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November 16, 2006

### VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

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

Re: Multiline Long Distance, Inc.

Dear Ms. VanGerpen:

Enclosed please find one original and ten (10) copies of Multiline Long Distance, 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 Multiline Long Distance, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Everard Kidder Meade III

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MULTILINE LONG DISTANCE INC. 8044 MONTGOMERY ROAD, STE.700 CINCINNATI, OH 45236

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# APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF MULTILINE LONG DISTANCE, INC. FILED WITH THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MULTILINE LONG DISTANCE, INC.	) ) )
FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE REGISTRATION OF APPLICANT AS A	) Docket No. TC
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY	)

#### APPLICATION

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

- Name, Address and Telephone Number of Applicant:

  Multiline Long Distance, Inc.
  8044 Montgomery Road, Suite 700
  Cincinnati, Ohio 45236
  Telephone: (513) 792-2780
  Toll-Free Customer Service: (800) 985-6407
- 2. The name under which the Applicant will provide these services if different than in 1. above:

Multiline Long Distance, Inc.

### 3. Applicant's corporate information:

Applicant was organized in the State of Ohio on July 10, 2006. A copy of the Applicant's Articles 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, along with a copy of Applicant's sales tax license.

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

Everard Kidder Meade III 1,500 100%

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 that intends to offer interexchange services, including 1+ and 101XXXX outbound dialing, 800/888 toll-free inbound dialing, directory assistance, data services and postpaid calling card service. The Applicant will not offer prepaid calling card services.

### 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 AT&T, 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 Profit & Loss Statement for the period ending October 31, 2006 and Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2006, 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 is requires applicant to file a current balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statements.

Furthermore, since the Applicant will not require advance payments, deposits or prepayments of any kind, including prepaid calling cards, the Applicant will not be filing a surety bond.

# 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:

Everard Kidder Meade III, President 8044 Montgomery Road, Suite 700

Cincinnati, Ohio 45236 Telephone: (513) 792-2780 Facsimile: (800) 985-6404

E-Mail: info@multilinelongdistance.com

All inquiries regarding complaints should be addressed to:

Pamela Rieck, Regulatory Manager 8044 Montgomery Road, Suite 700

Cincinnati, Ohio 45236

Telephone: (513) 792-2780; (800) 985-6407 (toll-free)

Facsimile: (800) 985-6404

E-Mail: prregulatory@comcast.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 the Applicant will provide customer service inhouse.

### 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 pursuant to certification, registration, notification or on an unregulated basis in New Jersey, Utah and Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

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. 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:

20-5211265

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 15th day of November.

Multiline Long Distance, Inc.

Lance J.M. Steinhart, Its Counsel Lance J.M. Steinhart, PC

17/20 Windward Concourse

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Alpharetta, Georgia 30005

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(770) 232-9208 (Facsimile)

1steinhart@telecomcounsel.com (E-Mail)

### State of Ohio

### County of Hamilton

Everard Kidder Meade III, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is the President of Multiline Long Distance, 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.

Everard Kidder Meade III

President

 $\mathbf{X}$  Subscribed and sworn to before this  $\mathbf{M}^{\gamma}$  day of  $\mathbf{M}$  day of  $\mathbf{M}$  2006.

Notary Public

My Commission expires:\_

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### LIST OF EXHIBITS

- A ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
- B CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY & SALES TAX LICENSE
- C MARKETING MATERIAL
- D FINANCIAL INFORMATION
- E PROPOSED TARIFF

### EXHIBIT A - ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION



DATE: 07/12/2006 DOCUMENT ID 200619301382

DESCRIPTION
DOMESTIC ARTICLES/FOR PROFIT

FILING 125.00

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# STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATE

Ohio Secretary of State, J. Kenneth Blackwell

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It is hereby certified that the Secretary of State of Ohio has custody of the business records for

MULTILINE LONG DISTANCE, INC.

and, that said business records show the filing and recording of:

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Document No(s):

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CRETATION OF STATE OF

United States of America
State of Ohio
Office of the Secretary of State

Witness my hand and the seal of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio this 10th day of July, A.D. 2006.

Ohio Secretary of State



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### **INITIAL ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

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### From: unknown Page: 5/15 Date: 7/11/2006 2:30:57 PM **ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT OF STATUTORY AGENT** Multiline Long Distance, Inc. The undersigned, being at least a majority of the incorporators of nereby appoint the following to be statutory agent upon whom any process, notice or demand required or permitted by statute to be served upon the corporation may be served. The complete address of the agent is **Business Filings Incorporated** 17 South High Street NOTE: P.O. Box Addresses are NOT acceptable. (Street) 43215 Columbus .Ohlo (Zlp Code) (City) Must be authenticated by an July 11, 2006 authorized representative **Authorized Representative** Business Filings Incorporated, Mark Schiff, AVP Date **Authorized Representative** Date Authorized Representative ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT **Business Filings Incorporated** named herein as the The Undersigned, Multiline Long Distance, Inc. Statutory agent for,

hereby acknowledges and accepts the appointment of statutory agent for said entity.

Signature:

Page 3 of 5

(Statutory Agent) Business Filings Incorporated, Mark Schiff, AVP

### EXHIBIT B - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY & SALES TAX LICENSE

# State of South Bakota



## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

# **Certificate of Authority**

ORGANIZATIONAL ID #: FB031124

I, Chris Nelson, Secretary of State of the State of South Dakota, hereby certify that the Application for a Certificate of Authority of MULTILINE LONG DISTANCE, 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 November 8, 2006.

Chris Nelson Secretary of State



## Department of Revenue and Regulation Sales and Contractors' Excise Tax License Application

The applicant(s), under penalty of law, declare(s) that the information set forth on this application is true and complete.

Your application has been submitted.
Your confirmation number is 200611159894.

### **Options**

An agent will contact you to verify the information. Please allow 2-3 weeks to receive your license card.

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# EXHIBIT C - MARKETING MATERIAL Not Available

### EXHIBIT D - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# **Balance Sheet**

As of October 31, 2006

# **Multiline Long Distance**

•	October 31, 2006
ASSETS	
Current Assets	•
Checking/Savings	
1010 · Comerica Checking	104,668.26
1025 · Refund Account	100.00
Total Checking/Savings	104,768.26
Other Current Assets	
1100 · Deposits	300.00
Total 1100 · Deposits	300.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	300.00
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	p
Liabilities	
Long Term Liabilities	44 000 47
2500 · Notes Payable - E. Meade	41,903.47 41,903.47
Total Notes Payable Shareholders	41,903.47
Total Long Term Liabilities	41,903.47
Total Liabilities	41,903.47
Equity	
Net Income	(36,835.21)
Stock	20.00
Paid in Capital	99,980.00
Total Equity	63,164.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	105,068.26

# Profit Loss

January 1 through October 31, 2006

# **Multiline Long Distance**

	Jan 1 - October 31, 2006
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Expense	
6045 · Late Fees	32.52
6175 · Filing Fee	15,889.00
6207 · Legal Fees	20,000.00
6230 · Office Supplies	230.11
6290 · Postage and Delivery	51.52
6470 · Rent	604.25
6495 · Web Hosting	27.81
Total Expense	36,835.21
Net Ordinary Income	-36,835.21
Net Income	-36,835.21

### EXHIBIT E - PROPOSED TARIFF

### SOUTH DAKOTA PUC TARIFF NO. 1

#### TITLE SHEET

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

#### SOUTH DAKOTA TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service or facilities for Telecommunications Services furnished by Multiline Long Distance, Inc. ("Multiline"), with principal offices at 8044 Montgomery Road, Suite 700, Cincinnati, Ohio 45236. 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.

MULTILINE LONG DISTANCE, INC.

ORIGINAL SHEET 2

SOUTH DAKOTA PUC TARIFF NO. 1

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

### SOUTH DAKOTA PUC TARIFF NO. 1

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

### 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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ISSUED: November 20, 2006 EFFECTIVE: , 2006

Everard Kidder Meade III, President ISSUED BY: 8044 Montgomery Road, Suite 700 Cincinnati, Ohio 45236

# SOUTH DAKOTA PUC TARIFF NO. 1

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

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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:

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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 filed with the Commission.

#### SYMBOLS

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

- (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
- (T) to signify a change in text, but no change in rate or regulation

### SOUTH DAKOTA PUC TARIFF NO. 1

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

### 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.

<u>Commission</u> - Used throughout this tariff to mean the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

<u>Customer</u> - 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 Multiline - Used throughout this tariff to mean Multiline Long Distance, Inc., an Ohio Corporation.

<u>Dedicated Access</u> - 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.

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.

<u>Switched Access</u> - 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, between or among points specified by the user, of information of the user's choosing, without change in the form or content of the information as sent and received.

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

#### 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 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. Company's services are provided on a statewide basis and are not intended to be limited geographically. 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. Company may examine the credit profile/record of any applicant prior to accepting the service order. 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.

- 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.

### SOUTH DAKOTA PUC TARIFF NO. 1

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

- 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.

ISSUED: November 20, 2006

EFFECTIVE: , 2006

ISSUED BY: Everard Kidder Meade III, President 8044 Montgomery Road, Suite 700 Cincinnati, Ohio 45236

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

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## 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.

- The Customer shall ensure that the equipment 2.4.6 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.

- 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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## 2.6 Credit Allowance

2.6.1 Credit may be given for disputed calls, on a per call basis.

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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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## 2.10 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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## 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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## 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.
- Where mileage bands appear in a rate table, 3.1.2 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. 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:

8044 Montgomery Road, Suite 700 Cincinnati, Ohio 45236 (800) 985-6407

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
www.state.sd.us/puc

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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3.5.5 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.

#### SECTION 4 - RATES

## 4.1 1+ Dialing

\$.26 per minute

Billed in one minute increments.

## 4.2 Travel Cards

\$0.320 per minute

A \$0.25 per call service charge applies. Billed in one minute increments.

## 4.3 Toll Free

	First	Add'1 30
	60	seconds
	seconds	
Residence	\$0.79	\$0.345
Business	\$0.79	\$0.345

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## 4.5 Directory Assistance

Assessed on a per-call basis: \$0.85

## 4.6 Station Charges

The following charges are in addition to the MTS rates stated previously in this section.

	Charge per Call
Calling Card	\$4.95
Operator Assisted Station- to-Station	\$5.50
Person-to-Person	\$9.99
Operator Verification	\$1.25
Interrupt Service	\$2.00

## 4.7 Returned Check Charge

\$20.00

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## 4.10 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.

## 4.11 Payphone Dial Around Surcharge

A dial around surcharge of \$0.55 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 semipublic payphone.

## 4.12 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 any state agency or its administrator.