EXHIBIT A

Per Case 10-1010-TP-ORD

This tariff contains the rules, regulations, descriptions and rates applicable to the furnishing of intercity telecommunications services offered by MCI Communications Services, Inc. within the State of Ohio.

Concurring Carriers

Connecting Carriers

Other Participating Carriers

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Co. Elyria Telephone Co. General Telephone Co. of Ohio Lorain Telephone Co. Ohio Bell Telephone Co. United Telephone Co. of Ohio

CHECK SHEET

The title sheet and sheets 1-31 inclusive of this tariff are effective as of the date shown. Original and revised pages, as named below, comprise all changes from the original tariff in effect on the date indicated. Revised pages are indicated with an asterisk (*).

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APPLICABILITY

This tariff applies to Alternative Operator Services (AOS) and Casual Calling Interexchange Telecommunications Services furnished by MCI Communications Services, Inc. between and among points within the State of Ohio.

Customers have certain rights and responsibilities under the Minimum Telephone Service Standards (Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-5) (MTSS). These safeguards can be found in the Appendix to Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-5-03, which is entitled "Telephone Customer Rights and Responsibilities".

Effective April 2, 2008, MCI is canceling large portions of what had previously been tariffed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Service descriptions, definitions, terms and conditions, and pricing which are not tariffed for mass market services provided to residential and small business customers may be found at www.mci.com/service for residential and at www.mci.com/service for small business. For large and enterprise business (i.e., non-mass market) customers service descriptions, definitions, terms and conditions, and pricing which are not tariffed may be found in the "Service Publication and Price Guide" located at the website at https://www.verizonbusiness.com/Guide.

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- C To signify changed regulation
 D To signify discontinued rate or regulation
 I To signify increased rate
 M To signify matter relocated without change
 N To signify new rate or regulation
 R To signify reduced rate
 To signify reduced matter

- S To signify reduced rate
 T To signify reissued matter
 T To signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation
 Z To signify a correction

SECTION 1 - DEFINITION OF TERMS

For the purpose of this tariff, the following definitions shall apply:

Access Line

A dedicated arrangement which connects a customer location to an MCI terminal location or an MCI switching center.

Administrative Change

The modification of an existing circuit, dedicated access line or port, at the request of the customer, that involves changes to authorization codes, speed numbers, route guide, consolidation of billing within Dedicated Leased Line Service, verification of testing performed by parties other than MCI, or any other administrative change not covered by a Billing Record Change. (See below for definition.)

Application for Service

A standard MCI order form which includes all pertinent billing, technical and other descriptive information which will enable MCI to provide a communication service as required.

Authorization Code

A five-digit code or 7-digit code, one or more of which are available to Metered Use Service customers to enable them to identify individual users or groups of users, and thereby allocate the costs of their long distance service.

Bandwidth

The total frequency band, in hertz, allocated for a channel.

Billing Record Change

A change in customer billing address.

Calling Circle

For customers subscribing to Friends & Family Option A, a Calling Circle includes U.S. telephone numbers, including the number of the Subscriber, which are presubscribed to MCI and enrolled in Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial). For customers subscribing to Friends & Family Option B and Option C, a Calling Circle includes U.S. telephone numbers, including the number of the Subscriber, which are presubscribed to MCI and enrolled in Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial).

As used in conjunction with the Friends of the Firm Program, a Calling Circle is a group of up to twenty (20) MCI Dial "1" customers with telephone numbers or ANIs, identified by a Friends of the Firm Subscriber as being members of the Subscriber's pricing plan. Subscribers are automatically included in their own Calling Circles. This list may be amended by the Subscriber, from time to time.

Telephone numbers which are not capable of being prescribed to an interexchange carrier, and telephone numbers which are associated with payphones, and MCI services other than switched services will not be eligible for inclusion in Calling Circles.

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Cancellation of Order

A customer initiated request to discontinue processing a service order, either in part or in its entirety, prior to its completion. Cancellation charges will be assessed for each circuit-end or dedicated access line canceled from an order prior to its completion by MCI, under the following circumstances: (I) if the local Telco has confirmed in writing to MCI that the circuit-end or dedicated access line will be installed; or (2) if MCI has already submitted facilities orders to an interconnecting telephone company. (This differs from a Disconnection, see definition for Disconnection below.)

Casual Caller

Denotes any person who uses MCI service from an equal access end office who does not have a current account with the Company for services subject to this tariff, to include: (i) any person who has not established an account with the Company who places calls over the Company's network from an equal access area; (ii) any presubscribed customer located in an equal access area who has either voluntarily terminated his MCI account or has had his MCI account terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in Sections 2-5 and 2-11; and (iii) new or allocated customers whose accounts are not yet established in the Company's billing system.

Channel or Circuit

A communications path between two or more points, having a bandwidth or transmission speed selected by a customer.

Channel Termination

The point at which MCI's channel originates, terminates, or drops for the insertion or removal of a customer's signal.

Commercial Service

A switched network service which provides for dial station origination for which the subscriber pays a rate that is described as a business or commercial rate in the applicable local exchange service tariff for switched service.

Company

MCI Communications Services, Inc.

Customer

The person, firm, corporation or other entity which orders service -- either for its own use, as a resale carrier, or as a non-profit manager of a sharing group -- and which is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with MCI tariff regulations. For billing purposes, a customer is considered to be an account. In the Metered Use Services, if a person, firm, corporation or other entity orders the service in more than one MCI originating city, or requests the assignment of more than one account number in a particular city, each such account is a separate customer for billing purposes. A Customer may also function as a Casual Caller as defined in this Tariff.

Customer-Provided Terminal Equipment

Terminal equipment, as defined herein, provided by a customer.

Disconnection

The disconnection of a circuit, dedicated access line or port connection being used for existing service. (This differs from a Cancellation; see definition for Cancellation of Order above).

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Exemption Certification

The customer may be exempt from the monthly special access surcharge if: a) The customer certifies that the local channel terminates in a device not capable of interconnecting the service with the local exchange network, or b) The customer certifies that the local channel termination, by nature of its operating characteristics, could not make use of Telephone Company common lines, or c) The customer certifies that the local channel is connected to a Local Exchange Carrier's switched access service that is subject to carrier common line charges, or d) an open-end termination in a Telephone Company switch of an FX line, including CCSA and CCSA-equivalent ONALs, or e) an analog channel termination that is used for radio or television program transmission, or f) a termination used for TELEX service.

The certification will be in the form of a written notification to the Company. The notification may be provided: a) At the time the service is ordered, or b) At such time as the service is re-terminated to a device not capable of interconnecting to the local exchange network, or c) At such time as the local channel becomes associated with a switched access service that is subject to carrier common line charges.

Expedite

A service order initiated at the request of the customer, plus the accompanying installation or change to related circuits, that is processed in a time period shorter than the MCI standard service interval.

Four-Wire Circuit

A circuit using two one-way transmission paths, which include two carrier paths and two wire-pairs.

Impaired

For purposes of this tariff the definition of impaired refers to those persons with communication impairments, including those hearing impaired, deaf, deaf/blind, and speech impaired persons who have an impairment that prevents them from communicating over the telephone without the aid of a telecommunications device for the deaf.

Installation

The connection of a circuit, dedicated access line or port for new or additional service.

<u>Joint Users</u>

A person, firm or corporation designed by the customer as a user of communication facilities furnished to the customer by MCI, and to whom a portion of the charge for such facilities are billed under a joint user arrangement.

LATA - (Local Access Transport Area)

A geographical area established by U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0912, within which a local exchange company provides communications services.

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MC

MCI Communications Services, Inc. and/or one or more Concurring Carriers.

MCI Metropolitan Area Terminal City Location (called Terminal Location)

Locations specified herein where MCI maintains a terminal facility for purposes of providing Intercity Telecommunication Services as described herein.

MCI Recognized National Holidays

.01 Refer to Company's website at http://www.mci.com/service for MCI's Recognized National Holidays.

MCI Terminal

Any location where MCI provides services as described herein.

Membei

As used in conjunction with the Friends & Family Program or the Friends of the Firm Program, a Member is a customer whose telephone number is included in a Calling Circle. An MCI customer may be a Member of an unlimited number of calling circles.

Multiline Terminating Device

Denotes switching equipment, key telephone type systems or other similar customer premise terminating equipment which is capable of terminating more than one access line.

One-Way Transmission

The capability of transmission in only one direction.

Operator Dialed Surcharge

Applies a surcharge to Operator Station, Person-to-Person, Station Collect, Person Collect, and Third Party rated calls when the customer has the capability of dialing all the digits necessary to complete a call, but elects to dial only the appropriate operator code ("0", "00", or "10-10222+0") and requests the operator to dial the called station. Handicapped customers who are unable to dial the call because of his/her handicap may request credit for the surcharge from the Operator when the call is made.

Operator Station

Service other than Person-to-Person or Local Exchange Carrier Card billing that requires the assistance of an MCI operator to complete the call.

Other Common Carrier

A person, firm, corporation or entity which subscribes to MCI's communication services and facilities and resells these communication services and facilities to the public for profit. Unless otherwise indicated herein, the term "other common carrier" when used in this tariff also means "customer" and includes entities which are brokers of the service (act as intermediaries for the purposes of reselling), those entities which are processors of the service (enhance the value of the service through substantial incurred costs), and those entities which are underlying carriers (own transmission facilities).

Physical Change

The modification of an existing circuit, dedicated access line or port, at the request of the customer, requiring some physical change or retermination.

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Person-to-Person

A service for which the person originating the call specifies to the company operator a particular person, mobile station, department, extension, or office to be reached. If the called party is unavailable and the calling party requests or agrees to speak to a party other than the party initially specified, the call is still billed as a Person-to-Person call.

Premises

The space designated by a customer at its place or places of business for termination of MCI service, whether for its own communications needs or for the use of its resale customers. In the case of the non-profit sharing group, this term includes space at each sharer's place or places of business, as well as space at the customer's place of business.

<u>Redundancy</u>

The offering of alternate Intercity Telecommunication Services which may be provided using one or more different routings, circuits, and/or additional equipment.

Residential Service

A switched network service which provides for dial station originations for which the subscriber pays a rate that is described as a residential, non-commercial, or non-business rate in the applicable local exchange service tariff for switched service.

Special Promotional Offering

Special discounts or modifications of its regular service offerings which MCI may, from time to time, offer to its customers for a particular service. Such offerings may be limited to certain dates, times and locations.

Subscriber

As used in conjunction with the Friends & Family Program or the Friends of the Firm Program, a Subscriber is an MCI WorldCom customer who undertakes to establish a Calling Circle by giving MCI a list of proposed Members and their telephone numbers (ANIs). An MCI Customer cannot be a Subscriber for more than one Calling Circle.

Two-Way Transmission

The capability of transmission in either direction or in both directions at once.

Two-Wire Circuit

A circuit using two one-way carrier transmission paths, plus one wire-pair.

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DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

- .01 Intercity Telecommunications Service is the furnishing of MCI services for communications between specified locations under the terms of this tariff. Channels will be those of MCI alone, or MCI's in conjunction with those of other participating, concurring or connecting carriers.
- .02 Intercity Telecommunications Service consists of the furnishing for the use of customers, of channels for the direct transmission and reception of communications between the MCI Metropolitan Area Terminal City Locations or MCI terminals and all service offerings contained herein which anticipate the provision of such channels as part of the offering are included in this category. Such service has the capability of being extended beyond the respective MCI Terminal Locations.
- .03 MCI, when acting at the customer's request and as his authorized agent, will make reasonable efforts to arrange for service requirements which may include terminal equipment and circuit conditioning.

2. LIMITATIONS

- .01 Service is offered subject to the availability of facilities and the provisions of this tariff.
- .02 MCI reserves the right to discontinue furnishing service, upon written notice, when necessitated by conditions beyond its control or when the customer is using the service in violation of the provisions of this tariff, or in violation of the law.
- .03 Calls may not be placed using a Local Exchange Company's calling card whenever there is no obligation on the part of the Local Exchange Company issuing the calling card to invoice such calls on MCl's behalf, and calls may not be placed or received using 10-10XXX dialing or collect or third party calling conventions, e.g., 1-800-COLLECT, whenever there is no obligation on the part of the serving Local Exchange Carrier to provide billing name and address (BNA) information to MCI in connection with such calls.

3. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- .01 Service is provided and billed on the basis of a minimum period of at least one month, beginning on the date that billing becomes effective, and continues to be provided until canceled, by the customer, in writing, on not less than 30 day's notice from the date of postmark on this letter.
- .02 Service is offered on a monthly basis, 24 hours per day. It is also offered on a Metered Use basis, as described in Paragraph 3-2.01 following.
- .03 For the purpose of computing charges in this tariff, a month is considered to have 30 days.
- .04 The name(s) of the customer(s) desiring to use the service must be stipulated in the application for service.
- .05 The customer agrees to operate MCI-provided equipment in accordance with instructions of MCI or MCI's agent. Failure to do so will void MCI liability for interruption of service and may make customer responsible for damage to equipment pursuant to Section 2.3.06 below.
- .06 Customer agrees to release to MCI all MCI-provided equipment delivered to customer within five (5) days of termination of the service in connection with which the equipment was used. Said equipment shall be in the same condition as when delivered to customer, normal wear and tear only excepted. Customer shall reimburse MCI, upon demand, for any costs incurred by MCI due to customer's failure to comply with this provision.

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4. LIABILITY

- .01 The liability of MCI for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in trans- mission occurring in the course of furnishing service, and not caused by the negligence of the customer or of MCI in failing to maintain proper standards of maintenance and operation and to exercise reasonable supervision, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the customer for the period of service during which such mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error or defect in transmission occurs.
- .02 MCI shall be indemnified and held harmless by the customer against:
 - .021 claims for libel, slander, or infringement of copyright arising out of the material, data, information, or other content transmitted over MCI's channels; and
 - .022 patent infringement claims arising from combining or connecting MCI-furnished channels with apparatus and systems of the customer; and
 - .023 all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in connection with any service provided by MCI.
- .03 MCI is not liable for any act or omission of any other company or companies furnishing a portion of the service.
- MCI does not guarantee or make any warranty with respect to any equipment provided by it where such equipment is used in locations containing an atmosphere which is explosive, prone to fire, dangerous or otherwise unsuitable for such equipment. The customer indemnifies and holds MCI harmless from any and all loss, claims demands, suits or other action, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the customer or by any other party or persons, 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 directly or indirectly by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, location or use of such equipment so used.
- The customer indemnifies and holds MCI harmless from any and all loss, claims, demands, suits, or other action, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the customer or by any other party or persons, 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 directly or indirectly by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, location or use of such equipment where such installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, condition, location or use is not the direct result of MCI's negligence.
- .06 MCI is not liable for any defacement of, or damage to, the premises of a customer resulting from the furnishing of channel facilities or the attachment or instruments, apparatus and associated wiring furnished by MCI on such customer's premises or by the installation or removal thereof, when such defacement or damage is not the result of MCI negligence. No agents or employees of other participating carriers shall be deemed to be agents or employees of MCI.
- .07 The customer is responsible for taking all necessary legal steps for interconnecting his customer-provided terminal equipment of communications systems with MCI facilities. He shall secure all licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and other arrangements necessary for such interconnection.

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4. LIABILITY (Cont.)

- .08 The customer shall ensure that his equipment and/or system is properly interfaced with MCI facilities, that the signals emitted into MCI's network are of the proper mode, bandwidth, power, data speed, and signal level for the intended use of the customer and in compliance with the criteria set forth in Section 2-13.03 following, and that the signals do not damage MCI equipment, injure personnel or degrade service to other customers. If the Federal Communications Commission or some other appropriate certifying body certifies terminal equipment as being technically acceptable for direct electrical connection with interstate communications service, MCI will permit such equipment to be connected with its channels without the use of protective interface devices. If the customer fails to maintain and operate his equipment and/or system properly, with resulting imminent harm to MCI equipment, personnel, or the quality of service to other customers, MCI may, upon written notice, require the use of protective equipment at the customer's expense. If this fails to produce satisfactory quality and safety, MCI may, upon written notice, terminate the customer's service.
- .09 Approval of the above tariff 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.
- 5. <u>CANCELLATION OF SERVICE BY A CUSTOMER</u> (See Section 2.11 for cancellation by MCI)

If a customer cancels his order for service before the service begins, before completion of the minimum period, or before completion of some other period mutually agreed upon by the customer and MCI, a charge will be levied upon the customer for the nonrecoverable portions of expenditures or liabilities incurred expressly on behalf of the customer by MCI and not fully reimbursed by installation and monthly charges. If, based on an order by a customer, any construction has either begun or been completed, but no services provided, the nonrecoverable cost of such construction shall be borne by the customer.

6. USE OF SERVICE

- .01 The services offered herein may not be used for the unauthorized provision of Message Telecommunications Service or Wide Area Telecommunications Service equivalents. Service furnished by MCI may be used for one or more of the following:
 - .011 for the transmission of communications by the customer.
 - .012 for the transmission of communications to or from an authorized user or joint user.
 - .013 for the transmission of communications to or from a customer of another common carrier, which has subscribed to MCIs communications services for purposes of resale.

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6. <u>USE OF SERVICE (Cont.)</u>

- .02 Service furnished by MCI may be arranged for joint use or authorized use. The joint user or authorized user shall be permitted to use such service in the same manner as the customer, but subject to the following:
 - .021 One joint user or authorized user must be designated as the customer. The designated customer does not necessarily have to have communications requirements of his own. The customer must specifically name all joint users or authorized users in the Application for Service. Orders which involve the start, rearrangement or discontinuance of joint use or authorized use service will be accepted by MCI only from that customer and will be subject to all regulations of this tariff.
 - .022 All charges for the service will be computed as if the service were to be billed to one customer. The joint user or authorized user which has been designated as the customer will be billed for all components of the service and will be responsible for all payments to the company. In the event that the designated customer fails to pay the company each joint user or authorized user shall be liable to the company for all charges incurred as a result of its use of MCI's Service. Each joint or authorized user must submit to the designated customer a letter accepting contingent liability for its portion of all charges billed by the company to the designated customer. This letter must also specify that the joint or authorized user understands that the company will receive a copy of the guaranty from the designated customer. Unless Supportive Services are provided, the customer shall be responsible for allocating charges to each joint user or authorized user.
- .03 Reserved for Future Use
- .04 Reserved for Future Use

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6. USE OF SERVICE (Cont.)

- .05 Service furnished by MCI may be arranged for use by other common carriers for the purposes of resale subject to the following:
 - .051 Other Common Carriers will be responsible for charges, costs, etc. incurred by MCI with respect to Supportive Services.
 - .052 Other Common Carriers will be responsible for all interaction and interface with their own subscribers or customers.
- .06 Service furnished by MCI shall not be used:
 - .061 For any unlawful purpose.
 - .062 For any purpose for which any payment or other compensation is received by the customer, except when the customer is an entity which holds itself out as being a communications common carrier. This provision does not prohibit an agreement between the customer, authorized user or joint user to share the cost of the service as long as this arrangement generates no profit for anyone participating in a joint use or authorized use arrangement.
- .07 Reserved for Future Use
- .08 Payphone Use Charge

Payphone Use Charge: An undiscountable per call charge is applicable to calls that originate from any payphone within the state used to access MCI services.

This charge, which is in addition to standard tariffed usage charges and any applicable surcharges associated with MCI service, applies for the use of the instrument used to access MCI service and is unrelated to the MCI service accessed from the payphone. Customers will be charged the payphone use charge for each call which is placed from a payphone within the state. The payphone use charge does not apply to calls placed from payphones at which the customer pays for service by inserting coins during the progress of the call.

The Payphone use charge does not apply to: calls using Telecommunications Relay Service; calls originated by customers with qualified hearing or speech impairments who are certified as described in MCI Communications Services, Inc. Ohio Long Distance Catalog Schedule No. 1 for Residential and Small Business Customers, Section 2-6.04; and calls placed from payphones at which the customer pays for service by inserting coins during the progress of the call.

The Payphone Use charge will be applied to payphone calls made by all customers

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6. USE OF SERVICE (Cont.)

- .09 Service Cancellation Request Received From Local Exchange Carrier

 If the Company cancels a Customer account or service at the request of the Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) serving the Customer, but the Customer nevertheless continues to complete calls over the Company's network by dialing 1+ or 1010222, then, for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date the Company first received the service cancellation request, the following provisions shall apply:
- .10 Call Blocking: Without notice, the Company may block calls to or from certain countries, country codes, cities. city codes, NXX exchanges, individual telephone stations, groups or ranges of individual telephone stations or calls that use certain authorization codes, whenever the Company deems it necessary to take such action to prevent: (a) the unlawful use of service; (b) fraud; (c) nonpayment for service; (d) the use of service in violation of the requirements of this Tariff; or (e) Company network blockage or the degradation of service furnished to the Customer or to other customers; or when actions taken by foreign governments or foreign telecommunications agencies, or responsive actions taken by the U.S. Government or any instrumentality thereof, render it impossible or impracticable to provide service. The Company will unblock as soon as it determines it can do so without undue risk, and it will, upon request by an affected Customer, assign new authorization codes to replace any that were deactivated. Whenever call blocking occurs on lines presubscribed to the Company, Customers or former Customers will be unable to make calls via any of the Company's CICs or those of its affiliates. At the request of a private payphone owner, the Company will arrange to block direct dial (i.e., completed without the assistance of an operator) calls made from a payphone to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands and to all international locations, except Canada. The Company may refuse to accept calling or credit card, collect calling and/or third number calls which it determines are or may be fraudulent, or it may limit the use of these billing options to or from certain countries or areas, including all or part of the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- .11 Reserved for Future Use
- .12 Instate Access Recovery Fee

A monthly service charge that is applied to Customers subscribed to the Company for standalone long distance services associated with a residential telephone line or billed to a residential account. This charge reflects costs incurred by the Company in providing in-state long distance service over Customer's local exchange provider's network. This fee is not state mandated or required by the P.U.C.O. or the F.C.C. Customers will be exempt from this charge during any monthly period when company spending is less than \$1.00.

- .13 Residential and Small Business Services
 - .131 Effective April 1, 2006, Residential and Small Business services offered under this tariff that require concurrent enrollment in local exchange service provided under MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC, P.U.C.O. No. 11, will no longer be available to new customers residing in areas in which local exchange service is provided by any affiliate or subsidiary of Verizon not subject to MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC, P.U.C.O. No. 11. Existing customers will continue to be able to move, make additions to, or change their service.
 - .132 Effective May 1, 2007, Residential and Small Business services offered under this tariff that require concurrent enrollment in local exchange service provided under MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC, P.U.C.O. No. 11, will no longer be available to new customers of local exchange service requiring the establishment of new telephone numbers/ANIs. Existing customers will continue to be able to move, make additions to, or change their service.

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7. PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

- .01 The customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services furnished to the customer. Charges for installation, physical or administrative changes, expedites, or for cancellation of orders are payable upon completion. If, because of any such activity a non-MCI carrier or supplier levies additional charges, these charges shall be passed on to the customer. Recurring charges are billed in advance. Discounts for usage made under the Friends & Family Program begin in the first full billing cycle of participation in the plan. If a member of a Friends & Family Calling Circle discontinues his or her MCI service, only those eligible calls which were made while he or she was a Friends & Family member will receive the Friends & Family discount.
- Billing will be payable upon receipt. Dial One/Direct Dial, Credit Card and Prism Plus telephone service will be subject to the applicable state and local sales tax. This amount will appear as a line item on the customer's bill. MCI may invoice low usage customers every other month unless a customer invoiced in such a manner requests monthly billing. Interest at the rate of I.50% per month (unless proscribed by law, in which event at the highest rate allowed by law) will accrue upon any unpaid amount commencing 35 days after date of billing. MCI offers pre-payment credits which are considered to be financial transactions and are the subject of separate letter agreements. The late payment charge will be applied to the entire unpaid balance of the customer's monthly invoice, including taxes. The late payment charge will not be applied to any disputed portion of the unpaid balance unless the dispute is resolved against the customer. A late payment charge of 1.5% is not applicable to subsequent rebilling of any amount to which a late payment charge has already been applied. Late charges are to be applied without discrimination.

For residential and small business service customers, a late payment charge of 1.5% may be assessed on payments not received within 30 days from the invoice date, where capabilities exist. The late payment charge will be applied to the entire unpaid balance of the customer's monthly invoice, including taxes. The late payment charge will not be applied to any disputed portion of the unpaid balance unless the dispute is resolved against the customer. The late payment charge of 1.5% is not applicable to subsequent rebilling of any amount to which a late payment charge has already been applied. Late charges are to be applied without discrimination.

- .03 Deposits that MCI may require of customers for residential service shall be in accordance with Rule 4901:1-17 of the Code of Rules and Regulations of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Business customers whose financial condition is not acceptable to MCI, or is not a matter of general knowledge, may be required at any time to make a deposit not to exceed an amount equal to two times the average bill during the preceding six-month period for services at the customer's premises, or if such information is not available, up to an amount equalling the installation charges, if applicable, and/or up to three months' estimated charges for the service to be provided. In the case of a cash deposit, such deposits will be placed in an interest bearing account for the period during which the deposit is held by MCI. Such deposit plus interest may be refunded or credited to the customer at any time after six months of good credit upon request of the customer prior to termination of service. Upon termination of service, the deposit, with accrued passbook interest, shall be credited to the final bill, and any credit balance shall be returned promptly to the customer.
- .04 The charges set forth in this tariff for channel terminations contemplate installations made in normal locations and under normal working conditions. Any installations to be made under other circumstances are subject to additional charges.
- .05 If notice of a dispute as to charges is not received, in writing, by MCI within two years after an invoice is rendered, such invoice shall be deemed to be correct and binding upon the customer.

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7. PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS (CONT.)

.06 A special access surcharge, required by the Local Exchange Carrier, applies to each local channel termination associated with Channel Service and Foreign Exchange Service Capability. This surcharge is applicable when the local channel is connected to a PBX or equivalent device which is capable of interconnecting the Channel Service or Foreign Exchange Capability with local exchange service. When analog or digital high capacity facilities interconnect with the local exchange network, the special access surcharge is applied on a per voice grade equivalent. The special access surcharge applies on each local channel termination installed whether the interconnection capability exists in the customer's premises equipment or in a Centrex CO type switch.

If a written certification is not received at the time an order for new service is placed, the special access surcharge will be applied. The Company will cease billing the special access surcharge and the exempt status will become effective on the date certification is received by the Company on services in place. Refer to Section 1 for definition of Exemption Certification.

.07 When the state, any municipality, other political subdivision, local agency of government, or public utility commission imposes upon and collects from MCI Telecommunications Corporation a gross receipts tax, occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee or assessment fee, such taxes and fees shall, insofar as practicable, be billed pro rata to the MCI Communications Services, Inc. customers receiving service within the territorial limits of the state municipality, other political subdivision, local agency of government, or public utility commission.

MCI will send notice to all customers informing them of any new line item charges. Additionally, an addendum to the price list stating what the line item charge is and the length of time the charge will be imposed will be filed with the PUCO.

CHANGE IN SERVICE ARRANGEMENT

When a change in service arrangement involves the continued use by the customer of channels furnished by MCI WorldCom, installation charges do not apply to the channels continued in use. The minimum service period for the channels continued in use is determined from the date of the initial acceptance thereof.

9. RESTORATION OF SERVICE

The use and restoration of service in emergencies shall be in accordance with Part 64, Subpart D of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations, which specifies the priority system for such activities.

10. INSPECTION

MCI may, upon reasonable notice, make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the requirements of this tariff are being complied with in the installation, operation or maintenance of the customer or MCI equipment. MCI may interrupt the service at any time, without penalty to MCI, because of departure from any of these requirements.

- 11. CANCELLATION FOR CAUSE BY MCI (See Section 2.5 for Cancellation by Customer)
 - .01 Upon nonpayment of any sum owing to MCI, or upon a violation of any of the provisions governing the furnishing of service under this tariff, MCI may, upon written notification to the customer, without incurring any liability, immediately discontinue the furnishing of such service.
 - .02 Upon 14 days written notification, MCI will discontinue furnishing service to a subscriber to Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial) of Metered Use Service who has not used the service for a period of 90 days and who appears, after investigation, to have left the community or who advises MCI that he or she does not desire to continue to be carried as a customer.

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12. TESTING AND ADJUSTING

Upon reasonable notice, the channels provided by MCI shall be made available to MCI for such tests and adjustments as may be necessary to maintain them in satisfactory condition; no interruption allowance will be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made.

13. TERMINAL EQUIPMENT

- .01 Terminal equipment, such as teleprinters, handsets or data sets at the premises of the customer and connecting local channels between such premises and the MCI terminals, shall be furnished by and maintained at the expense of the customer, except as otherwise provided.
- .02 The characteristics of equipment at either end of the channel shall be such that its connection to the channel complies with the minimum protection criteria set forth below, and does not interfere with services furnished to other customers. Additional protective equipment, where required, shall be at the customer's expense.
- .03 When services using Bell voice grade facilities are terminated in customer-provided terminal equipment, channel derivation devices, or communications systems, the customer shall comply with the minimum protective criteria set forth below:
 - .031 When the facilities furnished under this tariff are used in common with Bell System services, it is necessary in order to prevent excessive noise and crosstalk that the power of the signal applied to Bell lines be limited. A single valued limit for all applications cannot be specified. Therefore, the power of the signal in the band above 300 Hertz which may be applied by the customer-provided equipment at the point of termination will be specified by MCI for each application, to be consistent with the signal power allowed on the telecommunications network.
 - .032 To protect the telecommunications services from interference at frequencies which are about the band of service provided, MCI will specify the acceptable signal power in the following bands to be applied by the customer-provided equipment or communications system at the point of termination to ensure that the input to Bell facilities does not exceed the limits indicated:
 - the power in the band from 3,995 Hertz to 4,005 Hertz shall be at least 18 dB below the power of the signal as specified in Section 13.031 preceding.
 - the power in the band from 4,000 Hertz to 10,000 Hertz shall not exceed 16 dB below one milliwatt.
 - the power in the band from 10,000 Hertz to 25,000 Hertz shall not exceed 24 dB below one milliwatt.
 - the power in the band from 25,000 Hertz to 40,000 Hertz shall not exceed 36 dB below one milliwatt.
 - the power in the band above 40,000 Hertz shall not exceed 50 dB below one milliwatt.
 - .033 Where there is connection via customer-provided terminal equipment or communications system to a Message Telecommunications Service or a WATS service to prevent the interruption or disconnection of all call, or interference with network control signaling, it is necessary that the signal applied by the customer-provided equipment to the interface at no time has energy solely in the 2450 to 2750 Hertz band. If signal power is in the 2450 to 2750 Hertz band, it must not exceed the power present at the same time in the 800 to 2450 Hertz band.

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13. TERMINAL EQUIPMENT (Cont.)

.03 (Cont.)

- .034 Where such customer-provided equipment or communications system applies signals having components in the frequency spectrum below 300 Hertz, excluding ringing signals, the currents and voltages (including all harmonics and spurious signals) at the interface shall not exceed the limits indicated in .0341 through .0344 following:
 - .0341 The maximum rms (root-mean-square) value, including dc and ac components, of the current per conductor will not exceed 0.35 ampere.
 - .0342 The magnitude of the peak of the conductor or ground voltage shall not exceed 70 volts.
 - .0343 The conductor voltage shall be such that the conductor to ground voltage limit in .0342 preceding is not exceeded. If the signal source is not grounded, the voltage limit in .0342 preceding applies to the conductor to conductor voltage.
 - .0344 The total weighted rms voltage within the band from 50 Hertz to 300 Hertz shall not exceed 100 volts. The total weighted rms voltage is the square root of the sum of the products times the square

of the rms voltage of the individual frequency components. The weighing factors are as indicated:

| for frequencies between | weighing factor6 |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 50 Hertz and 100 Hertz | f2/104 |
| 100 Hertz and 300 Hertz | f3.3/106.6 |

where f is the numerical value of the frequency, in Hertz, of the frequency component being weighted.

- .04 The customer is responsible for all costs, which may include the expenses of customer personnel, electrical power, etc. at his premises in the provision of the service described herein.
- .14 Reserved for Future Use

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15. <u>INTERCONNECTION WITH OTHER CARRIERS</u>

- .01 Service furnished by MCI, may be connected with services or facilities of another participating carrier. Such interconnection may be made at an MCI Terminal or entrance site, at a terminal of another participating carrier, or at the premises of a customer, joint user, or authorized user. Service furnished by MCI is not part of a joint undertaking with such other carriers.
- .02 Any special interface equipment or facilities necessary to achieve compatibility between the facilities of MCI and other participating carriers shall be provided at the customer's expense. Upon customer request and acting as his authorized agent, MCI will attempt to make the necessary arrangements for such interconnection.
- .03 Service furnished by MCI may be connected with the facilities or services of other participating carriers under the terms and conditions of the other participating carriers' tariffs applicable to such connections.
- .04 Intercarrier connection is offered between MCI and the following carriers.

Carrier

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Co. Elyria Telephone Co. General Telephone Co. of Ohio Lorain Telephone Co. Ohio Bell Telephone Co. United Telephone Co. of Ohio

SECTION 3 - SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS AND RATES

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF INTERCITY TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

- .01 Intercity Telecommunications Service is offered to subscribers on a full-time monthly basis, or on a Metered Use Basis.
- .02 All services shall remain in effect for a minimum of thirty (30) days.
- .03 A customer may provide his own dedicated facilities to access MCI's terminal where such dedicated facilities are required.
- .04 MCI offers its services subject to the availability of the necessary facilities and/or equipment. MCI reserves the right to refuse to provide service to or from any location where the necessary facilities and/or equipment are not available (see Section 2.2).

SECTION 3 - SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS AND RATES

2. METERED USE SERVICE

.01 General Description

The individual customer's total monthly charges for their use of the intercity communication facilities are based upon the total time the customer (account) utilizes such facilities. In that regard, individual intercity facilities usage charges, as well as other specific charges, discounts and/or features are applicable to each individual service option. When a metered use service call is established in one time-of-day rate application period and ends in another, the rate in effect in each rate application period applies to the portion of the call occurring with in that rate application period. A specific description of each of the Metered Use Service options and its recurring and non-recurring charges, features, applicable discounts and service availability is contained below.

SECTION 3 - SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS AND RATES

2. METERED USE SERVICE

.02 Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial)1

Dial One/Direct Dial Service is a one-way, dial in - dial out multipoint service allowing the customer to originate and terminate calls via MCI-provided local business telephone lines. Subscribers to Dial One/Direct Dial Service may originate calls only in the city or cities in which they maintain an active Dial One/Direct Dial basis, by dialing 10-10222, or via a 7 digit access number. Customers may terminate calls as specified in Section 3-3.023 below. All Dial One/Direct Dial calls are rounded to the next higher full minute.

.021 Monthly Recurring Charges

.0211 Text Telephone Discount: Discounted rates are available to qualified hearing or speech impaired persons who have been certified, in writing, by a licensed physician, audiologist, speech pathologist, or appropriate State or Federal agency, as having a hearing or speech impairment which precludes oral communications and who have and use a text telephone for visual communications. The adjustment will be applied to the appropriate rate schedule for direct-dialed operator assisted Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial) calls, excluding surcharges, specified in Section 4-2.1.1.1.1, as follows: Calls placed during the day, evening and night/weekend rate periods will receive a 70, 55 and 40 percent discount, respectively.

The written certification of the speech or hearing impairment must be presented to an MCI Customer Service Center or, if MCI so chooses, proof of certification, as defined above, may remain on file with the customer's Local Exchange Carrier. Upon request, MCI Customer Service will furnish applicants with a certification form.

This rate adjustment will be provided for use only by the speech or hearing impaired customer and applies to direct dialed operator assisted Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial) calls that originate from and billed to the telephone number of the certified speech or hearing impaired person. Only one telephone number per residence is authorized for this discount. Operator assisted calls are not eligible for this discount.

¹Beginning, October 8, 1993 Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial) is available only to Residential Service customers and customers who access service by dialing an MCI Carrier Identification Code (CIC).

SECTION 3 - SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS AND RATES

2. METERED USE SERVICE

- .02 Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial) (Cont.)
 - .022 Reserved for Future Use
 - .023 <u>Service Availability</u>

Dial One/Direct Dial Service is available as follows:

From Metropolitan areas set forth in Section 3-3 (Table I) of this tariff to all other cities within Ohio.

SECTION 3 - SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS AND RATES

2. METERED USE SERVICE

.02 Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial) (Cont.)

.024 LEC Calling Cards and MCI Pre-Subscribed Payphones*

.0241 Alternative Operator Services

Alternative operator services are those services provided by the company in which the customer and the end user are totally separate entities. The company contracts with the customer to provide the alternative operator services; however, the company does not directly contract with the end user to provide the services even though it is the end user who actually pays for the processing of the operator-assisted calls.

- (a) Calls made from MCI presubscribed payphones or institutional phones and that are completed with the assistance of an MCI operator;
- (b) Calls made from payphones or institutional phones that are not presubscribed to MCI, but are placed by dialing 10-10222 or any other MCI carrier identification code and that are completed with the assistance of an MCI operator;
- (c) Calls that are billed to a LEC Calling Card, regardless of the phone from which the call is placed;

(d)

(e) Calls which are placed from public and semi-public payphones for which the customer pays by inserting coins into the payphone as payment for the calls on a real-time basis.

.02411 <u>Usage Charges</u>

For calls falling within classifications (a), (b), and (c) above, usage charges are listed in Section 4-2.12111.

For calls falling within classification (e) above, usage charges are listed in Section 4-2.12112.

.02412 Surcharges

Undiscountable surcharges listed in Section 4-2.1212 apply to all calls placed from payphones and institutional phones as listed in (a), (b), (c), and (e) above.

^{*} Available only to customers in equal access areas.

SECTION 3 - SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS AND RATES

2. METERED USE SERVICE

- .02 Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial) (Cont.)
 - .024 LEC Calling Cards and MCI Pre-Subscribed Payphones*
 - .0242 0+ Guardian Service

The Company's 0+ Guardian Service provides an end user with intrastate calling capability from specific healthcare service provider locations for healthcare service providers that have signed an exclusive agreement with MCI for the provision of operator service calling classifications as described in Section 3-2.024. 0+ Guardian Service allows for calls that are placed with the assistance of a live or automated operator from healthcare service provider client telephones presubscribed to the Company.

Per-Minute Rates: The operator services per-minute rates in Section shall apply to 0+ Guardian Service.

Per-Call Surcharges: In lieu of the operator service surcharges described in Section 4-2.1212, a surcharge shall apply for all intrastate 0+ Guardian Service operator service calls in addition to the per-minute rates described above.

.0243 Rates for Operator-Assisted local calls from non-inmate facilities and inmate facilities shall not exceed those charged by the serving local exchange company. If the service local exchange company does not charge for Operator-Assisted local calls, no operator surcharge will be imposed. In addition, rates for Operator-Assisted intraLATA long distance calls from inmate facilities shall not exceed those charged by the serving local exchange company.

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3. SERVICE AVAILABILITY TABLES

TABLE I

OPTION A (DIAL ONE/DIRECT DIAL SERVICE AVAILABILITY)

Option A is available for calling between the following cities and from these locations to all other locations within the State of Ohio.

Akron Findlay Fostoria* Alliance Fultonham* Ashtabula* **Grand Rapids** Athens* Barnesville Green* Guysville* Beallsville* Beaver* Hamilton Belpre* Harlem Springs* Berlin* Hartford** **Bowling Green*** Helena* Bristolville* Hillsboro* Bryan* Hiram* Burton* Johnston* Caldwell* Kinsman* Canton Lake Milton* Cambridge* Lancaster Carrollton* Lodi* Catawaba Island* Logan* Celin* Lorain Chardon* Mantua* Chesapeake* Marblehead* Christianburg* Marietta* Cincinnati Marion Clarington* Mechanicstown* Cleveland Medina* Colebrook Mendon* Columbiana Middletown Columbus Mineral City*

Cortland Dayton

Delaware

Dresden*

Duffy*

Elyria

Orwell* Oxford* Painsville Philo* Port Clinton* Portsmouth Put In Bay* Roseville* Sandusky Seville* Sharon* Somersset* Springfield Steubenville* Sugarcreed* Thornville* Tiffin Toledo Toronto* Troy* Trumball* Valley City* Warren* Wellington* Windsor* Woodsfield* Xenia Youngstown Zanesville

New Matamoras*

New Philadelphia*

North Bloomfield*

Norwich*

Minerva*

Newark

Morning Sun*

New Lexington*

New Marshfield*

Nelsonville*

^{*} Includes only those end offices converted to equal exchange access.

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INTRASTATE INTEREXCHANGE TOLL CARRIER TARIFF

SECTION 4 - RATE SCHEDULES

1. <u>Use Of Service</u>

.1 Payphone Use Charge

The Payphone Use Charge of \$0.55 will be applied to payphone calls made by customers of service under this tariff.

.2 Instate Access Recovery Fee

A monthly service charge that is applied to Customers subscribed to the Company for standalone long distance services associated with a residential telephone line or billed to a residential account. This charge reflects costs incurred by the Company in providing in-state long distance service over Customer's local exchange provider's network. This fee is not state mandated or required by the P.U.C.O. or the F.C.C. Customers will be exempt from this charge during any monthly period when company spending is less than \$1.00.

Monthly Service Charge: \$0.68

PRICE LIST

INTRASTATE INTEREXCHANGE TOLL CARRIER TARIFF

SECTION 4 - RATE SCHEDULES

2. <u>Metered Use Service</u>

- .1 Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial)
 - .11 LEC Calling Cards and MCI Pre-Subscribed Payphones*
 - .111 <u>Alternative Operator Services</u>
 - .1111 Usage Charges

.11111 Usage charges for calls falling within classifications (a), (b) and (c):

| | <u>Business Day</u> | | <u>Evening</u> | | Night/Weekend | |
|--------------|---------------------|------------|----------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Mileage Band | 1st Min. | Add'l Min. | 1st Min. | Add'l Min. | 1st Min. | Add'l Min. |
| 1-10 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 |
| 11-22 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 |
| 23-55 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 |
| 56-124 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 |
| 125-END | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 | \$.3600 |
| 123-LIND | φ.3000 | φ.5000 | φ.5000 | φ.5000 | φ.5000 | φ.5000 |

.11112 Usage charges for calls falling within classification (e):

| | <u>Business Day</u> | | Evening | | Night/Weekend | |
|--------------|---------------------|------------|----------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Mileage Band | 1st Min. | Add'l Min. | 1st Min. | Add'l Min. | 1st Min. | Add'l Min. |
| 1-10 | \$.2600 | \$.1600 | \$.2000 | \$.1600 | \$.1700 | \$.1200 |
| 11-22 | \$.2700 | \$.2200 | \$.2200 | \$.1900 | \$.1900 | \$.1400 |
| 23-55 | \$.3000 | \$.2700 | \$.2200 | \$.2100 | \$.2000 | \$.1700 |
| 56-124 | \$.3200 | \$.3000 | \$.2300 | \$.2300 | \$.2200 | \$.1900 |
| 125+ | \$.3300 | \$.3200 | \$.2400 | \$.2400 | \$.2200 | \$.2100 |

.1112 <u>Surcharges</u>

The following undiscountable surcharges apply to all calls placed from payphones and institutional phones as listed in (a), (b), (c), and (e):

| | Per call |
|--|----------|
| Customer Dialed Calling Card Calls | \$1.05 |
| Person-to-Person Calls [™] | \$2.75 |
| Person-to-Person Calls ¹ (Operator Dialed) | \$2.75 |
| Person-to-Person Calls ¹ (Operator Dialed) Operator Handled Calls ¹ | |
| 0+ collect | \$2.45 |
| 0- collect (Operator Dialed) | \$2.50 |
| Billed to a third number | \$2.45 |
| Billed to a third number (Operator Dialed) | \$2.50 |
| Coin Sent Operator Station | \$2.50 |
| Coin Sent Person-to-Person | \$2.75 |

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- 2. Metered Use Service
 - .1 Option A (Dial One/Direct Dial)
 - .11 LEC Calling Cards and MCI Pre-Subscribed Payphones*
 - .112 0+ Guardian Service

Per Minute Rates: The operator services per-minute rates in Section 4-2.11111 shall apply to 0+ Guardian Service.

Per-Call Surcharges: In lieu of the operator service surcharges described in Section 4-2.1112, a surcharge of \$3.00 shall apply for all intrastate 0+ Guardian Service operator service calls in addition to the per-minute rates described above.

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