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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Ms. Pamela Bonrud
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Ave-Pierre, SD 57501-5070
(605) 773-3201

Re: Touchtone Communications Inc.

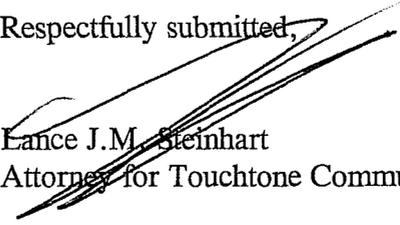
Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Enclosed please find one original and ten (10) copies of Touchtone Communications Inc.'s Application for Registration of a Telecommunications Company.

I have also enclosed a check in the amount of \$250.00 payable to the "South Dakota Public Utilities Commission" for the filing fee, and an extra copy of this cover letter to be date stamped and returned to me in the enclosed self-addressed prepaid envelope.

If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,


Lance J.M. Steinhart
Attorney for Touchtone Communications Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Marcello Anzalone

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION
 OF TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC.
 FILED WITH THE
 SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
 APPLICATION OF)
 TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC.)
)
 FOR AN ORDER) Docket No.
 AUTHORIZING THE REGISTRATION)
 OF APPLICANT AS A)
 TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY)

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APPLICATION

Application is hereby made to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for an Order authorizing Touchtone Communications Inc. ("Applicant") to register as a telecommunications company within the State of South Dakota. The following information is furnished in support thereof:

1. Name, Address and Telephone Number of Applicant:

Touchtone Communications Inc.
 16 South Jefferson Road
 Whippany, New Jersey 07981
 Telephone: (973) 739-9300
 Toll-Free Customer Service: (800) 266-4006

2. The name under which the Applicant will provide these services if different than in 1. above:

Touchtone Communications Inc.

3. Applicant's corporate information:

Applicant was organized in the State of Delaware on January 30, 2002. A copy of the Applicant's Certificate of Incorporation is attached hereto as Exhibit A. A copy of Applicant's Certificate of Authority to transact business as a foreign corporation in the State of South Dakota is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

The Applicant has no principal office in South Dakota. The name and address of the Applicant's registered agent is:

TCS Corporate Services, Inc.
C/O Marilyn Person
819 West Third
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

The names and address of each corporation, association, partnership, cooperative, or individual holding a 20% or greater ownership or management interest in the Applicant corporation and the amount and character of the ownership or management interest are as follows:

Name and Address	Shares Owned	Percentage of all Shares Issued and Outstanding and Voting Control
Giuseppe Bio	50	50%
Gregory Glodek	50	50%

All of the above can be reached through the company as set forth in Section 1 above.

4. Partnership Information:

Not Applicable.

5. Description of Services Applicant intends to offer:

Applicant is a reseller which intends to offer interexchange services, including 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, directory assistance, data services and travel card service.

6. Means by which the Applicant intends to provide services:

Applicant does not own or maintain any transmission facilities or switching equipment in the State of South Dakota. The Applicant will provide services through Qwest and Global Crossing, its underlying carriers. As a reseller, Applicant has no points of presence in the State of South Dakota, thus Applicant neither owns, leases, nor operates any switching, transmission, or other physical facilities in the State of South Dakota, and no such facilities will be used by Applicant in providing service in the State of South Dakota. Rather, Applicant will be engaged in reselling services provided by facilities-based carriers within the State of South Dakota.

7. Geographic Areas in which services will be offered:

Applicant intends to provide services on a statewide basis.

8. Financial Qualifications:

Applicant is financially qualified to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services within South Dakota. In particular, Applicant has adequate access to the capital necessary to fulfill any obligations it may undertake with

respect to the provision of intrastate telecommunications services in the State of South Dakota. See Exhibit C, which is attached hereto, Applicant's Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2002 and the Income Statement for the period ending August 31, 2002, which demonstrates that Applicant has the financial ability to provide the services that it proposes to offer. Applicant hereby respectfully requests a waiver of ARSD 20:10:24:02(8) to the extent it requires applicant to file a current balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statements, since the company does not prepare a cash flow statement in the ordinary course of business.

The Applicant will not require advance payments, prepayments, deposits, nor will it offer prepaid calling cards, therefore, a surety bond is not required.

9. Applicant's complaints and regulatory matters contact and how Applicant handles customer billings and customer service matters.

All inquiries regarding regulatory matters should be addressed to:

Gary Glodek, Director, Retail Operations
16 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, New Jersey 07981
Telephone: (973) 739-9300
Facsimile: (973) 739-9366
E-Mail: support@touchtone.net

All inquiries regarding complaints should be addressed to:

Christina Bentley, Manager, Customer Service
16 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, New Jersey 07981
Telephone: (973) 739-9300; (800) 266-4006 (toll-free)
Facsimile: 973-739-9366
E-Mail: cbentley@touchtone.net

The Applicant's customers will be direct billed utilizing "real-time" completed call detail information from Applicant's underlying carriers. Applicant's toll-free number will be on all invoices and customer service will be provided in-house by the Applicant.

10. Regulatory Status:

Applicant is currently in the process of obtaining all required authorizations from the state regulatory agencies. Applicant is currently authorized to provide service in Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin.

The Applicant is in good standing with the appropriate regulatory agency in the states where it is registered or certified. The Applicant has never been denied registration or certification nor withdrawn its request for registration or certification in any state.

11. Description of Marketing

Applicant intends to market its services to primarily to residential customers and to small to mid-sized businesses. All sales personnel will have telecommunications service experience.

Applicant will market through direct sales by employees and agents. Applicant does not intend to engage in multilevel marketing at this time. Applicant's marketing materials are currently being developed and are not available at this time.

12. Cost Support:

Applicant intends to provide services at a price above its cost.

13. Federal Tax Identification Number:

37-1418502

14. The Number and Nature of Complaints filed against the Applicant with any state or federal regulatory commission regarding the unauthorized switching of a customer's telecommunications provider and the act of charging customers for services that have not been ordered:

None

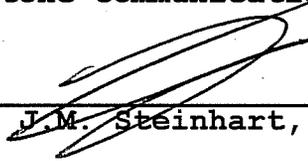
15. Tariff

A copy of Applicant's proposed tariff is attached hereto as Exhibit E.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned Applicant requests that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission enter an order granting this application.

DATED this 21 day of June, 2003.

Touchtone Communications Inc.

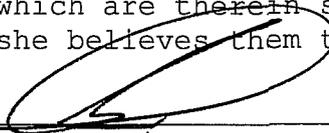
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State of New Jersey

County of Morris

Giuseppe Bio, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is the President of Touchtone Communications Inc., the Applicant in the proceeding entitled above, that he/she has read the foregoing application and knows the contents thereof; that the same are true of his/her knowledge, except as to matters which are therein stated on information or belief, and to those matters he/she believes them to be true.

X 

Giuseppe Bio
President

X Subscribed and sworn to before this 18th day of November 2003.

Denise DiDomenico
Notary Public

Denise DiDomenico
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
May 16, 2008

My Commission expires: _____

LIST OF EXHIBITS

- A - CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION**
- B - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY**
- C - MARKETING MATERIAL**
- D - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**
- E - PROPOSED TARIFF**

EXHIBIT A - CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC.

THE UNDERSIGNED, in order to form a corporation for the purposes hereinafter stated, under and pursuant to the provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, does hereby certify as follows:

1. The name of the corporation is:

TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC.

2. The address of the registered office of the corporation in the State of Delaware is 2 West Lockerman Street, P.O. Box 1298, Dover, Kent County, De 19903 and the registered agent in charge thereof is Registered Office Service Company.

3. The purpose of the corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law of Delaware.

4. The corporation is authorized to issue capital stock to the extent of:

One Thousand (1,000) Shares Without Par Value

5. The Board of Directors is authorized and empowered to make, alter, amend and rescind the By-Laws of the corporation, but By-Laws made by the Board may be altered or repealed, and new By-Laws made, by the stockholders.

6. Election of directors need not be by written ballot unless so provided in the By-Laws of the corporation.

7. No Director shall be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a Director, provided that this provision shall not eliminate the liability of a Director (i) for any breach of the Director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under section 174 of the General Corporation Law or (iv) for any transaction from which the Director derived an improper personal benefit.

8. Except as otherwise required by statute, the books and records of the corporation may be kept outside of the State of Delaware at such place or places as provided in the By-Laws of the corporation or from time to time designated by the Board of Directors.

9. The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

R. W. Worthington, Jr.

2021 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporator has hereunder set his hand and seal this 30th day of January, 2002.

R. W. Worthington, Jr.
R. W. Worthington, Jr.

EXHIBIT B - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

State of South Dakota



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

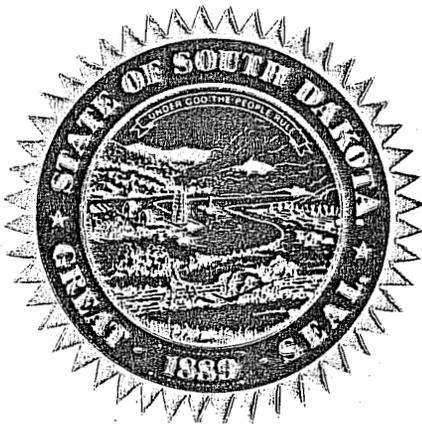
Certificate of Authority

ORGANIZATIONAL ID #: FB027957

I, **Chris Nelson**, Secretary of State of the State of South Dakota, hereby certify that the Application for a Certificate of Authority of **TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC. (DE)** 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 November 26, 2003.



Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson
Secretary of State

EXHIBIT C - MARKETING MATERIAL
Not Available

EXHIBIT D - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

08/30/2002

Touchtone Communications Inc
BALANCE SHEET
August 31, 2002

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ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Checking Account	\$	62,889.01
Petty Cash		<u>1,575.00</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$ 64,464.01

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Equipment	\$	540.60
Furniture and Fixtures		<u>(33.92)</u>

TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT \$ 506.68

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 64,970.69
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08/30/2002

Touchtone Communications Inc
BALANCE SHEET
August 31, 2002

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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$	(1,118.09)
Sales Taxes Payable		(10,762.94)
PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE		<u>(5,381.89)</u>

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES \$ (17,262.92)

EQUITY

NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$	<u>82,233.61</u>
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TOTAL EQUITY \$ 82,233.61

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$ 64,970.69
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Touchtone Communications Inc
INCOME STATEMENT
For The Period

	July 01, 2002 To <u>August 31, 2002</u>	January 01, 2002 To <u>August 31, 2002</u>
SALES		
Sales	\$ <u>595,832.26</u>	\$ <u>595,832.26</u>
Total SALES	\$ 595,832.26	\$ 595,832.26
COST OF SALES		
Local Access Charges (clec)	\$ 3,091.59	\$ 3,091.59
LEC Special Services	40.83	40.83
PICC	383.40	383.40
ISP Network Expense	1,430.00	1,430.00
Carrier Fees	297,374.81	297,374.81
Billing Expense	3,947.11	3,947.11
Inquiry Fees	8.04	8.04
Customer Credit	<u>593.50</u>	<u>593.50</u>
Total COST OF SALES	\$ <u>306,869.28</u>	\$ <u>306,869.28</u>
Total GROSS PROFIT	\$ 288,962.98	\$ 288,962.98
SELLING EXPENSES		
Advertising	\$ 8,754.77	\$ 8,754.77
Travel	<u>2,106.52</u>	<u>2,106.52</u>
Total SELLING EXPENSES	\$ 10,861.29	\$ 10,861.29
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE		
Net Payroll	\$ 32,422.08	\$ 32,422.08
Payroll Tax	47,639.73	47,639.73
Agent Commissions	23,446.09	23,446.09
Fuel	243.09	243.09
Bank Service Charges	0.34	0.34
Consultant Expense	150.00	150.00
Credit Card Services	225.00	225.00
State and Federal Licence	11,310.00	11,310.00
Equipment Leasing	478.04	478.04
Utilities	1,493.02	1,493.02
Insurance - Employee Group	9,461.63	9,461.63
Internet Expense	30.00	30.00
Legal & Accounting	21,251.58	21,251.58

Touchtone Communications Inc
INCOME STATEMENT
For The Period

	July 01, 2002 To <u>August 31, 2002</u>	January 01, 2002 To <u>August 31, 2002</u>
Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 75.20	\$ 75.20
Office Expense	1,370.57	1,370.57
Office Supply Expense	3,994.24	3,994.24
Outside Services	4,385.30	4,385.30
Dun & Bradstreet	415.29	415.29
Printing Expense	3,482.88	3,482.88
Postage Expense	15,890.73	15,890.73
Rent Expense	8,869.58	8,869.58
Telephone	2,385.55	2,385.55
Meals & Entertainment	2,093.95	2,093.95
Travel	25.00	25.00
Trade Show (registratio/misc.)	<u>4,729.19</u>	<u>4,729.19</u>
Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ <u>195,868.08</u>	\$ <u>195,868.08</u>
Total NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$ <u>82,233.61</u>	\$ <u>82,233.61</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TAX	\$ <u>82,233.61</u>	\$ <u>82,233.61</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ <u>82,233.61</u> =====	\$ <u>82,233.61</u> =====

EXHIBIT E - PROPOSED TARIFF

TITLE SHEETSOUTH CAROLINA TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service or facilities for Telecommunications Services furnished by Touchtone Communications Inc. ("TTCI"), with principal offices at 16 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, New Jersey 07981. This tariff applies for services furnished within the State of South Carolina. This tariff is on file with the South Carolina Public Service Commission, and copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the company's principal place of business.

Issued:**By:****Effective:**
Gary Glodek, Director, Retail Operations
16 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, New Jersey 07981

Phone No.: (973) 739-9300, E-Mail Address: support@touchtone.net

CONCURRING, CONNECTING OR
OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

1. Concurring Carriers - None
2. Connecting Carriers - None
3. Other Participating Carriers - None

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CHECK SHEET

The Sheets of this tariff are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheet(s). Original and revised sheets as named below comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this sheet.

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TARIFF FORMAT

A. Sheet Numbering: Sheet numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Sheets 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 pages 11 and 12 would be page 11.1.

B. Sheet Revision Numbers: Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each sheet where applicable. These numbers are used to indicate the most current page version on file with the Commission. For example, 4th Revised Sheet 13 cancels 3rd Revised Sheet 13. Consult the Check Sheet for the sheets currently in effect.

C. Paragraph Numbering Sequence: There are nine levels of paragraph coding. Each level of coding is subservient to its next higher level:

- 2.
- 2.1
- 2.1.1
- 2.1.1.A
- 2.1.1.A.1
- 2.1.1.A.1.(a)
- 2.1.1.A.1.(a).I
- 2.1.1.A.1.(a).I.(i)
- 2.1.1.A.1.(a).I.(i).(1)

D. Check Sheets: When a tariff filing is made with the Commission, an updated Check Sheet accompanies the tariff filing. The Check Sheet lists the sheets contained in the tariff, with a cross reference to the current Revision Number. When new sheets are added, the Check Sheet is changed to reflect the revision. All revisions made in a given filing are designated by an asterisk (*). There will be no other symbols used on this sheet if these are the only changes made to it (i.e., the format, etc. remains the same, just revised revision levels on some sheets). The tariff user should refer to the latest Check Sheet to find out if a particular sheet is the most current on Commission file.

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SYMBOLS

The following are the only symbols used for the purposes indicated below:

- D - Delete or Discontinue
- I - Change Resulting In An Increase to A Customer's Bill
- M - Moved from Another Tariff Location
- N - New
- R - Change Resulting In A Reduction to A Customer's Bill
- T - Change in Text or Regulation But No Change In Rate or Charge

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SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Access Line - An arrangement from a local exchange telephone company or other common carrier, using either dedicated or switched access, which connects a Customer's location to the Company's location or switching center.

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 Customer so it may rate and bill the call. Automatic number identification (ANI) is used as the authorization code wherever possible.

Commission - Used throughout this tariff to mean the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

Company or TTCI - Used throughout this tariff to mean Touchtone Communications Inc., a Delaware Corporation.

Customer - The person, firm, corporation or other legal entity which orders the services of the Company and is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with the Company's tariff regulations.

Dedicated Access - The Customer gains entry to the Company's services by a direct path from the customer's location to the company's point of presence.

Holiday - New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Holidays shall be billed at the evening rate from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. After 11 p.m., the lower night rate shall go into effect.

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Resp. Org - Responsible Organization or entity identified by a Toll-Free service Customer that manages and administers records in the toll free number database and management system.

Switched Access - The Customer gains entry to the company's services by a transmission line that is switched through the local exchange carrier to reach the company's point of presence.

Telecommunications - The transmission of voice communications or, subject to the transmission capabilities of the services, the transmission of data, facsimile, signaling, metering, or other similar communications.

Underlying Carrier - The telecommunications carrier whose network facilities provide the technical capability and capacity necessary for the transmission and reception of Customer telecommunications traffic.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS**2.1 Undertaking of the Company**

This tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to intrastate interexchange telecommunications services provided by the Company for telecommunications between points within the State of South Carolina. Services are furnished subject to the availability of facilities and subject to the terms and conditions of this tariff in compliance with limitations set forth in the Commission's rules. The Company's services are provided on a statewide basis and are not intended to be limited geographically. The Company offers service to all those who desire to purchase service from the Company consistent with all of the provisions of this tariff. Customers interested in the Company's services shall file a service application with the Company which fully identifies the Customer, the services requested and other information requested by the Company. The Company reserves the right to examine the credit record and check the references of all applicants and Customers prior to accepting the service order. The Company may act as the Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to a service provided by the Company. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangement. Any marketing efforts will clearly indicate to potential customers the nature of the transaction which is being offered. Materials submitted to prospective customers will clearly indicate that those customers will be changing their long distance carrier if they accept such solicitation. As a telephone utility under the regulation of the Commission, the Company does hereby assert and affirm that as a reseller of intrastate telecommunications services it shall not indulge or participate in deceptive or misleading telecommunications marketing practices to the detriment of consumers in South Carolina, and it shall comply with those marketing procedures, if any, set forth by the Commission. Additionally, the Company shall be responsible for the marketing practices of its contracted telemarketers and for their compliance with this provision. The Company understands that violation of this provision could result in a rule to show cause as to the withdrawal of its

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certification to complete intrastate telecommunications traffic within the State of South Carolina.

- 2.1.1 The services provided by the Company are not part of a joint undertaking with any other entity providing telecommunications channels, facilities, or services, but may involve the resale of the Message Toll Services (MTS) and Wide Area Telecommunications Services (WATS) of underlying common carriers subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- 2.1.2 The rates and regulations contained in this tariff apply only to the services furnished by the Company and do not apply, unless otherwise specified, to the lines, facilities, or services provided by a local exchange telephone company or other common carriers for use in accessing the services of the Company.
- 2.1.3 The Company reserves the right to limit the length of communications, to discontinue furnishing services, or limit the use of service necessitated by conditions beyond its control, including, without limitation: lack of satellite or other transmission medium capacity; the revision, alteration or repricing of the Underlying Carrier's tariffed offerings; or when the use of service becomes or is in violation of the law or the provisions of this tariff.

2.2 Use of Services

- 2.2.1 The Company's services may be used for any lawful purpose consistent with the transmission and switching parameters of the telecommunications facilities utilized in the provision of services, subject to any limitations set forth in this Section 2.2.

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- 2.2.2 The use of the Company's services to make calls which might reasonably be expected to frighten, abuse, torment, or harass another or in such a way as to unreasonably interfere with use by others is prohibited.
- 2.2.3 The use of the Company's services without payment for service or attempting to avoid payment by fraudulent means or devices, schemes, false or invalid numbers, or false calling or credit cards is prohibited.
- 2.2.4 The Company's services are available for use 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
- 2.2.5 The Company does not transmit messages, but the services may be used for that purpose.
- 2.2.6 The Company's services may be denied for nonpayment of charges or for other violations of this tariff.
- 2.2.7 Customers shall not use the service provided under this tariff for any unlawful purpose.
- 2.2.8 The Customer is responsible for notifying the Company immediately of any unauthorized use of services.

2.3 Liability of the Company

- 2.3.1 The Company shall not be liable for any claim, loss, expense or damage for any interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect in any service, facility or transmission provided under this tariff, if caused by the Underlying Carrier, an act of God, fire, war, civil disturbance, act of government, or due to any other causes beyond the Company's control.

The Company shall comply with the Rules and Regulations contained in the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's Telecommunications Utilities Regulations.

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- 2.3.2 The Company shall not be liable for, and shall be fully indemnified and held harmless by the Customer against any claim, loss, expense, or damage for defamation, libel, slander, invasion, infringement of copyright or patent, unauthorized use of any trademark, trade name or service mark, proprietary or creative right, or any other injury to any person, property or entity arising out of the material, data or information transmitted.
- 2.3.3 No agent or employee of any other carrier or entity shall be deemed to be an agent or employee of the Company.
- 2.3.4 The Company's liability for damages, resulting in whole or in part from or arising in connection with the furnishing of service under this tariff, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, or other defects or misrepresentations shall not exceed an amount equal to the charges provided for under this tariff for the long distance call for the period during which the call was affected. No other liability in any event shall attach to the Company.
- 2.3.5 The Company shall not be liable for and shall be indemnified and saved harmless by any Customer or by any other entity from any and all loss, claims, demands, suits, or other action or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any Customer or any other entity for any personal injury to, or death of, any person or persons, and for any loss, damage, defacement or destruction of the premises of any Customer or any other entity or any other property whether owned or controlled by the Customer or others.
- 2.3.6 The Company shall not be liable for any indirect, special, incidental, or

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consequential damages under this tariff including, but not limited to, loss of revenue or profits, for any reason whatsoever, including the breakdown of facilities associated with the service, or for any mistakes, omissions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission occurring during the course of furnishing service.

2.3.7 The remedies set forth herein are exclusive and in lieu of all other warranties and remedies, whether express, implied, or statutory, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

2.3.8 The Company shall comply with the rules and regulations contained in the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's telecommunications utilities regulations.

2.4 Responsibilities of the Customer

2.4.1 The Customer is responsible for placing any necessary orders and complying with tariff regulations. The Customer is also responsible for the payment of charges for services provided under this tariff.

2.4.2 The Customer is responsible for charges incurred for special construction and/or special facilities which the Customer requests and which are ordered by the Company on the Customer's behalf.

2.4.3 If required for the provision of the Company's services, the Customer must provide any equipment space, supporting structure, conduit and electrical power without charge to the Company.

2.4.4 The Customer is responsible for arranging access to its premises at times mutually agreeable to the Company and the Customer when required for Company personnel to install, repair, maintain, program, inspect or remove equipment associated with the provision of the Company's services.

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- 2.4.5 The Customer shall cause the temperature and relative humidity in the equipment space provided by Customer for the installation of the Company's equipment to be maintained within the range normally provided for the operation of microcomputers.
- 2.4.6 The Customer shall ensure that the equipment and/or system is properly interfaced with the Company's facilities or services, that the signals emitted into the Company's network are of the proper mode, bandwidth, power and signal level for the intended use of the subscriber and in compliance with criteria set forth in this tariff, and that the signals do not damage equipment, injure personnel, or degrade service to other Customers. If the Federal Communications Commission or some other appropriate certifying body certifies terminal equipment as being technically acceptable for direct electrical connection with interstate communications service, the Company will permit such equipment to be connected with its channels without the use of protective interface devices. If the Customer fails to maintain the equipment and/or the system properly, with resulting imminent harm to the Company equipment, personnel or the quality of service to other Customers, the Company may, upon written notice, require the use of protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this fails to produce satisfactory quality and safety, the Company may, upon written notice, terminate the Customer's service.
- 2.4.7 The Customer must pay the Company for replacement or repair of damage to the equipment or facilities of the Company caused by negligence or willful act of the Customer or others, by improper use of the services, or by use of equipment provided by Customer or others.

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- 2.4.8 The Customer must pay for the loss through theft of any Company equipment installed at Customer's premises.
- 2.4.9 If the Company installs equipment at Customer's premises, the Customer shall be responsible for payment of any applicable installation charge.
- 2.4.10 The Customer must use the services offered in this tariff in a manner consistent with the terms of this tariff and the policies and regulations of all state, federal and local authorities having jurisdiction over the service.

2.5 Cancellation or Interruption of Services

- 2.5.1 Without incurring liability, upon five (5) working days' (defined as any day on which the company's business office is open and the U.S. Mail is delivered) written notice to the Customer, the Company may immediately discontinue services to a Customer or may withhold the provision of ordered or contracted services:
- 2.5.1.A For nonpayment of any sum due the Company for more than thirty (30) days after issuance of the bill for the amount due,
- 2.5.1.B For violation of any of the provisions of this tariff,
- 2.5.1.C For violation of any law, rule, regulation, policy of any governing authority having jurisdiction over the Company's services, or
- 2.5.1.D By reason of any order or decision of a court, state or federal regulatory body or other governing authority prohibiting the Company from furnishing its services. Service will be terminated only on Monday through Thursday between the

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hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm unless provisions have been made to have someone available to accept payment and reconnect service.

2.5.2 Without incurring liability, the Company may interrupt the provision of services at any time in order to perform tests and inspections to assure compliance with tariff regulations and the proper installation and operation of Customer and the Company's equipment and facilities and may continue such interruption until any items of noncompliance or improper equipment operation so identified are rectified.

2.5.3 Service may be discontinued by the Company without notice to the Customer, by blocking traffic to certain countries, cities or NXX exchanges, or by blocking calls using certain Customer authorization codes, when the Company deems it necessary to take such action to prevent unlawful use of its service. The Company will restore service as soon as it can be provided without undue risk, and will, upon request by the Customer affected, assign a new authorization code to replace the one that has been deactivated.

2.5.4 The Customer may terminate service upon thirty (30) days written or oral notice for the Company's standard month to month contract. Customer will be liable for all usage on any of the Company's service offerings until the Customer actually leaves the service. Customers will continue to have Company usage until the Customer notifies its local exchange carrier and changes its long distance carrier. Until the Customer so notifies its local exchange carrier, it shall continue to generate and be responsible for long distance usage.

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2.6 Credit Allowance

- 2.6.1 Credit may be given for disputed calls, on a per call basis.
- 2.6.2 Credit shall not be issued for unavailability of long distance services.

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2.7 Restoration of Service

The use and restoration of service shall be in accordance with the priority system specified in part 64, Subpart D of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.

2.8 Deposit

The Company does not require deposits.

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2.9 Payment and Billing

- 2.9.1 Service is provided and billed on a billing cycle basis, beginning on the date that service becomes effective. Billing is payable upon receipt.
- 2.9.2 The customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services furnished to the Customer, as well as to all persons using the Customer's codes, exchange lines, facilities, or equipment, with or without the knowledge or consent of the Customer. The security of the Customer's Authorization Codes, presubscribed exchange lines, and direct connect facilities is the responsibility of the Customer. All calls placed using direct connect facilities, presubscribed exchange lines, or Authorization Codes will be billed to and must be paid by the Customer. Charges based on actual usage during a month and any accrued interest will be billed monthly in arrears.
- 2.9.3 All bills are presumed accurate, and shall be binding on the customer unless objection is received by the Company in writing or orally within the applicable statute of limitations. No credits, refunds, or adjustments shall be granted if demand therefore is not received by the Company in writing within such limitation period.

2.10 Collection Costs

In the event Company is required to initiate legal proceedings to collect any amounts due to Company for regulated or non-regulated services, equipment or facilities, or to enforce any judgment obtained against a Customer, or for the enforcement of any other provision of this tariff or applicable law, Customer shall, in addition to all amounts due, be liable to Company for all reasonable costs incurred by Company in such proceedings and enforcement actions, including

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reasonable attorneys' fees, collection agency fees or payments, and court costs. In any such proceeding, the amount of collection costs, including attorneys' fees, due to the Company, will be determined by the court.

2.11 Taxes

All federal, state and local taxes, assessments, surcharges, or fees, including sales taxes, use taxes, and municipal utilities taxes, are billed as separate line items and are not included in the rates quoted herein.

2.12 Late Charge

A one-time late fee of 1.5% monthly or the amount otherwise authorized by law, whichever is lower, may be added to any unpaid balance brought forward from the previous month's billing date.

2.13 Returned Check Charge

A fee will be charged whenever a check or draft presented for payment for service is not accepted by the institution on which it is written, however, the charge may equal but not exceed the rate allowed by S.C. Code Annotated Section 34-11-70.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE**3.1 Computation of Charges**

- 3.1.1 The total charge for each completed call may be a variable measured charge dependent on the duration, distance and time of day of the call. The total charge for each completed call may also be dependent only on the duration of the call, i.e. a statewide flat rate per minute charge. The variable measured charge is specified as a rate per minute which is applied to each minute. All calls are measured in increments as set forth in the Rates Section of this tariff. Fractions of a billing increment are rounded up to a full billing increment on a per call basis. Fractions of a cent per minute are rounded up to a full cent on a per call basis.
- 3.1.2 Where mileage bands appear in a rate table, rates for all calls are based upon the airline distance between the originating and terminating points of the call, as determined by the vertical and horizontal coordinates associated with the exchange (the area code and three digit central office code) associated with the originating and terminating telephone numbers. If the Customer obtains access to the Company's network by a dedicated access circuit, that circuit will be assigned an exchange for rating purposes based upon the Customer's main telephone number at the location where the dedicated access circuit terminates. The vertical and horizontal (V & H) coordinates for each exchange and the airline distance between them will be determined according to industry standards.

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- 3.1.3 Timing begins when the called station is answered and two way communication is possible, as determined by standard industry methods generally in use for ascertaining answer, including hardware answer supervision in which the local telephone company sends a signal to the switch or the software utilizing audio tone detection. Recognition of answer supervision is the responsibility of the Underlying Carrier. Timing for each call ends when either party hangs up. The Company will not bill for uncompleted calls.

3.2 Customer Complaints and/or Billing Disputes

Customer inquiries or complaints regarding service or accounting may be made in writing or by telephone to the Company at:

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Customer Service: (800) 266-4006

Any objection to billed charges should be reported promptly to the Company. Adjustments to Customers' bills shall be made to the extent that records are available and/or circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such charges are not in accordance with approved rates or that an adjustment may otherwise be appropriate. Where overbilling of a subscriber occurs, due either to Company or subscriber error, no liability exists which will require the Company to pay any interest, dividend or other compensation on the amount overbilled; provided, however, in the event that the Company has willfully overcharged any Customer, the Company shall refund the difference, plus interest, as prescribed by the Commission.

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All Customer complaints are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission which may be contacted at the following address and telephone number:

State of South Carolina
Public Service Commission
PO Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211
800-922-1531

If a Customer accumulates more than One Dollar of undisputed delinquent Company 800 Service charges, the Company Resp. Org. reserves the right not to honor that Customer's request for a Resp. Org. change until such undisputed charges are paid in full.

3.3 Level of Service

A Customer can expect end to end network availability of not less than 99% at all times for all services.

3.4 Billing Entity Conditions

When billing functions on behalf of the Company or its intermediary are performed by local exchange telephone companies or others, the payment of charge conditions and regulations of such companies and any regulations imposed upon these companies by regulatory bodies having jurisdiction apply. The Company's name and toll-free telephone number will appear on the Customer's bill.

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3.5 Service Offerings**3.5.1 1+ Dialing**

This service permits Customers to originate calls via switched or dedicated access lines, and to terminate intrastate calls. The Customer dials "1+" followed by "ten digits" or dials "101XXXX" followed by "1+ ten digits".

3.5.2 Travel Cards

The Customer utilizes an 11 digit "toll-free" access number established by the Company to access a terminal. Upon receiving a voice prompt, the Customer uses push button dialing to enter an identification code assigned by the Company, and the ten digit number of the called party.

3.5.3 Toll-Free Service

This service is inbound calling only where an 800, 888 or other toll-free prefix number rings into a Customer's premise routed to a specific telephone number or terminated over a dedicated facility.

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3.5.4 Reserved for Future Use.

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3.5.5 Directory Assistance.

Access to long distance directory assistance is obtained by dialing 1 + 555-1212 for listings within the originating area code and 1 + (area code) + 555-1212 for other listings. When more than one number is requested in a single call, a charge will apply for each number requested. A charge will be applicable for each number requested, whether or not the number is listed or published.

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3.5.6 Specialized Pricing Arrangements.

Customized service packages and competitive pricing packages at negotiated rates may be furnished on a case-by-case basis in response to requests by Customers to the Company for proposals or for competitive bids. Service offered under this tariff provision will be provided to Customers pursuant to contract. Unless otherwise specified, the regulations for such arrangements are in addition to the applicable regulations and prices in other sections of the tariff. Specialized rates or charges will be made available to similarly situated Customers on a non-discriminatory basis. All individual case basis arrangements will be submitted to the Commission for approval.

3.5.7 Emergency Call Handling Procedures

Emergency "911" calls are not routed to company, but are completed through the local network at no charge.

3.5.8 Promotional Offerings

The Company may, from time to time, make promotional offerings to enhance the marketing of its services. These offerings may be limited to certain dates, times and locations. The Company will notify the Commission of such offerings at least 14 days prior to the effective date of such offerings.

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SECTION 4 - CURRENT RATES

4.1 1+ Dialing

\$0.150 per minute

A \$4.95 per month service charge applies.
Billed in one minute increments.

4.2 Travel Cards

\$.199 per minute

A \$.25 per call service charge applies.
Billed in one minute increments.

4.3 Toll Free

\$0.150 per minute

A \$10 per month per number service charge applies.
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4.5 Directory Assistance

\$.95

4.6 Returned Check Charge

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4.7 Rate Periods

	Monday - Friday	Sat.	Sun.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.*	Daytime Rate Period		
5 p.m. to 11 p.m.*	Evening Rate Period		Evening Rate Period
11 p.m. to 8 a.m.*	Night/Weekend Rate Period		

* To, but not including
When a message spans more than one rate period, total charges for the minutes in each rate period are calculated and the results for each rate period are totaled to obtain the total message charge. If the calculation results in a fractional charge, the amount will be rounded up to the higher cent.

4.8 Payphone Dial Around Surcharge

A dial around surcharge of \$.30 per call will be added to any completed INTRASTATE toll access code and subscriber toll-free 800/888 type calls placed from a public or semi-public payphone.

4.9 Universal Service Fund Assessment

The Customer will be assessed a monthly Universal Service Fund Contribution charge on all telecommunications services, which in no event shall be less than the prevailing contribution percentage rate charged the Company on intrastate traffic by the Universal Service Administrative Company (or any successor) or any state agency or its administrator.

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SECTION 5 - MAXIMUM RATES

5.1 1 + & 101XXXX Dialing

\$0.30 per minute
A \$10 per month per number service charge

5.2 Travel Cards

\$0.50 per minute
A \$.50 per call service charge

5.3 Toll Free Service

\$0.30 per minute
A \$10 per month per number service charge

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5.5 Directory Assistance

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Delaine Kolbo within five business days of this report. Phone: 605-773-3201

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT03-158 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Perry and Candice Hoffman, Bowdle, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.

Complainants presented documents indicating that they hold a seven-year prepaid long distance service plan that was signed on April 5, 1999. As service was terminated without notice in early June of 2003, Complainants seek to be reimbursed for the prepaid service not provided.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 12/04/03
Intervention deadline: N/A

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC03-195 In the Matter of the Application of Touchtone Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Touchtone Communications, Inc. filed an application seeking a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Applicant is a reseller which intends to offer interexchange services, including 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, directory assistance, data services and travel card services.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 12/04/03
Intervention Deadline: 12/26/03

TC03-196 In the Matter of the Application of France Telecom Corporate Solutions L.L.C. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services and Local Exchange Services in South Dakota.

On December 5, 2003, France Telecom Corporate Solutions L.L.C. filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide resold local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. The applicant intends to provide local exchange and interexchange services to business customers throughout South Dakota, except in those areas served by a rural telephone company.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 12/05/03
Intervention Deadline: 12/26/03

TC03-197 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to a Paging Connection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Arch Wireless Operating Company, Inc.

On December 8, 2003, the Commission received a filing for approval of an Amendment to a Paging Connection Agreement between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Arch Wireless Operating Company, Inc. (Arch). According to the parties, the Agreement is amended to state (in Section 11.2) that the initial term of the Agreement shall expire on June 30, 2005. The original agreement was approved by the Commission in Docket TC00-108 on September 29, 2000. 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 December 29, 2003. 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 Frazier
Date Docketed: 12/08/03
Initial Comments Due: 12/29/03

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Re: Touchtone Communications Inc.

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Enclosed please find one original and ten (10) copies of Touchtone Communications Inc.'s interexchange tariff which replaces the previous tariff in Docket No. TC03-195.

I have also enclosed an extra copy of this cover letter to be date stamped and returned to me in the enclosed self-addressed prepaid envelope.

If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Lacey
Legal Assistant to Lance J.M. Steinhart
Attorney for Touchtone Communications Inc.

Enclosures

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFFTITLE SHEETSOUTH DAKOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service or facilities for Telecommunications Services furnished by Touchtone Communications Inc. ("TTCI"), with principal offices at 16 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, New Jersey 07981. This tariff applies for services furnished 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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The Sheets of this tariff are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheet(s). Original and revised sheets as named below comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this sheet.

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- (C) to signify change in regulation
- (D) to signify a deletion
- (I) to signify a rate increase
- (L) to signify material relocated in the tariff
- (N) to signify a new rate or regulation
- (R) to signify a rate reduction
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFFSECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Access Line - An arrangement from a local exchange telephone company or other common carrier, using either dedicated or switched access, which connects a Customer's location to the Company's location or switching center.

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 Customer so it may rate and bill the call. Automatic number identification (ANI) is used as the authorization code wherever possible.

Commission - Used throughout this tariff to mean the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

Customer - The person, firm, corporation or other legal entity which orders the services of the Company and is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with the Company's tariff regulations.

Company or TTCI - Used throughout this tariff to mean Touchtone Communications Inc., a Delaware Corporation.

Dedicated Access - The Customer gains entry to the Company's services by a direct path from the Customer's location to the Company's point of presence.

Holiday - New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Holidays shall be billed at the evening rate from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. After 11 p.m., the lower night rate shall go into effect.

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Resp. Org - Responsible Organization or entity identified by a Toll-Free service Customer that manages and administers records in the toll free number database and management system.

Switched Access - The Customer gains entry to the Company's services by a transmission line that is switched through the local exchange carrier to reach the Company's point of presence.

Telecommunications - The transmission of voice communications or, subject to the transmission capabilities of the services, the transmission of data, facsimile, signaling, metering, or other similar communications.

Underlying Carrier - The telecommunications carrier whose network facilities provide the technical capability and capacity necessary for the transmission and reception of Customer telecommunications traffic.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFFSECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS2.1 Undertaking of the Company

This tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to intrastate interexchange telecommunications services provided by the Company for telecommunications between points within the State of South Dakota. Services are furnished subject to the availability of facilities and subject to the terms and conditions of this tariff in compliance with limitations set forth in the Commission's rules. The Company's services are provided on a statewide basis and are not intended to be limited geographically. The Company offers service to all those who desire to purchase service from the Company consistent with all of the provisions of this tariff. Customers interested in the Company's services shall file a service application with the Company which fully identifies the Customer, the services requested and other information requested by the Company. The Company reserves the right to examine the credit record and check the references of all applicants and Customers. The Company may examine the credit profile/record of any applicant prior to accepting the service order. The service application shall not in itself obligate the Company to provide services or to continue to provide service if a later check of applicant's credit record is, in the opinion of the Company, contrary to the best interest of the Company. The Company may act as the Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to a service provided by the Company. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangement.

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- 2.1.1 The services provided by the Company are not part of a joint undertaking with any other entity providing telecommunications channels, facilities, or services, but may involve the resale of the Message Toll Services (MTS) and Wide Area Telecommunications Services (WATS) of underlying common carriers which may be subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- 2.1.2 The rates and regulations contained in this tariff apply only to the services furnished by the Company and do not apply, unless otherwise specified, to the lines, facilities, or services provided by a local exchange telephone company or other common carriers for use in accessing the services of the Company.
- 2.1.3 The Company reserves the right to limit the length of communications, to discontinue furnishing services, or limit the use of service necessitated by conditions beyond its control, including, without limitation: lack of satellite or other transmission medium capacity; the revision, alteration or repricing of the Underlying Carrier's tariffed offerings; or when the use of service becomes or is in violation of the law or the provisions of this tariff.

2.2 Use of Services

- 2.2.1 The Company's services may be used for any lawful purpose consistent with the transmission and switching parameters of the telecommunications facilities utilized in the provision of services, subject to any limitations set forth in this Section 2.2.
- 2.2.2 The use of the Company's services to make calls which might reasonably be expected to frighten, abuse, torment, or harass another or in such a way as to unreasonably interfere with use by others is prohibited.

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- 2.2.3 The use of the Company's services without payment for service or attempting to avoid payment for service by fraudulent means or devices, schemes, false or invalid numbers, or false calling or credit cards is prohibited.
- 2.2.4 The Company's services are available for use twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.
- 2.2.5 The Company does not transmit messages, but the services may be used for that purpose.
- 2.2.6 The Company's services may be denied for nonpayment of charges or for other violations of this tariff.
- 2.2.7 Customers shall not use the service provided under this tariff for any unlawful purpose.
- 2.2.8 The Customer is responsible for notifying the Company immediately of any unauthorized use of services.

2.3 Liability of the Company

- 2.3.1 The Company shall not be liable for any claim, loss, expense or damage for any interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect in any service, facility or transmission provided under this tariff, if caused by the Underlying Carrier, an act of God, fire, war, civil disturbance, act of government, or due to any other causes beyond the Company's control.
- 2.3.2 The Company shall not be liable for, and shall be fully indemnified and held harmless by the Customer against any claim, loss, expense, or damage for defamation, libel, slander, invasion, infringement of copyright or patent, unauthorized use of any trademark, trade name or service mark, proprietary or creative right, or any other injury to any person, property or entity arising out of the material, data or information transmitted.

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- 2.3.3 No agent or employee of any other carrier or entity shall be deemed to be an agent or employee of the Company.
- 2.3.4 Reserved for Future Use
- 2.3.5 Reserved for Future Use
- 2.3.6 Reserved for Future Use

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF**2.4 Responsibilities of the Customer**

- 2.4.1 The Customer is responsible for placing any necessary orders and complying with tariff regulations. The Customer is also responsible for the payment of charges for services provided under this tariff.
- 2.4.2 The Customer is responsible for charges incurred for special construction and/or special facilities which the Customer requests and which are ordered by the Company on the Customer's behalf.
- 2.4.3 If required for the provision of the Company's services, the Customer must provide any equipment space, supporting structure, conduit and electrical power without charge to the Company.
- 2.4.4 The Customer is responsible for arranging access to its premises at times mutually agreeable to the Company and the Customer when required for Company personnel to install, repair, maintain, program, inspect or remove equipment associated with the provision of the Company's services.
- 2.4.5 The Customer shall cause the temperature and relative humidity in the equipment space provided by Customer for the installation of the Company's equipment to be maintained within the range normally provided for the operation of microcomputers.

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- 2.4.6 The Customer shall ensure that the equipment and/or system is properly interfaced with the Company's facilities or services, that the signals emitted into the Company's network are of the proper mode, bandwidth, power and signal level for the intended use of the subscriber and in compliance with criteria set forth in this tariff, and that the signals do not damage equipment, injure personnel, or degrade service to other Customers. If the Federal Communications Commission or some other appropriate certifying body certifies terminal equipment as being technically acceptable for direct electrical connection with interstate communications service, the Company will permit such equipment to be connected with its channels without the use of protective interface devices. If the Customer fails to maintain the equipment and/or the system properly, with resulting imminent harm to Company equipment, personnel or the quality of service to other Customers, the Company may, upon written notice, require the use of protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this fails to produce satisfactory quality and safety, the Company may, upon written notice, terminate the Customer's service.
- 2.4.7 The Customer must pay the Company for replacement or repair of damage to the equipment or facilities of the Company caused by negligence or willful act of the Customer or others, by improper use of the services, or by use of equipment provided by Customer or others.
- 2.4.8 The Customer must pay for the loss through theft of any Company equipment installed at Customer's premises.
- 2.4.9 If the Company installs equipment at Customer's premises, the Customer shall be responsible for payment of any applicable installation charge.

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2.4.10 The Customer must use the services offered in this tariff in a manner consistent with the terms of this tariff and the policies and regulations of all state, federal and local authorities having jurisdiction over the service.

2.5 Cancellation or Interruption of Services

2.5.1 Without incurring liability, upon five (5) working days' (defined as any day on which the company's business office is open and the U.S. Mail is delivered) written notice to the Customer, the Company may immediately discontinue services to a Customer or may withhold the provision of ordered or contracted services:

2.5.1.A For nonpayment of any sum due the Company for more than thirty (30) days after issuance of the bill for the amount due, unless the charge is in dispute;

2.5.1.B For violation of any of the provisions of this tariff,

2.5.1.C For violation of any law, rule, regulation, policy of any governing authority having jurisdiction over the Company's services, or

2.5.1.D By reason of any order or decision of a court, public service commission or federal regulatory body or other governing authority prohibiting the Company from furnishing its services.

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- 2.5.2 Without incurring liability, the Company may interrupt the provision of services at any time in order to perform tests and inspections to assure compliance with tariff regulations and the proper installation and operation of Customer and the Company's equipment and facilities and may continue such interruption until any items of noncompliance or improper equipment operation so identified are rectified.
- 2.5.3 Service may be discontinued by the Company without notice to the Customer, by blocking traffic to certain countries, cities or NXX exchanges, or by blocking calls using certain Customer authorization codes, when the Company deems it necessary to take such action to prevent unlawful use of its service. The Company will restore service as soon as it can be provided without undue risk, and will, upon request by the Customer affected, assign a new authorization code to replace the one that has been deactivated.
- 2.5.4 The Customer may terminate service upon thirty (30) days written notice for the Company's standard month to month contract. Customer will be liable for all usage on any of the Company's service offerings until the Customer actually leaves the service. Customers will continue to have Company usage until the Customer notifies its local exchange carrier and changes its long distance carrier. Until the Customer so notifies its local exchange carrier, it shall continue to generate and be responsible for long distance usage.

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2.7 Restoration of Service

The use and restoration of service shall be in accordance with the priority system specified in part 64, Subpart D of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.

2.8 Deposit

The Company does not require deposits.

2.9 Advance Payments

The Company does not require advance payments.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF2.10 Payment and Billing

- 2.10.1 Service is provided and billed on a billing cycle basis, beginning on the date that service becomes effective. Billing is payable upon receipt. A late fee will be assessed on unpaid amounts 30 days after rendition of bills.
- 2.10.2 The customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services furnished to the Customer, as well as to all persons using the Customer's codes, exchange lines, facilities, or equipment, with or without the knowledge or consent of the Customer. The security of the Customer's Authorization Codes, subscribed exchange lines, and direct connect facilities is the responsibility of the Customer. All calls placed using direct connect facilities, subscribed exchange lines, or Authorization Codes will be billed to and must be paid by the Customer. Charges based on actual usage during a month and any accrued interest will be billed monthly in arrears.
- 2.10.3 All bills are presumed accurate, and shall be binding on the customer unless objection is received by the Company in writing within the applicable contract law statute of limitations. No credits, refunds, or adjustments shall be granted if demand therefore is not received by the Company in writing within such applicable contract law statute of limitations.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF**2.11 Collection Costs**

In the event Company is required to initiate legal proceedings to collect any amounts due to Company, or to enforce any judgment obtained against a Customer, or for the enforcement of any other provision of this tariff or applicable law, Customer shall, in addition to all amounts due, be liable to Company for all reasonable costs incurred by Company in such proceedings and enforcement actions, including reasonable attorneys' fees, collection agency fees or payments, and court costs. In any such proceeding, the amount of collection costs, including attorneys' fees, due to the Company, will be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or by the Commission.

2.12 Taxes

All federal, state and local taxes, assessments, surcharges, or fees, including sales taxes, use taxes, gross receipts taxes, and municipal utilities taxes, are billed as separate line items and are not included in the rates quoted herein.

2.13 Late Charge

A late fee of 1.5% per month or the amount otherwise authorized by law, whichever is lower, will be charged on any past due balances.

2.14 Returned Check Charge

A fee of \$20.00 will be charged whenever a check or draft presented for payment for service is not accepted by the institution on which it is written.

2.15 Reconnection Charge

A reconnection fee of \$25.00 per occurrence will be charged when service is reestablished for Customers which have been disconnected due to non-payment. Payment of the reconnection fee and any other outstanding amounts will be due in full prior to reconnection of service.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFFSECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE3.1 Computation of Charges

- 3.1.1 The total charge for each completed call may be a variable measured charge dependent on the duration, distance and time of day of the call. The total charge for each completed call may also be dependent only on the duration of the call, i.e. a statewide flat rate per minute charge. The variable measured charge is specified as a rate per minute which is applied to each minute. All calls are measured in increments as set forth in the Rates Section of this tariff. Fractions of a billing increment are rounded up to a full billing increment on a per call basis. Fractions of a cent per minute are rounded up to a full cent on a per call basis.
- 3.1.2 Where mileage bands appear in a rate table, rates for all calls are based upon the airline distance between the originating and terminating points of the call, as determined by the vertical and horizontal coordinates associated with the exchange (the area code and three digit central office code) associated with the originating and terminating telephone numbers. If the Customer obtains access to the Company's network by a dedicated access circuit, that circuit will be assigned an exchange for rating purposes based upon the Customer's main telephone number at the location where the dedicated access circuit terminates. The vertical and horizontal (V & H) coordinates for each exchange and the airline distance between them will be determined according to industry standards.

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- 3.1.3 Timing begins when the called station is answered and two way communication is possible, as determined by standard industry methods generally in use for ascertaining answer, including hardware answer supervision in which the local telephone company sends a signal to the switch or the software utilizing audio tone detection. Recognition of answer supervision is the responsibility of the Underlying Carrier. Timing for each call ends when either party hangs up. The Company will not bill for uncompleted calls.

3.2 Customer Complaints and/or Billing Disputes

Customer inquiries or complaints regarding service or accounting may be made in writing or by telephone to the Company at:

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(800) 266-4006

An objection to billed charges should be reported to the Company within 180 days from receipt of an invoice. Adjustments to Customers' bills shall be made to the extent that records are available and/or circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such charges are not in accordance with approved rates or that an adjustment may otherwise be appropriate.

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The Company will respond within seventy two (72) hours of receipt of an inquiry. If the Customer is dissatisfied with the Company's response to a complaint or inquiry, the Customer may file a complaint with the Commission for resolution of the conflict. The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission can be reached at:

500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-5070
(605) 773-3201
(800) 332-1782
TTY through Relay Service South Dakota-
(800) 877-1113

If a Customer accumulates more than One Dollar of undisputed delinquent Company 800 Service charges, the Company Resp. Org. reserves the right not to honor that Customer's request for a Resp. Org. change until such undisputed charges are paid in full.

3.3 Level of Service

A Customer can expect end to end network availability of not less than 99% at all times for all services.

3.4 Billing Entity Conditions

When billing functions on behalf of the Company or its intermediary are performed by local exchange telephone companies or others, the payment of charge conditions and regulations of such companies and any regulations imposed upon these companies by regulatory bodies having jurisdiction apply. The Company's name and toll-free telephone number will appear on the Customer's bill.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF**3.5 Service Offerings**

3.5.1 1+ Dialing

This service permits Customers to originate calls via switched or dedicated access lines, and to terminate intrastate calls. The customer dials "1+" followed by "ten digits" or dials "101XXXX" followed by "1+ ten digits".

3.5.2 Travel Cards

The Customer utilizes an 11 digit "toll-free" access number established by the Company to access a terminal. Upon receiving a voice prompt, the Customer uses push button dialing to enter an identification code assigned by the Company, and the ten digit number of the called party.

3.5.3 Toll-Free Service

This service is inbound calling only where an 800, 888 or other toll-free prefix number rings into a Customer's premise routed to a specific telephone number or terminated over a dedicated facility.

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3.5.5 Directory Assistance.

Access to long distance directory assistance is obtained by dialing 1 + 555-1212 for listings within the originating area code and 1 + (area code) + 555-1212 for other listings. When more than one number is requested in a single call, a charge will apply for each number requested. A charge will be applicable for each number requested, whether or not the number is listed or published.

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3.5.6 Specialized Pricing Arrangements.

Customized service packages and competitive pricing packages at negotiated rates may be furnished on a case-by-case basis in response to requests by Customers to the Company for proposals or for competitive bids. Service offered under this tariff provision will be filed with the Commission. Specialized rates or charges will be made available to similarly situated Customers on a non-discriminatory basis. The Company will notify the Commission of such arrangements as required by Commission rules and regulations.

3.5.7 Emergency Call Handling Procedures

Emergency "911" calls are not routed to company, but are completed through the local network at no charge.

3.5.8 Promotional Offerings

The Company may, from time to time, make promotional offerings to enhance the marketing of its services. These offerings may be limited to certain dates, times and locations. The Company will notify the Commission of such offerings as required by Commission rules and regulations.

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SECTION 4 - RATES

4.1 1+ Dialing

\$0.15 per minute

A \$4.95 per month service charge applies.
Billed in one minute increments.

4.2 Travel Cards

\$.199 per minute

A \$.25 per call service charge applies.
Billed in one minute increments.

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4.3 Toll Free

\$0.15 per minute

A \$10 per month per number service charge applies.
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4.5 Directory Assistance

\$.95

4.6 Returned Check Charge

\$20.00

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF**4.7 Rate Periods**

	Monday - Friday	Sat.	Sun.
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.*	Daytime Rate Period		
5 p.m. to 11 p.m.*	Evening Rate Period		Evening Rate Period
11 p.m. to 8 a.m.*	Night/Weekend Rate Period		

* To, but not including
When a message spans more than one rate period, total charges for the minutes in each rate period are calculated and the results for each rate period are totaled to obtain the total message charge. If the calculation results in a fractional charge, the amount will be rounded up to the higher cent.

4.8 Payphone Dial Around Surcharge

A dial around surcharge of \$.50 per call will be added to any completed INTRASTATE toll access code and subscriber toll-free 800/888 type calls placed from a public or semi-public payphone.

4.9 Universal Service Fund Assessment & Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge

The Customer will be assessed a monthly Universal Service Fund Contribution charge on all telecommunications services, which in no event shall be less than the prevailing contribution percentage rate charged the Company on intrastate traffic by any state agency or its administrator. A Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge ("PICC") applies on a monthly basis to all Customer monthly bills at the prevailing rate.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING
TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC. FOR A)	CERTIFICATE OF
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)	AUTHORITY
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	
SERVICES IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	TC03-195

On December 4, 2003, 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 Touchtone Communications Inc. (Touchtone).

Touchtone proposes to offer interexchange services, including 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, directory assistance, data services and travel card services. A proposed tariff was filed by Touchtone. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On December 11, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 26, 2003, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its February 17, 2004, meeting, the Commission considered Touchtone's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Touchtone not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any 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 Touchtone has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. Touchtone 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 Touchtone's application for a certificate of authority, subject to the condition that Touchtone not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Touchtone's application for a certificate of authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services is hereby granted, subject to the condition that Touchtone not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any deposits or advance payments without prior approval of the Commission. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission waives ARSD 20:10:24:02(8). It is

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 25th day of February, 2004.

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 Kolbe</u>
Date: <u>2/26/04</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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. TC03-195

This is to certify that

TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC.

is authorized to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota, subject to the condition that it not offer any prepaid services (including prepaid calling cards) and not accept or require any 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 25th day of February, 2004.

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION:**



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