes are used as set forth above, the Customer reported Projected PIU factor as set forth above will be used until the Customer reports a different projected PIU factor, as set forth below.

D. Jurisdictional Audits

- (1) The Customer shall keep sufficient detail from which the percentages of interstate and intrastate use reported to the Company can be verified and upon request of the Company make such records available for inspection and audit. The customer must maintain these records for 24 months from the date the report became effective for billing purposes.
- (2) Initiation of an audit will be at the sole discretion of the Company. The audit shall be performed by an independent party selected by the Company. An audit may be initiated by the Company for a single customer no more than once per year. The customer shall supply the required data within 30 calendar days of the Company request.
- (3) In the event that an audit reveals that any customer reported PIU was incorrect, the Company shall apply the audit result to all usage affected by the audit. The customer shall be backbilled or credited, for a period retroactive to the date that the incorrect percentage was reported, but not to exceed 24 months. Backbilled amounts are subject to a late payment penalty and payment shall be made in immediately available funds, within 31 days from receipt of bill or by the following bill date, whichever is a shorter period.

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2.9 Obligations of the Customer, (Cont'd.)

2.9.2 (continued)

D. Jurisdictional Audits, (Cont'd.)

- (4) Should an audit reveal that the misreported percentage(s) of use has resulted in an underpayment of access charges to the Company of five percent or more of the total Switched Access Services bill, the customer shall reimburse the Company for the cost of the audit. Proof of cost shall be the bills, in reasonable detail submitted to the Company by the auditor.
- (5) Within 15 days of completion of the auditor's report, the Company will furnish a copy of the audit results to the person designated by the customer to receive such results.

2.10 Billing and Payment for Service

2.10.1 Responsibility for Charges

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

- A. any delegation of authority resulting in the use of Customer's communications equipment and/or network services which result in the placement of calls via the Company;
- B. any and all use of the service arrangement provided by the Company, including calls which the Customer did not individually authorize;
- C. any calls placed by or through the Customer's equipment via any remote access feature(s).

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2.10 Billing and Payment For Service, (Cont'd.)

2.10.2 Minimum Period

The minimum period for which services are provided and for which rates and charges are applicable is one (1) month unless otherwise specified in this tariff or by mutually agreed upon contract. When a service is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable, whether the service is used or not.

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2.10 Billing and Payment For Service, (Cont'd.)

2.10.3 Payment for Service

- A. All charges due by the Customer are payable to the Company or any agent duly authorized to receive such payments. The Company shall bill on a current basis all charges incurred by, and credits due to, the Customer under this tariff. Any known unbilled charges for prior periods and any known unbilled adjustments also will be applied to this bill. Terms of payment shall be according to the rules and regulations of the agent and subject to the rules of regulatory bodies having jurisdiction.
- B. Non-recurring charges for installations, service connections, moves or rearrangements are due and payable upon receipt of the Company's invoice by the Customer. At the Company's discretion, payment of all or a portion of any non-recurring charges may be required prior to commencement of facility or equipment installation or construction required to provide the services requested by the Customer.
- C. The Company shall present invoices for recurring charges monthly to the Customer, in advance of the month in which service is provided, and recurring charges shall be due and payable as specified on the bill. The Company reserves the right to utilize as its sole and exclusive billing method electronic invoices that are accessible by the Customer via a secure web interface.
- D. When billing is based upon Customer usage, usage charges will be billed monthly in arrears for service provided in the preceding billing period. Charges shall be due and payable as specified on the bill. Any requests by the Customer for call detail records supporting billed usage charges must be submitted to the Company in writing or via electronic mail that is acknowledged as received by the Company, within ninety (90) days of the date of the invoice on which the usage was billed. Any such call detail records will be provided in a format to be mutually agreed between the Company and the Customer.
- E. Customer billing will begin on the service commencement date, which is the day the Company determines in its reasonable sole discretion that the service or facility is available for use, except that the service commencement date may be postponed by mutual agreement of the parties, or if the service or facility does not conform to standards under this tariff or the service order. Billing accrues through and includes the day that the service, circuit, arrangement or component is discontinued.

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2.10 Billing and Payment For Service, (Cont'd.)

2.10.3 Payment for Service, (Cont'd.)

- F.** When service does not begin on the first day of the month, or end on the last day of the month, the charge for the fraction of the month in which service was furnished will be calculated on a pro rata basis. For this purpose, every month is considered to have 30 days.
- G.** Amounts not paid within 30 days after the mailing date of invoice will be considered past due.

2.10.4 Disputed Charges

- A.** Any objections to billed charges must be reported to the Company or its billing agent in writing or via electronic mail that is acknowledged by the Company within ninety (90) days of the invoice date of the bill issued to the Customer. Adjustments to Customers' bills shall be made to the extent that circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate.
- B.** In the event that a billing dispute occurs concerning any charges billed to the Customer by the Company, the Customer must submit a documented claim for the disputed amount. The Customer will submit all documentation as may reasonably be required to support the claim. All claims must be submitted to the Company within ninety (90) days of the invoice date of the bill for the disputed services. If the Customer does not submit a claim as stated above, the Customer waives all rights to filing a claim thereafter.
- C.** If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Customer and the Customer has withheld the disputed amount, no interest credits or penalties will apply.
- D.** If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Company and the Customer has withheld the disputed amount, any payments withheld pending settlement of the disputed amount shall be subject to the late payment penalty as set forth in 2.10.5.
- E.** If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Customer and the Customer has paid the disputed amount, the Customer will receive an interest credit from the Company for the disputed amount times a late factor as set forth in 2.10.5.
- F.** If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Company and the Customer has paid the disputed amount on or before the payment due date, no interest credit or penalties will apply.

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2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Cont'd.)

2.10.4 Disputed Charges (Cont'd.)

- G. In the event that a billing dispute occurs concerning any charges billed to the Customer by the Company, the Customer must submit a documented claim for the disputed amount including a detailed written explanation of the basis of the dispute. The Customer also will submit all documentation as may reasonably be required to support the claim. If the Customer and the Company are unable to resolve the dispute to their mutual satisfaction, the Customer may file a complaint with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure. The address of the Commission is as follows:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793
(614) 466-3292

2.10.5 Late Payment Fees

A late payment charge of 1.5% per month, or the highest rate permitted by applicable law, whichever is less, shall be due to the Company for any billed amount for which payment has not been received by the Company within thirty (30) days of the invoice date of the Company's invoice for service, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Company in funds which are not immediately available upon presentment. If the last calendar day for remittance falls on a Sunday, legal holiday or other day when the offices of the Company are closed, the date for acceptance of payments prior to assessment of any late payment fees shall be extended through to the next business day.

2.10.6 Returned Check Charge

A service charge equal to \$25.00, or the actual fee incurred by Company from a bank or financial institution, whichever is greater, will be assessed for all checks returned by a bank or other financial institution for: insufficient or uncollected funds, closed account, apparent tampering, missing signature or endorsement, or any other insufficiency or discrepancy necessitating return of the instrument at the discretion of the drawee bank or other financial institution.

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2.11 Taxes, Surcharges and Fees

2.11.1 All state and local taxes (i.e., sales tax, municipal utilities tax) are listed as separate line items on the Customer's bill and are not included in the quoted rates and charges set forth in this tariff. To the extent that a municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government, or Commission imposes upon and collects from the Company a sales tax, occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, rights-of-way fee, franchise fee, or other regulatory fee or tax, such and fees and taxes shall, insofar as practicable and allowed by law, be billed pro rata to Customers receiving service from the Company within the territorial limits of such municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government. It shall be the responsibility of the Customer to pay any such taxes and fees that subsequently become applicable retroactively.

2.11.2 The Company may adjust its rates and charges or impose additional rates and charges on its Customers in order to recover amounts it is required by governmental or quasi-governmental authorities to collect from or pay to others in support of statutory or regulatory programs.

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2.12 Deposits and Advanced Payments

2.12.1 General

The Company reserves the right to validate the creditworthiness of Customers and billed parties through available verification procedures. Where a Customer's creditworthiness is unacceptable to the Company, Company may refuse to provide service, require a deposit or advance payment, or otherwise restrict or interrupt service to a Customer.

2.12.2 Deposits

- A.** To safeguard its interests, the Company may require the Customer to make a deposit to be held as a guarantee for the payment of charges under Commission rules. A deposit may be required if the Customer's financial condition is not acceptable to the Company or is not a matter of general knowledge. A deposit does not relieve the Customer of the responsibility for the prompt payment of bills on presentation. A deposit may be required in addition to an advance payment.
- B.** The maximum amount of any deposit shall not exceed the equivalent of the customers estimated liability for two months service.
- C.** The Company will pay interest on deposits, to accrue from the date the deposit is made until it has been refunded, or until a reasonable effort has been made to effect refund. The Company will pay interest at the rate prescribed by the Commission or as otherwise permitted by applicable law.
- D.** If the amount of a deposit is proven to be less than required to meet the requirements specified above, the Customer shall be required to pay an additional deposit upon request.
- E.** Upon discontinuance of service, the Company shall promptly and automatically refund the Customer's deposit plus accrued interest, or the balance, if any, in excess of the unpaid bills including any penalties assessed for service furnished by the Company.

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2.12 Deposits and Advanced Payments, (Cont'd.)

2.12.3 Advance Payments

To safeguard its interests, the Company may require a Customer to make an advance payment before services and facilities are furnished. The advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to one (1) month 's estimated billing. This will be applied against the next month's charges and a new advance payment may be collected for the next month, if necessary. Advance payments do not accrue interest. An advance payment may be required in addition to a deposit.

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2.13 Cancellation by Customer

2.13.1 General

- A.** Customers of the Company's service may cancel service by providing the Company with written notification thirty (30) days prior to the requested cancellation date. The Company shall hold the Customer responsible for payment of all bills for service furnished until the cancellation date specified by the Customer or until thirty (30) days after the date that the cancellation notice is received, whichever is later.
- B.** Customers seeking to cancel service have an affirmative obligation to block traffic originating from or terminating to the Company 's network. By originating traffic from or terminating traffic to the Company 's network, the Customer will have constructively ordered the Company 's switched access service.

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2.13 Cancellation by Customer, (Cont'd.)

2.13.2 Cancellation of Application for Service

- A.** Where the Company permits the Customer to cancel an application for service prior to the start of service or prior to any special construction, no charges will be imposed except for those specified below.
- B.** Where, prior to cancellation by the Customer, the Company incurs any expenses in installing the service or in preparing to install the service that it otherwise would not have incurred, a charge equal to the costs the Company incurred, less net salvage, shall apply, but in no case shall this charge exceed the sum of the charge for the minimum period of services ordered, including installation charges, and all charges others levy against the Company that would have been chargeable to the Customer had service begun.
- C.** Where the Company incurs any expense in connection with special construction, or where special arrangements of facilities or equipment have begun, before the Company receives a cancellation notice, a charge equal to the costs incurred, less net salvage, may apply. In such cases, the charge will be based on such elements as the cost of the equipment, facilities, and material, the cost of installation, engineering, labor, and supervision, general and administrative expense, other disbursements, depreciation, maintenance, taxes, provision for return on investment, and any other costs associated with the special construction or arrangements.
- D.** The charges described above will be calculated and applied on a case-by-case basis.

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2.14 Cancellation by Company

2.14.1 Service continues to be provided until canceled by the Customer pursuant to Section 2.13 or until discontinued by the Company. The Company may render bills subsequent to the termination of service for charges incurred before termination. The Customer shall pay such bills in full in accordance with the payment terms of this tariff.

2.14.2 The Company may refuse or discontinue service to a Customer under the following conditions. The Company will give notice to Customers of such refusal or discontinuance at the earliest reasonable opportunity.

- A.** For violation of law: Except as provided elsewhere in this tariff, the Company may refuse, suspend or cancel service, without notice, for any violation of terms of this tariff, for any violation of any law, rule, regulation, order, decree or policy of any government authority of competent jurisdiction, or by reason of any order or decision of a court or other government authority having jurisdiction which prohibits the Company from furnishing such service or prohibits Customer from subscribing to, using, or paying for such service.
- B.** For the Company to comply with any order or request of any governmental authority having jurisdiction: The Company may refuse, suspend or cancel service, without notice, in order to permit the Company to comply with any order or request of any governmental authority having jurisdiction.
- C.** In the event of Customer or Authorized User use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's equipment or service to others.
- D.** In the event of tampering with the equipment or services owned by the Company or its agents in a manner which adversely affects the network or other customers.
- E.** In the event of unauthorized or fraudulent use of service. Whenever service is discontinued for fraudulent use of service, the Company may, to the extent that Company opts to restore such service, require the Customer to make, at Customer's own expense, all changes in facilities or equipment necessary to eliminate illegal use and to pay an amount reasonably estimated as the loss in revenues resulting from such fraudulent use.
- F.** If any of the facilities, appliances, or apparatus on Customer's premise are found to be unsafe or causing harm to the Company's facilities, and may refuse to furnish service until the applicant or Customer shall have remedied the condition.

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2.14 Cancellation by Company, (Cont'd.)

2.14.3 The Company may refuse or discontinue service provided that, unless otherwise stated, the Customer shall be given five (5) business days written notice to comply with any rule or remedy any deficiency:

- A. For nonpayment: The Company, by written notice to the Customer and in accordance with applicable law, may refuse, suspend or cancel service without incurring any liability when there is an unpaid balance for service that is past due. If any billed amount is in dispute, the customer has the right to appeal to the PUCO. Service will not be discontinued while the dispute is under PUCO review.
- B. For returned checks: The Customer whose check or draft is returned unpaid for any reason, after two attempts at collection, may, at the Company's discretion, be subject to refusal, suspension or cancellation of service in the same manner as provided for nonpayment of overdue charges.
- C. For neglect or refusal to provide reasonable access to the Company or its agents for the purpose of inspection and maintenance of equipment owned by the Company or its agents.
- D. For Customer use or Customer's permitting use of obscene, profane or grossly abusive language over the Company's facilities, and who, after five (5) days notice, fails, neglects or refuses to cease and refrain from such practice or to prevent the same, and to remove its property from the premise of such person.
- E. For use of telephone service for any property or purpose other than that described in the application.
- F. For Customer's breach of any contract for service between the Company and the Customer.

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2.15 Restoration of Service

- 2.15.1** If service has been discontinued for nonpayment or as otherwise provided herein and the Customer wishes service continued, service may be restored at the Company's sole discretion, when all past due amounts are paid or the event giving rise to the discontinuance (if other than nonpayment) is corrected. Customers whose service was disconnect for non-payment may be required to pay a deposit and/or advance payment prior to service restoration.
- 2.15.2** A restoration fee of \$25.00, or the actual costs incurred by the Company, whichever is greater, applies to Customers whose service is restored following disconnection by the Company.
- 2.15.3** Restoration of disrupted services shall be in accordance with applicable Commission and/or Federal Communications Commission Rules and Regulations specified in Part 64, Subpart D, which specify the priority system for such activities.

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2.16 Provision of Company Equipment and Facilities

- 2.16.1** The Company shall use reasonable efforts to maintain only the facilities and equipment that it furnishes to the Customer. The Customer may not nor may the Customer permit others to rearrange, disconnect, remove, attempt to repair, or otherwise interfere with any of the facilities or equipment installed by the Company, except upon the written consent of the Company.
- 2.16.2** The Company may substitute, change or rearrange any equipment or facility at any time and from time to time, but shall not thereby alter the technical parameters of the service provided the Customer.
- 2.16.3** Equipment the Company provides or installs at the Customer premise shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which the equipment is provided.
- 2.16.4** The Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation, or maintenance of any Customer provided communications equipment. Where such equipment is connected to the facilities furnished under this tariff, the responsibility of the Company shall be limited to the furnishing of facilities offered under this tariff and to the maintenance and operation of such facilities. Subject to this responsibility, the Company shall not be responsible for:
- A.** the transmission of signals by Customer provided equipment or for the quality of, or defects in, such transmission; or
 - B.** the reception of signals by Customer-provided equipment; or
 - C.** network control signaling where such signaling is performed by Customer-provided network control signaling equipment.

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2.17 Customer-Provided Equipment

- 2.17.1** The Company's services are designed primarily for the transmission of voice-grade telephonic signals, except as otherwise stated in this tariff. A user may transmit any form of signal that is compatible with the Company's equipment, but the Company does not represent that its services will be suitable for purposes other than voice-grade telephonic communication except as specifically stated in this tariff.
- 2.17.2** Terminal equipment on the user's premise and the electric power consumed by such equipment shall be provided by and maintained at the expense of the Customer. The Customer is responsible for the provision of wiring or cable to connect its terminal equipment to the Company 's network.
- 2.17.3** The Customer is responsible for ensuring that Customer-provided equipment connected to Company equipment and facilities is compatible with such equipment and facilities. The magnitude and character of the voltages and currents impressed on Company-provided equipment and wiring by the connection, operation, or maintenance of such equipment and wiring shall be such as not to cause damage to the Company-provided equipment and wiring or injury to the Company's employees or to other persons. Any additional protective equipment required to prevent such damage or injury shall be provided by the Company at the Customer's expense, subject to prior Customer approval of the equipment expense.
- 2.17.4** Upon suitable notification to the Customer, and at a reasonable time, the Company may make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the Customer is complying with the requirements under this Section 2.18 for the installation, operation, and maintenance of Customer-provided facilities, equipment, and wiring in the connection of Customer-provided facilities and equipment to Company-owned facilities and equipment.
- 2.17.5** If the protective requirements for Customer-provided equipment are not being complied with, the Company may take such action as it deems necessary to protect its facilities, equipment, and personnel. The Company may, upon five (5) days written notice, require the use of additional protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this written notice fails to remedy any protective deficiencies or potential harm, the Company may, upon additional five (5) days written notice, terminate the existing service of the Customer.
- 2.17.6** If harm to the Company 's network, personnel or services is imminent, the Company reserves the right to shut down Customer 's service immediately, with no prior notice required.

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2.18 Inspection, Testing and Adjustments

- 2.18.1** The Company may, upon reasonable notice, make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine whether the terms and conditions of this tariff are being complied with in the installation, operation or maintenance of the Customer's or the Company's facilities or equipment.
- 2.18.2** Upon thirty (30) days notice, the facilities or equipment provided by the Customer shall be made available to the Company for such tests and adjustments as may be necessary for their maintenance in a condition satisfactory to the Company. No interruption allowance shall be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made, unless such interruption exceeds twenty-four hours in length and is requested by the Customer.
- 2.18.3** The Company will provide the Customer reasonable notification of service-affecting activities that may occur in normal operation of its business. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, equipment or facilities additions, removals or rearrangements and routine preventative maintenance. Generally, such activities are not specific to an individual Customer but affect many Customers' services. No specific advance notification period applies to all service activities. The Company will work cooperatively with the Customer to determine the reasonable notification requirements. With some emergency or unplanned service-affecting conditions, such as an outage resulting from cable damage, notification to the Customer may not be possible.

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2.19 Allowances for Interruptions in Service

2.19.1 General

- A.** Upon the written request of the Customer, delivered to the Company no later than thirty (30) days following the date of service interruption, a credit allowance will be given when service is interrupted, except as specified in Section 2.20.2 following. A service is interrupted when it becomes inoperative to the Customer, e.g., the Customer is unable to transmit or receive, because of a failure of a component furnished by the Company under this tariff.
- B.** An interruption period begins when the Customer reports to the Company a service, facility or circuit is inoperative and, if necessary, releases it for testing and repair by the Company, as determined in its sole and reasonable discretion. An interruption period ends when the service, facility or circuit is operative.
- C.** If the Customer reports a service, facility or circuit to be interrupted but declines to release it for testing and repair, refuses access to its premise for test and repair by the Company, or continues to make voluntary use of the service, the service, facility or circuit is considered to be impaired but not interrupted. No credit allowances will be made for a service, facility or circuit considered by the Company to be impaired.
- D.** The Customer shall be responsible for the payment of service charges for visits by the Company's agents or employees to the premises of the Customer when the service difficulty or trouble report results from the use of equipment or facilities provided by any party other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer.

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2.19 Allowances for Interruptions in Service, (Cont'd.)

2.19.2 Limitations of Allowances

- A.** No credit allowance will be made for any interruption in service:
- (1) due to the negligence of or noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff by any person or entity other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer;
 - (2) due to the failure of power, equipment, systems, connections or services not provided by the Company;
 - (3) due to circumstances or causes beyond the control of the Company;
 - (4) during any period in which the Company is not given full and free access to its facilities and equipment for the purposes of investigating and correcting interruptions;

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2.19.2 Limitations of Allowances, (Cont'd.)

- (5) during any period when the Customer has released service to the Company for maintenance purposes or for implementation of a Customer order for a change in service arrangements;
- (6) that occurs or continues due to the Customer's failure to authorize replacement of any element of special construction; and
- (7) that was not reported to the Company within 30 days of the date that service was affected.

2.19.3 Use of Another Means of Communications

If the Customer elects to use another means of communications during the period of interruption, the Customer must pay the charges for the alternative service used.

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2.19 Allowances for Interruptions in Service, (Cont'd.)

2.19.4 Application of Credits for Interruptions in Service

- A. Except as provided in Section 2.10.2 A., if a Customer 's service is interrupted, and it remains interrupted for eight normal working hours or longer after access to the premises is made available and after being reported to be out of order, appropriate adjustments or refunds shall be made to the Customer, when such adjustment exceeds \$1.00.
- B. The amount of adjustment or refund shall be determined on the basis of the known period of interruption, generally beginning from the time the service interruption is first reported. The refund to the Customer shall be a pro rata part of the month 's flat rate charges (if any) for the period of days and that portion of the service facilities rendered useless or inoperative. The refund may be accomplished by a credit on a subsequent bill for the service.
- C. For purposes of credit computation every month shall be considered to have seven hundred and twenty (720) hours. For services with a monthly recurring charge, no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of continuous duration of less than eight (8) hours. The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of eight (8) or more hours at the rate of 1/720th of the monthly charge for the services affected for each day that the interruption continues. The formula used for computation of credits is as follows:

$$\text{Credit} = A/720 \times B$$

A = outage time in hours (must be 8 or more)
B = total monthly recurring charge for affected service.
- D. No credits will be provided for usage sensitive services.

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2.20 Notices and Communications

- 2.20.1** 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.
- 2.20.2** 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 bills for service to which the Customer shall mail payment on that bill.
- 2.20.3** Notice of a pending disconnection of a Customer 's service may contain the reason for the notice, the date of the notice, a description of any remedies the Customer may make, the time allotted for the Customer to make remedies (if any), and a toll free customer service number the Customer may call to obtain additional information.
- 2.20.4** Except as otherwise stated in this tariff, all other notices or communications required to be given under this tariff will be in writing.
- 2.20.5** 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 second business day following placement of the notice, communication or bill with the U.S. mail or a private delivery service, prepaid and properly addressed, or when actually received or refused by the addressee, whichever occurs first.
- 2.20.6** The Company or the Customer shall advise the other party of any changes to the addresses designated for notices, other communications or billing, by following the procedures for giving notice set forth herein.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

3.1 General

- 3.1.1** Switched Access Service, which is available to Customers for their use in furnishing their services to End Users, provides a two-point communications path between a Customer's Premises and an End User's Premises. It provides for the use of common terminating, switching and trunking facilities, and for the use of common subscriber plant of the Company. Switched Access Service provides for the ability to originate calls from an End User's Premises to a Customer's Premises and to terminate calls from a Customer's Premises to an End User's Premises in the LATA where it is provided.
- 3.1.2** When a rate as set forth in this tariff is shown to more than two decimal places, the charges will be determined using the rate shown. The resulting amount will then be rounded to the nearest penny (i.e., rounded to two decimal places).
- 3.1.3** In the absence of an ASR as described in Section 3.4, delivery of calls to, or acceptance of calls from, the Customer's End User location(s) via Company-provided switched access services shall constitute a Constructive Order and an agreement by the Customer to purchase the Company's switched access services as described and priced herein.

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3.2 Manner of Provision

- 3.2.1** Switched Feature Group (FG) Access is furnished for originating and terminating calls by the Customer to its End User. FG Access is furnished on a per-line or per trunk basis.
- 3.2.2** Originating traffic type represents access capacity within a LATA for carrying traffic from the End User to the Customer; and Terminating traffic type represents access capacity within a LATA for carrying traffic from the Customer to the End User. When ordering capacity for FG Access, the Customer must at a minimum specify such access capacity in terms of originating traffic type and/or terminating traffic type.
- 3.2.3** Feature Group Access is provisioned, at minimum, at the DS-1 level and provides line-side or trunk-side access to End Office switches, for the Customer's use in originating and terminating communications. Basic FG Access service will be provided with Multi-Frequency In Band Signaling (SS7 is also available, where capabilities exist).
- 3.2.4** Two types of Feature Group Access are available:
- A. Tandem Connect Access:** This option applies when the customer has no direct facilities to the Company. All traffic is routed to and from Company 's End Office via the Customer 's tandem provider. Delivery of calls to, or acceptance of calls from, the Customer 's End User location(s) via Company-provided Tandem Connect Access services shall constitute a Constructive Order and an agreement by the Customer to purchase the Company 's switched access services as described and priced herein.
 - B. Direct Connect Access:** The Company will provide facilities between the Customer's premises and a Company End Office. This transmission path is dedicated to the use of a single Customer. The Company requires the Customer to submit an ASR or comparable documentation for Direct Connect Access. Direct Connect Access is provided on an Individual Case Basis as Special Service Arrangements pursuant to Section 4 of this tariff.

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3.3 Rate Categories

There are three rate categories that apply to Switched Access Service:

- End Office Switching (includes Common Line and Switched Transport)
- Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Access Service
- Optional Features

3.3.1 End Office Switching

The Company combines traditional per minute switched access rate elements into a single composite per minute rate element. This element includes the following rate categories:

A. Switched Transport

The Switched Transport rate category establishes the charges related to the transmission and tandem switching facilities between the customer designated premises and the end office switch(es) where the customer's traffic is switched to originate or terminate the customer's communications.

- (1) **Tandem Switched Termination** element includes the non-distance-sensitive portion of Switched Transport and is assessed on a per minute of use basis.
- (2) **Tandem Switched Transport Facility** element includes the distance-sensitive portion of Switched Transport and is assessed on a per access minute of use basis.
- (3) **Tandem Switching** element includes the access tandem switching associated with Tandem-Switched Transport traffic and is assessed per access minute switched through the tandem.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.3 Rate Categories, (Cont'd.)

3.3.1 End Office Switching, (Cont'd.)

A. Switched Transport, (Cont'd.)

- (4) **Common multiplexing** is provided on a usage-sensitive basis in conjunction with Tandem Switched Transport. Switched access facilities are connected to the tandem as DSI/T-1 circuits. Multiplexing is required to convert common switched facilities from an operating speed of 44.736 Mbps to an operating speed of 1.544 Mbps.

B. End Office Switching

The End Office Switching rate category establishes the charges related to the use of end office switching equipment, the terminations in the end office of end user lines, the terminations of calls at Company Intercept Operators or recordings, the Signaling Transfer Point (STP) costs, and the SS7 signaling function between the end office and the STP.

- (1) **Local Switching** rate element provides for (1) local end office switching, i.e., the common switching functions associated with the various Switched Access Service arrangements and (2) intercept functions, i.e., the termination of certain calls at a Telephone company intercept operator or recording.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.3 Rate Categories, (Cont'd.)

3.3.1 End Office Switching, (Cont'd.)

C. End Office Switching, (Cont'd.)

- (2) **Common Trunk Ports** used by multiple customers provides for the termination of common transport trunks in common trunk ports in conjunction with tandem routed traffic. The Common Trunk Port rate is assessed on a usage sensitive basis on tandem routed switched access.

3.3.2 Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Query

Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Query is a service offering that utilizes originating trunk side Switched Access Service to deliver Toll Free calls to the Company's Interexchange Carrier Customers. The service provides for the forwarding of End User dialed Toll Free calls to a Company Service Switching Point which will initiate a query to the database to perform the Customer identification and delivery function. The call is forwarded to the appropriate Interexchange Carrier Customer based on the dialed Toll-Free Number. Records exchange, rating and billing for Toll Free Data Base Access Service is subject to the provisions of the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing Guidelines (MECAB).

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.4 Access Ordering

3.4.1 General

- A. Customers may order switched access through a Constructive Order, as defined herein, or through an ASR. The format and terms of the ASR will be as specified in the Industry Access Service Order Guidelines, unless otherwise specified herein.
- B. A Customer may order any number of services of the same type and between the same premises on a single ASR. All details for services for a particular order must be identical.
- C. The Customer shall provide all information necessary for the Company to provide and bill for the requested service. When placing an order for Access Service, the Customer shall provide the following minimum information:
 - (1) Customer name and Premises address(es);
 - (2) Billing name and address (when different from Customer name and address); and
 - (3) Customer contact name(s) and telephone number(s) for the following provisioning activities: order negotiation, order confirmation, interactive design, installation and billing.

3.4.2 Access Service Date Intervals

- A. Access Service is provided with Standard or Negotiated Intervals
- B. The Company will specify a firm order confirmation date and Service Commencement Date contingent on the ASR being complete as received. To the extent the Access Service can be made available with reasonable effort, the Company will provide the Access Service in accordance with the Customer's requested interval, subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) For service provided under a Standard Interval: The Standard Interval for Switched Service will be sixty (60) business days from the Application Date. This interval only applies to standard service offerings where there are pre-existing facilities to the Customer Premises. Access Services provided under the Standard Interval will be installed during Company business hours.

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3.4 Access Ordering, (Cont'd.)

3.4.2 Access Service Date Intervals, (Cont'd.)

B. (continued)

- (2) For service provided under a Negotiated Interval: The Company will offer a Service Date based on the type and quantity of Access Services the Customer has requested. The Company will negotiate a Service Date interval with the Customer when:
 - (a) The Customer requests a Service Date before or beyond the applicable Standard Interval Service Date; or
 - (b) There is no existing facility connecting the Customer Premises with the Company; or
 - (c) The Customer requests a service that is not considered by the Company to be a standard service offering (for example, if additional engineering or special construction is required to complete the order); or
 - (d) The Company determines that Access Service cannot be installed within the Standard Interval.

- C. All services for which rates are applied on an Individual Case Basis are provided with a Negotiated Interval.

3.4.3 Access Service Request Modifications

The Customer may request a modification of its ASR prior to the Service Commencement Date. All modifications must be in writing using the industry ASR process. The Company, in its sole discretion, may accept a verbal modification from the Customer. The Company will make every effort to accommodate a requested modification when it is able to do so with the normal work force assigned to complete such an order within normal business hours.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.5 Special Construction or Special Service Arrangements

- 3.5.1** Subject to the agreement of the Company and to all of the regulations contained in this tariff, special construction of Company facilities or development of special service arrangements may be undertaken by the Company on a reasonable-efforts basis at the request of the Customer. Such construction or arrangements will be provided pursuant to regulations contained in Section 4 of this tariff.

3.6 Obligations of the Company

- 3.6.1** With regard to access services provided by the Company, specific Company responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

A. Network Management

The Company will administer its network to ensure that provision of acceptable service levels to all telecommunications users of the Company's network services. Generally, service levels are considered acceptable only when both End Users and Customers are able to establish connections with minimal delay encountered within the Company network. The Company maintains the right to apply protective controls, i.e., those actions, such as call gapping, which selectively cancel the completion of traffic, over any traffic carried over its network, including that associated with a Customer's Switched Access Service. Generally, such protective measures would only be taken as a result of occurrences such as a failure or overload of Company or Customer facilities, natural disasters, mass calling or national security demands.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.6 Obligations of the Company, (Cont'd.)

3.6.1 (continued)

B. Design and Traffic Routing of Switched Access Service

The Company shall design and determine the routing of Switched Access Service, including the selection of the first point of switching and the selection of facilities from the interface to any switching point and to the End Offices. The Company shall also decide if capacity is to be provided by originating only, terminating only, or two-way trunk groups. Finally, the Company will decide whether trunk side access will be provided through the use of two-wire or four-wire trunk terminating equipment.

Selection of facilities and equipment and traffic routing of the service are based on standard engineering methods, available facilities and equipment and the Company's traffic routing plans. If the Customer desires different routing or directionality than that determined by the Company, the Company will work cooperatively with the Customer in determining (1) whether the service is to be routed directly to an end office or through an access tandem switch and (2) the directionality of the service.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.7 Obligations of the Customer

3.7.1 The Customer has certain specific obligations pertaining to the use of Switched Access Service. These obligations are in addition to obligations specified in Section 2.9 of this tariff and are as follows:

A. Report Requirements

Customers are responsible for providing the following reports to the Company, when applicable:

(1) Jurisdictional Reports

When a Customer orders Switched Access Service for both interstate and intrastate use, the Customer is responsible for providing reports as set forth in Section 2.9.2(c) preceding. Charges will be apportioned in accordance with those reports.

(2) Code Screening Reports

When a Customer orders service call routing, trunk access limitation or call gapping arrangements, the customer must report the number of trunks and/or the appropriate codes to be instituted in each end office or access tandem switch, for each of the arrangements ordered.

B. On and Off-Hook Supervision

The Customer's facilities shall provide the necessary on and off-hook supervision for accurate timing of calls.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.8 Rate Regulations

3.8.1 General

There are three type of rates and charges that apply to Switched Access Service provided by the Company. These are monthly recurring charges, usage charges, and nonrecurring charges.

3.8.2 Types of Charges

- A. Nonrecurring charges are one time charges that apply for a specific work activity (e.g., installation or change to an existing service). Non-recurring charges may apply for installation of service, installation of optional features and service rearrangements.
- B. Recurring Charges are flat monthly rates that apply for each month or fraction thereof that a specific rate element is provided. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have 30 days.
- C. Usage Charges are rates that apply only when a specific rate element is used. These are applied on a per-access minute, a per-call or per-query basis. Usage rates are accumulated over a monthly period.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.8 Rate Regulations, (Cont'd.)

3.8.3 Measurement of Access Minutes

- A. When recording originating calls over FG Access with multi-frequency address signaling, usage measurement begins when the first wink supervisory signal is forwarded from the Customer's facilities. The measurement of originating call usage over FG Access ends when the originating FG Access entry switch receives disconnect supervision from either the originating End User's End Office (indicating that the originating End User has disconnected), or from the Customer's facilities, whichever is recognized first by the entry switch.
- B. For terminating calls over FG Access with multi-frequency address signaling, the measurement of access minutes begins when a seizure signal is received from the Carrier's trunk group at the Point of Presence within the LATA. The measurement of terminating call usage over FG Access ends when a disconnect signal is received, indicating that either the originating or terminating user has disconnected.
- C. When recording originating calls over FG Access with SS7 signaling, usage measurement begins with the transmission of the initial address message by the switch for direct trunk groups and with the receipt of an exit message by the switch for tandem trunk groups. The measurement of originating FG Access usage ends when the entry switch receives or sends a release message, whichever occurs first.
- D. For terminating calls over FG Access with SS7 signaling, the measurement of access minutes begins when the terminating recording switch receives the initial address message from the terminating End User. On directly routed trunk groups or on tandem routed trunk groups, the Company switch receives the initial address message and sends the indication to the Customer in the form of an answer message. The measurement of terminating FG Access call usage ends when the entry switch receives or sends a release message, whichever occurs first.
- E. Mileage, where applicable, will be measured in accordance with standard industry practices.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.8 Rate Regulations, (Cont'd.)

3.8.4 Moves

A. A move of services involves a change in the physical location of one of the following:

- (1) The point of termination at the Customer's Premises, or
- (2) The Customer's Premises

B. The charges for the move are dependent on whether the move is to a new location within the same building or to a different building as described below:

- (1) Moves Within the Same Building

When the move is to a new location within the same building, the charge for the move will be an amount equal to one half of the nonrecurring charge for the capacity affected. There will be no change in the minimum period requirements.

- (2) Moves to a Different Building

Moves to a different building will be treated as a discontinuance and start of service and all associated nonrecurring charges will apply. New minimum period requirements will be established for the new service. The Customer will also remain responsible for satisfying all outstanding minimum period charges for the discontinued service.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.8 Rate Regulations, (Cont'd.)

3.8.5 Installation of Optional Features

- A.** If a separate nonrecurring charge applies for the installation of an optional feature available with Switched Access Service, the charge applies whether the feature is installed coincident with the initial installation of service or at any time subsequent to the initial installation of service.
- B.** For all other changes, including the addition of, or modifications to, optional features without separate nonrecurring charges, a charge equal to one half the Switched Transport nonrecurring (i.e. installation) charge will apply. When an optional feature is not required on each transmission path, but rather for an entire transmission path group, an end office or an access tandem switch, only one such charge will apply.

3.8.6 Service Rearrangements

- A.** Service rearrangements are changes to existing services which do not result in either a change in the minimum period requirements or a change in the physical location of the point of termination at the Customer's premises or the Customer's End User's premises. Changes that result in the establishment of new minimum period obligations are treated as disconnects and starts.
- B.** The charge to the Customer for the service rearrangement is dependent on whether the change is administrative only in nature or involves an actual physical change to the service.
- C.** Administrative changes will be made without charge(s) to the Customer. Such changes require the continued provision and billing of the Access Service to the same entity or change in jurisdiction.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.9 Rates and Charges

3.9.1 Switched Transport

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| - Tandem Switched Termination | Note 1 |
| - Tandem Switched Transport Facility | Note 1 |
| - Tandem Switching | Note 1 |
| - Common Multiplexing | Note 1 |

3.9.2 End Office Switching

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| Local Switching (per access minute) | Note 1 |
| Common Trunk Port (per access minute) | Note 1 |

3.9.3 Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Query Note 1

Note 1: The Company's rates mirror the current intrastate switched access rates of the underlying Incumbent Local Exchange Company (ILEC) which serve the territory in which the traffic originates or terminates, as set forth in AT&T Ohio PUCO Tariff No. 20, Part 21.

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SECTION 4 - SPECIAL CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, AND CONSTRUCTION

4.1 Special Contract Arrangements

At the option of the Company, services may be offered on a contract basis to meet specialized pricing requirements of the Customer not contemplated by this tariff. The terms of each contract shall be mutually agreed upon between the Customer and Company and may include discounts off of rates contained herein and waiver of recurring, nonrecurring, or usage charges. The terms of the contract may be based partially or completely on the term and volume commitment, type of access arrangement, mixture of services, or other distinguishing features. Service shall be available to all similarly situated Customers for a fixed period of time following the initial offering to the first contract Customer as specified in each individual contract.

Each contract will be in writing and will be filed with the P.U.C.O. for approval.

4.2 Special Service Arrangements

4.2.1 If a Customer's requirements cannot be met by services included in this tariff, or pricing for a service is shown in this tariff as "ICB", the Company will provide, where practical, special service arrangements at charges to be determined on an Individual Case Basis. These special service arrangements will be provided if the provision of such arrangements are not detrimental to any other services furnished under the Company's tariffs.

4.2.2 Special service arrangement rates are subject to revision depending on changing costs or operating conditions.

4.2.3 If and when a special service arrangement becomes a generically tariffed offering, the tariffed rate or rates will apply from the date of tariff approval.

4.2.4 Special Service Arrangements will be provided pursuant to written contract, which will be filed with the P.U.C.O. for approval.

4.3 Non-Routine Installation Charges

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

Any non-routine installation charges will be charged pursuant to a written contract, which will be filed with the P.U.C.O. for approval.

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SECTION 4 - SPECIAL CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, AND CONSTRUCTION, (CONT'D)

4.4 Special Construction Charges

4.4.1 General

- A.** Special construction charges may apply for services provided to the Customer by the Company. Special construction includes but is not limited to that construction undertaken:
- (1) where facilities are not presently available, and there is no other requirement for the facilities so constructed;
 - (2) of a type other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
 - (3) over a route other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
 - (4) in a quantity greater than that which the Company would normally construct;
 - (5) on an expedited basis;
 - (6) on a temporary basis until permanent facilities are available;
 - (7) involving abnormal costs;
 - (8) in advance of its normal construction; or
 - (9) when the Company furnishes a facility or service for which a rate or charge is not specified in the Company's tariff.
- B.** Where the Company furnishes a facility or service requiring special construction, charges will be determined by the Company and may include: (1) non-recurring charges; (2) recurring charges; (3) usage charges; (4) termination liabilities; or (5) a combinations thereof.
- C.** Rates and charges for special construction shall be determined and presented to the Customer for its approval prior to the start of construction. No construction will commence until and unless the Customer accepts in writing the rates and charges as presented by the Company. Such rates and charges will be included in a written contract, which will be filed with the P.U.C.O. for approval.

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EXHIBIT C

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D/B/A TOUCH BASE COMMUNICATIONS**

**CERTIFICATE OF OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE
&
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Witness my hand and the seal of the
Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio this
10th day of September, A.D. 2020.

Ohio Secretary of State

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I, Frank LaRose, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected, qualified and present acting Secretary of State for the State of Ohio, and as such have custody of the records of Ohio and Foreign business entities; that said records show SPECTROTEL OF THE MIDWEST LLC, a Delaware For Profit Limited Liability Company, Registration Number 4518973, filed on August 4, 2020, is currently in FULL FORCE AND EFFECT upon the records of this office.



*Witness my hand and the seal of the
Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio
this 8th day of April, A.D. 2021.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank LaRose".

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EXHIBIT D

**SPECTROTEL, INC.
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D/B/A TOUCH BASE COMMUNICATIONS**

LIST OF OFFICERS

The following individuals serve as officers of the Applicant and may be reached through the Applicant's corporate headquarters at 3535 State Highway 66, Suite 7, Neptune, New Jersey 07753, Phone: 732-345-7000.

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Founder and CEO
President and COO
CFO

EXHIBIT E

**SPECTROTEL, INC.
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D/B/A TOUCH BASE COMMUNICATIONS**

DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION

Spectrotel, Inc.
Description of Corporate Reorganization

Spectrotel, Inc. has completed an internal corporate reorganization resulting in the creation of a new affiliate, Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC, which will become the telecommunications service provider for the Company's Ohio customers. The effect of this reorganization is pro forma in nature and transparent to Ohio customers. Spectrotel, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission approve the transaction to the extent required by law and/or Commission rules and transfer or reissue Spectrotel Inc.'s Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC d/b/a Touch Base Communications, effective as soon as practicable.

A description of the transaction is set forth below.

The Companies

Spectrotel, Inc. is a privately held corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Spectrotel's principal business address is 3535 State Highway 66, Suite 7, Neptune, New Jersey, 07753. Spectrotel, Inc. was authorized to provide Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications Service in Ohio on September 1, 2010 in Case No. 10-1016-TP-ACN, Certificate No. 90-9287-TRF.

Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC is a newly created privately-held limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware with offices at the same location as Spectrotel, Inc. Attachment 1 includes Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC's Certificate of Formation of Limited Liability Company in Delaware and its certificate of good standing issued by the Delaware Secretary of State.

The Transaction

Spectrotel, Inc. has undertaken an internal corporate reorganization, creating Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC to serve its customers in Ohio. The corporate reorganization will not impact customers, and service will continue under the current rates, terms and conditions. The ultimate ownership and control of the Company will not change. Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC is a member managed LLC with Spectrotel Holding Company, LLC, a Delaware LLC, as its sole member. Spectrotel Holding Company, LLC is also a member managed LLC, with Spectrotel, Inc. as its primary member. Spectrotel, Inc., the ultimate parent company of Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC, will continue to be 100% owned by Jack Dayan.

No new parent corporation or other entity will acquire Spectrotel, Inc. and no change of control will occur. No other public service company or stock corporation will acquire Spectrotel, Inc. as a result of this transaction. An organizational chart depicting the operating entity's corporate ownership and status before and after the restructuring is displayed on Attachment 2.

Upon completion of this reorganization, there will be no change to the management, corporate ownership, employees, rates, services, or other contract rights and obligations of the company. All of the current managerial, technical and financial resources available to Spectrotel, Inc. will remain available to Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC, since the ultimate ownership of the Company will not change. Through this transaction, Spectrotel, Inc. is not seeking to expand or reduce its operating authority, and its services to customers (and service obligations) will not change as a result. Customer bills will continue to reflect the name "Spectrotel" or "Touch Base Communications," as applicable. The proposed restructuring is in the public interest because it will allow Spectrotel to achieve administrative efficiencies and potential cost savings, thus financially strengthening the company without altering its operations in any respect.

Because the internal corporate restructuring will be transparent to customers, customer notice was not provided, as it would likely be confusing to customers.

Conclusion

Spectrotel, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission approve the internal corporate reorganization described herein to the extent required by law or Commission rules, transfer or reissue Spectrotel Inc.'s Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC d/b/a Touch Base Communications, effective as soon as practicable and grant such other relief as may be required.

Attachment 1

Certificate of Formation of Limited Liability Company

Certificate of Good Standing

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*I, JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF
DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT
COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION OF "SPECTROTEL OF THE
MIDWEST LLC", FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF
JUNE, A.D. 2020, AT 10:07 O'CLOCK A.M.*




Jeffrey W. Bullock, Secretary of State

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CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION

OF

SPECTROTEL OF THE MIDWEST LLC

The undersigned, an authorized natural person, for the purpose of forming a limited liability company, under the provisions and subject to the requirements of the State of Delaware (particularly Chapter 18, Title 6 of the Delaware Code and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, and known, identified, and referred to as the "Delaware Limited Liability Company Act"), hereby certifies that:

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company (hereinafter called the "limited liability company") is:

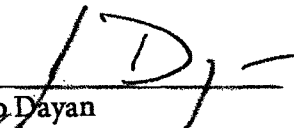
Spectrotel of the Midwest LLC

SECOND: The address of the registered office and the name and the address of the registered agent of the limited liability company required to be maintained by Section 18-104 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act are:

Cogency Global Inc.
850 New Burton Road
Suite 201
Dover, Delaware 19904

THIRD: This Certificate of Formation shall be effective upon filing.

Executed on June 11, 2020.

By: 
Jacob Dayan
Authorized Person

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I, JEFFREY W. BULLOCK, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "SPECTROTEL OF THE MIDWEST LLC" IS DULY FORMED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF JULY, A.D. 2020.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE SAID "SPECTROTEL OF THE MIDWEST LLC" WAS FORMED ON THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 2020.



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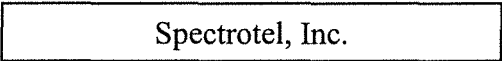
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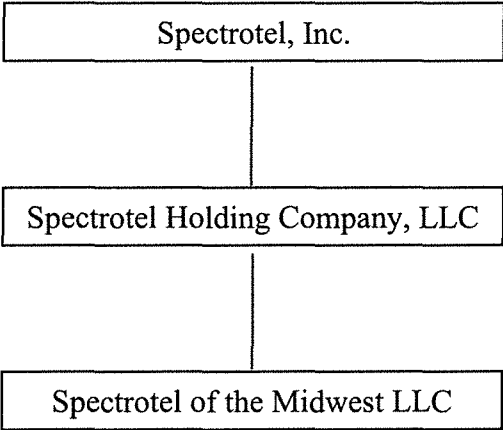
Attachment 2

Organizational Chart

Pre-Restructuring Organization



Post-Restructuring Organization



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