

# Large Filing Separator Sheet

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## **EXHIBIT G**

### **How Proposed Services Are in The Public Interest**

The Commission's grant of this certificate is in the public interest and within Ohio's telecommunications objectives as set forth in Section 4927.02 of the Code. Residential and business consumers of telecommunications services in Ohio will receive increased choice and improved quality of service. Also, all consumers will have the opportunity to obtain improved technology in their homes and businesses. The market incentives for new and existing providers of telecommunications services will be improved through an increase in the diversity of suppliers and competition within the local exchange telecommunications market. Consistent with the Commission's and the Code's purpose and intent to foster the development of a competitive telecommunications environment in Ohio, USBG's request for authority offers increased efficiency to Ohio's telecommunications infrastructure through greater reliability of services and an increase in consumer choices.

In addition, early statements of this Commission recognize and foreshadow the growth of a competitive telecommunications industry. In many ways, Ohio is fostering competitive development in telecommunications. The Commission's focus on competition will prove to be a benefit to all parties involved. All consumers will enjoy greater availability of services, lower costs, higher quality, and increased efficiency and reliability. Consistent with the policy underlying the Commission's motivation of competition through regulatory and economic rules, USBG's proposed services will provide multiple consumer and public benefits. These benefits include increased efficiency in Ohio's telecommunications infrastructure. This will occur through the provision of telecommunications services to users with greater reliability and by increasing the competitive choices available to users in Ohio. Also, heightened competition in telecommunications will stimulate economic development in Ohio by creating incentives for more innovative services, decreased prices, and greater quality and responsiveness to customer service.

## **EXHIBIT H**

### **Description of the Proposed Market Area.**

Applicant intends to market to customers located in Ameritech's territory throughout the State of Ohio.

## **EXHIBIT I**

### **Description of Class of Customers Served**

**Applicant intends to provide service to business and residential customers.**

## **EXHIBIT J**

### **Documentation of Financial Viability**

## INCOME STATEMENT

USBG, INC.

FOR THE 9 PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

	YEAR TO DATE	
	ACTUAL	PERCENT
SALES		
WEB - IN HOUSE DIRECT	\$498.91	.1 %
REV. - L/D DIRECT (AFTER 7/98)	773,901.93	78.5
REV. ADJ. - USBG OWN BILLING	(5,710.74)	(.6)
L/D - ADJUSTMENT	(17,563.75)	(1.8)
REVENUE - V&D, CALL CTR.	86,200.32	8.7
REVENUE - TBM, CALL CTR	142,573.13	14.5
REVENUE - CALL CTR "INCENTIVE"	1,185.46	.1
MISC. REVENUE	5,134.38	.5
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>986,219.64</b>	<b>100.0</b>
COST OF SALES		
LINE CHARGES	(14,448.82)	(1.5)
LINE CHARGES - QWEST	448,167.46	45.4
CUSTOMER ADJ. - WEB, SNS	296.37	.0
REFUND CUSTOMER	91.66	.0
AGENT COMM. EXP.	75,120.25	7.6
AGENT COMM - ADJ	(419.39)	.0
LINE CHARGES - SWITCH	16,474.80	1.7
DEPRECIATION & AMORT-C OF SALE	41,712.56	4.2
SALES TAX PROCESSING FEE	27,989.05	2.8
BAD DEBT EXP.	51,066.95	5.2
<b>TOTAL COST OF SALES</b>	<b>646,050.89</b>	<b>65.5</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>340,168.75</b>	<b>34.5</b>

PRELIMINARY

## EXPENSES:

general & administrative		
Salaries & Wages - Office	469,748.49	47.6
BONUS EXPENSE	3,060.29	.3
Auto Expense	659.88	.1
Bank Service Charges	11,127.42	1.1
Utility Expense	132.46	.0
DEPRECIATION & AMORT EXPENSE	50,073.35	5.1
Delivery & Express	1,895.80	.2
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	3,896.25	.4
COMPUTER MAINT. FEE	34,414.18	3.5
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	555.08	.1
401K CONTRIBUTION	4,467.01	.5
PHYSICAL REIMBURSEMENT	700.00	.1
PHYS REIMB - CALL CENTER	50.00	.0
Group Health Insurance	29,465.11	3.0
INSURANCE - GENERAL	12,349.00	1.3
Accounting Fees	16,329.25	1.7

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## INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE 9 PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

	YEAR TO DATE	
	ACTUAL	PERCENT
general & administrative	(Continued)	
LEGAL - COURT FEE	\$5,458.74	.6 %
LEGAL - OTHER LEGAL FEE	262.14	.0
MISC EXPENSE	(29.84)	.0
Office Expense	3,129.99	.3
SEMINAR EXP.	3,577.20	.4
OFFICE MAINT.	4,607.00	.5
COMPUTER EXPENSE	26,896.94	2.7
Other Professional Services	4,800.00	.5
MGT FEE - SHF	88,761.90	9.0
OUTSIDE SERVICES	1,394.80	.1
Postage Expense	8,800.00	.9
Rent Expense	94,950.74	9.6
STATIONERY AND PRINTING	11,770.28	1.2
P/R FICA EXP. - OFFICE	26,978.69	2.7
P/R FUTA EXP. - OFFICE	1,097.18	.1
P/R SUTA EXP. - OFFICE	12,383.49	1.3
P/R MEDICARE - OFFICE	6,737.62	.7
MISC. LICENSES AND FEES	21,208.43	2.2
FED. NECA/USAC TAX	(21,957.41)	(2.2)
STATE REGISTRATION FEE	(25.00)	.0
Telephone	8,753.79	.9
TRAVEL	1,911.77	.2
Entertainment & Meals	329.58	.0
BAD DEBT - PREVIOUS REVENUE	192,712.25	19.5
TOTAL general & administrative	1,143,433.85	115.9
selling expenses		
Auto Expense - Sales	1,675.70	.2
Salaries & Wages - Sales	73,702.70	7.5
SALARIES & WAGES - CALL CENTER	111,957.20	11.4
Advertising	3,653.22	.4
SALES LEADS	2,706.72	.3
TRAINING EXPENSE - CALL CENTER	350.00	.0
SALES LEADS - CALL CENTER	825.00	.1
Travel	9,468.12	1.0
"INCENTIVE" - CALL CENTER	740.91	.1
Entertainment & Meals	4,433.26	.4
P/R FICA EXP. - SALES	4,030.42	.4
P/R FUTA EXP. - SALES	2.96	.0
P/R SUTA EXP. - SALES	89.70	.0
P/R MEDICARE - SALES	1,096.96	.1
P/R FICA EXP - CALL CENTER	8,300.85	.8
P/R FUTA EXP - CALL CENTER	611.88	.1
P/R SUTA EXP - CALL CENTER	6,425.46	.7
P/R MEDICARE EXP - CALL CENTER	1,941.46	.2
COMMISSIONS - SALES	6,294.91	.6
COMMISSIONS - CALL CENTER	24,449.45	2.5

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FOR THE 9 PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

	YEAR TO DATE	
	ACTUAL	PERCENT
selling expenses	(Continued)	
TRADE SHOW EXPENSE	\$645.00	.1 %
MARKETING & PROMOTION	477.27	.0
TOTAL selling expenses	263,879.15	26.8
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,407,313.00	142.7
NET INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	(1,067,144.25)	(108.2)
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE:		
other income and expenses		
MGT FEE INCOME - FAULKNER	103,881.41	10.5
Fines & Penalties	(8,604.34)	(.9)
Interest Expense	(108,930.71)	(11.0)
Other Income	1,477.87	.1
TOTAL other income and expense	(12,175.77)	(1.2)
other income and expenses		
STATE CORP. TAX	(3,870.00)	(.4)
ICC TAX	(69.87)	.0
TOTAL other income and expense	(3,939.87)	(.4)
TOTAL OTHER INCOME AND EXP	(16,115.64)	(1.6)
EARNINGS BEFORE INCOME TAX	(1,083,259.89)	(109.8)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$(1,083,259.89)	(109.8)%

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## ASSETS

PRELIMINARY

## current assets

CASH - AMERICAN (GENERAL)	\$87,132.49
PETTY CASH - TELEMARKETER	500.00
CASH - AMERICAN (TAX ACCOUNT)	57.82
Accounts Receivable	4,352.32
A/R - L/D, DIRECT	316,248.96
BAD DEBT ALLOWANCE	(51,066.95)

## TOTAL current assets

357,224.64

## prepaid expenses

PREPAID COMMISSION - PRESTIGE	75,000.00
Prepaid Other Expenses	32,524.82

## TOTAL prepaid expenses

107,524.82

## other current assets

INTERCOMPANY - SHEFFIELD	(1,414,640.39)
INVENTORY - PAGERS	1,100.00
ACCRUED INTEREST - LOAN, SHF	(110,583.87)
DUE FROM COAST TO COAST	14,510.06

## TOTAL other current assets

(1,509,614.20)

## property and equipment

SWITCH	325,000.00
Computer Equipment	33,420.56
Accum Deprec - Comp Equip	(9,854.32)
Computer Software	125,685.76
Accum Deprec - Software	(60,191.90)
AUTOS	5,213.64
ACCUM. DEPR. - AUTO	(586.54)
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	77,289.08
ACCUM DEPRECIATION-FURN & FIXT	(31,418.35)
OFFICE PHONES	9,175.17
ACCUM. DEPREC. - OFFICE PHONES	(3,745.85)
CAP. LEASE - COMPUTER	326,777.42
ACCUM. DEP.-CAP. LEASE	(114,709.53)
Other Fixed Assets	7,104.77
ACCUM. DEPRE. - OTHER FIXED	(2,818.88)

## TOTAL property and equipment

686,341.03

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## ASSETS

PRELIMINARY

other assets

N/R - S/H  
Deposits\$1,000.00  
56,826.66

TOTAL other assets

57,826.66

TOTAL ASSETS

\$(300,697.05)

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## LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

## PRELIMINARY

## current liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$224,674.48	
MGT. FEE PAYABLE - SHF	88,761.90	
<b>TOTAL current liabilities</b>		<b>313,436.38</b>

## payroll taxes payable

Accrued Futa	542.51	
ACCRUED SUTA - IL	6,224.62	
<b>TOTAL payroll taxes payable</b>		<b>6,767.13</b>

## current portion long-term debt

CAP LEASE - CURRENT PORTION	88,652.94	
CURRENT L/T DEBT	24,012.34	
<b>TOTAL current portion long-term debt</b>		<b>112,665.28</b>

## accrued taxes

ACCRUED FED. TAXES	113,063.78	
ACCRUED STATE TAXES	(5,065.00)	
FEDERAL EXCISE TAX	11,905.71	
STATE & LOCAL EXCISE TAX	28,397.36	
<b>TOTAL accrued taxes</b>		<b>148,301.85</b>

## other accrued expenses

Accrued Salaries & Wages	49,639.89	
ACCRUED EXP - AGENT	36,639.26	
AGENT COMM - HOLD BACK	776.95	
OTHER ACCRUED EXPENSES	36,524.80	
ACCRUED INTEREST	128.01	
<b>TOTAL other accrued expenses</b>		<b>123,708.91</b>

## long-term debt net of current

CAP. LEASE - DEERBART #5030	64,348.59	
CAP LEASE - DEERBART, SWITCH	10,117.12	
N/P - DELL	46,975.00	
LESS: CURRENT CAP. LEASE	(88,652.94)	
LESS: CURRENT L/T DEBT	(24,012.34)	

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## LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (Continued)

PRELIMINARY

## long-term debt net of current (Continued)

N/P FORD-T BIRD	\$966.50	
N/P - EIS, MAINT. AGREEMENT	23,045.84	
TOTAL long-term debt net of current		32,787.77
TOTAL LIABILITIES		737,667.32

## equity

Capital Stock	1,000.00	
RETAINED EARNINGS - PRIOR	43,895.52	
RETAINED EARNINGS-CURRENT YEAR	(1,083,259.89)	
TOTAL equity		(1,038,364.37)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		\$(300,697.05)

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## **EXHIBIT K**

### **Documentation of Technical Expertise**

## **USBG, INC.**

### **MANAGEMENT PROFILES:**

#### **Joseph J. Amendala: Chief Executive Officer**

With twenty-four years' experience in the telecommunications industry, CEO Joseph J. Amendala brings a breadth of industry knowledge to USBG. After working for Illinois Bell Telephone for thirteen years, Mr. Amendala founded Sheffield Systems, Inc. Sheffield Systems, Inc., a company originally specializing in small business interconnect, was awarded Public Utility status by the Illinois Commerce Commission in January of 1987. Mr. Amendala is President of Sheffield Systems, Inc., and has served as President and Member of the Board of the Illinois Public Telecommunications Association (IPTA) from the years 1990-1994, and as CEO of International Gateway Communications, Inc.

#### **Brian Amendala: Secretary/Treasurer**

Brian Amendala is Vice President of Sheffield Systems, Inc., and has over twenty-five years' experience in the telecommunications industry. Mr. Amendala began what would be a twenty-year employment relationship with the Bell companies, working for five years with Illinois Bell (now known as Ameritech Illinois), and for fifteen years with U.S. West. With both Bell companies, he worked as a technician for residential services, and at one time, served as President of his local union group. In 1985, along with his brother Joseph Amendala, he created and formed Sheffield Systems, Inc., an independent pay telephone full service provider.

## **EXHIBIT L**

### **Explanation of Managerial Expertise**

## USBG, INC.

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## **EXHIBIT M**

### **Documentation of Corporate Structure and Ownership**

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Whereas,

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
USEG, INC.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS HAVE BEEN  
FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS PROVIDED BY THE  
BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT OF ILLINOIS, IN FORCE JULY 1, A.D. 1984.

Now Therefore, I, George H. Ryan, Secretary of State of the State of  
Illinois, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue  
this certificate and attach hereto a copy of the Application of the  
aforesaid corporation.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be  
affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois,  
at the City of Springfield, this 23RD  
day of APRIL A.D. 19 97 and of  
the Independence of the United States the two  
hundred and 21ST



*George H. Ryan*  
Secretary of State

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

(Rev. Jan. 1993)

George H. Ryan  
Secretary of State  
Department of Business Services  
Springfield IL 62756

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GEORGE H. RYAN  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**STANDARD DUPLICATE**

This space for use by Secretary of State

Date 4-23-97

Franchise Tax \$ 25

Filing Fee \$ 35

Approved: [Signature]

Payment must be made by certified check, cashier's check, Illinois attorney's check, Illinois state's check or money order, payable to Secretary of State.

1. CORPORATE NAME: USUG, Inc.

(The corporate name must contain the word "corporation", "company", "incorporated", "limited" or an abbreviation thereof.)

2. Registered Agent: Anthony F. Spring  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name  
7610 West North Avenue  
Registered Office: Number Street Suite #  
Elmwood Park IL 60707  
City Zip Code Cook  
County

3. Purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized:  
(If not sufficient space to cover this point, add one or more sheets of this size.)

SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE "A"

4. Paragraph 1: Authorized Shares, Issued Shares and Consideration Received:

Class	Par Value per Share	Number of Shares Authorized	Number of Shares Proposed to be Issued	Consideration to be Received Therefor
Common	\$ NPV	100,000	1,000	\$1,000.00
TOTAL = \$1,000.00				

Paragraph 2: The preferences, qualifications, limitations, restrictions and special or relative rights in respect of the shares of each class are:

(If not sufficient space to cover this point, add one or more sheets of this size.)

NONE

(over)

SECRETARY OF STATE

5. OPTIONAL: (a) Number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) Names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first annual meeting of shareholders or until their successors are elected and qualify:  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Residential Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

6. OPTIONAL: (a) It is estimated that the value of all property to be owned by the corporation for the following year wherever located will be: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) It is estimated that the value of the property to be located within the State of Illinois during the following year will be: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) It is estimated that the gross amount of business that will be transacted by the corporation during the following year will be: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (d) It is estimated that the gross amount of business that will be transacted from places of business in the State of Illinois during the following year will be: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. OPTIONAL: OTHER PROVISIONS

Attach a separate sheet of this size for any other provision to be included in the Articles of Incorporation, e.g., authorizing preemptive rights, denying cumulative voting, regulating internal affairs, voting majority requirements, fixing a duration other than perpetual, etc.

8. NAME(S) & ADDRESS(ES) OF INCORPORATOR(S)

The undersigned incorporator(s) hereby declare(s), under penalties of perjury, that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.

Dated April 22, 19 97.

1. [Signature] Signature and Name  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy M. Okal  
 (Type or Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Type or Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Type or Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Address  
 1. 7610 West North Avenue  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
Elmwood Park, IL 60707  
 City/Town State Zip Code  
 2. Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town State Zip Code  
 3. Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town State Zip Code

(Signatures must be in **BLACK INK** on original document. Carbon copy, photocopy, or rubber stamp signatures may only be used on conformed copies.)

NOTE: If a corporation acts as incorporator, the name of the corporation and the state of incorporation shall be shown and the execution shall be by its president or vice president and verified by him, and attested by its secretary or assistant secretary.

FEE SCHEDULE

- The initial franchise tax is assessed at the rate of 15/100 or 1 percent (\$1.50 per \$1,000) on the paid-in capital represented in this state, with a minimum of \$25.
- The filing fee is \$75.
- The minimum total due (franchise tax & filing fee) is \$100.  
 (Applies when the Consideration to be Received as set forth in Item 4 does not exceed \$16,667)
- The Department of Business Services in Springfield will provide assistance in calculating the total fees if necessary.  
 Illinois Secretary of State Springfield, IL 62756  
 Department of Business Services Telephone (217) 782-9512 or 782-9523

## SCHEDULE "A"

To acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise any equipment and machinery necessary and requisite to conduct the business of the corporation.

To do each and everything necessary, suitable or proper for the accomplishment of the purposes or the attainment of any one or more of the objects herein enumerated, or which shall at any time appear conducive to or expedient for the protection or benefit of this corporation.

To purchase, rent, lease, design, patent, manufacture, produce and otherwise acquire, own, hold, deal in, prepare for market, sell, exchange, lease or assign, and otherwise dispose of, operate, provide service for, and deal with either as principal or agent, and upon commission or otherwise, any and all types of telephones and telephone equipment, whether operated manually, mechanically, electrically, or otherwise, now in use or which may be hereafter invented or created.

To develop, manufacture, assemble, fabricate, import, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire, invest in, hold, use, license the use of, install, handle, maintain, service or repair, sell, pledge, mortgage, exchange, export, distribute, lease, assign, and otherwise dispose of, and generally to trade and deal in and with, as principal or agent, at wholesale, retail, on commission, or otherwise, electronic systems, equipment and components, and electrical, mechanical, and electromechanical apparatus and equipment of every kind and description, electronic, telecommunication, communication, transmitting, receiving, recording, reproducing and similar equipment of every description, microwave device, and equipment, radio, sonar, radar, television and related devices and equipment, and similar goods, wares merchandise, commodities, articles of commerce, and property of every kind and description, and any and all products, machinery, equipment, and supplies used or useful in connection therewith.

To acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise and to improve and develop real property. To buy, sell, mortgage, exchange, lease, let, hold for investment or otherwise, use, and operate real estate of all kinds, improved or unimproved, and any right or interest therein.

To such extent as a corporation organized under the Business Corporation Law of this state may now or hereafter lawfully do. To such extent as a corporation organized under the Business Corporation Law of this state may now or hereafter lawfully do, to do, either as principal or agent and either alone or in connection with other corporations, firms, or individuals, all and everything necessary, suitable, convenient, or proper for, or in connection with, or incident to, the accomplishment of any of the purposes or the attainment of any one or more of the objects herein enumerated, or designed directly or indirectly to promote the interests of this Corporation or to enhance the value of its properties; and in general to do any and all things and exercise any and all powers, rights, and privileges which a corporation may now or hereafter be organized to do or to exercise under the Business Corporation Law of this state or under any act amendatory thereof, supplemental thereto, or substituted therefor.

**EXHIBIT N**

**Operations in Other States**

USBG is applying for local exchange authority in California, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio.

USBG has authority to resell intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

**EXHIBIT O**

**Maintenance of Local Telephone Records**

Applicant will maintain local telephone records separate and apart from any other accounting records in accordance with the USOA.

## **EXHIBIT P**

### **Compliance with Affiliate Transaction Requirements**

## **EXHIBIT Q**

**Letters Requesting Negotiation**

**and**

**Proposed Timeline for Construction, Interconnection, and Service Offering**



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Information Industry Services  
Floor 11  
722 North Broadway  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
Office 414/227-6624

David J. Egan  
Senior Credit Manager

December 20, 1999

Mr. Joseph Amendala, President  
US Buying Group, Inc.  
5601 W. 120<sup>th</sup> St.  
Alsip, IL 60803

Dear Mr. Amendala:

We have reviewed your projections for the purchase of resale services from Ameritech. Based on the projected volumes US Buying Group, Inc. has reported, a deposit in the amount of \$2,500.00 is required prior to processing any orders for resale services.

Deposit payments may be submitted to my attention at the following address:

Ameritech Information Industry Services  
11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
722 N. Broadway  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

In addition, Ameritech will monitor US Buying Group, Inc.'s payment status and actual volumes on a monthly basis and deposit requirements will be revised based on actual volume information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (414) 227-6624.

Sincerely,

Dave Egan  
Senior Manager - Credit

Enclosure

cc: Bruce Beckman



USBG anticipates that it will begin offering service in the first quarter of 2000.

**EXHIBIT R**

**Current Approved Interconnection or Resale Agreement**

Applicant currently has no interconnection or resale agreement within any service area.

## **EXHIBIT S**

### **Explanation of Rate Derivation**

Rates are derived initially through tariffs; thereafter, through interconnection agreement.

## **EXHIBIT T**

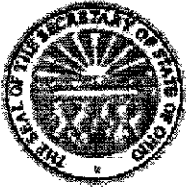
**List of Counties or Exchanges Intended to be Serviced**

**Within 24 Months of Obtaining Authorization**

Applicant intends to provide service to customers located in Ameritech's territory throughout the State of Ohio. A listing of exchanges is included in Section 5 of the proposed Local Exchange Services Tariff.

**EXHIBIT U**

**Certificate of Good Standing**



# Ohio Secretary of State J. Kenneth Blackwell



## Business Information

Business Name	Charter / Registration Number	Type	Original Filing Date	Status	Expiration Date	Location / County / State	Agent / Contact Info	Business Filing Info	Prior Business Name Info
USBG, INC.	981291	Foreign Corporation	May 27 1997	Active		Illinois	<a href="#">Click for Details</a>	<a href="#">Click for Details</a>	<a href="#">Click for Details</a>

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**EXHIBIT V**

**Maps of Proposed Service Area**

Applicant intends to mirror the exchanges serviced by Ameritech. A map is included in the proposed tariff along with a complete listing of exchanges being served.

**EXHIBIT W**

**Price List**

**Ohio Local Exchange Services - Price Sheets  
USBG, Inc.**

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USBG, INC.  
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APPLICABLE TO COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES REGULATED BY THE  
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1.0 Service Ordering Charges -- Rate Schedule

	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Business</u>
<b>Service Establishing Charge</b>		
(This charge applies when the Company initially establishes the Customer's account for any service provided by the Company. This charge is applied in addition to any other monthly, installation, or non-recurring charge which is associated with the service the Customer orders.)		
- Per order	\$24.23	\$24.23
- Line connection (per line)	\$23.12	\$23.13
<b>Add / Change Charge</b>		
(This charge applies anytime a Customer requests that his/her service or class of service be changed. This charge may be applied to a service as many times as the Customer requests that his/her service be changed and is charged in addition to any other monthly or installation charge which is associated with the service the Customer orders.)		
- Per order	\$25.50	\$19.65
- line connection (per line)	\$16.50	\$10.60

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**1.0    Service Ordering Charges -- Rate Schedule (Continued)**

**Returned Checks**

Residence

Business

(When payment for service is made by check, a charge will be made by the Company for each check returned by a bank to the Company for reason of non-sufficient funds.)

- Per check

\$20.00

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**2.0    Basic Exchange Access Services -- Rate Schedule**

Rates for Basic Exchange Access Services are based upon class of service (as set forth in USBG's Tariff No. 1 "Definitions" Section and access area as defined in USBG's Tariff No. 1, Section 2.2.2). All rates in this section are applied monthly unless specifically identified otherwise.

	<u>Access Area</u>		
	<u>Area B</u>	<u>Area C</u>	<u>Area D</u>
Residential Single Line	\$4.18	\$4.18	\$4.18
Business Single Line	\$17.77	\$19.67	\$19.67

These charges apply to Basic Exchange Access Services in addition to the charges found in Section 2.3.6 of USBG's Tariff No. 1.

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**2.1 Local Usage Service -- Rate Schedule**

All Local Usage Service Rates are applied per minute of use as follows unless otherwise specified. End user contracts are effective upon the day of signing and will be filed with the P.U.C.O within ten (10) days of signing. End user contracts and carrier-to-carrier initial contracts and amendments will be subject to the P.U.C.O. rules in 95-845-TP-COI at pages 41-43. Carrier-to-carrier arrangements are included in Section 2.4.4.1 of USBG's Tariff No. 1.

**2.1.1. Operator Assisted Local Usage**

	<u>Band B</u>	<u>Band C</u>	<u>Band D</u>
Operator Assisted Local Usage:	\$1.05	\$1.05	\$1.05

(Local usage originating via a Company-provided Exchange Access Service utilizing the assistance of either an automated or live operator.)

**2.1.2 Measured Rate Services**

**2.1.2.1 Local Message Charge Schedule**

<u>Rate Mileage</u>	<u>Initial Minute or Fraction Thereof</u>	<u>Additional Minute or Fraction Thereof</u>
0-10	\$0.0362	\$0.01009
11-22	\$0.0408	\$0.0136
23 and over	\$0.0453	\$0.0181

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**2.1 Local Usage Service -- Rate Schedule (Continued)**

**2.1.3 Local Calling Plus**

When ordered by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio between specific exchanges, all rules and regulations for local message charges for Measured Rate Service is not required to take advantage of Local Calling Plus. It is available to all measured and message service non-residence customers.

**2.1.3.1 Local Calling Plus Charge Schedule**

<u>Rate Mileage</u>	<u>Initial Minute or Fraction Thereof</u>	<u>Additional Minute or Fraction Thereof</u>
0-10	\$0.038	\$0.0095
11-22	\$0.0428	\$0.0143
23 and over	\$0.0475	\$0.019

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**2.1 Local Usage Service -- Rate Schedule (Continued)**

**2.1.5 Message Rate Service**

Message Rate Service consists of fixed monthly rate for usage packages which include a monthly local usage allowance in the monthly rate. Each local call is charged on a message unit basis and an additional charge is made for local messages in excess of the allowance. The allowance, if not used during one month, is not credited to the Customer's account for any other month.

**2.1.5.1 Rates and Charges**

	<u>Usage Package Monthly Rate</u>
Non-Residence Non-Rotary	\$2.50*
Non-Residence Rotary	\$2.50*
Non-Residence PBX Trunk	\$2.50*
Residence Individual	\$2.50*

\*Thirty calls per line per month

**2.1.5.2 Local Message Allowances and Charges**

The monthly rates for usage packages associated with message rate services include the number of local messages specified below:

- |     |  |         |
|-----|--|---------|
| (a) | All non-residence, per usage package       | 5073    |
| (b) | The charge per additional local message is | \$0.076 |

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**2.2    Resold Switched Access Service - Available only to carriers**

Resold Switched Access Service, which is not available at this time to Customers for their use in furnishing their services to End Users, will provide a two-point communications path between a Customer's Premises and an End User's Premises. It will provide for the use of common terminating, switching, and transport facilities. Resold Switched Access Service will provide 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 location to an End User's Premises.

Rates and charges are not included at this time

**2.3    Interconnection**

This section will be available only to carriers which are certified by the P.U.C.O. to provide intrastate local exchange services.

**Local Traffic Exchange**

Local Traffic Exchange provides the ability for another local exchange provider to terminate local traffic on the Company's network. In order to qualify for Local Traffic Exchange the call must: (a) be originated by an end user of a company that is authorized by the P.U.C.O. to provide local exchange service; (b) originate and terminate within a local calling area of the Company.

**2.4    Resale/Resold Services**

This section is available only to carriers which are certified by the P.U.C.O. to provide intrastate local exchange services.

There are no prohibitions or limitations on the resale of services.

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**3.0 Optional Exchange Access Service Enhancement Features**

**3.1 General**

Services in this section may be purchased in addition to a Company-provided Exchange Access Service. These features are available only when purchased in combination with a Company provided Exchange Access Service.

**3.2 Optional Exchange Access Service Enhancement Features -- Rate Schedule**

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

	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Business</u>
<b>CALL WAITING</b>	<b>\$4.47</b>	<b>\$7.13</b>
(Provides a tone signal when a second call is coming in on a busy line.)		
<b>CALL FORWARDING - Variable</b>	<b>\$3.80</b>	<b>\$3.80</b>
(Permits a Customer to automatically transfer all incoming calls to another dialable telephone number. In addition to these charges, local usage charges as detailed in Section 2.4.2 will apply.)		
<b>THREE-WAY CALLING</b>	<b>\$3.80</b>	<b>\$3.80</b>
(Adds a third party to an established connection without operator assistance.)		

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**3.2 Optional Exchange Access Service Enhancement Features -- Rate Schedule (Continued)**

	<u>Per Activation</u>	<u>Per Activation</u>
<b>CALL TRACE</b>	<b>\$3.33</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>

(This feature will, upon successful Customer activation, automatically trace the telephone number of the line used for the last call received by the Customer. Call Trace is provided to Customers whose basic exchange access service includes only Residence lines. The traced number will not be provided to the Customer by the Company, but it will be provided to law enforcement officials upon the written request of the Customer. )

<b>DISTINCTIVE RINGING</b>	<b>\$3.80</b>	<b>\$3.80</b>
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(This feature allows a Customer to designate up to ten telephone numbers from which incoming calls will have a distinctive ring. For Customers with call waiting, a distinctive call waiting signal will be received if a call from one of the designated telephone numbers is waiting.)

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3.2 Optional Exchange Access Service Enhancement Features--Rate Schedule (Continued)

	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Business</u>
<b>CALL SCREENING</b>	\$3.33	\$3.80

(Customer can designate 10 numbers from which incoming calls will be connected to a pre-recorded announcement that calls are not being taken now.)

<b>CALLER ID</b>	\$6.18	\$6.18
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(This central office feature provides for the display of the incoming telephone number on a Customer provided display device attached to the Customer's telephone line or on a Customer-provided telephone or answering machine with a built-in display screen. The Caller ID feature will forward the calling number from the appropriately equipped terminating central office to the Customer-provided display device. The Company will forward all telephone numbers subject to technical limitations.)

<b>CALLER ID WITH NAME</b>	\$2.38	\$2.38
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(This central office feature is only offered to Customers being served by appropriately equipped central offices and subscribing to caller ID. This feature provides for the display of the listed name associated with the telephone number from which the call is being made. The name will be delivered to a Customer-provided display device. The Company will forward all calling names subject to technical limitations.)

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3.2 Optional Exchange Access Service Enhancement Features--Rate Schedule (Continued)

Residence

Business

**MULTI RING SERVICE**

(Multi ring service is a local exchange telecommunications service that enables a Customer to have as many as three telephone numbers associated with a single line. Customers subscribing to this service will be able to receive calls dialed to two or three separate numbers without having a second or third access line. Distinctive ringing will be provided for each of the additional telephone numbers to facilitate identification of incoming calls. A distinctive Call Waiting tone for each additional telephone number will be provided, where facilities permit, to Customers subscribing to the Call Waiting feature of Custom Calling Service.)

1st Line	\$3.80	\$3.80
2nd Line	\$1.90	\$3.95

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3.2 Optional Exchange Access Service Enhancement Features--Rate Schedule (Continued)

	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Business</u>
<b>BUSY LINE TRANSFER</b>	\$0.71	\$0.71

(In the event that the called telephone number is busy, this feature automatically forwards incoming calls to a predetermined telephone number served by the same central office switch, or provides inter-switch forwarding to a predetermined, dialable telephone number where technically available. If incoming calls are transferred to a number served by the same or a different central office switch, multiple calls will be transferred simultaneously provided that there are sufficient facilities to accept the calls. Additional local usage charges can apply [see Section 2.4.2]. *This feature is not compatible with Call Waiting or Direct Inward Dialing Service.*)

<b>ALTERNATE ANSWERING</b>	\$0.71	\$0.71
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(In the event that the telephone number is not answered within the Company-designated parameters, normally three to four rings, this feature automatically forwards incoming calls to a predetermined telephone number or a different central office switch. Multiple calls will be transferred simultaneously provided there are sufficient facilities to accept the calls.)

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**3.2 Optional Exchange Access Service Enhancement Features--Rate Schedule (Continued)**

	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Business</u>
<b>CUSTOMER CONTROL OPTION</b>		
(Allows the Customer to activate/deactivate the Busy Line Transfer and Alternate Answering features and to change the number to which the calls are forwarded.)		
Busy Line Transfer	\$0.95	\$0.95
Alternate Answering	\$0.95	\$0.95
<b>MESSAGE WAITING TONE</b>	\$0.24	\$0.24
(Allows an audible signal, stutter dial tone, to be present on the line when a message is waiting.)		
<b>EASY CALL</b>	\$1.43	\$1.43
(Provides automatic dialing of a number when the Customer's line is taken off-hook, at 7 second intervals.)		

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**3.2 Optional Exchange Access Service Enhancement Features--Rate Schedule (Continued)**

	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Business</u>
<b>CALL CONTROL</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>	<b>\$4.00</b>

(Available with Residence Basic Exchange Access Service and Residence ISDN service. Customer has the ability to screen outgoing call, the block or allow calls. This feature can be activated and deactivated and provides a PIN number to the subscriber. Customer can block long-distance. Operator Assisted, specific telephone numbers, prefix and/or area codes, and/or all outgoing calls.)

<b>REMOTE CALL FORWARDING</b>	<b>\$3.80</b>	<b>\$3.80</b>
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(Remote Call Forwarding [CO Based], provides a method to automatically transfer all incoming calls to another dialed number at all times. The dialable number is user defined. The dialed number can be either 7 or 10 digit numbers [POTS] and can be changed via a service order. No physical telephone is required at the subscribed dialed number. [Business Service Ordering and Line Connection Charges apply.]

<b>900 SPECIAL ACCESS CODE BLOCKING</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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(Blocks access from a Company-provided Exchange Access Service to Customer dialed 900 numbers.)

<b>976 PREFIX BLOCKING SERVICE</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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(Blocks access from a Company-provided Exchange Access Service to Customer dialed 976 numbers.)

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**3.2 Optional Exchange Access Service Enhancement Features--Rate Schedule (Continued)**

	<u>Residence</u> (min./max.)	<u>Business</u> (min./max.)
<b>INTERNATIONAL BLOCKING</b>	\$3.33	\$3.33

(The International Blocking Service [IBS] is an optional end user service that provides end office blocking of 011+, 10XXX011+ and 101XXXXX011+ dialed calls. Originating 011+, 10XXX011+ and 101XXXXX011+ dialed calls from exchange lines provisioned with the IBS will be blocked and routed to a recorded announcement. There is a nonrecurring charge for installing IBS on new or existing exchange lines or trunks that is in addition to any other local exchange nonrecurring charges that may apply.)

	<u>Per Activation</u>	<u>Per Activation</u>
<b>AUTOMATIC CALL BACK</b>	\$0.71	\$0.71

(Allows a Customer to return most recent incoming calls whether answered or not. If the line to which the request is made is idle, the calls go through; if the line is busy, the automatic callback continues to attempt until the line is free. The request is deactivated after 30 minutes or six unanswered ring backs if the call is not completed.)

<b>REPEAT DIALING</b>	\$0.71	\$0.71
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(Allows a Customer, by dialing a particular code, to redial a dialed number a specified number of times or until a party answers the call.)

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**4.0            Operator Assistance Surcharges**

**4.1            General**

Operator Assistance Surcharges apply when a Customer utilizes either an automated or live Company-provided operator for purposes of completing or billing a call. Operator Assistance Surcharges apply in addition to either local usage or long-distance usage services as identified in Section 2.4.3 or 2.14 or this tariff.

**4.2            Operator Assistance Surcharges--Rate Schedule**

	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Business</u>
<b>PERSON-TO-PERSON</b>	\$2.85	\$2.85
(Operator assists caller by beginning to bill the call only when a specifically identified party answers the phone.)		
<b>BILLED TO A THIRD NUMBER</b>	\$1.50	\$1.50
(Operator assists the caller by billing the call to a verified number other than the station number from which the call is being made or by which the call is received.)		
<b>COLLECT CALLS</b>	\$1.10	\$1.10
(Operator assists the caller by verify charges with, and billing the call to, the party receiving the call.)		

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**4.2     Operator Assistance Surcharges--Rate Schedule (Continued)**

	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Business</u>
<b>CALLING CARD ASSISTANCE</b>		
(Either operator assisted or Customer dialed calls can be accepted, billed, and or completed on a call basis upon information pertaining to a billable calling card.)		
Automated Assistance (where available)	\$0.42	\$0.42
Non-Automated Assistance	\$1.05	\$1.05
 <b>SENT - PAID / OPERATOR ASSISTED</b>		
(Operator Assistance provided to stations capable of accepting pre-payment by terms of coin or non-calling card credit arrangements.)		
<b>BUSY LINE VERIFICATION</b>	\$0.95	\$1.14
(Operator assists caller by verifying the busy status of an exchange access line. Charged for each verification.)		
<b>BUSY LINE VERIFY AND INTERRUPT</b>	\$1.39	\$1.52
(Operator assists caller by first verifying the busy status of an exchange access line and then by interrupting the communications on the line to alert the communicating parties of the caller's need to reach the busy line.)		

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5.0 Directory Services

5.1 General

Directory services allow Customers to customize the manner in which their Company assigned telephone numbers appear in published directory and/or are used by dialable directories and Company operators. This section applies only to services provided by the Company.

5.2 Directory Services--Rate Schedule

	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Business</u>
<b>ALPHABETICAL DIRECTORY LISTING</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00

(One listing, without charge, is provided in the alphabetical section of the directory of the local exchange area in which the Customer's premises is located. This listing is termed the primary listing and is provided for each line provided pursuant to the Company's Exchange Access Service. Where two or more lines are arranged to hunt, all of those lines so arranged constitute a separate Customer service.)

**EXTRA LISTINGS**

(An Extra Listing is any listing of a name or information in connection with a Customer's access line number beyond that provided pursuant to the Alphabetical Directory Listing Service provided above.)

Per month for each listing	\$8.95	\$1.50
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**5.2     Directory Services--Rate Schedule (cont'd.)**

**Residence**

**Business**

**DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE  
CALL**

(D.A. Call services furnish the Customer with either automated or operator assisted access to the Company's Directory Services database on a dial-up basis. A maximum of two number requests will be accommodated per D.A. Call service call.)

Per Call

\$0.285

\$0.255

**INFORMATION CALL COMPLETION**

(Information Call Completion [ICC] is available as an add-on to the Company's D.A. Call service. ICC allows the Customer to connect directly to a number requested via the Company's D.A. Call service by means of operator dialing.)

Per Call Completed

\$0.2375

\$0.2375

(Mobile telephone service Customers will only be eligible for ICC service if an alternate billing option is used, i.e., calling card, billed-to-third number, collect and person-to-person special handling. However, should a mobile carrier request the option, the Company will provide ICC to a mobile carrier on a sent-paid basis.)

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**6.0 Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Services**

**6.1 General**

Provides integrated voice/data communications capability for transmission and combination of circuit switched voice/data and packet switched data signals on an incoming and outgoing basis over a single ISDN line. This service requires two 64 Kbps "B" channels to transmit any combination of Circuit Switched Voice/Data or high speed Packet Switched Data and one "D" channel to carry network signaling and user originated Packet Switched data at speeds up to 9.6 Kbps (2B+D). It is available from specially equipped digital switching equipment located in the Company's central offices (or in the offices of a Company affiliated supplier/carrier) and where facilities permit and where capacity is available within specified distances from the serving central office. A maximum of 8 devices may be connected directly to an ISDN line and only 2 of these devices are permitted to access the two "B" channels.

**6.2 Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Services--Rate Schedule**

	<u>Residence</u>		<u>Business</u>	
	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Install</u> <u>Charge</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Non-</u> <u>Monthly Recurring</u> <u>Charge</u>
ISDN Direct C.O.	\$11.40	\$11.40	\$11.40	\$11.40
ISDN National/Direct				
Access Area B	\$14.25	\$47.50	\$14.25	\$47.50
Access Area C	\$14.25	\$47.50	\$14.25	\$47.50
Access Area D	\$14.25	\$47.50	\$14.25	\$47.50
Distance Extension Charge for Customers beyond normal transmission range, per line	\$24.70	\$0	\$24.70	\$0

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**6.2 Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Services--Rate Schedule (Continued)**

	<u>Residence</u>		<u>Business</u>	
	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Install Charge</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Non- Recurring Charge</u>
Circuit Switched Service Element per "B" Channel, VOICE	\$3.33	\$14.25	\$2.85	\$14.25
Circuit Switched Service Element per "B" Channel, DATA	\$3.33	\$14.25	\$7.80	\$14.25
Additional Call Offering	\$2.38	\$4.75	\$2.38	\$4.75
Additional Multiple Call Appearances, Each	\$1.90	\$4.75	\$2.00	\$5.00
Intercom Calling	\$1.90	\$1.90	\$2.50	\$5.00
Secondary Telephone Numbers, Each	\$1.90	\$4.75	\$1.90	\$4.75
Station Controlled Conferences - 6 Port	\$13.30	\$14.25	\$13.30	\$14.25
Message Waiting Indicator, Each	\$2.38	\$14.25	\$2.38	\$4.75
On Demand Packet Switched Data "B" Channel	\$19.00	\$47.50	\$19.00	\$47.50

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6.2 Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Services--Rate Schedule (Continued)

	<u>Residential</u>		<u>Business</u>	
	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Install Charge</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Non- Recurring Charge</u>
Packet Switched Data "B" Channel <i>Standard Capabilities and features, per "B" Channel equipped.</i>	\$80.75	\$95.00	\$80.75	\$95.00
Packet Switched Data "D" Channel <i>Standard Capabilities and features, per "D" Channel equipped</i>	\$3.80	\$14.25	\$3.80	\$14.75
Subsequent Changes for Circ. Voice and/or Circuit Switched Data and/or Packet Switched Data rearrangements to add line appearances or move line or feature appearance, per line per occasion.	\$0	\$14.25	\$0	\$14.25

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**7.0 Direct Inward Dial (DID) Service**

**7.1 General**

DID is a service which permits incoming dialed calls to be dialed directly by a calling party station associated with a switching system located on the Carrier's Customer Premises. These lines support inbound calling traffic only.

**7.2 Direct Inward Dial Service--Rate Schedule**

	<b>Business</b>	
	<b><u>Monthly Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Non- Recurring Charge</u></b>
<b>DID Trunk Termination Charges</b>		
Each DID trunk termination in Central Office, per trunk	\$23.75	\$261.25
Each DID trunk termination in Central Office arranged for Touch- Tone signaling	\$23.75	\$261.25
Subsequent additions, deletions or rearrangements of DID trunk terminations in addition to above charges, per occasion.	\$0	\$261.25

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7.2      Direct Inward Dial Service--Rate Schedule (Continued)

**Business**

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Non- Recurring Charge</u>
DID Number Charges		
Each group of 20 Assigned DID station numbers or fraction thereof, each group	\$3.28	\$165.44
Each group of 10 Reserved DID station numbers or fraction thereof, each group	\$3.28	\$165.44

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8.0 2-Way Direct Inward Dialing (DID) with Call Transfer8.1 General

2-Way Direct Inward Dialing (DID) with Call Transfer is a service that permits incoming calls to reach Customer provided equipment, without the assistance of an attendant, and allows the transfer of those calls to another line. Touch-Tone is a standard feature of this service.

8.2 2-Way Direct Inward Dialing (DID) with Call Transfer--Rate Schedule

		<b>Business</b>	
		<u>Monthly</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Non-</u> <u>Recurring</u> <u>Charge</u>
<u>Access Area</u>			
1.	With initial DID Service - per Trunk Group	\$23.75	\$166.25
2.	Subsequent to Establishment of DID Service - per Trunk Group	\$21.85	\$166.25
<u>All Areas</u>			
1.	Change in Outpulsing, Start Dial or Signal Type - per Trunk Group	\$0	\$39.47
2.	Change or Redesign in Signaling or Transmission Interface - per Occurrence	\$0	\$142.02

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8.2 2-Way Direct Inward Dialing (DID) with Call Transfer--Rate Schedule (Continued)

		Business	Non-
		Monthly	Recurring
		<u>Rate</u>	<u>Charge</u>
CONVERSIONS			
<u>All Areas</u>			
1.	Of entire DID Trunk Group to 2-Way DID or entire 2-Way DID Trunk Group to DID	\$0	\$285.00
2.	Of individual DID trunks to a new 2-Way DID Trunk Group, per Trunk Group	\$0	\$385.00
3.	Change in Outpulsing, Start Dial, or Signal Type, per trunk group	\$0	\$39.47
4.	Change or redesign in Signaling or transmission Interface - per Occurrence	\$0	\$142.50

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9.0 Foreign District Service

9.1 General

Foreign District Service is a service by which a Customer can be provided the Company's Exchange Access Service from a district other than the one in which the Customer's premise is located. When a Customer subscribes to Foreign District service he/she will be considered to reside in the district he/she has chosen as the Foreign District for purposes of rating and billing the Company's services within this tariff.

9.2 Foreign District Service--Rate Schedule

The rate for Foreign District Service is (1) the usage rate in effect in the Foreign District for the class of service furnished, (2) the access rate for the access area in which the Customer is physically located; and (3) the following mileage charges:

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	
	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Business</u>
- Area Function Charge	\$14.50	\$14.50
- Interexchange Circuit per mile	\$4.03	\$4.03
- Interexchange Circuit Service Terminal	\$40.35	\$40.35

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**10.0 Miscellaneous Services**

**Monthly Rate**

	<b><u>Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Business</u></b>
<b>DEPICING SERVICE</b>	\$5.00	\$5.00
<b>TOLL RESTRICTION SERVICE</b>		
(Toll Restriction Service will not allow inter-MSA 1+, 0+, 0-, 10XXX, or 700 calls to be completed.)		
-per line equipped	\$0	\$4.12
(Toll billing exception which prevents third number billed and collect call is also a Customer option.)		
<b>INTERCEPT REFERRAL EXTENSION SERVICE</b>		
(Provides notification to calling parties about changes in the status of the called party's telephone line. [An Add / Change Charge applies to add or change the length of months requested.]	\$1.80	\$12.42

**Non -Recurring Charge**

	<b><u>Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Business</u></b>
<b>TEMPORARY INTERCEPT</b>		
(Enables a Customer to have incoming calls intercepted for 1 month. [Regular Exchange Access Service billing continues and an Add / Change charge applies.]		
- Per Central Office Line	\$1.80	\$17.42
- Per Port Intercepted	\$1.80	\$17.42

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**11.0 Restoration of Service**

**11.1 General**

A restoration charge applies to the re-establishment of service and facilities suspended because of nonpayment of bills and is payable at the time that the re-establishment of the service and facilities suspended is arranged for.

**11.2 Restoration of Service--Rate Schedule**

**Non-Recurring Charge**

	<b><u>Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Business</u></b>
Per Occasion	\$48.50	\$48.50

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**12.0    IntraLATA Presubscription Charges**

**A.      Application of Charges**

After a Customer's initial selection for a presubscribed intraLATA toll carrier an IntraLATA Presubscription Change Charge will apply.

**Non-Recurring Charges**

	<b><u>Residence</u></b>	<b><u>Business</u></b>
<b>IntraLATA Presubscription Change Charge</b>		
-- Initial line, or trunk, or port	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
--Additional line, trunk, or port	<b>\$1.50</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>

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**13.0 Long Distance Service**

**13.1 General**

The Company offers WATS and MTS intrastate interLATA long distance service utilizing switched or dedicated access arrangements between the Customer's Premises and the Company's facilities for call origination. Call termination is completed through a combination of the Company's facilities and LEC switched access arrangements.

**13.2. Timing of Calls**

1. Long distance usage charges are based on the actual usage of the Company network. Chargeable time begins when a connection is established between the Calling Station and the Called Station. Chargeable time ends when either party "hangs up" thereby releasing the network connection.
2. Unless otherwise specified in this Tariff, the minimum call duration for billing purposes is sixty (60) seconds. In addition, unless otherwise specified in this Tariff, usage is measured thereafter in sixty (60) second increments and rounded to the next higher sixty (60) second period.

**13.3 Minimum Call Completion Rate**

A Customer can expect a call completion rate of not less than 90% during peak use periods for all Feature Group D services.

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**13.4 Message Telecommunications Services**

Message Telecommunications services consist of the furnishing of message telephone service between stations located within the state.

**SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE**

**RATE PER MINUTE**

<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>EVENING</u></b>	<b><u>NIGHT/WEEKEND</u></b>
<b>\$ 0.2688</b>	<b>\$ 0.2688</b>	<b>\$ 0.2688</b>

**13.5 Postpaid Travel Card Service**

Postpaid travel card service is available to Customers of Carrier's long distance services. Customers will reach Carrier's network via a toll-free number. A Customer who elects to use this service will pay the tariffed rates for calls charged to the card. Charges for such calls appear on the Customer's regular monthly bill.

**Per Minute Rates:                      \$0.30**

**13.6 Directory Assistance Service**

Customers will be billed the following per call charge for each directory assistance call. The directory assistance charge applies to each call regardless of whether the directory assistance bureau is able to furnish the requested telephone number.

**Per Call Charge:                      \$0.70**

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**13.7    800 Service**

800 Service is an inbound-only service in which callers located within the state may place toll-free calls to a telephone in the 800 area code assigned to the Customer. 800 Service is available to Customers utilizing switched or dedicated access.

**SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE**

**RATE PER MINUTE**

<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>EVENING</u></b>	<b><u>NIGHT/WEEKEND</u></b>
\$ 0.2688	\$ 0.2688	\$ 0.2688

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**14. Special Promotional Offering**

Applicant may make special promotional offerings of its service on a limited basis. This promotional offering may include waiving or reducing the applicable charges for the promoted service. The promotion may also be offered for a limited duration and limited to specific locations within the state. The waiver of any charge, other than a non-recurring charge, shall be limited to ninety (90) days on a per-customer basis.

- (a) Preferred Discount Plan (applies to usage only) - see USBG's Tariff No. 1 for additional discounts.
- (b) Promotional Discount (applies to usage only) - see USBG's Tariff No. 1 for additional discounts.

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