

AMERICAN BROADBAND AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

EXCHANGE SERVICES

Descriptions, Regulations, Rates and Charges applicable to services furnished by American Broadband and Telecommunications Company ("American Broadband" or "Company"), including dedicated line and message services and switched exchange services for locations served to and from points in the State of Ohio.

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With respect to local service, the Company provides service to customers in those areas served by a facilities-based carrier with which the Company has executed an interconnection agreement.

The list provided below is where Company will be offering resold service through an approved interconnection agreement with Ameritech.

Clark  
Columbiana  
Coshocton  
Cuyahoga  
Fairfield  
Fayette  
Franklin  
Gallia  
Greene  
Highland  
Lake  
Lawrence  
Lucas  
Madison  
Mahoning  
Monroe  
Montgomery  
Muskingum  
Perry  
Portage  
Preble  
Stark  
Summit  
Trumbull  
Washington

Additional counties will be added as new interconnection agreements are reached.

1. DEFINITIONS

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

Access Services: The Company's intrastate telephone services offered pursuant to this tariff.

Access Service Request ("ASR"): The written request for access services executed by the Customer and the Company in the format devised by the Company. The signing of an ASR by the Customer and acceptance by the Company initiates the respective obligations of the parties as set forth therein and pursuant to this tariff, but the duration of the service is calculated from the Service Commencement Date. Should a Customer use the Company's access service without an executed ASR, the Company will then request the Customer to submit one.

Account Codes: For use when placing calls over facilities arranged for Automatic Message Accounting (AMA) recording. The account or project number must be input prior to dialing the called number.

Advance Payment: Part or all of a payment required for special construction before the start of service.

Association Customer: An organized group of individual customers with which Company reaches agreement to provide service to both the association and its members.

Authorized User: The term, authorized user, denotes a person, firm or corporation who is authorized by the customer to utilize the Company.

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

Basic Local Exchange Services: Means the end user and carrier access to and usage of telephone Company-provided facilities that enable customers, over a local exchange telephone company network operated within a local service area, to originate and receive voice grade, data, or image communications and to access interexchange or other networks. Resellers and/or rebillers of basic local exchange service are local exchange carriers since they provide basic local exchange services consistent with this definition.

Bit: The smallest unit of information in the binary system of notation.

Business Line: A communication service provided by a telephone operating company which allows a subscriber of Company access to the telephone dial network.

Central Office End: The term "Central Office End" denotes that end of a foreign exchange channel at which subscriber has a dial access to a telephone company central office.

Channel: The term "Channel" denotes a path for electrical transmission between two or more points, the path having a bandwidth and termination of subscriber's own choosing.

Closed End: The term "Closed End" refers to the termination point where the Dedicated Access Line described in Section 3.2 hereof is located.

Communications Services: The Company's intrastate toll and local exchange telephone services offered for both intraLATA and interLATA use.

Company: American Broadband and Telecommunications Company also referred to as "American Broadband".

Customer or Subscriber: The person, firm or corporation which orders service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the Company's regulations.

Daytime: The term "Daytime" denotes 8:00 a.m. to, but not including, 5:00 p.m. local time at the originating terminal on Monday through Friday, excluding Company recognized national holidays.

Dedicated: A facility or equipment system or subsystem set aside for the sole use of a specific customer.

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

Designation Location: The term "Designation Location" or "Location" refers to a terminal device (e.g., handset, PBX, facsimile machine, having a unique telephone number, and to which the subscriber represents to the Company that subscriber has a regular and continuing requirement for communications which are related directly to the business of the subscriber at the designated location (e.g., including but not limited to: affiliates, subsidiaries, subcontractors, suppliers, customers, and other regular business contracts).

Dial Pulse ("DP"): The pulse type employed by rotary dial station sets.

Direct Inward Dial ("DID"): A service attribute that routes incoming calls directly to stations, by-passing a central answering point.

Direct Outward Dial ("DOD"): A service attribute that allows individual station users to access and dial outside numbers directly.

Distant City: The term "Distant City" refers to a Company termination point opposite a Closed End.

Dual Tone Multi-Frequency ("DTMF"): The pulse type employed by tone dial station sets.

Duplex Service: Service which provides for simultaneous transmission in both directions.

End Office: With respect to each NPA-NXX code prefix assigned to the Company, the location of the Company's "end office" for purposes of this tariff shall be the point of interconnection associated with that NPA-NXX code in the Local Exchange Routing Guide ("LERG"), issued by Bellcore.

Evening: The term "Evening" denotes 5:00 p.m. but not including 11:00 p.m. local time at the originating terminal on Sunday through Friday and anytime on Company recognized national holidays except when a lower rate would normally apply.

Exchange: Means a geographical service area established by an incumbent local exchange carrier and approved by the Commission, which usually embraces a city, town, or village and a designated surrounding or adjacent area. It typically encompasses one or more central offices, together with the associated plant used in furnishing telecommunications service to the general public. There are currently 748 exchanges in the state.

Exchange Area: The term "Exchange Area" denotes a geographically defined area wherein the telephone industry through the use of maps or legal descriptions sets down specified areas where individual telephone companies hold themselves out to provide communications service.

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

Fiber Optic Cable: A thin filament of glass with a protective outer coating through which a light beam carrying communications signals may be transmitted by means of multiple internal reflections to a receiver, which translates the message.

American Broadband and Telecommunications Company: American Broadband and Telecommunications Company, the issuer of this tariff, also referred to as "Company".

Foreign Exchange Service ("FX"): The term "Foreign Exchange Service" (FX) provides subscribers with the capability of local dialing in a remote exchange via private line service.

General Access Port ("GAP"): The term "General Access Port" (GAP) denotes an entrance or exit device on a switching machine which provides a means of connection between that switching machine and a termination point of the service.

Hearing Impaired: Those persons with communication impairments, including those hearing impaired, deaf, deaf/blind, and speech impaired persons who have an impairment that prevents them from communicating over the telephone without the aid of a telecommunications device for the deaf.

Holidays: Company recognized national holidays are New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Hunting: Routes a call to an idle Station line in a prearranged group when the called station line is busy.

In-Only: A service attribute that restricts outward dial access and routes incoming calls to a designated answer point.

Intercity Mileage: The term "Intercity Mileage" denotes the mileage, measured as the shortest distance between any two of the carrier's network terminal offices using the Telephone Industry Standard Rate Centers ("V" & "H") associated with the said carrier's offices.

Inward WATS Extension Service: The term "Inward WATS Extension Service" refers to an incoming service offered to customers who elect to have all of their calls routed to a specific number. Customers can select any previously unused seven digit number in place of an access code, and Company will route their calls to the dedicated phone number provided by the number in his application for Inward WATS Extension Service. (The dedicated number is supplied to the customer by his local exchange company).

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

Kbps: Kilobits per second, denotes thousands of bits per second.

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

Local Calling Area: Unless otherwise specified, local calling area for the Company shall be the same as the local calling area established by the LEC in the area where service is being provided.

Local Exchange Carrier ("LEC"): Means any facilities-based and nonfacilities-based, ILECs and NECs which provide basic local exchange services to consumers on a common carrier basis. Such term does not include an entity insofar as such entity is engaged in the provision of a commercial mobile service under Section 47 U.S.C. 332(C), except to the extent that the FCC finds that such service should be included in the definition of such term.

Local Interconnection Trunking Service: A local circuit administration point, other than a cross-connect or an information outlet, that provides capability for routing and re-routing circuits.

Mbps: Megabits, denotes millions of bits per second.

Minimum Point of Presence ("MPOP"): The main telephone closet in the Customer's building.

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

Multi-Frequency or ("MF"): An inter-machine pulse-type used for signaling between telephone switches, or between telephone switches and PBX/key systems.

Nighttime: The term "Nighttime" denotes 11:00 p.m. to but not including 8:00 a.m. local time at the originating terminal Monday through Friday, anytime on Saturday, and all day Sunday except 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Nonfacilities-Based Local Exchange Carrier: Any person, firm, copartnership, voluntary association, joint-stock association, company, or corporation that does not own, operate, manage, or control plant or equipment but that is in the business of reselling basic local exchange service to consumers on a common carrier basis.

Non-Proprietary Calling Card: Refers to a calling card or travel card which can be billed by any carrier and used on any network, such as an Ameritech card issued in conjunction with local services; as opposed to a card issued by an IXC which can only be used on that carrier's network and billed by that carrier.

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

Normal Work Hours: The term "Normal Work Hours" denotes the time after 8:00 a.m. and before 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding Company recognized holidays.

("NPA"): Numbering plan area or area code.

Off-Net: A means for carrying traffic to or from the Customer's premises, where the Company leases Other Telephone Company's facilities to deliver traffic to Customer location. (Off-Net traffic consists of all traffic that is not considered to be On-Net traffic.)

On-Net: A means for carrying traffic to or from the Customer's premises, where the Company connects to the MPOP in a Customer building or on a Customer's premises using only Company-owned fiber. On-Net traffic is delivered to Customer exclusively over facilities of the Company.

Operator Dialed Charge: The end user places the call without dialing the destination number, although the capability to do it himself exists. The end user will dial "0" for local calls and "00" for long distance calls and then requests the operator to dial the called station.

Operator Services: Operator Handled Calling Services are provided to Customers and Users of Company-provided Exchange Services.

Other Common Carrier ("OCC"): The term "Other Common Carrier" denotes a specialized or other type of common carrier authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to provide domestic or international communications service.

Other Telephone Company: An Exchange Telephone Company, other than the Company.

PBX: Private Branch Exchange

Person-to-Person: Calls completed with the assistance of a Company operator to a particular person, station, department, or PBX extension specified by the calling party. Charges may be billed to the Customer's commercial credit card and/or LEC calling card, called station, or a designated third-party station.

Point of Presence ("POP"): Point of Presence

Premises: The term "Premises" denotes a building or buildings on contiguous property (except railroad rights-of-way, etc.) not separated by a public highway.

Rapid-Dial: The term "Rapid-Dial" refers to a dial-up service option where Company supplies or arranges for the supply of a network accessing dialer so that a customer dials all phone numbers as if the Company network were not to be involved.

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

Regular Billing: The term "Regular Billing" denotes a standard bill sent in the normal monthly Company billing cycle. This billing consists of one bill for each account assigned to the customer with explanatory detail showing the derivation of the charges.

Resp. Org.: "Resp. Org." is the responsible organization designated by the customer as the long distance carrier it wishes to have control any 800 number to which the customer is entitled.

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

Service Order: The written request for Network Services executed by the Customer and the Company in the format devised by the Company. The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company initiates the respective obligations of the parties as set forth therein and pursuant to this tariff, but the duration of the service is calculated from the Service Commencement Date.

Shared: A facility or equipment system or subsystem that can be used simultaneously by several Customers.

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

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

Special Billing Arrangement: The term "Special Billing Arrangement" denotes an arrangement under which Company will at the request of a customer, provide additional billing functions such as separate breakdowns of overall total billing into sub-bills to facilitate customer's internal accounting procedures.

Station-to-Station: Refers to calls other than person-to-person calls billed to either the end user's commercial credit card and/or non-proprietary calling card. Calls may be dialed with or without the assistance of a Company operator. Collect calls to coin telephones and transfers of charges to third telephones which are coin telephones will not be accepted.

Subscriber End: The term "Subscriber End" denotes that end of a foreign exchange channel at which a customer is connected by a local distribution facility to Company's network terminal office.

Subscriber Terminal: The term "Subscriber Terminal" denotes the termination of the Company, DAL at the customer's premises.

Switch: The term "Switch" denotes an electronic device which is used to provide circuit sharing, routing, and control.

Tandem: A class 4 switch facility to which NPA and NXX codes are subtended.

Third Number Billing: Calls where the person originating the call specifies to a telephone company operator to bill the call to an authorized station, as determined by the Telephone Company, other than the station originating the call, or the station where the call is terminated.

Three-Way Calling: Allows a station line user to add a third party to an existing conversation.

Time Charges: As an add-on service to the operator, time and charges for the call will be provided to the caller when the called party disconnects.

Traditional Operator Services: Traditional Operator Services are those services provided by the carrier in which the end user has a customer relationship with the carrier, contracts with the customer/end user to provide the services, and the customer/end user pays for the actual processing of the operator assisted calls.

Transparent Access: As used by Company, transparent access means that users access the Company network as they would AT&T with 1+ Area Code and number called only, omitting both the access and security code numbers in their manual dialing routine.

Travel Access: Travel Access to the Company network can be utilized whenever a customer is at a location that cannot access a Company switch site on a toll free basis. Company Travel Access feature uses interconnect agreements and 800 lines to access the Company network from any of the lower 48 states, Puerto Rico, and/or the Virgin Islands.

Travel Access utilization is exactly the same as local network utilization with respect to procedures. Rates for Travel Access service vary from dial-up service only in per minute rate. (See Section 3.5). Usage charges for Travel Access are rounded to the next highest minute.



Two Way: A service attribute that includes outward dial capabilities for outbound calls and can also be used to carry inbound calls to a central point for further processing.

Universal Termination WATS (UTW): This is a Company service offering where customers pay one rate per minute per call, regardless of the distance being called. UTW billing is not mileage sensitive but all other Dial-Up regulations apply.

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

User or End User: A Customer, Joint User, or any other person authorize by a Customer to use service provided under this tariff.

Zero "Negative ("O-"): The Customer dials only "0" and all additional network functions are performed by the operator.

Zero Plus Mechanized ("0+"): Operator assistance utilizing a machine instead of a live operator. Interaction requires the caller to use a touch tone telephone.

Zero Plus Time Out ("0+"): A "0+" mechanized feature that allows people without a touch tone telephone to revert to a live operator.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of the Company

2.1.1 Scope

The Company is a local reseller providing intercity telecommunications service for transmission of voice, data, facsimile, and their special service on a switched and dedicated basis. Company stands ready to provide technical assistance to the customer to the extent of properly matching the customer's equipment with that of the Company, in order to help him meet the customer's requirements for interexchange or local communications service.

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

2.1.2 Shortage of Equipment or Facilities

The furnishing of service under this tariff is subject to the availability of facilities the Company must obtain from other carriers to furnish service from time to time as required at the sole discretion of the Company.

2.1.3 Terms and Conditions

- A. Service to business Customers is provided on the basis of a minimum period of at least six months, 24-hours per day. For the purpose of computing charges in this tariff, a month is considered to have thirty (30) days.
- B. Customers may be required to enter into written service orders which shall contain or reference a specific description of the service ordered, the rates to be charged, the duration of the services, and the terms and conditions in this tariff. Customers will also be required to execute any other documents as may be reasonably requested by the Company; for example, equipment lease documentation.
- C. In reference to business Customers, and except as otherwise stated in the tariff, at the expiration of the initial term specified in each Service Order, or in any extension thereof, service shall continue on a month to month basis at the then current rates unless terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice. Any termination shall not relieve the Customer of its obligation to pay any charges incurred under the service order and this tariff prior to termination. The rights and obligations which by their nature extend beyond the termination of the term of the service order shall survive such termination.
- D. Customers have certain rights and responsibilities under the Minimum Telephone Service Standards ("MTSS") as set forth in Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4901:1-5. These safeguards can be found in the Appendix to Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4901:1-5-03, which is entitled "Telephone Customer Rights and Responsibilities." **These rights and responsibilities include complaint handling, ordering or changing service, service repair, payment of bills, and disconnection and reconnection of service.**
- E. This tariff shall be interpreted and governed by the laws of the State of Ohio without regard for its choice of laws provision.
- F. Any Other Telephone Company may not interfere with the right of any person or entity to obtain service directly from the Company. No person or entity shall be required to make any payment, incur any penalty, monetary or otherwise, or purchase any services in order to have the right to obtain service directly from the Company.

## 2. RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

### 2.1 Undertaking of the Company (cont'd)

#### 2.1.3 Terms and Conditions (cont'd)

- G. To the extent that either the Company or any Other Telephone Company exercises control over available cable pairs, conduit, duct space, raceways, or other facilities needed by the other to reach a person or entity, the party exercising such control shall make them available to the other on terms equivalent to those under which the Company makes similar facilities under its control available to its' Customers. At the reasonable request of either party, the Company and the Other Telephone Company shall jointly attempt to obtain from the owner of the property access for the other party to serve a person or entity.
- H. The Company hereby reserves its rights to establish service packages specific to a particular business Customer. These contracts may or may not be associated with volume and/or term discounts.
- I. All contracts shall be filed with the Commission for approval.

#### 2.1.4 Limitations on Liability

- A. Except as otherwise stated in this section, the liability of the Company for damages arising out of either: (1) the furnishing of its services, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, or errors, or other defects, representatives, or use of these services or (2) the failure to furnish its service, whether caused by acts or omission, shall be limited to the extension of allowances to the Customer for interruptions in service as set forth in Section 2.7.
- B. Except for the extension of allowances to the Customer for interruptions in service as set forth in Section 2.7, the Company shall not be liable to a Customer or third party for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, reliance, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages, including, but not limited to, loss of revenue or profits, for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to, any act or omission, failure to perform, delay, interruption, failure to provide any service or any failure in or breakdown of facilities associated with the service.
- C. The liability of the Company for errors in billing that result in overpayment by the Customer shall be limited to a credit equal to the dollar amount erroneously billed or, in the event that payment has been made and service has been discontinued, to a refund of the amount erroneously billed, and will include such interest as might be required by Commission rules.
- D. The Company shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the Customer from and against all loss, liability, damage and expense, including reasonable counsel fees, due to:
  - 1) Any act or omission of: (A. the Customer, (B. any other entity furnishing service, equipment or facilities for use in conjunction with services or facilities provided by the Company; or (C. common carriers or warehousemen, except as contracted by the Company;
  - 2) Any unlawful or unauthorized use of the Company's facilities and services;
  - 3) Libel, slander, invasion of privacy or infringement of patents, trade secrets, or copyrights arising from or in connection with the material transmitted by means of Company-provided facilities or services; or by means of the combination of Company-provided facilities or services;

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Company (cont'd)

2.1.4 Limitations on Liability (cont'd)

D. (cont'd)

- 5) Breach in the privacy or security of communications transmitted over time Company's facilities;
- 6) Changes in any of the facilities, operations or procedures of the Company that render any equipment, facilities or services provided by the Customer obsolete, or require modification or alteration of such equipment, facilities or services, or otherwise affect their use or performance, except where reasonable notice is required by the Company and is not provided to the Customer, in which event the Company's liability is limited as set forth in paragraph (A. of this Subsection 2.1.4.
- 7) Defacement of or damage to Customer premises resulting from the furnishing of services or equipment on such premises or the installation or removal thereof;
- 8) Injury to property or injury or death to persons, including claims for payments made under Workers' Compensation law or under any plan for employee disability or death benefits, arising out of, or caused by, any act or omission of the Customer, or the construction, installation, maintenance, presence, use or removal of the Customer's facilities or equipment connected, or to be connected to the Company's facilities;
- 9) Any noncompletion of calls due to network busy conditions;
- 10) Any calls not actually attempted to be completed during any period that service is unavailable; and
- 11) Any other claim resulting from any act or omission of the Customer or patron(s) of the Customer relating to the use of the Company's services or facilities.

E. In compliance with the MTSS, the Company's liability for any service or performance failure caused by civil commotion, strike, lockout, work stoppage or other labor difficulty; or any terrorist activity or other criminal acts; shall be governed by the Commission's rules and regulations.

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

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

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

I. Approval of the above tariff language by the PUCO does not constitute a determination by the Commission that the limitation of liability imposed by the Carrier should be upheld in a court of law. Approval by the Commission merely recognizes that since it is a court's responsibility to adjudicate negligence and consequent damage claims, it is also the court's responsibility to determine the validity of the exculpatory clause.

## 2. RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

### 2.1 Undertaking of the Company (cont'd)

#### 2.1.5 Notification of Service-Affecting Activities

The Company will provide the Customer 30-days notification of service-affecting activities that may occur in normal operation of its business. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, equipment or facilities additions, removals or rearrangements and routine preventative maintenance. Generally, such activities are not specific to an individual Customer but affect many Customers' services. No specific advance notification period is applicable to all service activities. The Company will work cooperatively with the Customer to determine the reasonable notification requirements. With some emergency or unplanned service-affecting conditions, such as an outage resulting from cable damage, notification to the Customer may not be possible.

#### 2.1.6 Provision of Equipment and Facilities

- A. The Company shall use reasonable efforts to maintain only the facilities and equipment that it furnishes to the Customer. The Customer may not nor may the Customer permit others to rearrange, disconnect, remove, attempt to repair, or otherwise interfere with any of the facilities or equipment installed by the Company, except upon the written consent of the Company.
- B. The Company may substitute, change or rearrange any equipment or facility at any time and from time to time, but shall not thereby alter the technical parameters of the service provided the Customer.
- C. Equipment the Company provides or installs at the Customer Premises for use in connection with the services the Company offers shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which the equipment is provided.
- D. Except as otherwise indicated, Customer provided station equipment at the Customer's premises for use in connection with this service shall be so constructed, maintained and operated as to work satisfactorily with the facilities of the Company.
- E. The Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation, or maintenance of any Customer provided communications equipment. Where such equipment is connected to the facilities furnished pursuant to this tariff, the responsibility of the Company shall be limited to the furnishing of facilities offered under this tariff and to (the maintenance and operation of such facilities. Subject to this responsibility, the Company shall not be responsible for:
  - 1) the through transmission of signals by Customer provided equipment or for the quality of, or defects in, such transmission; or
  - 2) the reception of signals by Customer-provided equipment; and
  - 3) network control signaling where such signaling is performed by Customer-provided network control signaling equipment.

#### 2.1.7 Non-routine Installation

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

## 2. RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

### 2.1 Undertaking of the Company (cont'd)

#### 2.1.8 Special Construction

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

- 1) where facilities other than cable pairs are not presently available, and there is no other requirement for the facilities so constructed;
  - 2) of a type other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
  - 3) over a route other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
  - 4) in a quantity greater than that which the Company would normally construct;
- C. The Company may block any signals being transmitted over its "Network by Customers which cause interference to the Company or other users. Customer shall be relieved of all obligations to make payments for charges relating to any blocked Service and shall indemnify the Company for any claim, judgment or liability resulting from such blockage.
- D. A Customer, joint user, or authorized user may not assign, or transfer in any manner, the service or any rights associated with the service without the written consent of the Company. The Company will permit a Customer to transfer its existing service to another entity if the existing Customer has paid all charges owed to the Company for regulated communications services. Such a transfer will be treated as a disconnection of existing service and installation of new service, and non-recurring installation charges as stated in this tariff will apply.

### 2.3 Obligations, of the Customer

#### 2.3.1 General

The Customer shall be responsible for:

- 1) the payment of all applicable charges pursuant to this tariff;
- 2) damage to or loss of the Company's facilities or equipment caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer; or the noncompliance by the Customer, with these regulations; or by fire or theft or other casualty on the Customer Premises, unless caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the employees or agents of the Company;
- 3) providing at no charge, as specified from time to time by the Company, any needed equipment, space and power to operate Company facilities and equipment installed on the premises of the Customer, and the level of heating and air conditioning necessary to maintain the proper operating environment on such premises;

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (cont'd)

2.3.1 General (cont'd)

- 4) obtaining, maintaining, and otherwise having full responsibility for all rights-of-way and conduit necessary for installation of fiber optic cable and associated equipment used to provide Communications Services to the Customer from the cable building entrance or property line to the location of the equipment space described in Section 2.3.1(C Any and all costs associated with the obtaining and maintaining the rights-of-way described herein, including the costs of altering the structure to permit installation of the Company provided facilities, shall be borne entirely by, or may be charged by the Company to the Customer. The Company may require the Customer to demonstrate its compliance with this section prior to accepting an order for service.
- 5) providing a safe place to work and complying with all laws and regulations regarding the working conditions on the premises at which Company employees and agents shall be installing or maintaining the Company's facilities and equipment. The Customer may be required to install and maintain Company facilities and equipment within a hazardous area if, in the Company's opinion, injury or damage to the Company employees or property might result from installation or maintenance by the Company. The Customer shall be responsible for identifying, monitoring, removing and disposing of any hazardous material (e.g., friable asbestos) prior to any construction or installation work;
- 6) complying with all laws and regulations applicable to, and obtaining all consents, approvals, licenses and permits as may be required with respect to, the location of Company facilities and equipment in any Customer premises or the rights-of-way for which Customer is responsible under Section 2.3.1(D); and granting or obtaining permission for Company agents or employees to enter the premises of the Customer at any time for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining, repairing, or upon termination of service as stated herein, removing the facilities or equipment of the Company;
- 7) not creating or allowing to be placed any liens or other encumbrances on me Company's equipment or facilities;
- 8) making Company facilities and equipment available periodically for maintenance purposes at a time agreeable to both the Company and the Customer. No allowance will be made for the period during which service is interrupted for such purposes; and
- 9) Company shall be indemnified and held harmless by the customer against claims of libel, slander, or the infringement of copyright, or for the unauthorized use of any trademark, trade name, or service mark, arising from the material transmitted over the channels, against claims for infringement of patents arising from, combining with, or using in connection with, service furnished by Company apparatus and systems of the customer in connection with the service provided by Company.

## 2. RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

### 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (cont'd)

#### 2.3.2 Liability of the Customer

- A. The Customer will be liable for damages to the facilities of the Company and for all incidental and consequential damages caused by the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the Customer, its officers, employees, agents, invites, or contractors where such acts or omissions are not the direct result of the Company's negligence or intentional misconduct.
- B. To the extent caused by any negligent or intentional act of the Customer as described in (A., preceding, the Customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from and against all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for (1) any loss, destruction or damage to property of any third party, and (2) any liability incurred by the Company to any third party pursuant to this or any other tariff of the Company, or otherwise, for any interruption of, interference to, or other defect in any service provided by the Company to such third party.
- C. The Customer shall not assert any claim against any other Customer or user of the Company's services for damages resulting in whole or in part from or arising in connection with the furnishing of service under this tariff including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or other defects or misrepresentations, whether or not such other Customer or user contributed in any way to the occurrence of the damages, unless such damages were caused solely by the negligent or intentional act or omission of the other Customer or user and not by any act or omission of the Company. Nothing in this tariff is intended either to limit or to expand Customer's right to assert any claims against third parties for damages of any nature other than those described in the preceding sentence.

### 2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels

#### 2.4.1 General

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

#### 2.4.2 Station Equipment

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



2. RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.5 Customer Deposits and Advance Payments

2.5.1 Advance Payments

The Company may require a Customer to make an advance payment for special construction before a specific service or facility is furnished. In general, the advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to the non-recurring charge(s) for special construction for the service or facility. The advance payment will be credited to the Customer's initial bill.

2.5.2 Deposits

- A. All deposits will be handled in accordance with the MTSS. The deposit requested will be in cash or the equivalent of cash, and will be held as a guarantee for the payment of charges. A deposit does not relieve the Customer of the responsibility for the prompt payment of bills on presentation.
- B. The deposit will not exceed an amount equal to two month's average monthly bill for all regulated local exchange services for the ensuing twelve months, plus thirty percent (30%) of estimated monthly recurring charges.
- C. A deposit may be required in addition to an advance payment
- D. When a service or facility is discontinued, the amount of a deposit, if any, will be applied to the Customer's account and any credit balance remaining will be refunded within 45 days from the date of termination. Before the service or facility is discontinued, the Company may, at its option, return the deposit or credit it to the Customer's account.
- E. Deposits held will accrue interest at a rate specified by the PUCO in the MTSS, and will be refunded to the customer after twelve consecutive month of payment.

2.5 Customer Deposits and Advance Payments (cont'd)

2.5.3 Application for Service

Company will require a customer to sign an application form furnished by Company and to establish his credit as provided in these Regulations, as a condition precedent to the initial establishment for such service. Company's acceptance of an order for service to be provided to an applicant whose credit has not been duly established to the sole and exclusive satisfaction of Company, may be subject to the provisions as described in Section 2.5.2. This application shall state the date on which service is to begin and the points between which service is to be provided, the type of facilities required, and any special arrangements related thereto. Company will also require a signed authorization from a customer for additions to or changes in the existing service of such customer.

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2. RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.6 Payment Arrangements

2.6.1 Payment for Service

The Customer is responsible for the payment of all charges for facilities and services furnished by the Company to the Customer.

A. Taxes

The Customer is responsible for the payment of all state, local and 9-1-1 taxes, surcharges, utility fees, or other similar fees for which the end user is directly responsible and that may be levied by a governing body or bodies in conjunction with or as a result of a service furnished under a tariff on file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. These charges may appear as separate line items on the Customer's bill, as opposed to being included in the rates contained in a tariff. Any such line item charges will be reflected in the Company's tariff. The Company shall not assess separately any taxes, fees or surcharges, other than government-approved sales taxes imposed directly on the end users, without seeking Commission approval under the appropriate local competition procedures required by the Commission. The Company shall comply with Commission procedures by sending notice to all customers informing them of the new line item charges.

2.6.2 Billing and Collection of Charges

The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges incurred by the Customer or other users for services and facilities furnished to the Customer by the Company. Customer bills will be rendered monthly and will comply with the requirements set forth in the MTSS.

- A. Non-recurring charges are due and payable within three (3) months after the date the invoice is mailed to the Customer by the Company. Customer, at its discretion, may spread out over three (3) months payments for local service installation charges.
- B. The Company shall present invoices for recurring charges monthly to the Customer, in advance of the month in which service is provided, and recurring charges shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days after the date the invoice is mailed to the Customer by the Company. When billing is based upon Customer usage, usage charges will be billed monthly for the preceding billing period.
- C. When service does not begin on the first day of the month, or end on the last day of the month, the charge for the fraction of the month in which service was furnished will be calculated on a pro rata basis. For this purpose, every month is considered to have thirty (30) days.
- D. Billing of the Customer by the Company will begin on the Service Commencement Date, which is the day on which the Company notifies the Customer that the service or facility is available for use, except that the Service Commencement Date may be postponed by mutual agreement of the parties, or if the service or facility does not conform to standards set forth in this tariff or the Service Order. Billing accrues through and includes the day that the service, circuit, arrangement or component is discontinued.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.6 Payment Arrangements (cont'd)

2.6.2 Billing and Collection of Charges (cont'd)

- E. If any portion of the payment is received by the Company after the date due, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Company in funds which are not immediately available upon presentment, then a late payment penalty shall be due to the Company. A late payment charge of 1.5% per month, for bills not paid within 30 days of receipt, is not applicable to subsequent rebilling of any amount to which a late payment charge has already been applied. Late payment charges are to be applied without discrimination.
- F. The Customer should notify the Company of any disputed items on an invoice as soon as possible. Customers desiring to contact the Company may write the Company or call its toll-free Customer Care Center:

American Broadband and Telecommunications Company  
7863 Quail Creek Road  
Maumee, Ohio 43537

Customer Care Center: 800-747-9297

If the Customer and the Company are unable to resolve the dispute to their mutual satisfaction residential and business customers may call the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), toll free at 1-800-686-7826 (toll free) or for TTY at 1-800-686-1570 (toll free) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or visit [www.puco.ohio.gov](http://www.puco.ohio.gov).

Residential customers may also contact the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) for assistance with complaints and utility issues at 1-877-742-5622 (toll free) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or visit [www.pickocc.org](http://www.pickocc.org).

- G. If service is disconnected by the Company (in accordance with Section 2.6.3 following, and later re-installed, re-installation of service will be subject to all applicable installation charges. If service is suspended by the Company (in accordance with Section 2.6.3 following) and later restored, restoration of service will be subject to all applicable restoration charges.
- H. Any denial or disconnection of local or toll service by the Company shall comply with all of the Commission requirements as set forth in the MTSS.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.6 Payment Arrangements (cont'd)

2.6.3 Notice to Company for Cancellation of Service

Customers receiving special contract service and desiring to terminate such service shall provide the Company thirty (30) days written notice of termination.

2.6.4 Cancellation of Application for Service

When a Customer cancels an application for service prior to the start of service or prior to any special construction, no charges will be imposed except for those specified below:

Where the Company has notified a Customer or a prospective customer of the possibility that special expenses may be incurred in connection with provisioning their service, and then the Company does incur such expenses. Expenses could include special construction, or where special arrangements of facilities or equipment have begun before the Company received a cancellation notice. The charge will be equal to the costs actually incurred, less net salvage.

2.6.5 Changes in Service Requested

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

2.6.6 Bad Check Charge

A charge will be assessed for all checks returned by drawee bank or other financial institution for: Insufficient or uncollected funds, closed account, apparent tampering, missing signature or endorsement, or any other insufficiency or discrepancy necessitating return of the instrument at the discretion of the drawee bank or other financial institution.

Bad check charges are listed in the Price List Section 9.1.8. The current charge is \$35.00.

2.6.7 Credit Worthiness

Service applicants may be required to establish credit worthiness in accordance with the provisions of the MTSS.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.7 Cancellation of Service/Termination Liability

If a business Customer cancels a service order or terminates services before the completion of the term for any reason other than a service interruption (as defined in Section 2.7.1) or where the Company breaches the terms in the service contract, said business Customer may be requested by the Company to pay to Company termination liability charges, which are defined below. These charges shall become due and owing as of the effective date of the cancellation or termination and be payable within the period set forth in Section 2.6.2.

Inclusion of early termination liability by the company in its tariff or a contract does not constitute a determination by the PUCO that the termination liability imposed by the company is approved or sanctioned by the PUCO. Customers shall be free to pursue whatever legal remedies they may have should a dispute arise.

2.7.1 Termination Liability

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

- 1) All unpaid non-recurring charges reasonably expended by Company to establish service to Customer, plus;
- 2) Any disconnection, early cancellation or termination charges reasonably incurred and paid to third parties by Company on behalf of said business Customer, plus;
- 3) All recurring charges specified in the applicable Service Order for the balance of the then current term discounted at the prime rate announced in the Wall Street Journal on the third business day following the date of cancellation; and
- 4) Minus a reasonable allowance for costs avoided by the Company as a direct result of business Customer's cancellation.

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2. RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.8 Customer Liability for Unauthorized Use of the Network

Unauthorized use of the network occurs when a person or entity that does not have actual, apparent, or implied authority to use the network, obtains the Company's services provided under this tariff.

2.8.1 Customer Liability for Fraud and Unauthorized Use of the Network

- A. The Customer is liable for the unauthorized use of the network obtained through the fraudulent use of a Company calling card, if such a card is offered by the Company, or an accepted credit card, provided that the unauthorized use occurs before the Company has been notified. Customer is not responsible for fraudulent charges not attributable to the Customer.
- B. A Company calling card is a telephone calling card issued by the Company at the Customer's request, which enables the Customer or user(s) authorized by the Customer to place calls over the Network and to have the charges for such calls billed to the Customer's account. An accepted credit card is any credit card that a cardholder has requested or applied for and received, or has signed, used, or authorized another person to use to obtain credit. Any credit card issued as a renewal or substitute in accordance with this paragraph is an accepted credit card when received by the cardholder.
- C. The Customer must give the Company written or oral notice that an unauthorized use of a Company calling card or an accepted credit card has occurred or may occur as a result of loss, and/or theft.
- D. The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for calling card services furnished to the Customer or to users authorized by the Customer to use service provided under this tariff, unless due to the negligence of the Company. This responsibility is not changed due to any use, misuse, or abuse of the Customer's service or Customer-provided equipment by third parties, the Customer's employees, or the public.

The liability of the Customer for unauthorized use of the Network, by credit card fraud will not exceed the lesser of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or the amount of money, property, labor, or services obtained by the unauthorized user before notification to the Company.

2.9 Transfers and Assignments

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

- 1) To any subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company;
- 2) Pursuant to any sale or transfer of substantially all the assets of the Company; or
- 3) Pursuant to any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.10 Notices and Communications

- A. The Customer shall designate on the service order an address to which the Company shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that Customer may also designate a separate address to which the Company's bills for service shall be mailed.
- B. The Company shall designate on the service order an address to which the Customer shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that Company may designate a separate address on each bill for service to which the Customer shall mail payment on that bill.
- C. Except as otherwise stated in this tariff, all notices or other communications required to be given pursuant to this tariff will be in writing. Notices and other communications of either party, and all bills mailed by the Company, shall be presumed to have been delivered to the other party on the third business day following placement of the notice, communication or bill with the U.S. Mail or a private delivery service, prepaid and properly addressed, or when actually received or refused by the addressee, whichever occurs first.
- D. The Company or the Customer shall advise the other party of any changes to the addresses designated for notices, other communications or billing, by following the procedures for giving notice set forth herein.

2.11 Sales Tax

Certain telecommunication services, as defined in the Ohio Revised Code, are subject to state sales tax at the prevailing tax rates, if the services originate, or terminate in Ohio, or both, and are charged to a subscriber's telephone number or account in Ohio.

2.12 Trouble Shooting at Customer's Premises

A trouble shooting charge is levied to cover the cost to Company, of a visit to the customer's premises to determine what equipment is the cause of a malfunction. This charge applies in cases where Company identifies the trouble to be caused by customer-provided equipment, and is unrelated to any malfunction of Company's service. The charge applies from the time Company personnel are dispatched until the problem is identified.

Where NID is accessible, a charge also applies when the local telephone company at Customer's request, makes the trouble shooting visit to customer's premises and determines that the trouble is caused by customer-provided equipment. The customer will be billed directly by the local telephone company.

The customer may also be responsible for any charges when Company, acting as the customer's agent, requests that the vendor of the customer-provided equipment make a trouble shooting visit of the customer-provided equipment.

The rates applicable shall be those identified in Price List Section 9.1.4.



2. RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.13 Service Rearrangements

- A. Any customer wishing to change the type of service arrangement provided is required to give the Company at least 45 days written notice. Such changes will only be effected on the first day of a monthly billing period.
- B. When, at the customer's request, the Company changes the customer's service type or operation mode and these changes require any facility or termination rearrangements by the Company the normal installation charge(s) for that which is rearranged will apply unless a specific charge exists elsewhere in this tariff.
- C. When the local access line and/or associated equipment is moved or rearranged at the customer's request, the normal local access line installation charges will apply.
- D. When the customer requests changes, additions, or deletions to optional features, the normal installation charge for the changed optional feature will apply.
- E. Change of Resp. Org.: If a Customer accumulates more than \$1,000.00 of undisputed delinquent Company 800 Service charges, the Company Resp. Org. reserves the right not to honor that Customer's request for a Resp. Org. change until such undisputed charges are paid in full.

3. EXCHANGE SERVICE

3.1 Connection Charges

3.1.1 General

The Connection Charge is a nonrecurring charge which applies to the ordering, installing, moving, changing, rearranging for furnishing telephone services and facilities. Any one or combination of all elements of the connection charges may apply, depending upon the customer's request.

The customer may request an estimate or a firm bid before ordering installation work to be done. When an estimate is provided, the estimate is not binding on the Company and the charge to be billed will be based on the actual time and materials charges incurred. When a firm bid is provided at customer request, the charge to be billed is the amount quoted to the customer for the work requested.

3.1.2 Exceptions to the Charge

- A. No charge applies for a change to a service for which a lower monthly rate applies, made within 90 days after any general rate increase, if a lower grade of service is offered in the customer's exchange.
- B. The Company may from time to time waive or reduce the charge as part of a promotion. See 4.3.

3.2 Service Order Charge

A service Order Charge applies per customer order, for all work or services ordered to be provided at one time, on the same premises, for the same customer. The maximum charge for this service shall be \$120.00.

3.3 Restoral Charge

A Restoral Charge applies each time a service is reconnected after suspension or termination for nonpayment but before cancellation of service, as deemed in Section 1 of this Tariff. The maximum charge for this service shall be \$120.00.

3.4 Moves, Adds and Changes

The Company alone may make changes in the location of its lines and equipment. When it is found that a move or change of such lines or equipment has been made by others, the Connection Charge for the underlying service will apply as if the work had been done by the Company.

The customer will be assessed a charge for any move, add or change of a Company service. Move, Add and Change are defined as follows:

Move: The disconnection of existing equipment at one location and reconnection of the same equipment at a new location in the same building or in a different building on the same premises.

Add: The addition of a vertical service to existing equipment and/or service at one location.

Change: Change - including rearrangement or reclassification - of existing service at the same location.

The maximum charge for any of these services shall be \$120.00.

3. EXCHANGE SERVICE (cont'd)

3.5 Premises Visit

3.5.1 Terms and Conditions

A Premises Visit Charge app/res per customer order, for all work or services ordered to be provided at one time on the same premises, for the same customer. When more than one visit is required to complete the work as originally ordered, only one Premises Visit Charge applies. A Premises Visit Charge applies to each premises visited for the purposes of any special construction involving installation, removal, reconnection or changing of regulated facilities and to connect a line between different buildings on different premises, whether or not mileage charges are applicable to such lines. The maximum hourly charge shall be \$65.00.

3.5.2 Trouble Isolation Charge

Where NID is accessible, when a visit to the customer's premises is requested to isolate a problem reported to the Company but identified by the Company's technician as attributable to customer-provided equipment or inside wire, a separate charge applies in addition to all other charges for the visit. Additional service charges may apply for subsequent services ordered upon Customer approval, in addition to all other charges.

3.6 Installation Charge

An Installation Charge applies to arranging line(s) to provide service between the central office and the customer's premises. The maximum charge for business customers shall be \$120.00.

3.7 Primary' Interexchange Carrier Change Charge

The customer will incur a charge each time there is a change in the long distance carrier associated with the customer's line after the initial installation of service.

Presubscription Change (all switched network Access channels)

- Manual charge \$ 5.50
- Electronic Charge \$ 1.25

If a subscriber changes both the InterLATA and IntraLATA Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier at the same time, 50% of the otherwise applicable IntraLATA Presubscription Change

3.8 Remote Call Forwarding Service

RCF is a service feature whereby all calls placed to an RCF customer's telephone number (the call forwarding location) are automatically forwarded by Company central office equipment to a designated terminating station of such RCF customer which is located in an exchange area of the Company or another telephone company, RCF is subject to the following regulations:

- 1) RCF service will be provided on any exchange service which can be direct inward dialed except semi-public and public telephone service;
- 2) The service is offered from central offices where the Company has arranged the facilities for RCF and is furnished subject to the availability of facilities;
- 3) One primary directory listing, as appropriate, will be provided without charge for the exchange in which the RCF central office is located;
- 4) Since the grade of transmission on calls which are remotely forwarded may vary, depending upon the location of the calling party in relation to the terminating station, the Company cannot guarantee transmission on forwarded calls;

3. EXCHANGE SERVICE (cont'd)

3.8 Remote Call Forwarding Service (cont'd)

- 5) Each RCF feature allows for forwarding one call at a given time. An additional feature is necessary for each additional call to be forwarded simultaneously. The customer must subscribe to sufficient RCF features and facilities at the terminating station to adequately handle calls without impairing, disrupting or deteriorating services offered by the Company. In the event that the use of RCF causes such impairment, disruption or deterioration, the Company shall have the right to discontinue forthwith such service without prior notification to the customer; and
- 6) The Company will not provide identification of the originating telephone number to an RCF customer.
- 7) The charge for RCF is set forth in Section 9.1.7.

3.9 Local Calling Service

American Essential is the Company's Local Calling Service that provides customers with the ability to originate calls from the Company-provided access line to all other stations on the public switched telephone network bearing the designation of any central office of the exchanges, areas, and zones included in the caller's local calling area. Unlimited local calling within the local calling areas is included in the monthly recurring rate listed in Section 9. Calls terminating outside the customer's local calling area are subject to toll charges.

3.10 Residential Packages

The following packages are optional service bundles available to residential customers. Each package permits a customer to receive services and features for a flat monthly rate.

3.10.1 American Family Package includes:

- Unlimited local calling
- Caller ID
- Call Waiting with ID display
- 60 Minutes of domestic long distance service

3.10.2 American Freedom Package includes:

- Unlimited local calling
- Unlimited domestic long distance service
- Caller ID
- Call Waiting with ID display

3.10.3 American Unlimited Package includes:

- Unlimited local calling
- Unlimited domestic long distance service
- Caller ID
- Call Waiting with ID display
- Auto Call Return \*69
- Call Forwarding
- Call Blocker

3.11 Toll Restriction

Customers will be charged a one time non-recurring fee as listed in Section 9 for the establishment of toll restriction service.

## 4. SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES

### 4.1 Custom Calling Service

#### 4.1.1 General

The features in this section are made available on an individual basis or as part of multiple feature packages. All features are provided subject to availability; features may not be available with all classes of service. Transmission levels may not be sufficient in all cases. Connection charges may apply when a customer requests connection to one or more custom calling features. Orders requested for the same customer account made at the same time for the same premises will be considered one request. These charges may not apply if the features are ordered at the same time as other work for the same customer account at the same premises.

The Company may elect to offer a free or reduced rate trial of any new CLASS feature(s) to prospective customers within 90 days of the establishment of the new feature.

#### 4.1.2 Description of Features

##### A. Three Way Calling/Call Hold

The Three Way Calling feature allows a customer to add a third party to an existing two-way call and form a three-way call. The call must have been originated from outside the station group and terminate to a station within the station group. The Call Hold feature allows a customer to put any in-progress call on hold by flashing the switch-hook and dialing a code. This frees the line to allow the customer to make an outgoing call to another number. Only one call per line can be on hold at a time. The third party cannot be added to the original call. The charge for this service is set forth in Section 9.2.1.

#### 4.1.2 Description of Features (cont'd)

##### B. Call Forwarding

Call Forwarding, when activated, redirects attempted terminating calls to another customer-specific line. The customer may have to activate and deactivate the forwarding function and specify the desired terminating telephone number during each activation procedure. Call originating ability is not affected by Call Forwarding. The calling party is billed for the call to the called number. If the forwarded leg of the call is chargeable, the customer with the Call Forwarding is billed for the forwarded leg of the call.

Call Forwarding - Busy automatically reroutes an incoming call to a customer pre-designated number when the called number is busy.

Call Forwarding - Don't Answer automatically reroutes an incoming call to a customer pre-designated number when the called number does not answer within the number of rings programmed by the Company.

Call Forwarding - Variable allows the customer to choose to reroute incoming calls to another specified telephone number. The customer must activate and deactivate this feature.

4. SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES (cont'd)

4.1 Custom Calling Service (cont'd)

4.1.2 Description of Features (cont'd)

C. Call Waiting/Cancel Call Waiting

Call Waiting provides a tone signal to indicate to a customer already engaged in a telephone call that a second caller is attempting to dial in. It will also permit the customer to place the first call on hold, answer the second call and then alternate between both callers. Cancel Call Waiting (CCW) allows a Call Waiting (CW) customer to disable CW for the duration of an outgoing telephone call. CCW is activated (i.e., CW is disabled) by dialing a special code prior to placing a call, and is automatically deactivated when the customer disconnects from the call. The maximum monthly charge for call waiting is \$6.00

D. Distinctive Ringing

This feature enables a user to determine the source of an incoming call from a distinctive ring. The user is provided with up to two additional telephone numbers.

E. Multiline Hunting

This feature is a line hunting arrangement that provides sequential search of available numbers within a multiline group.

F. Speed Dialing

This feature allows a user to dial selected numbers using one or two digits. Up to eight numbers (single digit), or thirty numbers with two digits can be selected.

G. Repeat Dialing

This feature will enable a customer to reach a called party whose number is busy without having to continually redial the telephone number. The busy number will automatically be dialed, for a 30 minute period, until it becomes available. The caller can make and receive calls during the 30 minute period that the busy number is being dialed. The caller will receive a special ring-back when both numbers are freed for use. The feature can also be used to recall a called party after the conversation has been terminated.

H. Calling Party Number Blocking

Calling Party Number Blocking provides telephone customers with the capability to prevent the disclosure of the calling telephone number on calls made to an exchange service equipped with Caller ID and other Advanced Custom Calling services where the calling party number may be disclosed. Calling Party Number Blocking is available on a per-call basis for semi-public and public customers without charge; and is also available on a per-line basis at a monthly recurring rate. Calling Party Number Blocking is available on a per-service basis. Per-call Calling Party Number Blocking is accomplished by the customer dialing an activation code (\*67 for Touch-Tone and 1167 for rotary dial pulse, prior to placing each call for which blocking is desired. Service for which a charge is applicable shall be subject to a maximum monthly charge of \$6.00.

4. SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES (cont'd)

4.1 Custom Calling Service (cont'd)

4.1.2 Description of Features (cont'd)

I. Anonymous Call Rejection

Anonymous Call Rejection (ACR) is a service that enables customers the ability to reject calls from parties who have a privacy feature that prevents the delivery of their calling number to the called party when the called party has Caller ID with Name. With ACR the called customer receives no alerting or ringing for a call that is rejected. The call is routed to a denial announcement and subsequently terminated. The calling party hears a denial announcement which indicates the calling party can retry their call after unblocking their number.

J. Auto Call Back/Auto Redial

The Auto Call Back/Auto Redial feature allows a customer to automatically redial the last number dialed, this is accomplished by the customer activating a code. The network periodically tests the busy/free status of the called line for up to 30 minutes until both lines are found free and then redials the call for the customer.

The Automatic Redial feature also allows customers, having reached a busy number, to dial a code before hanging up. Automatic Redial feature then continues to try the busy number for up to 30 minutes until it becomes free. Once the busy line is free the call is automatically redialed and the customer is notified of the connected call via a distinctive ring.

The following types of calls cannot be Automatically Redialed:

- 1) Calls to 800 Service numbers;
- 2) Calls to 900 Service numbers;
- 3) Calls preceded by an interexchange carrier access code;
- 4) International Direct Distance Dialed calls;
- 5) Calls to Directory Assistance; and
- 6) Calls to 9-1-1.

K. Call Return

The Automatic Recall stores the number of the most recent incoming call (including unanswered incoming calls) to a customer's number. This allows a customer to dial back any missed or unanswered telephone calls.

L. Customer Originated Trace

Customer Originated Trace allows customers to key in a code that alerts the network to trace the last call received. The traced telephone number is automatically sent to the company for storage for a limited amount of time and is retrievable by legally constituted authorities upon proper request by them. By contacting the Company the customer can use this application to combat nuisance calls. The maximum charge for this service shall be \$4.75.

M. Call Screening

This feature provides the customer with the ability to prevent repeated calls from an unwanted caller whose number may or may not be known. The customer receiving the call need only hang up and immediately dial the Call Screening access code which will deny the caller the ability to ring the customer's telephone. In addition, the customer has the ability to create a list of telephone numbers from which the customer may wish to not receive calls. Calls from these telephone numbers will be sent an appropriate announcement indicating that the call cannot be completed because the customer has activated Call Screening.

4. SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES (cont'd)

4.1 Custom Calling Service (cont'd)

4.1.2 Description of Features (cont'd)

N. Selective Call Screening

Selective Call Screening is an arrangement designed to restrict certain types of billing from a line which originates a call. The screening is designed to inform the operator services provider about special characteristics associated with the line. Under this arrangement, the operator services provider processes the operator-assisted and/or operator-handled and/or automated operator-assisted originating call so that call will conform to one of the allowable types of billing, which could be those which conform only to billing as collect, billed to a third number, or billed to a calling card.

4.1.3 Rates and Charges

Monthly Rates for these services are located in Section 9.2.1 of this Tariff.

4.2 Service and Promotional Trials

4.2.1 General

The Company may establish temporary promotional programs wherein it may waive or reduce nonrecurring or recurring charges, to introduce a present or potential customer to a service not previously subscribed to by the customer.

4.2.2 Regulations

- A. Appropriate notification of the Trial will be made to all eligible customers and to the Commission, Appropriate notification may include direct mail, bill inserts, broadcast or print media, direct contact or other comparable means of notification.
- B. During a Service Trial, the service(s) is(are) provided automatically to all eligible customers, except those customer who choose not to participate. Customers will be offered the opportunity to decline the trial service both in advance and during the trial. A customer can request that the designated service be removed at any time during the trial and not be billed a recurring charge for the period that the feature was in place. At the end of the trial, customers that do not contact the Company to indicate they wish to retain the service will be disconnected from the service at no charge.
- C. During a Promotional Trial, the service is provided to all eligible customers who ask to participate. Customers will be notified in advance of the opportunity to receive the service in the trial for free. A customer can request that the service be removed at any time during the trial and not be billed a recurring charge for the period that the service was in place. At the end of the trial, customers that do not contact the Company will be disconnected from the service.
- D. Customers can subscribe to any service listed as part of a Promotional Trial and not be billed the normal Connection Charge. The offering of this trial period option is limited in that a service may be tried only once per customer, per premises.
- E. The Company retains the right to limit the size and scope of a Promotional Trial.



#### 4. SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES (cont'd)

##### 4.3 Busy Verification and Interrupt Service

###### 4.3.1 General

Upon request of a calling party, the Company will verify a busy condition on a called line. An operator will determine if the line is clear or in use and report to the calling party. In addition, the operator will intercept an existing call on the called line if the calling party indicates an emergency and requests interruption.

###### 4.3.2 Rate Application

A. A Verification Charge will apply when:

- 1) The operator verifies that the line is busy with a call in progress; or
- 2) The operator verifies that the line is available for incoming calls.

B. Both a Verification Charge and an Interrupt Charge will apply when the operator verifies that a called number is busy with a call in progress and the customer requests interruption. The operator will interrupt the call advising the called party of the name of the calling party and the called party will determine whether to accept the interrupt call. Charges will apply whether or not the called party accepts the interruption.

C. No charge will apply when the calling party advises that the call is from an official public emergency agency.

###### 4.3.3 Rates and Charges

The rates for these services are set forth in Section 9.3.

##### 4.4 Directory Assistance Service

###### 4.4.1 General

A customer may obtain assistance, for a charge, in determining a telephone number by dialing Directory Assistance Service. A customer can also receive assistance by writing the Company with a list of names and addresses for which telephone numbers are desired.

###### 4.4.2 Regulations

A Directory Assistance Charge applies for each telephone number, area code and/or general information requested from the Directory Assistance operator except as follows:

- 1) Calls from coin telephones, including COCOTS;
- 2) Requests for telephone numbers of non-published service;
- 3) Requests in which the Director}' Assistance operator provides an incorrect number. The customer must inform the Company of the error in order to receive credit; or
- 4) Requests from individuals with certified visual or physical handicaps in which the handicap prevents the use of a local directory. Individuals must be certified in accordance with the terms outlined under "Handicapped Person" in Section of this Tariff, up to a maximum of 50 requests per month.

4. SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES (cont'd)

4.4 Directory Assistance Service (cont'd)

4.4.3 Rates

Unless one of the exceptions listed above applies, the charges set forth in Section 9.4 apply for each request made to the Directory Assistance operator:

4.5 Local Operator Service

Local calls may be completed or billed with the live or mechanical assistance by the Company's operator center. Calls may be billed collect to the called party, to an authorized third party number, to the originating line, or to a valid authorized calling card. Local calls may be placed on a station-to-station basis or to a specified party (see Person to Person), or designated alternate. An operator assistance charge applies to each call, as set forth in Section 9.4.3.

4.6 Directory Listing

Each Customer shall receive a single directory listing at no charge. Other directory services may be subject to monthly recurring charges as set forth in Section 9.4.2.

An alphabetical directory is an alphabetical list of Customers, joint users and Others for whom directory listings are provided. An alphabetical directory may include the listings for one or more exchange areas.

- A. There are two groups of listings: One group of non-residence listings and one group of listings consisting solely of names of individuals.

"Non-residence primary listings consisting solely of names of individuals will appear in both groups at no charge. Non-residence additional listings consisting solely of names of individuals will appear in both groups without charge for the additional appearance.

Residence primary or additional listings will appear in both groups without charge for the additional appearance, provided that they are indented under non-residence primary or regular additional listings consisting solely of names of individuals.

Non-published number service shall be available at a maximum monthly rate of \$3.00.

- B. Special prominence or arrangement of names is not permitted, nor is the listing of a service, commodity or trade name except when such service, commodity or trade name is a part of the name under which the listed party is doing business.
- C. The Company will refuse a listing which does not constitute a legally authorized or adopted name, or any listing which, in the opinion of the Company, is likely to mislead or deceive calling persons as to the identity of the listed party, or is intended for advertising purposes or to secure a preferential position in the directory, or is more elaborate than is reasonably necessary to identify the listed party.
- D. The length of any listing is limited by the use of abbreviations where, in the opinion of the Company, the clearness of the listing and the identification of the listed party is not impaired thereby. Where more than one line is required to properly list the party, no additional charge is made.
- E. Listings are regularly provided in connection with exchange service of all classes, grades and types.

4. SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES (cont'd)

4.6 Directory Listing (cont'd)

F. Additional listings:

- (1) Residence additional listings are listings in addition to the primary listing furnished in connection with residence service and may be the names of members of the Customer's family or of other persons residing in the Customer's household.
- (2) Residence additional listings are also permitted in connection with non-residence service which is located in a residence and for permanent guests residing in a transient hotel, motel, or club, and tenants in an apartment house or apartment hotel.

G. Duplicate Listings: Duplicate listings (i.e., listings of nicknames, abbreviated names) are permitted when, in the opinion of the Company, they are not desired to secure a preferential position in the directory or for advertising purposes.

H. Alternate Listings: Listings which refer calling persons to another telephone number.

I. Foreign Listings: Listings in an alphabetical directory of an exchange other than that in which the listed services furnished are furnished under the provisions applicable to regular additional listings in the directory.

J. Nonpublished service:

- (1) Upon receipt of an authorization signed by the Customer, in a form satisfactory to the Company, the name of that Customer and the telephone number assigned to the service furnished to him will be omitted or deleted from the Company's telephone directories and his telephone number will be omitted or deleted from the Company's information records, subject to the provisions set forth below.
- (2) The Company will endeavor to prevent the disclosure of the telephone number, but shall not be liable should such number be divulged through inadvertence, or where the nonpublished service customer calls the enhanced universal emergency telephone number (i.e., 911) to the extent that the originating telephone number, address and name associated with the originating number are furnished to the 911 service Public Service Answering Points.

4. SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES (cont'd)

4.7 Blocking Service

4.7.1 General

Blocking service is a feature that permits customers to restrict access from their telephone line to various discretionary services. The following blocking options are available to business customers;

- 1) 900,700 Blocking - allows the subscriber to block all calls beginning with the 900 and 700 prefixes (i.e., 900-XXX-XXXX) from being placed;
- 2) 900,971,974 & 700 Blocking- allows the subscriber to block all calls beginning with the 900,971, 974 and 700 prefixes from being placed;
- 3) Third Number Billed and Collect Call Restriction - provides the subscriber with a method of denying all third number billed and collect calls to a specific telephone number provided the transmitting operator checks their validation data base;
- 4) Toll Restriction (1+ and 0+ Blocking) - provides the subscriber with local dialing capabilities but blocks any customer-dialed call that has a long distance charge associated with it;
- 5) Toll Restriction Plus - provides subscribers with Toll Restriction, as described in part 4 of this section; and
- 6) Direct Inward Dialing Blocking (Third Party and Collect Call) - provides business customers who subscribe to DID service to have Third Party and Collect Call Blocking on the number ranges provided by the Company.

4.7.2 Regulations

- A. The Company will not be liable for any charge incurred when any long distance carrier or alternative operator service provider accepts third number billed or collect calls.
- B. Blocking Service is available where equipment and facilities permit.

4.7.3 Rates and Charges for these services are set forth in Section 9.4.4.

These charges are in addition to any application connection charges.

4.8 Customer Requested Service Suspensions

At the request of the customer the Company will suspend incoming and outgoing service on the customer's access line for a period of time not to exceed one year. The equipment is left in place and directory listings are continued during the suspension period without charge. At the customer's request the Company will provide the customer with an intercept recording referring callers to another number.

The Company will assess a lower monthly rate of per month with a one time set up fee for Customer Requested Service Suspension as noted below. However, any mileage charges, monthly cable charges or monthly construction charges are still due during the period of suspension.

<u>Period of Suspension</u>	<u>Charge</u>
Set up Fee	\$17.95
First Month or Partial Month	Regular Monthly Rate (no reduction)
Each Additional Month (up to the one year limit)	\$14.95

5. BUSINESS NETWORK SWITCHED SERVICES

5.1 General

Business Network Switched Services provide business customers with a connection to the Company's switching network which enables the customer to:

- 1) Receive calls from other stations on the public switched telephone network;
- 2) Access the Company's local calling service;
- 3) Access the Company's local service; and
- 4) Access the service of providers of interexchange service. A customer may presubscribe to such provider's service to originate calls on a direct dialed basis or to receive 800 service from such provider, or may access a provider on an ad hoc basis by dialing the provider's Carrier Identification Code (10 XXX).

Business Network Switched Services are provided via one or more channels terminated at the customer's premises. Each Business Network Switched Service channel corresponds to one or more analog, voice-grade telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time.

Connection charges as described in Section 3 apply to all service on a one-time basis unless waived pursuant to this Tariff.

5.2 Service Descriptions and Rates

The following Business Access Service Options are offered:

Basic Business Line Service

Basic Business Line Service is offered with message rate local service.

5.2.1 Basic Business Line Service

A. General

Basic Business Line Service provides a customer with a one or more analog, voice-grade telephonic communications channel that can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Local calling service is available at a on usage basis. Basic Business Lines are provided for connection of customer-provided single-line terminal equipment such as station sets or facsimile machines.

Each Basic Business Line has the following characteristics:

Terminal Interface:	2-wire
Signaling Type:	Loop start
Pulse Types:	Dual tone Multi Frequency (DTMF).
Directionality:	Two-Way, In-Only or Out-Only, at the option of the customer

5. BUSINESS NETWORK SWITCHED SERVICES (cont'd)

5.2 Service Descriptions and Rates (cont'd)

5.2.1 Basic Business Line Service (cont'd)

B. Message Rate Basic Business Line Service

1) Description

Calls to points within the local exchange area are charged on the basis of the number of completed calls originating from the customer's service in addition to a base monthly charge. Local calling areas are as specified in Section 8.

C. Recurring and Nonrecurring Charges

Charges for each Message Rate Service line include a monthly recurring Base Service Charge and usage charges for completed calls originated from the customer's line based on the duration of call during the billing period. Nonrecurring Connection charges apply as described in Section 3 of this Tariff and Recurring charges can be found in Section 9.5 of this Tariff.

Basic business line service shall be subject to a maximum monthly rate of \$42.00.

## 6. SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

### 6.1 Universal Emergency Telephone Number Service

Universal Emergency Telephone Number Service (9-1-1 Service) is an arrangement of Company central office and trunking facilities whereby any telephone user who dials the number 911 will reach the emergency report center for the telephone from which the number is dialed or will be routed to an operator if all lines to an emergency report center are busy. If no emergency report center customer exists for a central office entity, a telephone user who dials the number 911 will be routed to an operator. The telephone user who dials the 911 number will not be charged for the call.

### 6.2 Relay Service

#### 6.2.1 General

The Company will provide access to a telephone relay center for Relay Service. The service permits telephone communications between hearing and/or speech impaired individuals who must use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) or a Teletypewriter (TTY) and individuals with normal hearing and speech. The Relay Service can be reached by dialing an 800 number. Specific 800 numbers have been designed for both impaired and non-impaired customers to use.

#### 6.2.2 Regulations

- A. Only intrastate calls can be completed using the Relay Service under the terms and conditions of this Tariff.
- B. Charges for calls placed through the Relay Service will be billed as if direct distance dialed (DDD) from the point of origination to the point of termination. The actual routing of the call does not affect billing.
- C. Calls through the Relay Service may be billed to a third number only if that number is within the State of Ohio. Calls may also be billed to calling cards issued by the Company or other carriers who may choose to participate in this service.
- D. The following calls may not be placed through the Relay Service:
  - 1) Calls to informational recordings and group bridging service;
  - 2) Calls to time or weather recorded messages;
  - 3) Station sent paid calls from coin telephones; and
  - 4) Operator-handled conference service and other teleconference calls.

#### 6.2.3 Liability

The Company contracts with an outside provider for the provision of this service, the outside provider has complete control over the provision of the service except for the facilities provided directly by the Company. In addition to other provisions of this Tariff dealing with liability, in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Company, the Company shall not be liable for and the customer, by using the service, agrees to release, defend and hold harmless for all damages, whether direct, incidental or consequential, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the customer or by any other person, for any loss or destruction of property whatsoever, whether covered by the customer or others, or for any personal injury to or death of, any person. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, in no event shall the Company be liable for any special, incidental, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages of any nature whatsoever.

## 7. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

### 7.1 Special Construction

#### 7.1.1 Basis for Charges

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

- 1) Nonrecurring charges;
- 2) Recurring charges;
- 3) Termination liabilities; or
- 4) Combinations of 1), 2) and 3).

#### 7.1.2 Basis for Cost Computation

The costs referred to in 7.1.1 preceding may include one or more of the following items to the extent they are applicable:

- 1) Costs to install the facilities to be provided including estimated costs for the rearrangements of existing facilities. These costs include:
  - a) Equipment and materials provided or used;
  - b) Engineering, labor and supervision;
  - c) Transportation; and
  - d) Rights of way and/or any required easements.
- 2) Cost of maintenance;
- 3) Depreciation on the estimated cost installed of any facilities provided, based on the anticipated useful service life of the facilities with an appropriate allowance for the estimated net salvage;
- 4) Administration, taxes and uncollectible revenue on the basis of reasonable average cost for these items;
- 5) License preparation, processing and related fees;
- 6) Tariff preparation, processing and related fees;
- 7) Any other identifiable costs related to the facilities provided; or
- 8) An amount for return and contingencies.



7. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS (cont'd)

7.1 Special Construction (cont'd)

7.1.3 Termination of Liability for Business Customers

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

A. The period on which the termination liability is based is the estimated service life of the facilities provided.

B. The amount of the maximum termination liability is equal to the estimated amounts (including return) for:

1) Costs to install the facilities to be provided including estimated costs for the rearrangements of existing facilities. These costs include:

- a) Equipment and materials provided or used;
- b) Engineering, labor and supervision;
- c) Transportation; and
- d) Rights of way and/or any required easements.

2) License preparation, processing and related fees;

3) Tariff preparation, processing and related fees;

4) Cost of removal and restoration, where appropriate; and

5) Any other identifiable costs related to the specially constructed or rearranged facilities.

C. The termination liability method for calculation the unpaid balance of a term obligation is obtained by multiplying the sum of the amounts determined as set forth in Section 7.1.3.B. preceding by a factor related to the unexpired period of liability and the discount rate for return and contingencies. The amount determined in Section 7.1.3.B. preceding shall be adjusted to reflect the redetermined estimated net salvage, including any reuse of the facilities provided. This amount shall be adjusted to reflect applicable taxes.

Inclusion of early termination liability by the company in its tariff or a contract does not constitute a determination by the PUCO that the termination liability imposed by the company is approved or sanctioned by the PUCO. Customers shall be free to pursue whatever legal remedies they may have should a dispute arise.

7.2 Non-Routine Installation and/or Maintenance

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

7.3 Individual Case Basis (ICB) Arrangements

For special situations, subject to Commission review, rates for specialized services will be determined on an Individual Case Basis and specified by contract between the Company and the customers. All contracts shall be filed with the Commission.

8. LOCAL CALLING AREAS

8.1 Exchange Definition

The Company offers Local Exchange Service within the Ohio Bell Telephone Company (AT&T Ohio) and Verizon North territories and concurs in their filed exchange areas and exchange maps.

8.2 Local Calling Area

Each customer shall have the local calling area of the normal exchange in which the customer is located as defined below:

<u>Exchange Area</u>	<u>Exchange Areas in Local Service Area</u>	
	<u>Ohio Bell Telephone</u>	<u>Other Telephone Cost</u>
Alliance	Canton* Marlboro Sebring	N. Georgetown - Verizon Paris - Verizon
Ashland		Ashland - Verizon Hayesville - Verizon Nova - Verizon Polk - Verizon Red Haw - Verizon Savannah - Verizon Sullivan - Verizon
Athens		Albany - Verizon Amesville - Verizon Athens - Verizon Guysville - Verizon New Marshfield - Verizon Shade - Verizon The Plains - Verizon
Bowling Green		Bowling Green - Verizon Cygnet - Verizon Haskings-Tontogany - Verizon Pemberville - Verizon Portage - Verizon Wayne-Bradner - Verizon Weston - Verizon
Canton	Canton Alliance* Canal Fulton* Hartville Louisville Magnolia-Waynesburg Marlboro* Massillon Navarre North Canton	Beach City - Verizon Bolivar - Verizon Carrollton - Verizon* Dellroy-Verizon* Malvern - Verizon Mineral City - Verizon* Minerva - Verizon Paris - Verizon Brewster - Verizon*

8. LOCAL CALLING AREAS (cont'd)

8.2 Local Calling Area (cont'd)

<u>Exchange Area</u>	<u>Exchange Areas in Local Service Area</u>	
	<u>Ohio Bell Telephone</u>	<u>Other Telephone Cost</u>
Findlay	Findlay	Arlington – Verizon Carey – Verizon Jenera – Verizon McCornb - Verizon Mount Blanchard - Verizon North Baltimore - Verizon* Rawson - Verizon Van Buren - Verizon
Fremont	Fremont Lindsey	Bettsville – Verizon Clyde - Verizon* Gibsonburg – Verizon Helena – Verizon
Lancaster	Lancaster Canal Winchester Carroll Rushville Sugar Grove	Amanda – Verizon Baltimore – Verizon Bremen – Verizon Millersport – Verizon Pleasantville – Verizon
Marietta	Marietta Newport* Belpre* New Matamoras*	Barlow - Verizon  Beverly - Verizon Dexter City - Verizon* Lowell - Verizon Lower Salem - Verizon Watertown - Verizon
Marion		Caledonia – Verizon Green Camp – Verizon Harpster – Verizon LaRue – Verizon Marion – Verizon Morril – Verizon Prospect – Verizon Waldo - Verizon
Massillon	Massillon Canal Fulton Canton Dalton Navarre North Canton	Beach City – Verizon Brewster – Verizon Wilmot – Verizon
Niles	Niles Girard North Jackson* Youngstown*	

8. LOCAL CALLING AREAS (cont'd)

8.2 Local Calling Area (cont'd)

<u>Exchange Area</u>	<u>Exchange Areas in Local Service Area</u>	
	<u>Ohio Bell Telephone</u>	<u>Other Telephone Cost</u>
North Canton	North Canton Akron* Canal Fulton Canton Greensburg* Hartville Louisville Massillon Uniontown*	(None)
Piqua		Troy - Verizon*
Sandusky	Sandusky Bloomingville Castalia	Huron - Verizon Kelley's Island - Verizon Milan-Verizon*
St. Marys		Celina – Verizon St. Marys – Verizon New Bremen - Verizon
Steubenville	Steubenville Mingo Junction Toronto	Amsterdam – Verizon Bergholz - Verizon*  Brilliant - Verizon Dillonvale-Mt. Pleasant - Verizon* Pollansbee, W.VA - C&P of W.VA Knoxville – Verizon Richmond – Verizon Smithfield – Verizon Weirton, W.VA - C&P of W.VA Tiltonsville - Verizon*
The Plains		Athens – Verizon The Plains - Verizon
Tiffin	Tiffin New Riegel	Attica - Verizon* Bloomville – Verizon Republic – Verizon Bettsville - Verizon

8. LOCAL CALLING AREAS (cont'd)

8.2 Local Calling Area (cont'd)

Exchange Area

Exchange Areas in Local Service Area  
Ohio Bell Telephone                      Other Telephone Cost

Youngstown

Youngstown  
Canfield  
Columbiana  
East Palestine\*  
Girard  
Hubbard  
Leetonia\*  
Lowellville  
Niles\*  
North Jackson  
North Lima  
New Waterford\*  
Salem\*  
Sharon\*

Zanesville

Zanesville  
Dresden  
Fultonham  
Norwich  
Philo  
Roseville  
New Lexington\*

9. RATES AND CHARGES

9.1 Non-recurring Charges

9.1.1 Service Order Charge

Business Installation - per line/trunk \$50.00

9.1.2 Restoral Charge \$35.00

9.1.3 Moves, Adds and Changes Charge \$35.00

9.1.4 Premises Visit Charge (Hourly Charge) \$40.00

9.1.5 Installation Charge \$35.00

9.1.6 Primary Interexchange Carrier Change (PICC) Charge

- Manual charge \$ 5.50
- Electronic Charge \$ 1.25

If a subscriber changes both the InterLATA and IntraLATA Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier at the same time, 50% of the otherwise applicable IntraLATA Presubscription Change

9.1.7 Remote Call Forwarding \$16.61

9.1.8 Bad Check Charge \$35.00

9.2.1 Custom Calling Features

Three-Way Calling	\$ 3.00
Three-Way Calling - per activation	\$ 0.75
Three-Way Calling Per Activation Monthly Cap	\$ 7.50
Call Forwarding Variable	\$ 3.00
Call Forwarding Busy	\$ 3.00
Call Forwarding Busy Line Don't Answer	\$ 3.00
Call Forwarding Don't Answer	\$ 3.00
Call Waiting/Cancel Call Waiting	\$ 3.00
Distinctive Ringing	\$ 3.00
Multiline Hunting	\$10.00
Speed Dialing - 8 Numbers	\$ 3.00
Speed Dialing - 30 Numbers	\$ 3.00
Repeat Dialing - per activation	\$ 0.65
Repeat Dialing Per Activation Monthly Cap	\$ 6.50
Calling Party Number Blocking (per call)	\$ 0.00
Calling Party Number Blocking (per line)	\$ 3.00
Anonymous Call Rejection	\$ 3.00
Auto Call Back/Auto Redial	\$ 3.00
Call Return - per activation	\$ 0.65
Call Return Per Activation Monthly Cap	\$ 6.50
Call Trace - per call	\$ 2.70
Call Trace Prep Charge	\$ 5.00
Call Screening	\$ 7.20
Selective Call Screening	\$ 4.68

9.3 Busy Verification and Interrupt Service

Busy Line Verification	\$ 1.00
Busy Line Interrupt	\$ 2.00

9. RATES AND CHARGES (cont'd)

9.4 Directory Services

9.4.1 Directory Assistance

Direct-Dial - Local DA	\$ 0.45
Direct-Dial - National DA	\$ 1.00
Operator Dial - Local DA	\$ 0.45
Directory Assistance Call Completion	\$ 0.35

9.4.2 Directory Listings

Additional Listings	\$ 1.00
Alternate Listing	\$ 1.00
Non-Published Listing	\$ 1.00
Non-Listed Service	\$ 1.00
Foreign Listing	\$ 1.00
Extra Line Listing	\$ 1.00
Bold Directory Listing	\$ 1.00

9.4.3 Local Operator Services

Station-to-Station	\$ 1.00
Person-to-Person	\$ 2.50

9.4.4 Blocking Services

900 and 700 Blocking (Business up to 200 lines)	\$ 5.00
900, 971, 974 and 700 Blocking (Business up to 200 lines)	\$ 5.00
3rd Number Billed & Collect Call Restriction (Business up to 200 lines)	\$10.00
Toll Restriction (Business up to 200 lines)	\$10.00
Toll Restriction Plus (Business up to 200 lines)	\$10.00
Direct Inward Dialing (DID) Blocking (3rd Party and Collect Call)	
Initial Activation	\$25.00
Subsequent Activation (per line)	\$10.00

9.5.1 Business Access Service Options (Resale)

A. Message Rate

Basic Business Line Service with Touch Tone (Single Line Access Area D)	\$20.48
Basic Business Line Service with Touch Tone (Multi-Line with Hunting Access Area D)	\$23.81

9. RATES AND CHARGES (cont'd)

9.6 Residential Services

9.6.1	American Essential - Local Calling Service	\$25.95
9.6.2	American Family Package	\$35.95
9.6.3	American Freedom Package	\$40.95
9.6.4	American Unlimited Package	\$50.95

9.7 Toll Restriction Service

	One time set up fee	\$3.50
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