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#### **VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

Renee J. Jenkins Director of Administration Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E. Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215-3793 Fax: (614) 466-0313 FILING FAXED TO DOCKETING ON 6/30/04

Re:

Application of Acceris Communications Corporation to Provide Facilities-Based and Resold Local Exchange Services

Case No. 04-943-TP-ACE; 90-9290-TP-TRF; Tariff Revisions

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

Per staff request, please find enclosed one original and seven (7) copies of the following replacement pages for Acceris' Tariff No. 1 and for Case No. 04-943-TP-ACE:

o Section 1, Pages 6-11

I have also enclosed an extra copy of this letter to be date stamped and returned to me in the enclosed, self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope. If you have any questions, or if I may provide you with additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone (678.775.2258) or email (kwilkins@telecomcounsel.com).

Respectfully submitted,

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**Enclosures** 

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### 1. Local Exchange Service Regulations (cont'd)

#### 1.5 Liability of the Company

- A The liability of the Company for damages arising out of the furnishing of its services, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays or errors, other defects, or representations by the Company, or use of these services or damages arising out of the failure to furnish the service whether caused by acts or omission, shall be limited to the extension of allowances for interruption as set forth below. The extension of such allowances for interruption shall be the sole remedy of the Customer and the sole liability of the Company. The Company will not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages to Customer as a result of any Company service, equipment or facilities, or the acts or omissions or negligence of the Company's employees or agents. The limitation of liability contained herein will be in compliance with the Commission's Minimum Telephone Services Standards and the Service Requirements Form.
- B The Company's liability for willful misconduct, if established as a result of judicial or administrative proceedings, is not limited by this tariff. With respect to any other claim or suit, by a Customer or by any others, for damages associated with the ordering (including the reservation of any specific number for use with a service), installation (including delays thereof), provision, termination, maintenance, repair, interruption or restoration of any service offered under this tariff, and subject to the provisions of Section 1.7.2, the Company's liability, if any, shall be limited as provided herein. The limitation of liability contained herein will be in compliance with the Commission's Minimum Telephone Services Standards and the Service Requirements Form.

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- 1. Local Exchange Service Regulations (cont'd)
  - 1.5 Liability of the Company
- C The Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless against any claim, loss or damage arising from the use of service offered under this tariff, involving:
  - (i) claims for libel, slander, invasions of privacy or infringement of copyright arising from any communication;
  - (ii) claims for patent infringement arising from combining or using the service furnished by the Company in connection with facilities or equipment furnished by others; or
  - (iii) claims for loss of profit; or
  - (iv) all other claims arising out of any act or omission of others in the course of using services provided pursuant to this tariff.
- D The Company shall not be liable for the Customer's failure to fulfill its obligations to take all necessary steps including, without limitation, obtaining, installing and maintaining all necessary equipment, materials and supplies for interconnecting the terminal equipment or communications system of the Customer, or any third party acting as its agent, to the Company's exchange access lines. If the Customer or its agent fails to maintain and operate its equipment and/or system or that of its agent properly, with resulting imminent harm to Company personnel, or the quality of service to other Customers, the Company may, upon written notice, require the use of protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this fails to produce satisfactory quality and safety, the company may, upon written notice, terminate the Customer's service without liability.

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1. Local Exchange Service Regulations (cont'd)

### 1.5.1 With Respect to Emergency Number 911 Service

A 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 to 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 defects in the provision of this service, or (2) installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, location, or use of any equipment and facilities furnishing this service.

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- 1. Local Exchange Service Regulations (cont'd)
  - 1.5 Liability of the Company
    - 1.5.2 With Respect to Directory Listings
    - A In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, and except for any allowances stated below, no liability for damages arising from errors or mistakes in or omissions of any directory listings, or errors or mistakes in or omissions of listings obtainable from the directory assistance operator, including errors in the reporting thereof, shall attach to the Company.
    - B An allowance for errors or mistakes in or omissions of any published directory listings or for errors or mistakes in or omissions of listings obtainable from the directory assistance operator shall be given as follows:
      - (i) Free Listings: For free or non-charged published directory listings credit shall be given at the rate of three (3) times the monthly local service charge for an additional or charge listing affected for the life of the directory or the charge period during which the error, mistake or omission occurs.
      - (ii) Charge Listings: For each additional or charge published directory listings, credit shall be given at the monthly tariff rate for each such listing for the life of the directory or the charge period during which the error, mistake or omission occurs.

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# 1. Local Exchange Service Regulations (cont'd)

## 1.5.2 With Respect to Directory Listings (cont'd)

- (iii) Operator Records: For free or charge listings obtainable from records used by the directory assistance operator, upon notification to the Company of the error, mistake or omission in such records by the subscriber, the corrected information shall be placed in the files of directory assistance and intercept operators within two business days of discovery.
- (iv) Definitions: As used in paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) above, the terms "error," "mistake," or "omission" shall refer to a discrepancy in the directory listing or directory assistance records which the Company has failed to correct and where the error affects the ability to locate a particular subscriber's correct telephone number. The terms shall refer to addresses only to the extent that an error, mistake or omission of an address places the subscriber on a street or community different from the one provided to the Company.
- (v) Notice: Such allowances or credits as specified in paragraphs (i) and (ii) above, shall be given notice to the Company by the subscriber that such error, mistake or omission has occurred; provided, however, that when it was administratively feasible for the Company to have knowledge of such error, mistake or omission, the Company shall give credit without the requirement of notification by the subscribers.

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