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Via Facsimile Transmittal

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RE:

Consolidated Telecom, Inc

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Final Tariffs

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

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Enclosed please find an original and three (3) copies of the final tariffs in the above matter.

An additional copy of this letter has been enclosed to be date-stamped and returned in the envelope provided as evidence of the filing.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Becky Heggelund

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OHIO INMATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of inmate telecommunications services provided by Consolidated Telecom, Inc. with the principal offices at 1320 Greenway Drive, Suite 450, Irving, Texas 75038. This tariff applies to services furnished within the state of Ohio. This tariff is on file with the Ohio Public Utilities Commission and may be inspected during normal business hours at the Company's principal place of business. A copy may also be obtained by visiting the Company's website, <u>www.ctel.us</u> or by writing the Company.

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- C- To signify changed regulation
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- N- To signify new rate or regulation
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SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS

Access Line - An arrangement from a local exchange telephone company or other common carrier which connects an inmate telephone to a switching center.

Automated Call Processing System - Equipment that automates the placement of collect calls, including recordation of billing information.

Automated Collect Inmate Telecommunications Services - Calls whereby an inmate in a Confinement Facility dials the called number and the call is billed to the called number (collect call) and where call placement and recording of billing information is performed without the assistance of a live operator.

Billed Party - The individual who accepts a collect call, is billed for the call, and responsible for the payment of the applicable charges.

Billing Limit - A dollar value of accepted collect call charges beyond which is deemed to be an at-risk collection.

Billing Service Company - A Company with billing and collection agreements with Local Exchange Carriers.

<u>Called Party</u> - The individual who receives an inmate collect call who can either accept or refuse the call.

<u>Called Station</u> – The terminating point of a call (i.e., the called number).

<u>Calling Station</u> – The originating point of a call (i.e., the calling number).

Client - The Confinement Facility Administration or the government entity with which the Company has contracted to provide service.

Collect Call – a Billing arrangement whereby the charge for a call may be billed to the called station, provided the called station accepts responsibility for such calls.

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Commission - Ohio Public Utilities Commission.

<u>Common Carrier</u> – A company or entity providing telecommunications services to the public and subject to the jurisdiction of the Ohio Public Utilities Commission.

Company - Consolidated Telecom, Inc.

Completion of a Collect Call - A call is completed when the call is accepted at the call station.

<u>Confinement Facility</u> – A local, state, or federal facility that has authorized the Company to provide inmate telecommunications services.

<u>Customer</u> – The person or legal entity that enters into payment arrangements with the Company for telecommunications services to send or receive calls.

<u>Direct Bill Customer Program</u> - A program available to those Customers whose calls cannot be billed through their Local Exchange Carrier or provided to those Customers who accrue a threshold amount of charges. An account is established with the Company by a Customer who completes a credit application and receives a satisfactory credit score. A credit limit is established and calls are billed by the Company directly to the Customer each week.

<u>Fixed Service Charge</u> – A fee, in addition to the underlying local call rate or long distance measured charge, for providing services when using the inmate telephone.

<u>Incomplete Call</u> – Any call where transmission between the calling and called station is not established (e.g., busy, no answer, billing refused, etc.).

<u>Inmate</u> – The individual who uses the Company's telephones and the Company's services to place a call. An inmate may, pursuant to the Prepaid Calling Cards and/or Debit Calling through Confinement Facility Commissary offerings described herein, be a Customer of the Company.

<u>Inmate Telephone</u> – A coinless telephone instrument conforming with the Ohio Public Utilities Commission Orders and Regulations governing such equipment.

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<u>Inmate Trust Account</u> – An Inmate Trust Account is an account established by the Facility where all funds belonging to an Inmate are placed and maintained.

Interexchange Carrier (IXC) - a company which furnishes interexchange telephone service.

Local Call - a call originated and terminated within a single exchange or extended service area.

<u>Local Exchange Carrier ("LEC")</u> – A certified telecommunications company that provides local exchange service to customers in the State of Ohio.

<u>Measured Charge</u> – A distance-sensitive charge assessed on a per-minute basis in calculating a portion of the charge due for a completed call.

<u>Prepaid Customer Account Program</u> – A program available to those Customers whose calls cannot be billed through their Alternative Local Telephone Service Provider or provided to those Customers who accrue a threshold amount of charges billed through their Local Exchange Carrier. An account is established with the Company by a Customer with an initial payment of \$25 or more. Charges for service provided by the Company are deducted on a per minute or per call real time basis from the Customer's account.

Prepaid Card — A card issued by the Company which provides an inmate with a Prepaid Account, an Authorization Code, and instructions for accessing the Company's network. An inmate purchases the prepaid card usage on a set prepaid basis from the Confinement Facility. Usage charges for Prepaid Card calls are deducted from the Prepaid Card on a real-time basis. Following release from a Confinement Facility, a Company Prepaid Card can be used to place additional prepaid calls until available funds are used or a refund can be requested by sending the card to the Company at the address printed on the card.

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<u>Toll Call</u> – A call originating in one exchange and terminating in another that is not part of the exchange and is not a part of any extended area service arrangement. These calls can be either intraLATA or interLATA long distance calls.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 <u>Undertaking of the Company</u>

The Company's inmate telephone services are furnished for communications originating in Confinement Facilities within the State of Ohio.

The Company installs, operates and maintains the communications services provided hereunder in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this Tariff. The Company furnishes its inmate telephone services for the benefit of Inmates housed in local, county, and state Confinement Facilities as well as for the benefit of the people Inmates call.

The Company's services are available twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week, subject to the rules of the Confinement Facility.

2.2 <u>Limitations</u>

- 2.2.1 Service is offered subject to the provisions of this tariff.
- 2.2.2 The Company reserves the right to discontinue furnishing service, or limit the use of service necessitated by conditions beyond its control or when a Customer, Calling Party, Called Party, Inmate or other person is attempting to steal service or is using service in violation of the law, the rules of the particular Confinement Facility or the provisions of this Tariff. The Company may prosecute those who use its services in violation of the law.

The Company may refuse, restrict, or interrupt service to Customers due to insufficient billing information, invalid telephone numbers, invalid commercial credit card numbers, refusal of a called party to accept responsibility for payment, or other circumstances which may prevent the Company from collecting the charges due. The Company may refuse or otherwise restrict the use of some or all billing methods for calling to or from certain parts of the United States or in circumstances where the Company reasonably believes such restrictions are necessary to prevent fraud and uncollectibles.

All equipment located onsite in the Confinement Facility or at the Company operations centers, and necessary to provide services is owned and operated by the Company.

Service is restricted to permit placement of outward only automated collect, prepaid, or debit calls to locations within the United States and Confinement Facility-requested foreign countries. All other call-types including direct dial, sent paid and calls charged to calling cards or third numbers are prohibited (other than as specifically set out herein).

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Use of the Company's service is subject to any conditions or limitations imposed by Confinement Facilities. The Company may restrict or refuse service to any Inmate at the request of the Confinement Facility, and/or prohibit inmate access to certain telephone numbers as specified by the Confinement Facility. Service may be limited at the discretion of the Confinement Facility.

- 2.2.3 Calls to Company numbers and other numbers stipulated by Confinement Facility authorities will be blocked in the interest of public safety and to avoid harassment.
- 2.2.4 Calls dialed 10XXX+0, 950, 911, 900, 976, 700, 411 and other information calls are blocked. A copy of the current local directory shall be available upon request by Confinement Facility authorities for inmate use.
- 2.2.5 The Company will also block calls in the following circumstances, subject to provisions of this Tariff that provide Customers with alternative means for connecting calls:
 - A. When the Customer's Local Exchange Carrier or Alternative Local Telephone Service Provider does not provide billing for collect calls;
 - B. When the telephone number in question lacks sufficient billing history or billing information;
 - C. When the Local Exchange Carrier identifies multiple lines at a particular address;
 - D. When the Local Exchange Carrier has a collect call block on the line;
 - E. When the amount of collect calls received by a particular phone number has reached the billing limits established with the Customer's or Billed Party's Local Exchange Carrier based on that carrier's uncollectible revenue history;
 - F. When a Prepaid Customer's account balance lacks available funds;
 - G. When a Customer's Direct Bill account balance is over the established credit limit.

When a Customer with one of the above circumstances receives a call from an inmate, the call will be connected and a one-minute courtesy call will be provided to the Customer. The Customer will be instructed to call the Company's 1-800 customer service number where they will be told why their number is blocked and they will be given an opportunity to open a Company account twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

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- 2.2.6 The Company will also block calls in the following circumstances and will not provide alternative means for connecting calls:
 - A. When the Confinement Facility has placed a block on the phone number;
 - When the Customer or telephone subscriber has requested a block on their phone number;
 - C. When a Local Exchange Carrier notifies the Company that the subscriber owes past due Company charges to the Local Exchange Carrier;
 - D. When a Customer account is in "collection status", i.e. NSF check, invalid check, fraudulent credit card payment, etc.
- 2.2.7 Maximum call duration is limited to any maximum duration specified by the Confinement Facility, but otherwise is not limited to less than ten minutes.

2.3 <u>Liability of the Company</u>

2.3.1 The Company's liability for damages arising out of mistakes, interruptions, omissions, delays, errors or defects in the transmission occurring in the course of furnishing service, and not caused by the negligence of its employees or its agents, in no event shall exceed the amount equal to the charge to the customer or called party for the period during which the aforementioned faults in the transmission occur. In no event will the Company be liable for consequential damages from any such interruptions of service.

The Company is not liable for damages to a Confinement Facility resulting from the furnishing of service including the installation and removal of equipment and associated wiring, unless the damage is caused by the Company's negligence.

In addition, the Company shall not be responsible for interruptions of service resulting from the following: 1) when the parties stop talking without hanging up; 2) attempts to make a 3-way call; 3) attempts to answer Call Waiting; 4) attempts to put a call on hold; 5) attempts to transfer a call; 6) use of a cordless phone; and/or 7) use of a cell phone.

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- 2.3.2 The Company shall not be liable for and shall be indemnified and held harmless by Customers, Calling Parties, Inmates and/or Called Parties against:
 - A. Claims for libel, slander, or infringement or copyright arising out of the material, data, information, or other content transmitted over the Company's facilities.
 - B. All loss, claims, demands, suits, or other action, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted or assessed by Customer, Calling Party, Called Party, Inmate or any other party or person, or for any destruction of any property, whether owned by a Customer or others, caused by or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, condition, location or use of facilities or equipment provided by the Company which is not the direct result of the Company's negligence. No agents or employees of other carriers or companies shall be deemed to be agents or employees of the Company without written authorization.
 - C. All other claims arising out of any act or omission of the Customer, Called Party, Calling Party, or any other person in connection with any service or facility provided by the Company.
 - D. Violations of the provisions of this Tariff.

2.4 Taxes and Fees

All state and local taxes and any fee imposed by a governmental entity (e.g. sales tax, municipal utilities tax, telecommunications business license tax, USF assessment) are listed as separate line items and are not included in the rates and charges specified in Section 4.

2.4.1 Universal Service Fees

The Universal service Fees ("USF") on your phone bill are regulated by federal and state law. The USF is based on a specific percentage of the cost of the calls set by the federal government for interstate calls and set by state government for intra-state calls.

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2.5 Payment for Service

2.5.1 <u>Disputed Charges</u>

Charges billed directly by the Company are due upon receipt. Amounts not paid within 10 days of the invoice will be considered past due. For charges billed directly by the Company, notice from the Customer of a dispute must be received in writing within thirty (30) days after the date of the invoice. Otherwise, all charges will be considered correct and binding.

For charges billed through the Customer's LEC, notice from the Customer of disputed charges must be received in writing by the Company within ninety (90) days after the bill is issued. Otherwise, all charges will be considered correct and binding.

The Company will promptly investigate and advise all billed parties of its findings concerning disputed charges. Bill adjustments will be made to the extent that circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate.

A. <u>Contact Customer Service</u>: Customers with questions about billed charges may contact the Company directly at 1-800-583-9683 twenty-four hours a day. .

A Customer wishing to speak to a Customer Service Representative can call 1-800-583-9683 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm follow the voice prompts to reach a Customer Service Representative.

The Customer can contact a Company Customer Service Representative via fax at (972) 239-2358, or by mail at the following address:

Consolidated Telecom, Inc. P.O. Box 631159
Irving, Texas 75063

All inquiries are addressed the day they are received during normal business hours.

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B. <u>Contact Commission</u>: If the Customer is not satisfied with the resolution of intrastate billed charges by the Company, the Customer has the right to express its concerns to the Ohio Public Utilities Commission:

Service Monitoring and Enforcement Department

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

180 East Broad St.

Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Hours of operation: Weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Telephone Number:

614-466-3292

Toll Free Number:

800-686-7826

TTY:

800-686-1570

Fax Number:

614-752-8351

Website:

www.puco.ohio.gov

Residential customers may also contact the Ohio Consumers' Counsel for assistance with complaints at 1-877-742-5622 (toll free) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays or at www.pickocc.org.

2.5.2 Collection of Post-Billing Adjustments

The Company will exercise its rights, (as set out in the truth-in-billing regulatory statements on the LEC's bill) to pursue collection on unpaid charges for Company services billed by a LEC and recoursed to the Company. Upon receipt of post-billing adjustments from a LEC containing a Customer's past due charges for services provided by the Company, the Company will invoice the Customer for those amounts. If the Customer does not contact the Company within ten (10) days to dispute the validity of the charges, the charges will be presumed valid.

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2.6 Refusal or Discontinuance of Service by Company

2.6.1 With Notice:

- A. For failure to pay for service when it is due;
- B. For failure to make proper application for service;
- C. For violation and/or noncompliance with the Commission's Orders or regulations regarding service supplied by the Company;
- D. For violation of any of the Company's rules;
- E. Where there is probable cause to believe that there is illegal or willful misuse of the Company's service;
- F. In the event the validation process determines that the terminating carrier (e.g. an Alternative Local Telephone Service Provider cannot bill the collect call);
- G. In the event the validation process does not produce a bill name and address;
- H. In the event the validation process does not produce any satisfactory billing history.

2.6.2 Without Notice:

- A. In the event of a condition determined by the Company to be hazardous or dangerous;
- B. In the event of use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's service to others;
- C. In the event of unauthorized use of telephone service;
- D. In the event of fraudulent payment for service or other evidence of an attempt to steal services.

2.7 Returned Check Charge

The Company will charge a fee, not to exceed \$25.00, for each check returned for insufficient funds.

2.8 Costs of Collection and Repair

Company shall be entitled to recover any and all costs incurred in the collection of monies owed the Company, including legal fees and accounting expenses. Company is also entitled to recover all costs and expenses required for repair or replacement of damaged equipment.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERIVCE

3.1 General

The Company provides telecommunications services to Inmates in local, county and state Confinement Facilities throughout the United States including Ohio. Service provided under this tariff is intrastate voice telecommunications service between points in the State of Ohio. Originating points of service are limited to Inmate telephones owned or operated by the Company in Confinement Facilities and made available for the use of Inmates.

Services are provided on an automated basis through Inmate telephones, automated call processors and over subscribed facilities of various telecommunications providers. These facilities include, but are not limited to, broadband access lines (e.g. T-1, DSL), MultiProtocol Label Switching ("MPLS") equipment and services, Integrated Services Digital Network ("ISDN"), and payphone service provider access lines. The Company will choose appropriate facilities for the provision of its services based upon Confinement Facility requirements and the Company's evaluation of cost, reliability, and network function.

Inmate telephone service consists of the provision of automated operator service by means of an Automated Call Processing System. To complete and arrange billing for calls, automated service is provided by means of a microprocessor which uses recorded voice prompts which prompt parties to the call through the process of completing the call. The microprocessor responds to the Called Party's input of information by automatically processing and transmitting the information to establish a valid billing procedure for the call and to complete the call.

Consistent with applicable law governing the provision of telecommunications services to immates in Confinement Facilities and restrictions based upon the provision of such services by Confinement Facilities, the Company's immate telecommunications services are provided as follows:

- a. Only automated collect calls and authorized Prepaid Card calls or Debit Calls through a Confinement Facility commissary may be placed.
- b. The automated voice prompts identify the Company, audibly and distinctly, to the Customer at the beginning of each call, and again before the Billed Party incurs any charge for the call.
- c. The Inmate and/or the Called Party receiving the call can terminate the call at no charge before the call is accepted.

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- d. The Company shall disclose to the Customer, upon request and at no charge, a quote of its rates and charges for the call.
- e. The Company shall post notices in each Confinement Facility where the Company provides service containing the Company's contact information along with information on how the service is provided.

3.2 <u>Timing of Calls</u>

Charges begin once the Called Party accepts a collect call or when the prepaid Inmate call is accepted. After the system verifies acceptance, timing begins and a call detail record is generated from that moment until the call is concluded.

There shall not be a charge for unanswered and non-accepted collect calls. Upon receiving reasonable and adequate notification form Customer of a billing error for any such call, the Company or an authorized agent will issue a credit to the Customer in an amount equal to the charge for the call.

3.3 Rate Quotes

The Customer prior to accepting a collect call can receive a quote for the call by pressing a single digit. The Customer can also receive a rate quote by calling the Company's toll free customer service number twenty-four hours a day.

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3.5 <u>Inmate Customers</u>

3.5.1 Prepaid Cards

Inmates may obtain Company Prepaid Cards (in various denominations) directly from the Confinement Facility. All monetary transactions involving Inmates take place between the Confinement Facility and the Inmate, and are under the direct and complete control of the Confinement Facility.

The Inmate obtains access to the Company's Prepaid Card Services via a toll-free number. The Inmate must input a valid Authorization Code to access an account. At the beginning of each call, the Inmate is informed of the remaining balance on the card. The Inmate then inputs the destination number. Network usage will be debited from the available funds on the card on a real time basis and in full minute increments as the call progresses. Call timing is rounded up to the nearest one (1) minute increment after the initial minimum period of one (1) minute. Inmate will be provided with an announcement when the account balance is one minute prior to exhaustion. The Inmate can transfer a balance from one card to another card. Prepaid cards will expire twelve months from date of initial use. The Called Party is provided the name of the Confinement Facility and the name of the Inmate calling prior to being offered the option to accept or refuse the incoming pre-paid call.

Following release from a Confinement Facility, a refund can be requested by sending the card to the Company at the address printed on the card. Refund requests must be submitted to the Company within twelve months from date of initial use. A refund will be issued to the Customer within ten to fifteen (10-15) business days from receipt of the Customer's card.

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3.5.2 <u>Debit Calls</u>

When made available by the Confinement Facility, the Inmate may place debit calls using funds transferred from the Inmate's Trust Account. The Inmate selects the debit account option and inputs the destination number. At the beginning of the call the Inmate is informed of the remaining balance in the debit account. Network usage will be debited from the funds available in the debit account on a real time basis and in full minute increments as the call progresses. Call timing is rounded up to the nearest one (1) minute increment after the initial minimum period of one (1) minute. Inmates will be provided an announcement when the account balance is one minute prior to exhaustion.

The Called Party is provided the name of the Confinement Facility and the name of the Inmate calling prior to being offered the option to accept or refuse the incoming debit call.

At the time of release from a Confinement Facility, the debit account balance will be transferred to the Inmates Trust Account for refund.

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3.6 Non-Inmate Customers

3.6.1 <u>Validation, and Fraud Prevention Process</u>

When an Inmate attempts to place a collect call to a prospective Customer, the Company will initiate a process whereby the prospective Customer is evaluated. This process is a necessary undertaking by the Company in order to protect the Company's ability to collect for the services provided (and similarly limit and prevent unbillable revenues and bad debt), and limit and prevent fraud.

Accordingly, the Company will validate its Customers' bill-to-number through available verification procedures and establish a maximum predetermined credit amount. Where the Customer's requested billing method cannot be validated, or a maximum credit amount cannot be established, the Company may refuse to provide service except through a Company Direct Bill and/or Prepaid Account basis as set out herein. Furthermore, the Company will use various methods to determine the likelihood of fraud associated with a particular Customer, and in the event the Company determines that such a likelihood exists, the Company may also refuse to provide service except on a Prepaid Account basis with payments only by money order, Western Union Prepaid Services, or MoneyGram.

3.6.2 <u>Billing through the Customer's Local Exchange Carrier ("LEC")</u>

This option is limited to those Customers who satisfy the Validation and Fraud Prevention procedures described above.

Accordingly, billing through the Customer's Local Exchange Carrier is not available when: the Customer's Local Exchange Carrier will not bill the Company's calls; the Customer has reached the local Exchange Carrier's billing limit for collect calls; the Company determines, based upon the review described in Section 3.6.1 above, the Customer is otherwise ineligible to have calls billed on the Local Exchange Carrier's bill; or the Customer accrues a threshold amount of charges as established by the Company.

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- A. Thereafter, Program Customers are billed on a weekly basis.
- B. If a Customer's bill exceeds the Billing Limit established by the Company, the Customer is notified and then the Customer's telephone number is blocked from receiving collect calls from Confinement Facilities served by the Company until payment on the account is received.

3.6.3 Prepaid Customer Account Program

The Prepaid Customer Account Program ("Program") is available to those Customers whose calls cannot be billed through their Alternative Local Telephone Service Provider. In addition, the Program is available to those Customers who accrue a threshold amount of charges billed through their Local Exchange Carrier within a thirty-to-ninety day period.

Customers who do not wish to complete a credit application or do not receive a satisfactory credit score can open a Prepaid Account.

- A. The Customer establishes a Prepaid Account with the Company by paying \$25 or more to the Company by one of the payment methods offered by the Company. Payments can be made over the phone or on the web via credit card, check card, or check. The Customer's account number is the ten digit phone number where they wish to receive calls. The Customer will also select a six digit Personal Identification Number or PIN to use in accessing their account information in the future.
- B. When the Customer receives a call, they are informed the call is from an Inmate and the Customer has the option to accept or decline the incoming call. All security measures associated with an Inmate collect call, as implemented by the Company and the Confinement Facility, will apply.
- C. Customers using this pre-payment option will receive a weekly statement listing their call activity, charges, call discounts, and notifying them of their remaining balance. Weekly statements are provided at no charge to the customer. The Customer can contact the Company's customer service toll-free number or visit the Company's website to obtain account balances information twenty-four hours a day. If the Customer's entire account balance is used, the Customer is notified and then the Customer's telephone number is blocked from receiving collect calls from the Confinement Facility served by the company until payment on the account is received. Customers may send the Company additional funds using a check or money order to receive more calls, or authorize payment of additional funds via credit card, check card, or check by phone.

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- D. The Company may apply pre-payments to past due charges billed to the Customer by the Local Exchange Carrier.
- E The account remains open until one of the following events occurs: 1) the balance is depleted; or 2) the Customer requests that the account be terminated.
- F. All unused funds of the Customer will be maintained by the Company in conformance with the Minimum Telephone Service Standards (MTSS) as codified Chapter 4901:-1-5 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC).

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<u>SECTION 4 - RATES AND CHARGES</u>

4.1 Intra-State Collect Call Rates.

This Section 4.1 applies to all Company intrastate calls. The Company provides all of its services via individual contracts with Confinement Facilities or applicable governmental entities. As such, these contracts may contain rates less than or equal to (but not higher than) the rates set out herein. The Company will make any of these contracts available to the Commission upon request.

4.1.1 Computation of Charges

Local calls shall consist of a Fixed Service Charge and the applicable local call rate. The total charges for each toll call consists of two elements: a fixed service charge and a measured charge dependent on the duration of the call. The measured charge element is specified as a rate per minute which is applied to each minute, with fractional minutes rounded up to the nearest one full minute.

4.1.2 Chargeable Times

Chargeable time begins when a Called Party accepts the charges by positive acceptance through pressing the number "3" on a touch-tone phone. In the absence of acceptance, calls will be terminated and no charges incurred. Chargeable time ends when either the Calling Party or Called Party hangs up or when released by the automatic timing equipment in the telephone.

4.1.3 Local Collect Calls

The rate for a local collect call is a \$2.50 Operator Surcharge plus the Local Call rate of \$.35.

4.1.4 IntraLATA Collect Calls

A. Operator Surcharge \$2.50

B. Measured Charges

Initial Minute \$.35 Each Additional Minute \$.35

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4.1.5 InterLATA Collect Calls

A. Operator Surcharge

\$2.50

B. Measured Charges

Initial Minute

\$.35

Each Additional Minute

\$.35

4.1.6 Taxes and Fees

All state and local taxes and any fee imposed by a government entity are listed as separate line items on the Customer's bill.

4.2 <u>Prepaid Card Calls</u>

A. Operator Surcharge:

\$2.50

B. Measured Charges

Initial Minute

\$.35

Each Additional Minute

\$.35

Following release from a Confinement Facility a refund can be requested by sending the card to the Company at the address printed on the card. Refund requests must be submitted to the Company within twelve months from date of initial use.

4.3 <u>Debit Calls</u>

A. Operator Surcharge:

\$2.50

B. Measured Charges

Initial Minute

\$.35

Each Additional Minute

\$.35

At the time of release from a Confinement Facility, the debit account balance will be transferred to the Inmate's Trust Account.

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4.4 Rate Quotes

The Customer prior to accepting a collect call can receive a quote for the call by pressing a single digit. The Customer can also receive a rate quote by calling the Company's toll free customer service number twenty-four hours a day.

4.5 <u>Disputed Charges</u>

Billed party bills shall display the Company toll free number whereby the billed party can contact the Company to resolve billing complaints. Disputed charges are subject to the conditions described in Section 2.5.1, above.

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4.6 <u>Billing Entity Conditions</u>

When billing functions on behalf of the Company are performed by billing agents (i.e., local exchange carrier, credit card companies, or other), the payment of charge conditions, tariffs, regulations of such companies and any regulations imposed upon these companies by regulatory bodies having jurisdiction apply, including any applicable tax, applicable interest, and/or late payment charge conditions.

4.7 Payment by Check or Money Order through the Mail

No additional fees will be charged to a Customer each time the Customer chooses to make a payment with a check or money order through the mail for an account with the Company.

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