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In the Matter of      IN THE MATTER OF THE  
 APPLICATION OF TOLEDO AREA  
 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES,  
 INC. D/B/A BUCKEYE TELESYSTEM  
 FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  
 TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE  
 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN  
 SOUTH DAKOTA

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

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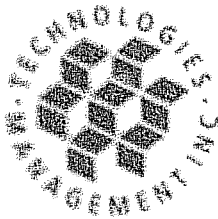
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Mr. William Bullard, Jr.  
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Pierre, South Dakota 57501

RE: Registration of Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a  
Buckeye TeleSystem

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten (10) copies of the registration request of Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. for authority to provide intrastate long distance telecommunications services in South Dakota. We are enclosing a check for \$250.00 for the applicable filing fee.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date stamping the extra copy of this cover letter and returning it to me in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

Questions regarding this filing may be directed to me at (407) 740-8575. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Forte  
Consultant to Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: T. Dawson - Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.  
file: Buckeye - SD  
TMS: SDi0100

**REGISTRATION OF  
TOLEDO AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.  
d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem**

Pursuant to Rule 20:10:24:02 of the Commission's Telecommunications Services Rules, Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem ("Buckeye TeleSystem") submits the following registration information:

**1. The name, address and telephone number of the applicant.**

Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.  
5566 Southwyck Boulevard  
Toledo, Ohio 43614  
Telephone: (419) 724-9802  
Facsimile: (419) 724-7074

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**2. The name under which the Applicant will provide these services if different than in subdivision (1) of this section:**

Buckeye TeleSystem

**3. If the applicant is a corporation:**

**(a) The state in which it is incorporated, the date of incorporation and a copy of its certificate of incorporation or, if it is an out-of-state corporation, a copy of its certificate of authority.**

Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. was incorporated in the State of Ohio on March 29, 1994.

A copy of the Applicant's Certificate of Authority to transact business in the state of South Dakota is included as Attachment I.

**(b) The location of its principal office, if any, in this state and the name and address of its current registered agent.**

Principal office in South Dakota: Buckeye TeleSystem has no office in South Dakota.

Registered Agent: National Registered Agents, Inc.  
300 South Phillips Avenue, Suite 300  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57102

- (c) **The name and address of each corporation, association, partnership, cooperative, or individual holding a twenty percent or greater ownership or management interest in the Applicant corporation and the amount and character of the ownership or management interest.**

Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc., is a wholly owned subsidiary of Block Communications, Inc. William Block, Sr., and the Estate of the late Paul Block, Jr. are the shareholders with 10 percent or greater ownership of Block Communications, Inc.

4. **If the applicant is a partnership, the name, title and business address of each partner, both general and limited.**

Not applicable.

5. **A specific description of the telecommunications services the applicant intends to offer.**

Buckeye TeleSystem's long distance operations in South Dakota will be provided as a switchless telecommunications reseller. Calls will originate, be switched and terminated over the facilities of other carriers. The Company currently uses the network of QWEST Communications Corp. and Sprint United.

Resold telecommunications services offered by Buckeye TeleSystem include outbound direct dialed 1+ , switched and dedicated, inbound "800", switched and dedicated, travel card, frame relay service and alternate operator assisted service. Buckeye TeleSystem's services are provided to both residential and business customers. Intrastate service is offered as an add-on to Buckeye TeleSystem's interstate service.

5. A specific description of the telecommunications services the applicant intends to offer.  
(continued)

Buckeye TeleSystem's "1+" service allows Customers to place outbound direct dialed calls. Switched access Customers are presubscribed to the Company via switched access Feature Group D circuits. Customers may choose to use dedicated facilities for call origination. Calls are placed by dialing "1+" and the destination telephone number, including the area code if applicable.

Buckeye TeleSystem's toll free service is an inward 800/888 type service, offered as both switched and dedicated. It permits termination of interstate and intrastate calls from diverse geographic locations to Customer local exchange lines or to dedicated access facilities. With toll free service, the Customer is billed for the call rather than the call originator.

Buckeye TeleSystem's travel card service allows customers to place calls from locations other than their normal place of business or residence. A toll free access number must be dialed to reach the Buckeye TeleSystem network. A customer-specific authorization code is then dialed in addition to the destination telephone number. Customers may connect to Buckeye TeleSystem's travel card service from any location which permits the dialing of the Company's toll free access number.

Buckeye TeleSystem's frame relay service allows business customers to transmit data between points on a dedicated network.

The Customers of Buckeye TeleSystem's operator assisted services are presubscribed customers of the Company. Applicant's operator assisted services permit callers to place automated calls using optional billing methods (i.e. collect, third party, or to a calling/credit card). In addition, this service offers operator assistance for person-to-person calling or for operator dialing assistance.

Customers may reach its Customer Service department by dialing (800) 213-4237.

6. **A detailed statement of the means by which the applicant will provide its services, including the type and quantity of equipment to be used in the operation, the capacity, and the expected used of the equipment.**

Buckeye TeleSystem is a switchless reseller of interexchange telecommunications services. The Company originates calls via feature group D purchased by Buckeye TeleSystem from the local exchange carrier. The calls are routed over switched access facilities to the nearest underlying carrier's point of presence. The underlying carrier transports the calls to its switch and terminates calls over its own terminating network (feature group or leased facilities).

Buckeye TeleSystem has no plans to construct switching or transmission facilities in South Dakota.

7. **The geographic areas in which the services are, or will be, offered, including a map describing the service boundaries.**

Buckeye TeleSystem intends to offer its services throughout the state of South Dakota.

8. **Current financial statements including a balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statements; a copy of the Applicant's latest Annual Report; a copy of the Applicant's report to stockholders; and a copy of the Applicant's tariff with the terms and conditions of service.**

A copy of the Company's 1999 Balance Sheet, Income Statement, Cash Flow Statement, and Annual Report, are attached as proof of its financial stability for the provision of service within South Dakota. (See Attachment II.)

A copy of Applicant's proposed tariff containing the terms and conditions of service, as well as all rates and charges is provided in Attachment III.

9. **The names, addresses, telephone number, fax number, e-mail and toll free number of the Applicant's representatives to whom all inquiries should be made regarding complaints and regulatory matters and a description of how the Applicant handles customer billing and customer service matters.**

For inquiries regarding this application and tariff, contact:

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Consultant to Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.  
P.O. Drawer 200  
Winter Park, Florida 32790-0200  
E-mail: Tforte@tminc.com  
Telephone: (407) 740-8575  
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For complaints and on-going regulatory issues:

Mr. Thomas K. Dawson, Director of Regulatory Affairs  
Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.  
5566 Southwyck Boulevard  
Toledo, Ohio 43614  
E-mail: tdawson@cablesystem.com  
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For all other matters, contact:

David G. Huey, President  
Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.  
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Toledo, Ohio 43614  
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Customer Service and billing inquiry matters are handled internally by Buckeye Telesystem's customer service personnel. The Customer Service Department can be reached by dialing (800) 213-4237.

10. A list of states in which the Applicant is registered or certificated to provide telecommunications services, whether the Applicant has ever been denied registration or certification in any state and the reasons for any such denial, a statement as to whether or not the Applicant is in good standing with the appropriate regulatory agency in the states where it is registered or certified, and a detailed explanation of why the Applicant is not in good standing in a given state, if applicable.

a. The Applicant is registered or certificated to provide telecommunications services in the following states:

Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin

b. The Applicant has not been denied registration or certification in any state

c. The Applicant is in good standing with the appropriate regulatory agency in the states where it is registered or certified.

11. **A description of how the Applicant intends to market its services, its target market, whether the Applicant engages in any multilevel marketing, and copies of any Company brochures used to assist in the sale of services.**

a. Buckeye Telesystem plans to offer long distance services in the state of South Dakota to its already established customer base in Ohio, as a supplement to interstate service. It does not presently plan any direct marketing activities in the state of South Dakota. However, in its current service areas, Buckeye Telesystem markets its services through a number of different channels - direct sales force, agents, direct mailing, and TV.

The Company has plans to engage in marketing through charitable organizations by providing an alliance to an organization that allows them to sign up a member and for that they receive a contribution from each user's monthly recurring charge.

The Company does not plan to have any differences in its marketing approach as it relates to different geographic markets.

b. Applicant does not engage in any multilevel marketing.

c. Company brochure(s) used to assist in the marketing of services are included herein as Attachment IV.

12. **Cost support for rates shown in the Company's tariff for all noncompetitive or emerging competitive services.**

All services offered are competitive.



**13. Federal Tax Identification Number.**

The Applicant's Federal Tax Identification number is 34-1782825.

**14. The number and nature of complaints filed against the Applicant with any state or federal regulatory commission regarding the unauthorized switching of a telecommunications provider and the act of charging customers for services that have not been ordered.**

Buckeye has never received a complaint in any state or at the federal regulatory commission for the unauthorized switching of a telecommunications provider or for the act of charging customers for services that have not been ordered.

**15. A written request for waiver of those rules the Applicant believes to be inapplicable.**

The Company is not requesting any waiver.

**16. Other information requested by the commission needed to demonstrate that the Applicant has sufficient technical and managerial capabilities to provide the interexchange services it intends to offer consistent with the requirements of this chapter and other applicable rules and laws.**

Buckeye Telesystem possesses the technical and managerial ability to provide service within the state of South Dakota. As a reseller, the Applicant relies on the technical reputation and support of its underlying carrier, Qwest and Sprint United. Additionally Buckeye Telesystem's in-house management team is well qualified to oversee the operations of a telecommunications carrier; as well as Applicant's proposed expansion into the state of South Dakota. Resumes of key personnel are included as Attachment V.

Submitted by:

By



David G. Huey

President

Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.

d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem

**ATTACHMENT I**

**AUTHORITY TO OPERATE IN SOUTH DAKOTA**

**ATTACHMENT II**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**TOLEDO AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**12/31/99**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets:

Cash and short term investments  
Accounts receivable - trade

40,000.34

Current Assets

40,000.34

Property, Plant and Equipment

TOTAL ASSETS

40,000.34

**LIABILITIES & SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY**

Current Liabilities:

Buckeye TeleSystem

100,171.63

Current Liabilities

100,171.63

**STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

Common Stock

10,000.00

Retained Earnings

(100,171.63)

Total Stockholders' Equity

(90,171.63)

TOTAL LIABILITIES & STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

40,000.34

**TOLEDO AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS**  
**OPERATING STATEMENT**  
For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1999

MONTH		YEAR TO DATE			
BUDGET	%	ACTUAL	%	1998	
BUDGET	%	ACTUAL	%	1998	
<b>Income:</b>					
Long Distance Revenue:					
		29,908			3780 -0000-0000 REV
					29,908 246.7% 103,705
		29,908			Total Long Distance Revenue
					29,908 246.7% 103,705
		29,908			TOTAL INCOME
					29,908 246.7% 103,705
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>					
Wholesale Product Cost:					
		32,497			4810 -0000-0000 LD W
					32,497 266.5% 119,238
		666			4811 -0000-0000 CABS E
					666 666
		33,163			Total Wholesale Product Cost
					33,163 261.6% 119,904
Billing Expenses:					
		4,580			4835 -0000-0000 LD BIL
					4,580 599.3% 32,025
		4,580			Total Billing Expenses
					4,580 599.3% 32,025
Training & Education:					
					4841 -0000-0000 LD TR
					5,099
					Total Training & Education
					5,099
Stationary & Supplies:					
		180			4834 -0000-0000 LD ST
					180 ***** 5,674
		180			Total Stationary & Supplies
					180 ***** 5,674
Sales Commissions:					
					4863 -0000-0000 LD SA
					13,900
					Total Sales Commissions
					13,900
Legal & Professional:					
		8,628			4869 -0000-0000 LD LE
					8,628 208.2% 26,591
		8,628			Total Legal & Professional
					8,628 208.2% 26,591
Other Expenses:					
		445			4836 -0000-0000 LD PO
					445 211.7% 1,388
		10			4878 -0000-0000 LD OT
					10 ***** (704)
		455			Total Other Expenses
					455 50.3% 684
		47,006			TOTAL OPERATING EXP
					47,006 333.7% 203,877
		(17,098)			Operating Profit/(Loss)
					(17,098) 485.5% (100,172)
		(17,098)			NET PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE
					Income Taxes:
		9,305			9088 -0000-0000 INTERE
					9,305 9,305
		9,305			Total Income Taxes
					9,305 9,305
		(26,403)			NET PROFIT/(LOSS) AFTER
					(26,403) 314.5% (109,477)

**ATTACHMENT III**

**TARIFF**

**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF**  
**OF**  
**TOLEDO AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.**  
**D/B/A BUCKEYE TELESYSTEM**

This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations and rates applicable to the provision of interexchange telecommunications by Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem within the State of South Dakota. This tariff is on file with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the Company's principal place of business.

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### APPLICATION OF TARIFF

The regulations, rules and conditions set forth in this Tariff apply to the provision of intrastate public telecommunications services furnished within the State of South Dakota by Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystems, subject to the jurisdiction of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

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- (I) - To signify an increase in rates or charges.
- (M) - To signify material relocated from or to another part of this Tariff with no change in text, rate, rule or condition.
- (N) - To signify new material, including a listing, rate, rule or condition.
- (R) - To signify a reduction in rates or charges.
- (T) - To signify a change in the wording of the text, but no change in rate, rule or condition.
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**A. Page Numbering** - Page numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Pages are numbered sequentially. However, new sheets are occasionally added to the tariff. When a new sheet is added between sheets already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new sheet added between sheets 14 and 15 would be 14.1.

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## SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Certain terms used generally throughout this tariff, particularly those for specialized common carrier communication channels furnished by the Company over its facilities are defined below:

**Access** - Access to Buckeye's services are provided by one or more or a combination of the following methods: presubscription in equal access areas, direct access, 800, 950 and 10XXX dialing sequences.

**Access Code** - A sequence of numbers that, when dialed, connect the caller to the provider of services associated with that sequence.

**Aggregator** - Any person, excluding local exchange carriers and cellular service providers, that, in the ordinary course of its operations, make telephones available to the public or to transient users of its premises, for intrastate telephone calls using a provider of operator services.

**Authorization Code** - A numerical code, one or more of which may be assigned to a Customer, to enable the Company to identify the origin of the Service User so the Company may rate and bill the call. All Authorization Codes shall be the sole property of the Company and no Customer shall have any property or other right or interest in the use of any particular Authorization Code. Automatic Numbering Identification ("ANI") may be used as or in connection with the Authorization Code.

**Authorized User** - A person or entity that accesses the Company's services. An Authorized User is responsible for compliance with this tariff.

**Automatic Numbering Identification (ANI)** - A type of signaling provided by a local exchange telephone company that automatically identifies the local exchange line from which a call originates.

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**SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS. (CONT'D.)**

**Billed Party** - The person or entity responsible for payment of the Company's Service(s): For a Direct Dialed Call, the person or entity responsible for payment is the Customer responsible for payment for local telephone service at the telephone used to originate an intrastate call. In the case of a Travel Card call or other credit card call (herein collectively the "Card"), the person or entity responsible for payment is the Customer of record of the Travel Card or other valid and acceptable Card used. In the case of a collect or third party call, the person or entity responsible for payment is the person responsible for payment for local telephone service at the telephone number that agrees to accept charges for the call. In the case of a Room Charge Call, the entity responsible for payment is the Aggregator controlling the telephone used to originate the intrastate call. In all Operator Assisted calls not involving Cards, third party calls, collect calls or Room Charge calls, the person or entity responsible for payment is the Customer responsible for payment for local telephone services at the telephone used to originate the intrastate call.

**Buckeye TeleSystem** - A d/b/a of Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc., also referred to herein as Buckeye or Company.

**Calling Card Call** - A Direct Dialed call or operator assisted call for which charges are billed not to the originating telephone number, but to a LEC or interexchange carrier calling card.

**Central Office** - A Local Exchange Carrier switching system where Local Exchange Carrier customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks.

**Channel** - The term "Channel" denotes a path for electrical transmission between two or more points, the path having a band width designed to carry voice grade transmission.

**Common Carrier** - A company or entity providing telecommunications services to the public.

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**SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS, (CONT'D.)**

**Customer** - The term "Customer" denotes the person, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, corporation, or governmental entity or any other entity that is responsible for payment of charges and for compliance with this tariff.

**Customer - Provided Facilities** - The term "Customer - Provided Facilities" denotes all communications facilities provided by the Customer and/or Authorized User other than those provided by the Company.

**Direct Dialed Call** - An intrastate telephone call that is automatically completed and billed to the telephone number from which the call originated without the automatic or live assistance of an operator.

**Equal Access** - Has the meaning given that term in Appendix B of the Modification of Final Judgment entered August 24, 1982, in United States v. Western Electric, Civil Action No. 82-0192 (United States District Court, District of Columbia), as amended by the Court in its orders issued prior to October 17, 1990.

**Equal Access Code** - An access code that allows the public to obtain an equal access connection to the carrier associated with that code.

**Exchange** - The term "Exchange" denotes a unit established by the Local Exchange Carrier for the administration of communications service in a specified area that usually embraces a city, town or village and its environs. It consists of one or more Central Offices together with the associated facilities used in furnishing communications service within that area.

**Intrastate Message Telecommunications Service ("MTS")** - The term "Intrastate Message Telecommunications Services" denotes the furnishing of direct dialed and operator assisted intrastate switched service to the Customer for the completion of long distance voice and dial-up low speed data transmissions over voice grade channels between points wholly within the State of South Dakota.

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**SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS, (CONT'D.)**

**Local Exchange Carrier ("LEC")** - The term "Local Exchange Carrier" denotes any telephone company that provides local telephone service to Customers within a defined area.

**Measured Charge** - A charge assessed on a per minute or incremental basis in calculating a portion of the charges due for a completed call.

**Operator Assisted Call** - An intrastate telephone connection completed through the use of the Company operator.

**Operator Service Charge** - A non-measured (fixed) charge that is added to a measured charge in calculating the total tariff charges due for a completed Operator Assisted call.

**Operator Services** - Any telecommunication service that includes, as a component, any automatic or live assistance to a Customer or its Authorized User to arrange for billing or completion or both, of an intrastate interLATA telephone call through a method other than:

- (i) automatic completion with billing to the telephone from which the call originated, or
- (ii) completion through an access code used by an Authorized User, with billing to an account previously established with the carrier by the Authorized User.

**Operator Service Provider ("OSP")** - Any person or entity that provides operator services by using either live or automated operator functions. When more than one entity is involved in processing an operator service call, the party billing the calls shall be considered the OSP. However, subscribers to customer-owned pay telephone service shall not be deemed to be an OSP.

**Operator Station Calls** - An Operator Assisted call wherein the person originating the call is assisted by an operator but does not specify a particular person, department or extension to be reached through a PBX attendant.

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**SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS. (CONT'D.)**

**Other Common Carrier** - The term "Other Common Carrier" denotes a common carrier, other than the Company, providing domestic and/or international communications services to the public.

**Personal Identification Numbers (PINs)** - Code numbers used in connection with designated telephone numbers which allow intrastate calls to be categorized for various applications.

**Person-to-Person Calls** - An Operator Assisted call which is placed under the regulation so that the caller will speak only to a specific called party, a specified extension or office to be reached through a PBX attendant. Such a call is not completed until either the specific party wanted by the caller is contacted, or the caller agrees to speak to a different party. The caller must arrange with the operator to make a person-to-person call, otherwise, all Operator Assisted calls will be treated as Operator Station calls.

**Point(s) of Presence** - The term "Point(s) of Presence" denotes the site(s) where the Company provides a network interface with facilities provided by Other Common Carrier, Local Exchange Carriers or Customers for access to the Company network configuration.

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

**Presubscribed Provider of Operator Services** - The intrastate provider of Operator Services to which the Authorized User is connected when the Authorized User places a call using a provider of operator services without dialing a special access code.

**Provider of Operator Services** - Any common carrier that provides operator services or any other person determined by the Federal Communications Commission and or the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to be providing operator services.

**SDPUC** - South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

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**SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS, (CONT'D.)**

**Service** - Intrastate telecommunications service provided to a Customer or Authorized User by the Company.

**Special Access Service** - All exchange access not utilizing telephone company end office switches. This service includes dedicated access that connects end user to end user, end user to carrier, or carrier to carrier and may include analog or digital channels for voice, data or video transmissions.

**Subscriber** - Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, governmental agency or other entity that orders service from the Company on behalf of itself or on behalf of others. A Subscriber may, in the ordinary course of its operations, make telephones available to transient users of its premises for placing of intrastate calls. The Subscriber has a pre-existing business arrangement with the Company and may also be a Customer.

**Telecommunications** - The transmission of voice communications or, subject to the transmission capabilities of the Service, the transmission of data, facsimile, signaling, metering, or any other form of intelligence.

**Third Party Calls** - An Operator Assisted call for which charges are billed not to the originating number, but to a third party telephone number which is neither the originating nor the terminating telephone number.

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## SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 2.1 Undertaking of the Company

Service is offered to residential and business Customers of the Company to provide direct dialed calls and operator assisted calls originating and terminating partially or wholly within the State of South Dakota, using the Company's network configuration. The Company provides switched long distance network services for voice grade services. The Company does not undertake to transmit messages but furnishes the use of its facilities to its Customers for communications. All services are provided subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this tariff. In the event of a conflict between a contract entered into by the Company and this tariff, the terms of this tariff shall prevail.

The Company's services and facilities are provided on a monthly basis unless otherwise provided, and are available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

### 2.2 Limitations

- 2.2.1 Service is offered subject to the availability of the necessary facilities and equipment, or both facilities and equipment, and subject to the provisions of this tariff.
- 2.2.2 Buckeye reserves the right to discontinue or limit service when necessitated by conditions beyond its control, or when the Customer is using service in violation of provisions of this tariff, or in violation of the law.

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**2.2 Limitations, (Cont'd.)**

- 2.2.3** The Company does not undertake to transmit messages, but offers the use of its facilities when available, and will not be liable for errors in transmission or for failure to establish connections.
- 2.2.4** All services and facilities provided under this tariff are directly or indirectly controlled by Buckeye and the Customer may not transfer or assign the use of service or facilities without the express written consent of the Company. Such transfer or assignment shall only apply where there is no interruption of the use or location of the service or facilities.
- 2.2.5** Prior written permission from the Company is required before any assignment or transfer. All regulations and conditions contained in this tariff shall apply to all such permitted assignees or transferees, as well as all conditions of service.

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**2.3 Use**

Services provided under this tariff may be used for any lawful purpose for which the service is technically suited.

**2.4 Liabilities of Company**

**2.4.1** Buckeye's liability for damages arising out of mistakes, interruptions, omissions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission which occur in the course of furnishing service or facilities, shall be determined in accordance with SDCL 49-13-1 and 49-13-1.1 and any other applicable law.

**2.4.2** The Company shall not be liable for claim or loss, expense or damage (including indirect, special or consequential damage), for any interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect in any service, facility or transmission provided under this tariff, if caused by any person or entity other than the Company, by any malfunction of any service or facility provided by any other carrier, by an act of God, fire, war, civil disturbance, or act of government, or by any other cause beyond the Company's direct control.

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**2.4 Liabilities of Company, (Cont'd.)**

- 2.4.3 Buckeye shall not be liable for any failure or performance hereunder due to causes beyond its control, including but not limited to Acts of God, fires, flood or other catastrophes; atmospheric conditions or other phenomena of nature, such as radiation; any law, order, regulation, directive, action or request of the United States Government, or any other government, including state and local governments having jurisdiction over Buckeye or the services provided hereunder; national emergencies; civil disorder, insurrections, riots, wars, strikes, lockouts, work stoppages, or other labor problems or regulations established or actions taken by any court or government agency having jurisdiction over the Company or the acts of any party not directly under the control of the Company.
- 2.4.4 Buckeye is not liable for any act, omission or negligence of any Local Exchange Carrier or other provider whose facilities are used concurrently in furnishing any portion of the services received by Customer, or for the unavailability of or any delays in the furnishing of any services or facilities that are provided by any Local Exchange Carrier. Should the Company employ the service of any Other Common Carrier in furnishing the service provided to Customer, the Company's liability shall be limited according to the provisions stated above.
- 2.4.5 Buckeye shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Customer and Authorized User from and against all loss, liability, damage, and expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, due to claims for libel, slander, or infringement of copyright or trademark in connection with any material transmitted by any person using the Company's services and any other claim resulting from any act or omission of the Customer or Authorized User relating to the use of the Company's facilities.

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**2.4 Liabilities of Company, (Cont'd.)**

2.4.6 The Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any other entity furnishing to the Customer facilities or equipment used with the service furnished hereunder; nor shall the Company be liable for any damages or losses due in whole or in part to the failure of Customer-provided service, equipment or facilities.

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**2.5 Deposits**

The Company does not require deposits from customers.

**2.6 Advance Payments**

The Company does not normally require advance payments from customers, however it reserves the right to collect an advance payment of one month's estimated charges. The advance payment is applied to the following month's bill for service.

**2.7 Taxes**

All federal excise taxes, and state and local sales, use, and similar taxes, are billed as separate line items and are not included in the quoted rates, unless otherwise provided in Section 4 of this tariff.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**

**2.8 Payment and Credit Regulations**

**2.8.1 Billing and Credit Regulations**

The charges for service are due when billed and are billed and collected by the Company or its authorized agent, or the connecting company from whose service point the messages were sent paid or at whose service point the messages were received collect.

**2.8.2 Payment for Service**

The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services, including charges for service originated or charges accepted at the Customer's service point.

- (A) Charges for direct dialed calls will be included on the originating party's bill pursuant to billing and collection agreements established by the Company or its intermediary with the applicable telephone company.
- (B) Any applicable federal, state and local use, excise, sales or privileges taxes or similar liabilities chargeable to or against the Company as a result of the provision of the Company's service hereunder to the Customer shall be charged to and payable by the Customer in addition to the rates indicated in this tariff.
- (C) The Customer shall remit payment of all charges to any agency authorized by the Company to receive such payment.
- (D) If the bill is not paid within thirty calendar days following the mailing of the bill, the account will be considered delinquent.

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**2.8 Payment and Credit Regulations, (Cont'd.)**

**2.8.2 Payment for Service, (cont'd.)**

- (E) A delinquent account may subject the Customer's service to temporary disconnection. The Company is responsible for notifying the Customer at least five calendar days before service is disconnected. The Company does not charge a late charge for unpaid bills.
- (F) Failure to receive a bill will not exempt a Customer from prompt payment of any sum or sums due the Company.
- (G) In the event the Company must employ the services of attorneys for collection of charges due under this tariff or any contract for special services, Customer shall be liable for all costs of collection including reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.
- (H) Buckeye will not bill for unanswered calls in areas where Equal Access is available, nor will Buckeye knowingly bill for unanswered telephone calls where Equal Access is not available. In the event that an unanswered call is inadvertently billed due to the unavailability of Equal Access, Buckeye will cancel all such charges upon request or may credit the account of the Billed Party. Any call for which the billed duration exceeds one minute shall be presumed to have been answered.
- (I) In the event the Customer is overbilled, an adjustment will be made to the Customer's account and the Customer will be deemed to not owe overbilled amount. If the Customer is underbilled, the Customer is allowed to either pay in lump sum or in installments.
- (J) A Customer has 180 days from the date of a bill to dispute a portion of their bill, notwithstanding Section 2.8.2 (A) through (I) above. While the charge is in dispute, the Customer shall only be required to pay the undisputed portion of their bill in full.

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**2.9 Right to Backbill for Improper Use of the Company's Service**

Any person or entity that uses, appropriates or secures the use of service from the Company, whether directly or indirectly, in any unlawful manner or through the providing of any misleading or false information to the Company and which uses, appropriation, or securing of services is inconsistent with the stated uses, intents, and purposes of this tariff or any restrictions, conditions, and limitations stated herein, shall be liable for an amount equal to the accrued and unpaid charges that would have been applicable to the use of the Company's service actually made by Customer.

**2.10 Billing Entity Conditions**

When billing functions on behalf of Buckeye are performed by local exchange telephone companies, credit card companies or others, the payment conditions and regulations of such companies apply, including any applicable interest and/or late payment charges. In case of any disputed charges that cannot be resolved by the billing company, the Billed Party may contact Buckeye directly. If there is still a disagreement about the disputed amount after investigation and review by Buckeye or other service provider, the Billed Party has the option to pursue the matter with the appropriate state commission and/or the Federal Communications Commission.

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**2.11 Compliance with Regulatory Requirements**

The Company reserves the right to discontinue service, limit service, or to impose requirements on Customers as required to meet changing regulatory rules and standards of the SDPUC.

**2.12 Interconnection**

The Company reserves the right to interconnect its services with those of any Other Commor. Carrier, Local Exchange Carrier, or alternate access provider of its election, and to utilize such services for the provision of services offered herein.

**2.13 Denial of Access or Disconnect of Service by the Company**

The Company expressly retains the right to deny access or disconnect service without incurring any liability for any of the following reasons.

**2.13.1** Nonpayment of any sum due for service provided hereunder, where the Customer's charges remain unpaid more than ten (10) days following notice of nonpayment and notice of intention to disconnect from the Company. Notice shall be deemed to be effective upon mailing of written notice, postage prepaid, to the Customer's last known address;

**2.13.2** Customer's acts or omissions that constitute a violation of, or a failure to comply with, any regulation stated in this tariff governing the furnishing of service, but which violation or failure to comply does not constitute a material breach or does not pose any actual threatened interference to Buckeye operations or its furnishing of service. The Company agrees to give Customer ten (10) days notice of such violation or failure to comply prior to disconnection of service; or

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**2.13 Denial of Access to Service by the Company, (Cont'd.)**

**2.13.3** The implementation of any order of a court of competent jurisdiction, or federal or state regulatory authority of competent jurisdiction, prohibiting the Company from furnishing such service; or

**2.13.4** Failure to pay a previously owed bill by the same Customer at another location.

**2.14 Customer's Liability in the Event of Denial of Access to Service by the Company**

In the event a Customer's service is disconnected by the Company for any of the reasons stated in Section 2.13, the Customer shall be liable for all unpaid charges due and owing to the Company associated with the service.

**2.15 Reinstitution of Service**

The Company will reconnect service upon Customer request as soon as the reason for the Customer's termination is removed. If the Customer seeks reinstatement of Service following denial of service by the Company, the Customer shall pay to the Company prior to the time service is reinstated (1) all accrued and unpaid charges, but there will be no charge for the service restoration.

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**2.16 Credit Allowances for Interruption of Service**

Credit allowances for interruptions of service are limited to the actual minimum period charge incurred to re-establish the interrupted call.

**2.17 Inspection, Testing and Adjustment**

Upon reasonable notice, the facilities provided by the Company shall be made available to the Company for tests and adjustments as may be deemed necessary by the Company for maintenance. No interruption allowance will be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made when the interruption is less than twenty-four consecutive hours.

**2.18 Toll Free Numbers**

Buckeye will make every effort to reserve "vanity" toll free numbers on the Customer's behalf, but makes no warranty or guarantee that the "vanity" number will be available for use by the Customer.

If a Customer accumulates unanticipated post-pay charges, the Company reserves the right not to honor the Customer's request for a change in toll free service to another number (i.e. "porting" of the toll free number), including a request for a Nonprofit Organization (NPO) change, until such charges are paid in full.

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**2.19 Responsibilities of the Subscriber**

- 2.19.1 The Subscriber is responsible for placing any necessary orders, for complying with tariff regulations, and for ensuring that Authorized Users comply with tariff regulations. The Subscriber is also responsible for the payment of charges for calls originated at the Subscriber's premises that are not collect, third party, calling card, or credit card calls.
- 2.19.2 The Subscriber is responsible for charges incurred for special construction and/or special facilities that the Subscriber requests and which are ordered by Buckeye on the Subscriber's behalf.
- 2.19.3 If required for the provision of Buckeye's Services, the Subscriber must provide any equipment space, supporting structure, conduct, and electrical power without charge to Buckeye.
- 2.19.4 The Subscriber is responsible for arranging repairs to its premises at times mutually agreeable to it and Buckeye when required for Buckeye personnel to install, repair, maintain, program, inspect, or remove equipment associated with the provision of Buckeye's Services.
- 2.19.5 The Subscriber shall ensure that its terminal equipment and/or system is properly interfaced with Buckeye's facilities or services, that the signals carried into Buckeye's network configuration are of the proper grade, bandwidth, power, and signal level for the intended use of the Subscriber and is compatible with the system as both a part of the Code of Federal Regulations, and that the signal, do not damage equipment, require personnel, or degrade service to other Subscribers.

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2.19 Responsibilities of the Subscriber, (Cont'd.)

- 2.19.6 If the Subscriber fails to maintain the equipment and/or the system properly, with resulting imminent harm to Buckeye's equipment, personnel, or the quality of Service to other Subscribers or Customers, Buckeye may, upon written notice, require the use of protective equipment at the Subscriber's expense. If this fails to produce satisfactory results, and safety, Buckeye may, upon written notification, terminate the Subscriber's service.
- 2.19.7 The Subscriber must pay Buckeye for replacement or repair of damage to the equipment or facilities of Buckeye caused by negligence or willful act of the Subscriber, its Authorized Users, or others, or by improper use of equipment provided by the Subscriber. Authorized Users, or others.
- 2.19.8 The Subscriber must pay for the loss through theft or fire of any of Buckeye's equipment installed at Subscriber's premises.

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**2.20 Responsibilities of Authorized Users**

- 2.20.1** The Authorized User is responsible for compliance with the applicable regulations set forth in this tariff as well as all rules and regulations of the state utility commission and the FCC.
- 2.20.2** The Authorized User is responsible for identifying the station, party, or person with whom communication is desired and/or made at the called number.
- 2.20.3** The Authorized User is responsible for providing Buckeye with a valid method of billing for each call. Buckeye reserves the right to validate the credit worthiness of users through available credit card, calling card, called number, third party telephone number, and room number verification procedures. Where a requested billing method cannot be validated, the user may be required to provide an acceptable alternate billing method or Buckeye may refuse to place the call.

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**2.21 Responsibilities of Aggregators**

In addition to the responsibilities of Aggregators in their capacities as Subscribers, Aggregators must also adhere to the following requirements:

**2.21.1** Aggregators must post on the telephone instrument, in plain view of Authorized Users,

- (A) The name, address, and toll-free telephone number of the provider of operator services; and
- (B) A written disclosure that the rates for all operator-assisted calls are available on request, and that Authorized Users have a right to obtain access to the intrastate common carrier of their choice and may contact their preferred intrastate common carriers for information on accessing that carrier's service using that telephone; and
- (C) The name and address of the enforcement division the Federal Communications Commission, to which the Authorized User may direct complaints regarding Operator Services; and
- (D) Any other information required by state or federal regulatory agencies or law.

**2.21.2** Aggregators must ensure that each of its telephones presubscribed to a provider of operator services allows the Authorized User to use "800" and "950" access code numbers to obtain access to the provider of operator services desired by the Authorized User.

**2.21.3** Buckeye shall withhold payment (on a location-by-location basis) of any compensation, including commissions, to Aggregators if Buckeye reasonably believes that the Aggregator (i) is blocking access by means of "950" or "800" numbers to intrastate common carriers in violation of The Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1990 paragraph 3.4.1.B.; or (ii) is blocking access to equal access codes in violation of rules the Federal Communication Commission and/or the state Commission may prescribe.

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**2.22 Customer Inquiries or Complaints**

Customer inquiries or complaints regarding service or billings may be made in writing or phone to:

Customer Service  
Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.  
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5566 Southwyck Boulevard  
Toledo, Ohio 43614  
(800) 213-4237

Customers may contact the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission if he or she is dissatisfied with the Company's response. The Commission can be reached at:

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070  
(605) 773-3201  
(800) 332-1782  
TTY Through Relay South Dakota (800) 877-1113

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### SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

#### 3.1 General

Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem offers outbound long distance, operator assisted, in-bound toll free and travel card services to its customers. Rates for these services vary by product. All Buckeye services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Buckeye's Operator Assisted Service is provided for use by presubscribed Customers as well as transient Customers at host or Subscriber locations. Services arranged for the use of the transient public are subject to restrictions imposed by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and the Federal Communications Commission.

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**SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES, (CONT'D.)**

**3.2 Determination of Call Duration and Timing of Calls**

- 3.2.1** For Direct Dialed Calls and Operator Station Calls, chargeable time begins when the connection is established between the calling station and the desired telephone, attendant board, or private branch exchange console.
- 3.2.2** Chargeable time ends when the connection is terminated.
- 3.2.3** Chargeable time does not include the time lost because of known faults or defects in the service.
- 3.2.4** Timing periods for billing purposes are specified by service in this tariff. Where not specified, rates are charge in six (6) second increments, with a six (6) second minimum.
- 3.2.5** The Company will not bill for unanswered calls. When a Customer indicates that he/she was billed for an incomplete call, Buckeye will reasonably issue credit for the call.

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3.3 Time of Day Rate Periods

For time of day sensitive services, the appropriate rates apply for day, evening and night/weekend calls based on the following chart:

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
8:00 AM TO 4:59 PM	DAYTIME RATE PERIOD OR PEAK RATE PERIOD						
5:00 PM TO 10:59 PM	EVENING RATE PERIOD OR OFF PEAK RATE PERIOD						EVE
11:00 PM TO 7:59 AM	NIGHT/WEEKEND RATE PERIOD OR OFF PEAK RATE PERIOD						

3.3.1 Day, Evening, and Night/Weekend times are determined by the local time of the location of the calling service point. Chargeable time for a rate period (e.g. 8AM-5PM) begins with the first stated hour (8AM) and continues to, but does not include, the second stated hour (5PM). The rate applicable at the start of chargeable time at the calling station applies to the call during the duration of the call that is applicable to that time period. If a call begins in one discount period and ends in another, the initial period discount applied is the discount in effect at the time the call is established. The charge for each additional minute of usage is the additional minute billing rate of the rate period in which the beginning of each minute occurs.

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**3.3 Time of Day Rate Periods, (Cont'd.)**

**3.3.2** The time when connection is established is determined in accordance with the time - standard or daylight savings - legally or commonly in use at the location of the calling service point and determines whether Day, Evening, Night or Weekend rates apply. This rule applies whether the message is sent paid or collect and is applicable to interLATA direct dialed and operator assisted calls.

**3.3.3** The Evening rate applies to the holidays listed below unless a lower rate period is in effect.

New Year's Day	**
Martin Luther King Day	*
Memorial Day	*
Independence Day	**
Labor Day	*
Veterans Day	**
Thanksgiving Day	*
Christmas Day	**

\* = Applies to Federally recognized days only.

\*\* = If the holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday rates are applied to the following Monday. If the holiday falls on a Saturday, the holiday rates are applied to the preceding Friday.

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3.4 Calculation of Distance

For services which are distance sensitive, usage charges are based on the airtime distance between the serving wire center locations associated with the originating and terminating points of the call.

The distance between the originating and terminating points is calculated by using the "V" and "H" coordinates of the serving wire center as defined by Bellcore (Bell Communications Research) in the following manner:

Step 1: Obtain the "V" and "H" coordinates for the serving wire center of the Customer's switch and the destination point.

Step 2: Obtain the difference between the "V" coordinates of each of the serving wire centers. Obtain the difference between the "H" coordinates.

Step 3: Square the differences obtained in Step 2.

Step 4: Add the squares of the "V" difference and "H" difference obtained in Step 3.

Step 5: Divide the sum of the square obtained in Step 4 by two (2). Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction results from the division.

Step 6: Obtain the square root of the whole number obtained in Step 5. Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction is obtained. This is the distance between the originating and terminating serving wire centers of the call.

Formula:

$$\sqrt{\frac{(V^1 - V^2)^2 + (H^1 - H^2)^2}{2}}$$

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**SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES, (CONT'D.)**

**3.5 Buckeye TeleSystem Switched Outbound Residential and Commercial Service**

**3.5.1 Description**

Buckeye Telesystem's Switched Residential and Commercial Service is a pre-subscribed flat rate service.

Rates are charged in six (6) second increments. The minimum charge for each call is six (6) seconds. The Company policy is not to charge for emergency type services.

**3.6 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Outbound Service**

**3.6.1 Description**

Buckeye Telesystem's Dedicated Outbound Service is a pre-subscribed flat rate service. Loop and port charges are set forth in Section 3 herein. LEC charges for installation and monthly access apply.

Rates are charged in six (6) second increments. The minimum charge for each call is six (6) seconds. The Company policy is not to charge for emergency type services.

**3.7 Buckeye TeleSystem Switched Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Residential and Commercial Service**

**3.7.1 Description**

Buckeye Telesystem's Switched Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Residential and Commercial Service is a switched flat rate service.

Rates are charged in six (6) second increments, with a six (6) second minimum. The Company policy is not to charge for emergency type services.

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**3.8 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Service**

**3.8.1 Description**

Buckeye Telesystem's Dedicated Toll Free (8XX) Service is a dedicated flat rate service

Rates are charged in six (6) second increments, with a six (6) second minimum. The Company policy is not to charge for emergency type services.

**3.9 Buckeye TeleSystem Travel Card Service**

**3.9.1 Description**

Card Service(s) allows a Customer to place a long distance call to any geographical area in the United States from an access line and receive the bill for said call(s) placed on an assigned calling card billing number.

The Company's Travel Card is used for calling from any telephone to any valid telephone number in the United States. Call charges are billed to the Customer. Calls are billed in full minute increments.

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**3.10 Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service**

**3.10.1 Description**

Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service is offered to transmit data between locations. Frame Relay Service (FRS) is the provision of digital non-switched facility interconnections between Customer Designated Premises and/or for the provision of dedicated transmission paths to meet specific customer requirements. Standard bit rates of 64 kbps, 1.544 Mbps and 44.736 Mbps may be selected by the Customer. Certain non-standard configurations may be provided on an Individual Case Basis (ICB).

Packet Data Networks utilize separate data networks, comprised of switching and transmission facilities. The networks provide for the transfer of data provided by a Customer in a frame format. The data are separated into discreet segments for transmission through the public packet data network.

Frame Relay Service (FRS) is a medium-speed, connection-oriented packet-switched data service that allows for the interconnection of Local Area Networks (LANs) or other compatible customer premises equipment for the purpose of connecting to a local or intrastate frame relay network. Terminal equipment accumulates the Customer data and puts them into a frame relay format suitable for transmission over the FRS network. Terminal equipment must conform to the American National Standards Institute and Telecommunication Standardization Bureau of the International Telecommunication Standards.

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**3.10 Buckeye TeleSystem Private Relay Service (Conf'd.)**

**3.10.1 Description (cont'd.)**

The Company's provision of originating FRS requires an originating special access service connection from the Customer's local exchange carrier or alternative service provider to the Company's Point of Presence. At the request of the Customer, the Company will arrange for the special access service and will pass through the charges to the Customer that the Company incurs for such special access service. These charges are in addition to those listed herein.

The Customer also will be charged for the special access service arrangements that are required to terminate the Company's FRS. The Company shall arrange for direct terminating special access service arrangements from other carriers and will pass through the charges that the Company incurs for such terminating special access service from such carriers to the Customer. The terminating special access service charges are in addition to those listed herein.

Due to the need to arrange for special access facilities, the Company requires advanced notice of a Customer's order for FRS prior to the activation of FRS. Once the Customer's order for FRS is received, the Company will use its best efforts to activate FRS within 30 to 45 days. Upon notification to the Customer, the Company may extend the activation date of FRS to the Customer based on delays that the Company experiences in arranging for the special access.

**3.10.2 Ordering and Requirements**

FRS must be ordered by the Customer in writing and is subject to the conditions stated in the tariff. In addition, the Company shall assess a per-minute installation charge charge to set both hours.

A minimum of two FRS connections are required for date to be incorporated into any Customer designed program.

At the Customer's request, the Company will, at an additional charge, comprehensively test at the time of activation.

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**3.10 Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service, (Cont'd.)**

**3.10.3 Rate Categories and Regulations**

**(A) Frame Relay Connection**

The FRAC rate element recovers the cost associated with the communication path between the end user's premises and the Company frame relay switch. It consists of an end-user interface port (EUP) to the Company's network and a bundled access line. One FRAC charge applies per Customer designated premises at which the FRS connection is terminated. This applies even if the Customer designated premises and the frame relay switch are collocated. A Customer may order a port-only EUP service.

**(B) Frame Relay Inter-Network Connection**

The FRIC rate element recovers the costs associated with the communication path between the access Customer's (e.g. other common carrier, ILEC or IXC) customer designated premises and the frame relay switch.

FRIC includes the physical transmission facility between the Customer designated premises and the frame relay switch per this tariff, any interoffice transport that may apply, and the inter-network customer port (ICP) on the frame relay switch. One FRIC charge applies per Customer designated premises at which the FRS connection is terminated and applies even if the Customer designated premises and the frame relay switch are collocated. A Customer may order only an Inter-network Customer Port to interface between the frame relay switch network and another network provided by another common carrier which should be dedicated to a single Customer.

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**3.10 Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service, (Cont'd.)**

**3.10.3 Rate Categories and Regulations, (cont'd.)**

**(C) Frame Relay Ports**

- (1) End-User Port (EUP) charge is applied as a discreet rate element in conjunction with jointly-provided Special Access Service and is in addition to other applicable rates and charges stated in Section 3 herein. The EUP is the physical location in the Company's switch office where the transport facility of the end-user Customer connects to the FRS network. It specifies how a frame relay switch sends and receives data from a frame relay end-user Customer LAN or compatible Customer premises equipment. The end-user Customer must specify the appropriate speed so as to match the port and the associated transport facility.
  
- (2) Inter-network Customer Port (ICP) charge is applied as a discreet rate element in conjunction with jointly-provided Special Access Service and is in addition to other applicable rates and charges identified in Section 3 herein. The ICP is the physical network-to-network interface location where the transport facility of the access Customer connects to the Company's frame relay switch network.

The access Customer must specify the appropriate speed so as to match the port and the associated transport facility.

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**3.10 Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service, (Cont'd.)**

**3.10.3 Rate Categories and Regulations, (cont'd.)**

**(D) Permanent Virtual Connection (PVC)**

A PVC is a software defined link between two frame relay ports based on Customer specified Committed Information Rate (CIR). The CIR is a transmission speed specified by the Customer ranging from 64 Kbps to 44.736 Mbps. Customers will be provided with the capacity to transmit speeds up to two times the CIR with no guarantee of completion. Customer may order multiple PVCs on a given port subject to switch limitations. Customers anticipating non-simultaneous transmission may order CIRs assigned to these multiple PVCs, the sum of which may theoretically exceed the actual throughput of the port. However, when simultaneous transmission of multiple PVCs occurs, the total of the transmission rate (CIRs) may not exceed the actual throughput of the port.

A Standard Permanent Virtual Connection (SPVC) establishes a communications path between two ports within the Company's frame relay switch network.

An Extended Permanent Virtual Connection (EPVC) establishes a communications path between two ports on two interconnected (network-to-network) frame relay networks.

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**3.11 Buckeye Direct Dial Message Telecommunications Service**

Buckeye Direct Dial MTS allows Customers to place calls through the Buckeye network. Calls are billed in six (6) second increments with an initial period, for billing purposes, of six (6) seconds.

**3.12 Buckeye TeleSystem Operator Busy Line Verification/Interruption Service**

Upon request of a calling party, the operator will verify a busy condition on a called line. The operator will interrupt a call on the called line if the calling party indicates an emergency and/or requests interruption. A charge will apply when:

3.12.1 The operator verifies that the line is busy with a call in progress;

3.12.2 The operator verifies that the line is available for incoming calls;

3.12.3 The operator verifies that a called number is busy with a call in progress and the Customer requests interruption. The operator will then interrupt the call, advising the called party the name of the calling party; and

3.12.4 The operator has verified the line, and the called party has agreed to accept the interruption, the Customer is provided the option of completing an operator assisted call to the called station without hanging up or originating a separate call. Customers may accept or refuse the operator's offer to complete the call

Operator Station transport charges, Service charge and an Operator Dialed Surcharge will be applied to calls completed with the operator. Verification service provides operator assistance in determining if a called line is in use. Interruption service provides for operator interruption of a conversation in progression on a called line. The customer may request these services within the state, for a charge, where facilities are available by calling the operator.

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**3.13 Buckeye Operator Services, (Cont'd.)**

**3.13.1 Determination of Charges**

The charges for operator services are determined by the:

- time of day and day of week
- duration of call
- class of call

**3.13.2 Classes of Services**

Service is offered on a Dial Station, Customer Dialed Calling Card Station, Operator Station, and Person-to-Person basis. Day, Evening, Night and Weekend rates apply to all classes of service.

**3.13.3 Application of Operator Services Rates**

The total charge for each completed operator assisted call consists of the following charge elements: (a) a measured usage charge dependent on the duration, distance and time of day of the call; (b) a fixed Operator Service charge and/or surcharge for operator assisted calls, which will be dependent on the type of billing selected (i.e., calling card, third party or other) and/or the completion restriction selected (i.e. station-to-station or person-to-person). The usage charge element is specified as a rate per minute that applies to each minute of call duration, with a minimum charge for each call of one minute, and fractional minutes of use thereafter counted as one full minute or a portion thereof (incremental billing).

**3.13.4 Customer Dialed Calling Card**

This charge applies in addition to usage charges for calls billed to a Commercial Credit Card or Calling Card when the Customer dials all of the digits required to route and bill the Call.

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**3.13 Buckeye Operator Services, (Cont'd.)**

**3.13.5 Operator Station Charge**

This charge applies in addition to usage charges for calls placed with operator assistance, other than Customer Dialed Credit/Calling Card or Operator Dialed Calling Card and Person-to Person calls.

**3.13.6 Person-to-Person Charge**

This charge applies in addition to usage charges for calls placed to a particular party at the destination number. Charges do not apply unless the specified party or an acceptable substitute is available. Calls may be billed to a third number, credit/calling card or the called party (collect).

**3.13.7 Public Payphone Surcharge**

Operator Assisted calls originating from a Public Payphone will be charged the Public Payphone Surcharge listed in Section 4 - Rates.

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## SECTION 4 - RATES

### 4.1 General

Each Customer is charged individually for each call placed through the Company. Charges may vary by product type, time of day, day of week and call duration.

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**4.2 Buckeye TeleSystem Switched Outbound Residential and Commercial Service**

**4.2.1 Per Period Rates Usage Charges - Month to Month**

Volume Usage	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0144
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0142
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0141
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0139
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0138
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0136
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0135
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0134
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0132
\$44.99 - \$49.99	\$0.0131
\$50.00+	\$0.0129

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4.2 Buckeye TeleSystem Switched Outbound Residential and Commercial Service,  
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4.2.2 Term Plan

Customers who sign a term contract with the Company for periods outlined below will be eligible for the discounts indicated:

(A) Per Period Usage Charge - One Year Term Plan

One Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0128
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0126
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0125
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0123
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0122
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0121
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0119
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0118
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0116
\$45.00+	\$0.0115

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4.2 Buckeye TeleSystem Switched Outbound Residential and Commercial Service,  
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4.2.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)

(B) Per Period Usage Charge - Two Year Term Plan

Two Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0113
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0112
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0110
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0109
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0108
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0106
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0105
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0103
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0102
\$45.00+	\$0.0100

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4.2 Buckeye TeleSystem Switched Outbound Residential and Commercial Service,  
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4.2.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)

(C) Per Period Usage Charge - Three Year Term Plan

Three Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0099
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0098
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0096
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0095
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0093
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0092
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0090
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0089
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0087
\$45.00+	\$0.0086

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4.2.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)

(D) Per Period Usage Charge - Five Year Term Plan

Five Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0085
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0083
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0082
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0080
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0079
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0077
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0076
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0074
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0073
\$45.00+	\$0.0072

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4.2.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)

(E) Per Period Usage Charge - Six Year Term Plan

Six Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0070
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0069
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0067
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0066
\$20.00+	\$0.0064

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4.3 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Outbound Service

4.3.1 Per Period Rates Usage Charges - Month to Month

Volume Usage	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0090
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0089
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0088
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0087
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0086
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0085
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0084
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0083
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0082
\$44.99 - \$49.99	\$0.0081
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**4.3 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Outbound Service , (Cont'd.)**

**4.3.2 Term Plan**

Customers who sign a term contract with the Company for periods outlined below will be eligible for the discounts indicated:

**(A) Per Period Usage Charge - One Year Term Plan**

One Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0080
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0079
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0078
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0077
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0076
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0075
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0074
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0073
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0072
\$45.00+	\$0.0072

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4.3 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Outbound Service , (Cont'd.)

4.3.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)

(B) Per Period Usage Charge - Two Year Term Plan

Two Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0071
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0070
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0069
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0068
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0067
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0066
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0065
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0064
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0063
\$45.00+	\$0.0063

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4.3 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Outbound Service , (Cont'd.)

4.3.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)

(C) Per Period Usage Charge - Three Year Term Plan

Three Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0062
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0061
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0060
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0059
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0058
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0057
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0056
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0055
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0054
\$45.00+	\$0.0054

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4.3 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Outbound Service , (Cont'd.)

4.3.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)

(D) Per Period Usage Charge - Five Year Term Plan

Five Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0053
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0052
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0051
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0050
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0049
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0048
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0047
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0046
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0045
\$45.00+	\$0.0045

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4.3 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Outbound Service, (Cont'd.)

4.3.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)

(E) Per Period Usage Charge - Six Year Term Plan

Six Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0044
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0043
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0042
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0041
\$20.00+	\$0.0040

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4.4 Buckeye TeleSystem Switched Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Residential and Commercial Service

4.4.1 Per Period Rates Usage Charges - Month to Month

Volume Usage	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.1400
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.1386
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.1372
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.1358
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.1344
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.1330
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.1316
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.1302
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.1288
\$44.99 - \$49.99	\$0.1274
\$50.00+	\$0.1260

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**4.4 Buckeye TeleSystem Switched Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Residential and Commercial Service, (Cont'd.)**

**4.4.2 Term Plan**

Customers who sign a term contract with the Company for periods outlined below will be eligible for the discounts indicated:

**(A) Per Period Usage Charge - One Year Term Plan**

One Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.1246
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.1232
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.1218
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.1204
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.1190
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.1176
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.1162
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.1148
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.1134
\$45.00+	\$0.1120

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4.4 Buckeye TeleSystem Switched Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Residential and Commercial Service, (Cont'd.)

4.4.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)

(B) Per Period Usage Charge - Two Year Term Plan

Two Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.1106
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.1092
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.1078
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.1064
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.1050
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.1036
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.1022
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.1008
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0994
\$45.00+	\$0.0980

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**4.4 Buckeye TeleSystem Switched Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Residential and Commercial Service, (Cont'd.)**

**4.4.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)**

**(C) Per Period Usage Charge - Three Year Term Plan**

Three Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0966
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0952
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0938
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0924
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0910
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0896
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0882
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0868
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0854
\$45.00+	\$0.0840

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4.4.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)

(D) Per Period Usage Charge - Five Year Term Plan

Five Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0826
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0812
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0798
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0784
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0770
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0756
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0742
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0728
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0714
\$45.00+	\$0.0700

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**4.4 Buckeye TeleSystem Switched Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Residential and Commercial Service, (Cont'd.)**

**4.4.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)**

**(E) Per Period Usage Charge - Six Year Term Plan**

Six Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0686
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0672
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0658
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0644
\$20.00+	\$0.0630

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4.5 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Service

4.5.1 Per Period Rates Usage Charges - Month to Month

Volume Usage	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0015
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0014
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0014
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0014
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0014
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0014
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0014
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0014
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0013
\$44.99 - \$49.99	\$0.0013
\$50.00+	\$0.0013

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**4.5 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Service, (Cont'd.)**

**4.5.2 Term Plan**

Customers who sign a term contract with the Company for periods outlined below will be eligible for the discounts indicated:

**(A) Per Period Usage Charge - One Year Term Plan**

One Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0013
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0013
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0013
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0012
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0012
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0012
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0012
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0012
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0012
\$45.00+	\$0.0012

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4.5 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Service, (Cont'd.)

4.5.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)

(B) Per Period Usage Charge - Two Year Term Plan

Two Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0011
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0011
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0011
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0011
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0011
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0011
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0011
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0010
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0010
\$45.00+	\$0.0010

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4.5 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Service. (Cont'd.)

4.5.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)

(C) Per Period Usage Charge - Three Year Term Plan

Three Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0010
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0010
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0010
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0009
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0009
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0009
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0009
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0009
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0009
\$45.00+	\$0.0008

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4.5 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Service, (Cont'd.)

4.5.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)

(D) Per Period Usage Charge - Five Year Term Plan

Five Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0008
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0008
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0008
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0008
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0008
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0008
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0008
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0007
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0007
\$45.00+	\$0.0007

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4.5 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Service. (Cont'd.)

4.5.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)

(E) Per Period Usage Charge - Six Year Term Plan

Six Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0007
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0007
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0007
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0006
\$20.00+	\$0.0006

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4.6 Buckeye TeleSystem Travel Card Service

4.6.1 Per Minute Rates: \$0.204

4.6.2 Per Call Surcharge: \$0.010

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4.7 Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service

4.7.1 Rates

	Port Speed	PVC Charge	CIR 16K	CIR 56K	CIR 128K	CIR 256K
1	56K/64K	\$177.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
2	112K/128K	\$348.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
3	168K/192K	\$384.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
4	224K/256K	\$421.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
5	280K/320K	\$530.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
6	336K/384K	\$631.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
7	392K/448K	\$714.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
8	448K/512K	\$798.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
9	504K/576K	\$854.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
10	560K/640K	\$910.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
11	616K/704K	\$966.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
12	672K/768K	\$1,023.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
13	728K/832K	\$1,086.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
14	784K/896K	\$1,150.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
15	840K/960K	\$1,213.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04

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4.7 Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service, (Cont'd.)

4.7.1 Rates, (Cont'd.)

	Port Speed	PVC Charge	CIR 16K	CIR 56K	CIR 128K	CIR 384K
16	896K/1024K	\$1,276.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
17	952K/1088K	\$1,318.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
18	1008K/1152K	\$1,359.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
19	1064K/1216K	\$1,401.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
20	1120K/1280K	\$1,442.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
21	1176K/1344K	\$1,484.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
22	1232K/1408K	\$1,526.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
23	1288K/1472K	\$1,567.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
24	1344K/1536K	\$1,610.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
25	45Mbps/DS3	\$3,209.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04

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**4.7 Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service, (Cont'd.)**

**4.7.2 Term Plan**

Customers who sign a term contract with the Company for the periods outlined below will be eligible for the discounts indicated:

<b>Term Period</b>	<b>Discount</b>
Month-to-Month	0%
1 year	2%
2 year	4%
3 year	7%
5 year	9%

**4.7.3 Frame Relay Install/Change**

<b>Per Element (FRIC, FRAC, etc.)</b>	<b>Cost</b>
56 Kbps	\$152.00
64 Kbps	\$152.00
1.544 Mbps	\$175.00
44.736 Mbps	\$439.00

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4.8 Buckeye Direct Dial Message Telecommunications Service

4.8.1 Per Minute Rates

Mileage Range	Day		Evening		Night/Weekend	
	Initial Minute	Each Add'l Minute	Initial Minute	Each Add'l Minute	Initial Minute	Each Add'l Minute
All	\$0.2200	\$0.2200	\$0.1600	\$0.1600	\$0.1400	\$0.1400

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4.9 Buckeye TeleSystem Operator Assisted Services

4.9.1 Intrastate InterLATA Per Minute Usage Charges

Mileage Range	DAY		Evening		Night	
	First Minute	Add'l Minute	First Minute	Add'l Minute	First Minute	Add'l Minute
All	\$0.4000	\$0.4000	\$0.4000	\$0.4000	\$0.4000	\$0.4000

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4.10 Buckeye TeleSystem Operator Busy Line Verification/Interruption Service

4.10.1 Maximum Rates Per Request

Busy Line verification, per request	\$1.00
Interruption, per request	\$2.50

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4.11 Intrastate Operator Per Call Service Charges

4.11.1 Rates

Type of Service	Charge Per Call
<b>Customer Dialed Calling Card Station</b>	
Customer Dialed, Automated	\$1.44
Customer Dialed, Operator Assisted	\$4.25
Customer Dialed, Operator Must Assist	\$4.25
<b>Operator Dialed Calling Card Station</b>	\$4.25
<b>Operator Station</b>	
Collect, Automated	\$2.75
Collect, Operator Assisted	\$4.25
Billed to a Third Party, Automated	\$2.75
Billed to a Third Party, Operator Assisted	\$4.25
Sent Paid Non-Coin, Automated	\$2.75
Sent Paid Non-Coin, Operator Assisted	\$4.25
<b>Person-to-Person</b>	
Automated	\$6.80
Operator Assisted	\$6.25
<b>Public Payphone Surcharge</b>	\$0.30

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**SECTION 5 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES**

**5.1 Late Payment Charge**

A late fee of 1.5% per month will be charged on any past due balance.

**5.2 Return Check Charge**

A return check charge of \$20.00 will be assessed for checks returned for insufficient funds. Any applicable return check charges will be assessed according to the terms and conditions of this tariff and pursuant to South Dakota law and Commission regulations.

**5.3 Directory Assistance**

Directory Assistance is available to Customers of Buckeye TeleSystem service. A Directory Assistance charge applies to each call to the Directory Assistance Bureau. Up to two requests may be made on each call to Directory Assistance. The Directory Assistance charge applies to each call regardless of whether the Directory Assistance Bureau is able to furnish the requested telephone number.

Directory Assistance, Per Call:

IntraLATA	\$0.85
InterLATA	\$1.00

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## SECTION 6 - PROMOTIONS

### 6.1 Promotions - General

From time to time the Company shall, at its option, promote subscription or stimulate network usage by offering to waive some or all of the nonrecurring or recurring charges for the Customer (if eligible) of target services for a limited duration, not to exceed 90 days, or by offering premiums or refunds of equivalent value. Such promotions shall be made available to all similarly situated Customers in the target market area. All promotions will be filed with and approved by the Commission prior to offering them to Customers.

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## SECTION 7 - CONTRACT SERVICES

### 7.1 General

At the option of the Company, service may be offered on a contract basis to meet specialized requirements of the Customer not contemplated in this tariff. The terms of each contract shall be mutually agreed upon between the Customer and Company and may include discounts off of rates contained herein, waiver of recurring or nonrecurring charges, charges for specially designed and constructed services not contained in the Company's general service offerings, or other customized features. The terms of the contract may be based partially or completely on the term and volume commitment, type of originating or terminating access, mixture of services or other distinguishing features. Service shall be available to all similarly situated Customers for six months after the initial offering to the first contract Customer for any given set of terms.

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**Frame Relay Streamlined Data Communications**

Satisfy the response-time demands of data-intensive applications with the burst advantage that raises all data to full access channel speed. (From DS0 to DS3)

**Reliability:**

- (Company Background)
- (The Network)
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- (Data Conferencing)
- (Data Content Learning)
- (Business Services)
- (Customer Solutions)
- (Get Connected)
- (Service Attributes)
- (Web Links)
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- Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service utilizes the most technologically advanced recovery capability today. Four levels of built-in redundancy assure instant recovery.
- Standard features include 24-hour Network Control Center for overseeing operations at all times and 24-hour customer service.

**Responsiveness:**

- Instant bursting accommodates peak traffic loads and eliminates performance delay.
- Simplify network management.
- Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service provides unsurpassed system support by offering full-service coordination of local carriers.

**Single Source:**

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**National Asynchronous Transfer Mode Service (ATM) enhances the way you do business.**

Buckeye TeleSystem's high-speed ATM service lets your business do more in less time. Utilize multiple protocols with our cost-effective broadband services.

Buckeye TeleSystem ATM Solutions offer fast packet technology, real time, demand led switching for efficient use of network resources. ATM can handle heavy traffic.

Choose the bandwidth you need to increase your business processes, as well as set up links with branch offices, customers and suppliers. And there's always room to increase bandwidth.

**Solutions:**

- Large companies that need multimedia applications of voice, video, and data can

benefit from increased bandwidth with ATM.

- Internet Service Providers can utilize ATM for increased bandwidth to the Internet. ☺

**Reliability:**

- Buckeye TeleSystem ATM Services provide superior flexibility and let you consider solutions without worrying about bandwidth restrictions.

Let us show you how easy it is to upgrade to ATM.  
E-mail us for more information.

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**National Point-to-point Circuits for Direct Connections**

For mission critical, bandwidth hungry applications Buckeye TeleSystem point-to-point circuits offer dedicated transmission of data.

**Solutions:**

- Connect two or more facilities for the reliable, secure transmission of confidential data.
- A single line point to point connection is available, as well as a multi-point-to-point circuits. Whether your company has two or ten locations to connect Buckeye TeleSystem has the answer.

**Reliability:**

- Buckeye TeleSystem offers the most technologically advanced point-to-point options.

E-mail us for more information about point-to-point data solutions.

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**National Voice Services**

**No One Has More Business In Telecommunications.**

Buckeye TeleSystem is a global telecommunications company delivering voice services through state of the art technology. No matter where you call around the globe, you will be connected with one of the highest quality services

available in voice communications today.

**Carrier Services**

- **Switched**
  - Intralata
  - Intrastate
  - Interstate
  - International
  - Toll Free
- **Dedicated**
  - Intralata
  - Intrastate
  - Interstate

**Switchless Services**

- **Switched**
  - Intralata
  - Intrastate
  - Interstate
  - International
  - Toll Free
- **Dedicated**
  - Intralate
  - Intrastate
  - Interstate
  - International
  - Toll Free

E-mail us for more information about Buckeye TeleSystem voice services.

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**National Internet Service**

**Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Internet Service - Expand your product portfolio with global data service.**

**Reliability:**

- Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Internet Service is one of the most technologically advanced networks in the world.

**Responsiveness:**

- Conduct business more efficiently using the

Internet to market products, communicate via E-mail, conduct research, facilitate electronic data interchange (EDI) and provide product support to customers. The flexibility of the Internet allows you to choose the most useful format to best fit your customers' needs from data to multimedia files.

**Buckeye TeleSystem Dial-up Internet Service**  
If you're looking for reliable dial up service for your remote offices or as a back up for disaster recovery, our dial up service is dependable and cost effective.

E-mail us to learn more about Buckeye TeleSystem Internet services.

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### **National Private Network Services**

**Enjoy the features and functions of a private network without the complexity and expense.** Buckeye TeleSystem VPN offers a virtual solution that combines the efficiencies of a public network with the functionality of a private network.

#### **Reliability:**

- A software-defined voice-calling network that offers the appearance and functionality of a dedicated private network without the cost of a private network. This software accommodates different types of switched and dedicated access, has unique rates and discounts and can be tailored to meet the specific needs of your company.

#### **Responsiveness:**

- Routing capabilities offer the flexibility of a private network while basic service provides the new sophisticated technology associated with advanced routing features. This means you'll be able to meet your fast-paced business needs.

#### **Single Source:**

- Customers can replace private lines with a more cost-efficient virtual private network. Step up to the convenience of a private network without investing in related telecommunication equipment.

**Basic Features:**

- **Automatic On-Net Termination** - Enjoy the cost savings of on-net usage with 10-digit dialing.
- **Operator Services** - Receive information and assistance in dialing.
- **Comprehensive Service** - Your private network can include dedicated and switched sites.
- **Four call types:**
  - On-net to On-net requires dedicated access at both the originating and terminating ends.
  - On-net to Off-Net supports dedicated origination to switched termination.
  - Off-net to On-Net supports switched origination to dedicated termination.
  - Off Net to Off-Net supports switched origination to switched termination.
- **VPN Switched Digital Services** - If supported by the LEC, on-net and off-net switched data calls can be made.

**Advanced Routing:**

- **Alternate Routing** - Allows completion of calls to alternate destination during outage or busy condition.
- **Hotline** - Connect without dialing a number.
- **Survivability Routing** - Provides additional route choices in case of local loop failure.

**Dial Plan:**

- **Custom Network Address** - Customize your own intracompany dialing plan.
- **Variable Length Dialing** - Gives you the flexibility of 4 to 15 digits in your dialing plan.
- **700 +7-Digit Calling** - Allows Custom Network Access at locations without dedicated access.
- **Virtual On-Net** - Allows Custom Network Access at locations without dedicated access.

**Calling Privileges:**

- **Accounting Codes** - Up to 5 digits can be

validated or unvalidated.

- **Call Control/Override** - Control or limit the types of calls permitted.

#### **Invoicing and Reporting:**

- **"Bill Ready" File** - Customer specific traffic detail provided each month.
- **Simplicity** - Easily create and analyze reports for all your Sprint services and locations with Buckeye TeleSystem Billing Solution, user-friendly invoicing and management reporting platform designed specifically for the wholesale industry.

E-mail us for more information about Buckeye TeleSystem National Private Network Services.

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### **National Web Hosting Services**

#### **Enhanced Hosting Solutions For Your Business**

Buckeye TeleSystem offers the solutions your business needs to have an important presence in the Internet marketplace.

Web Hosting Services are ideal for companies wishing to have a corporate Internet Web presence for the purpose of providing Internet, extranet, or Intranet services to customers, partners, vendors, and employees.

#### **Solutions:**

- Utilize your company web site to promote, sell or communicate your business to the public.
- A company Intranet® can save time and money through online training, human resources, company communications and private newsgroups.
- An extranet can increase company productivity through communications with outside vendors for purchasing and procuring of supplies and materials.

Buckeye TeleSystem offers a wide menu of web hosting options. E-mail us to learn more.

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### **National Video Services**

Buckeye TeleSystem can help your business increase productivity and reduce costs through state of the art video conferencing solutions. Connect anywhere in the world with this simple system.

- Save time involved in planning and executing travel arrangements.
- Cut back on expensive air travel and hotel stays.
- Free up productive work time by having staff remain in the office.
- Bring decision-makers together between parties at both ends of the video conferencing session.

To learn more about how video conferencing can help your business, visit our get a quote page.

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### **National Audio Conferencing Services**

#### **Buckeye TeleSystem Toll Free Meet Me Audio Conferencing Automated**

You and your participants access the call by dialing your permanently assigned Automated Toll Free Meet Me number, and entering a private pass code. Entry and exit tones indicate when someone has entered or departed from the meeting.

#### **Buckeye TeleSystem Toll Free Meet Me Audio Conferencing Operator Assisted**

You and your participants access your conference call by dialing a permanently supplied Toll Free Meet Me number (800, 888, or 887 area codes) valid from anywhere in the United States. Operator help and other features are accessed using the buttons on your telephone keypad.

#### **Buckeye TeleSystem Operator Dial Out Audio Conferencing**

Your Buckeye TeleSystem Operator dials out to each participant on the conference call from a list of names and phone numbers that you supply. Once the conference has begun, operator assistance and other functions may be engaged by using your telephone keypad.



E-mail us to learn more about Buckeye TeleSystem Audio Conferencing Services.

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### **National E-Business Services**

#### **E-Commerce Solutions For Your Business**

Buckeye TeleSystem E-commerce Solutions bring together all of the components you need to establish a high-powered virtual storefront on the Internet. We supply the tools and infrastructure to support your online ventures. Market your products and services in an integrated e-commerce environment. Shopping, EDI, fulfillment and customer service can all be incorporated into your e-business strategy.

- Utilize your web site to its full potential.
- Provide an alternative sales channel and facilitate online buying.
- Expand market reach to customers and prospects around the globe.
- Gain efficiencies by offering more products to more customers.
- Create 24x7 selling opportunities.
- Secure, confidential transactions for your customers.

E-mail us to learn more about Buckeye TeleSystem E-Business Services.

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### **National Value Added Services**

Through our partnership with WAN Technologies, Buckeye TeleSystem offers managed network services such as the design and implementation of Wide Area Networks (WAN®) and Local Area Networks (LAN®).

- State-of-the-art networking products
- Consultative engineering
- Reliable network design and implementation

E-mail us to learn more about Buckeye TeleSystem Value Added Services.

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## **National Prepaid Calling Cards**

Buckeye TeleSystem Prepaid Calling Cards offer a number of significant advantages to consumers when compared with other long-distance telephone service options. These include:

### **Convenience**

- Carry it with you at home or abroad - You'll always have the same great service, 24 hours a day, every day.

### **Rechargeable**

- Buckeye TeleSystem Prepaid Calling Cards offer instant rechargeability. By calling a toll free number at any time, day or night, you can instantly add time to your card.

### **No Bills**

- Buckeye TeleSystem Prepaid Calling Cards eliminate monthly telephone bills, allowing you to exercise maximum control over your telecommunications costs.

### **Flat Rate Calling**

- No inflated first-minute charges and no additional surcharge per call. Your first minute will be billed at exactly the same rate as every minute you talk thereafter.

### **Unparalleled Service**

- Buckeye TeleSystem customer support operation was developed to provide the best possible service to our customers. Because we have dedicated, around-the-clock customer support 365 days a year, we can focus on assisting customers on a variety of issues such as recharge, international access, and fraud protection.

### **International Calling**

- Buckeye TeleSystem Prepaid Calling Cards can be used worldwide.

### **The Perfect Gift**

- Prepaid Calling Cards from Buckeye TeleSystem are the perfect gift for business associates, as incentive items to employees, or as a customer promotion.

For more information about Buckeye TeleSystem Prepaid Calling Cards.

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**Buckeye TeleSystem. Beyond A Phone Company.**

**ATTACHMENT V**  
**RESUMES OF MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

### **David G. Huey, President**

David G. Huey, President since 1997, received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from UT in 1970 and joined the Big Eight accounting firm of Ernst & Ernst. (Now Ernst & Young) following graduation. A certified Public Accountant, he was with Nicholson Industries from 1972 until 1984, first as Controller and later as Vice President of Administration.

He was then named Executive Vice President of Buckeye Cablevision, Inc., a sister company of Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. Mr. Huey held that position until 1990 when he was named President and General Manager of Buckeye. He is also President of Erie County Cablevision, in Sandusky, Ohio, and Monroe Cablevision, Inc., in Monroe, Michigan, both wholly-owned subsidiaries of Block Communications, Inc.

Mr. Huey is a Director of the Toledo Area Sanitary District and the Toledo Mud Hens, and serves on several boards of area organizations, notably the Corporation for Effective Government, Labor-Management Citizens Committee and the Medical College of Ohio.

### **Paul Shryock, Vice President**

Paul Shryock, Vice President, graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering in 1976, and is expected to complete work on an MBA from the University of Toledo this year. His career began with Ethyl Corporation in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he was involved in Operations Research and simulation work through the United States. He spent 9 years with Owens-Corning in both engineering and IS capacities. Mr. Shryock joined Buckeye Cablevision, Inc. in 1987 as the Director of IS. Mr. Shryock holds Professional Engineering licensure in the State of Ohio, and in the past in the States of South Carolina and Tennessee.

### **Brad Mefferd, Treasurer**

Brad Mefferd, a Certified Public Accountant joined the accounting firm of Ernst and Whinney (now Ernst and Young) as an Auditor upon graduation from Bowling Green State University in 1982. He was promoted to Audit Manager and left that firm to join Block Communications, Inc., in 1986 as Director of Financial Systems. He remained at Block Communications, the parent company of Buckeye, until he was appointed Buckeye Treasurer in 1990. He was named Treasurer of Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. when it was formed in 1994.

### **Fritz Byers, Secretary**

Fritz Byers is a graduate of Duke University and Harvard Law School. He has practiced law in Ohio since 1984, and has been General Counsel of Block Communications and its properties since 1990. Mr. Byers is licensed to practice before the Supreme Courts of the United States, Texas, and Ohio; the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia and the Fifth and Sixth Circuits, and the U.S. District Courts of the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio, the Eastern District of Michigan and the District of Columbia.

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**For the Period of January 4, 2001 through January 10, 2001**

If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact  
Delaine Kolbo within five business days of this filing. Phone: 605-773-3705 Fax: 605-773-3809

**CONSUMER COMPLAINTS**

**CT01-002**      **In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Robert E. Ellis, Florence, South Dakota,  
against OLS, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services.**

The complainant alleges that his long distance phone provider was switched without his knowledge or authorization and that he was without a long distance carrier for five days. The complainant requests that OLS be fined and the phone bill paid to AT&T for calls billed by OLS.

Staff Analyst: Charlene Lund  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 01/04/01  
Intervention Deadline: N/A

**ELECTRIC**

**EL01-001**      **In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. Requesting Authority to  
Incur Short-Term Debt.**

On January 4, 2001, Black Hills Power, Inc. filed an application requesting authority to incur short-term debt. South Dakota law at SDCL 49-34A-30 prohibits a public utility from incurring short-term indebtedness of more than 5 percent of the par value of other securities of the public utility then outstanding. In an Order from the Commission in Docket EL94-006, Black Hills Corporation (the predecessor-in-interest of Black Hills Power, Inc.) was relieved of the statutory limits of SDCL 49-34A-30, and was authorized to incur short-term debt of a total aggregate amount not to exceed 30% of its total capitalization. Due to corporate restructuring, any advances made under credit facilities that are currently in place could cause Black Hills Power, Inc. to exceed the short-term debt limitations placed upon it in EL94-006. Prior to August 31, 2001, Black Hills Corporation anticipates putting in place new credit facilities at the holding company level which will relieve Black Hills Power, Inc. from any obligation it has upon the creation of new credit facilities. Black Hills Power, Inc. is seeking an Order approving and authorizing 1) that Black Hills Power, Inc., is released and relieved of any statutory obligations under SDCL 49-34A-30; 2) that Black Hills Power, Inc. is relieved of the short-term indebtedness limitations set forth in Docket EL94-006 concerning the Order authorizing the incurrence of short-term debt; and 3) that Black Hills Power, Inc. shall not be subject to any short-term debt limitations prior to September 2, 2001, and as of that date, shall then be obligated to a short-term indebtedness obligation of not more than 30% of Black Hills Power, Inc.'s total capitalization, which is its equity and long-term indebtedness.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney  
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer  
Date Docketed: 01/04/01  
Intervention Deadline: 01/26/01

TC01-003

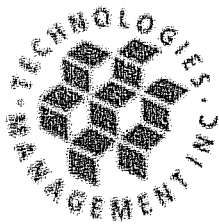
**In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Fourth Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Sprint Communications Company L.P.**

An amendment No. 4 to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Sprint) was filed with the Commission for the states of Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming for approval by the Commission. The agreement is a negotiated agreement with the parties adopting the negotiated interconnection agreement between Sprint and Qwest which was approved by the Commission effective November 21, 1997 in Docket No. TC97-149. The Amendment adds terms and conditions for the LIS Inter Local Calling Area (LCA) Facility. Any party wishing to comment on the agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the agreement no later than January 30, 2001. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Kelly D. Frazier  
Date Docketed: 01/10/01  
Initial Comments Due: 01/30/01

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Mr. William Bullard, Jr.  
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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

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Sioux Falls, SD  
57103-0200

**RE:** Data request response of Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.,  
d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem  
**Docket No. TC01 - 002**

Tel: (407) 740-8575  
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tms@tmsinc.com

Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten (10) copies of the data request response of Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. based upon a facsimile submitted by Mr. Keith Senger on February 9, 2001.

This filing contains corrected tariff Page No. 19 which removes reference to deposits and advanced payments.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date stamping the extra copy of this cover letter and returning it to me in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

Questions regarding this filing may be directed to me at (407) 740-8575. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Forte  
Consultant to Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: T. Dawson - Buckeye  
file: Buckeye - SD  
tms: SDi0100b

**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)**

**2.5 Deposits**

The Company does not require deposits from customers.

**2.6 Advance Payments**

The Company does not require advance payments from customers.

**2.7 Taxes**

All federal excise taxes, and state and local sales, use, and similar taxes, are billed as separate line items and are not included in the quoted rates, unless otherwise provided in Section 4 of this tariff.

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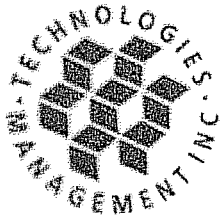
Issue Date: January 8, 2001

Effective Date:

Issued by:

David G. Huey - President  
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Dear Mr. Bullard:

Enclosed for filing are the original and ten (10) copies of the data request response of Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. based upon a facsimile submitted by Mr. Keith Senger on February 9, 2001.

This filing contains the Secretary of State Authorization for Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date stamping the extra copy of this cover letter and returning it to me in the self-addressed stamped envelope.

Questions regarding this filing may be directed to me at (407) 740-8575. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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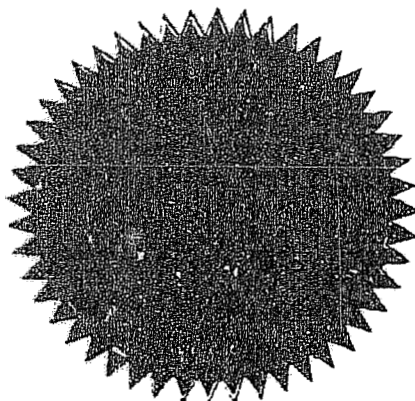
## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

### Certificate of Authority

I, **JOYCE HAZELTINE**, Secretary of State of the State of South Dakota, hereby certify that the Application for a Certificate of Authority of **TOLEDO AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC. (OH)** to transact business in this state duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of the South Dakota Corporation Acts, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

**ACCORDINGLY** and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I hereby issue this Certificate of Authority and attach hereto a duplicate of the application to transact business in this state.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, at Pierre, the Capital, this February 9, 2001.



**Joyce Hazeltine**  
Secretary of State

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )	ORDER GRANTING
TOLEDO AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS )	CERTIFICATE OF
SERVICES, INC. D/B/A BUCKEYE )	AUTHORITY
TELESYSTEM FOR A CERTIFICATE OF )	
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE )	TC01-002
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN )	
SOUTH DAKOTA )	

On January 8, 2001, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem (Toledo)

Toledo proposes to offer outbound direct dial, inbound toll free, travel card, frame relay and alternative operator assisted service. A proposed tariff was filed by Toledo. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On January 11, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 26, 2001, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its March 6, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered Toledo's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Toledo not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. Commission Staff further recommended a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(8).

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that Toledo has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Toledo has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. Further, the Commission finds that there is good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). The Commission approves Toledo's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Toledo not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Toledo's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Toledo not offer a prepaid calling card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission finds good cause to waive ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Toledo shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2001.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By	<u>Melaine Kelbo</u>
Date	<u>3/13/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

# SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

To Conduct Business As A Telecommunications Company  
Within The State of South Dakota

Authority was Granted as of the date of the  
Order Granting Certificate of Authority  
Docket No. TC01-002

*This is to certify that*

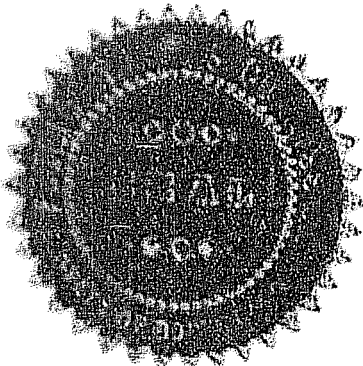
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D/B/A BUCKEYE TELESYSTEM**

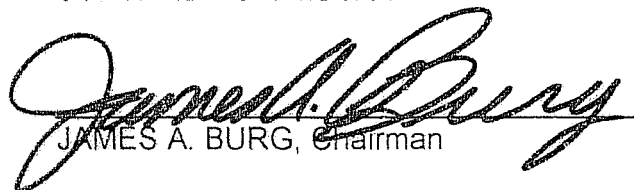
is authorized to provide interexchange telecommunications services in  
South Dakota, subject to the condition that it not offer a prepaid calling  
card or require deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the  
Commission.

This certificate is issued in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD  
20:10:24-02, and is subject to all of the conditions and limitations contained in the  
rules and statutes governing its conduct of offering telecommunications services.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2001.

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION:**



  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner