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COMPETITIVE ACCESS PROVIDER SERVICES TARIFF

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This Tariff contains the descriptions, regulations and rates applicable to the furnishing of competitive access service and facilities for telecommunications services provided by Aventure Communication Technology, L.L.C. ("Aventure") within the state of South Dakota.

In accordance with SDCL 20:10:06:02, this tariff is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the main office or copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the Company's principal place of business located at 401 Douglas Street, Suite 409, Sioux City, Iowa 51101.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Access Minute - The increment for measuring usage of exchange facilities for the purpose of calculating chargeable usage.

Access Service Request (ASR) - The service order form used by access service Customers and the Company to establish, move or rearrange access services provided by the Company.

Access Tandem - A switching system that provides a traffic concentration and distribution function for originating or terminating traffic between End Offices and the Customer's Premises or Point of Presence.

Answer Supervision - The transmission of the switch trunk equipment supervisory signal (off-hook or on-hook) to a carrier's Point of Presence or customer's terminal equipment as an indication that the called party has answered or disconnected.

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

Call - A communications attempt for which the complete address code (e.g., 0-, 911, or 10 digits) is provided to the Company's switch or equivalent facility. The term "call" expressly includes voice and data communications, irrespective of transmission or switching technology or protocol (e.g., time-division multiplexing, Internet Protocol, etc.) that are delivered to, or received from, persons or entities that include, but are not limited to: conference call providers, chat line providers, calling card providers, call centers, help desk providers and residential and/or business users.

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- ¶ **Access Code:** A uniform seven digit code assigned by the Company to an individual Customer. The seven digit code has the form 950-XXXX or 101XXXX.¶
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- Deleted:** **Authorized User:** A person, firm, corporation or other entity that either is authorized by the Customer to use Access Services or is placed in a position by the Customer, either through acts or omissions, to use Access Services.¶
- ¶ **Carrier or Common Carrier:** See Interexchange Carrier or Exchange Carrier.¶
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Central Office - The premises of the Company or another local exchange carrier containing one or more switches where Customer or End User station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to other station loops, trunks or access facilities.

Channel - A communications path between two or more points.

CIC - An interexchange carrier identification code.

Commission - Refers to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

Company - Used throughout this tariff to indicate Aventure Communication Technology, L.L.C., the issuer of this tariff.

Constructive Order - In the absence of a written or oral order, any delivery of calls to or receipt of calls from the Company's network constitutes a Constructive Order to purchase switched access services as described herein. Similarly, the selection of an IXC as the presubscribed Interexchange Carrier by and End User constitutes a Constructive Order for switched access service by the IXC.

CPE - Customer Premises Equipment. All Terminal Equipment or other communications equipment and/or systems provided by the Customer for use with the Company's facilities and services.

Customer - Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity which subscribes to or uses service offered under this tariff. In most contexts, the Customer is an Interexchange Carrier utilizing the Company's Switched or Dedicated Access services described in this tariff to reach its End User customer(s).

Customer Premises - The premises specified by the Customer for termination of access services.

Dedicated Access - Where originating or terminating access between an end user and an interexchange carrier are provided via dedicated facilities, circuits or channels. A method of reaching the Customer's communication and switching systems whereby the End User is connected directly to the Customer's Point of Presence or designate without utilizing the services of the local switched network.

End Office - The Central Office from which the End User's Premises would normally obtain local exchange service from the Company or other local exchange carrier.

End Office Switch - A switching system where Customer or End User station lines or trunks are terminated for purposes of interconnection to other lines or trunks.

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- ¶ 8XX Data Base Access Service: The term "8XX Data Base Access Service" denotes a toll-free originating Trunkside Access Service when the 8XX Service Access Code (i.e., 800, 822, 833, 844, 855, 866, 877, or 888 as available) is used. ¶
- ¶ End User: Any individual, association, corporation, governmental agency or any other entity other than
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End User – Any person or entity that is not a carrier who sends or receives an intrastate telecommunications service transmitted to or from a Customer across the Company's Network. A carrier shall be deemed to be an End User when such carrier uses a telecommunications service for administrative purposes, and a person or entity that offers telecommunications services exclusively as a reseller shall be deemed to be an End User if all resale transmissions offered by such reseller originate on the premises of such reseller. Other carriers, including IXCs, are not considered to be End Users under the terms of this tariff unless the Company consents to such classification in writing. An End User need not purchase any service provided by the Company and may include, but is not limited to, conference call providers, chat line providers, calling card providers, call center providers, help desk providers and residential and/or business service subscribers.

End User Premises - The Premises, as defined herein, of an End User.

Exchange - A unit generally smaller than a LATA established by the Company or other local exchange carrier for the administration of communications service in a specified area. An Exchange may consist of one or more central offices together with the associated facilities used in furnishing communications service within that area.

Host Office - An electronic switching system which provides call processing capabilities for one or more Remote Switching Modules or Remote Switching Systems.

Individual Case Basis or ICB - A process whereby the terms, conditions, rates and/or charges for a service provided under the general provisions of this tariff are developed or modified based on the unique circumstances in each case.

Interstate - The regulatory jurisdiction of services used for communications between one or more originating and terminating points located in different states within the United States or between one or more points in the United States and at least one international location.

Intrastate - The regulatory jurisdiction of services used for communications between one or more originating and terminating points, all located within the same state.

Interexchange Carrier (IXC or IC) - A long distance telecommunications services provider that furnishes services between exchange areas.

LATA - Local Access and Transport Area. A geographic area for the provision and administration of communications services existing on February 8, 1996, as previously established by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192, or established by a Bell operating company after February 8, 1996 and approved by the FCC; or any other geographic area designated as a LATA in the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

LEC - Local Exchange Company.

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Interexchange Carrier (IXC) or Interexchange Common Carrier: Any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, governmental entity or corporation engaged in state or foreign communication for hire by wire or radio, between two or more exchanges.¶  
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LATA: A local access and transport area established pursuant to the Modification of Final Judgment entered by the United States

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Line Information Data Base (LIDB): The data base which contains base information such as telephone numbers, calling card numbers and associated billed number restriction data used in connection with the validation and billing of calls.¶  
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Local Access: The connection between a Customer's premises and a point of presence of the Exchange Carrier.¶  
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Local Switching Center: The switching center where telephone exchange service Customer station Channels are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to interoffice Trunks.¶  
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Local Traffic: Traffic is "Local Traffic" under this Tariff if: (i) the call originates and terminates in the same exchange area; or (ii) the call originates and terminates within different Aventure Exchanges that share a common mandatory local calling area, e.g., a mandatory Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS) or Extended Area Service areas (EAS) or other like types of mandatory local calling scopes.¶  
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Network - Refers to the Company's facilities, equipment and services provided under this tariff. The Company may provide and own its own facilities, equipment or services or may obtain and use those of other providers.

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

Off-Hook - The active condition of Switched Access service or a telephone exchange line.

On-Hook - The idle condition of Switched Access service or a telephone exchange line.

Originating Direction - The origination of calls from an End User's Premises.

PIC - Primary Interexchange Carrier.

Point of Presence or POP - The physical location associated with an Interexchange Carrier's communication and switching systems.

Point of Termination - The point of demarcation within a Customer or End User Premises at which the Company's responsibility for the provision of access service ends. The point of demarcation is the point of interconnection between Company communications facilities and Customer-provided or End User-provided facilities as defined in Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Premises - A building, portion of a building in a multi-tenant building, or buildings on continuous property not separated by a highway. May also denote a Customer-owned or End User-owned enclosure, utility vault or rack space located above or below ground on private property, on Customer or End User-acquired right-of-way, or in a central office.

Query - The inquiry to a Company data base to obtain information, processing instructions or service data.

Recurring Charge - The charges to the Customer for services, facilities or equipment, which continue for the agreed upon duration of the service. Recurring charges do not vary based on Customer usage of the services, facilities or equipment provided.

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Mutual Traffic Exchange: A compensation arrangement between certified local exchange service providers where local exchange service providers pay each other "in kind" for terminating local exchange traffic on the other's network.¶
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Remote Switching Modules or Remote Switching Systems (RSM/RSS) - Small remotely controlled electronic End Office Switching equipment which obtains its call processing capability from a Host Office. An RSM/RSS cannot accommodate direct trunks to a Customer.

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

Service Order - A written request for network services executed by the Customer and the Company. The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company begins the respective obligations of the parties in that order services offered under this tariff.

Station - Refers to telephone equipment or an exchange access line from or to which calls are placed.

Tandem Switch - See Access Tandem.

Terminal Equipment - Telecommunications devices, apparatus and associated wiring on the Customer, designated premises.

Terminating Direction - The completion of calls to an End User Premises.

Traffic - Used interchangeably with the term "Call." The term "Traffic" expressly includes voice and data communications, irrespective of transmission or switching technology or protocol (e.g., time-division multiplexing, Internet Protocol, etc.) delivered to, or received from, persons or entities that include, but are not limited to: conference call providers, chat line providers, calling card providers, call centers, help desk providers and residential and/or business users.

Trunk - A communications path connecting two switching systems in a network, used in the establishment of an end-to-end connection.

Trunk Group - A set of trunks which are traffic engineered as a unit for the establishment of connections between switching systems in which all of the communications paths are interchangeable.

V & H Coordinates - Geographic points which define the originating and terminating points of a call in mathematical terms so that the airline mileage of the call may be determined. Call mileage may be used for the purpose of rating calls.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of the Company

2.1.1 ~~The Company undertakes to furnish switched or dedicated access communications service pursuant to the terms of this tariff.~~

2.1.2 ~~The Company's services and facilities are available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.~~

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

2.1.4 ~~The Company arranges for installation, operation, and maintenance of the communications services provided in this tariff for Customers in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this tariff. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangements.~~

2.1.5 ~~This tariff shall have no application to any services which are not regulated in the state of South Dakota.~~

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2.2 Use of the Company's Service

2.2.1 Services provided under this tariff may be used by the Customer for any lawful

telecommunications purpose for which the service is technically suited.

2.2.2 The services the Company offers shall not be used for any unlawful purpose or for any use as to which the Customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents and permits.

2.2.3 Recording of telephone conversations of service provided by the Company under this tariff is prohibited except as authorized by applicable federal, state and local laws.

2.2.4 Any service provided under this tariff may be resold to or shared (jointly used) with other persons at the Customer's option. The Customer remains solely responsible for all use of service ordered by it or billed to its account(s) pursuant to this tariff, for determining who is authorized to use its service, and for promptly notifying the Company of any unauthorized use. The Customer may advise its customers that a portion of its service is provided by the Company, but the Customer shall not represent that the Company jointly participates with the Customer in the provision of the service. The Company may require applicants for service who intend to use the Company's offerings for resale, shared and/or joint use to file a letter with the Company confirming that their use of the Company's offerings complies with relevant laws and the Board's regulations, policies, orders, and decisions.

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2.3. Limitations

- 2.3.1 The Company does not undertake to transmit messages, but offers the use of its facilities when available, and will not be liable for errors in transmission or for failure to establish connections.
- 2.3.2 The furnishing of service under this tariff is subject to the availability on a continuing basis of all the necessary facilities and equipment and is limited to the capacity of the Company's facilities as well as facilities the Company may obtain from other carriers, from time to time, to furnish service as required at the sole discretion of the Company.
- 2.3.3 The Company reserves the right to limit or to allocate the use of existing facilities, or of additional facilities offered by the Company, when necessary because of lack of facilities, or due to some other cause beyond the Company's control.
- 2.3.4 The Company may block any signals being transmitted over its network by Customers which cause interference to the Company or other users. The Customer shall not be relieved of all obligations to make payments for charges relating to any blocked service and shall indemnify the Company for any claim, judgment or liability resulting from such blockage.
- 2.3.5 The Company reserves the right to discontinue service when the Customer is using the service in violation of the provisions of this tariff, or in violation of the law.
- 2.3.6 The Company reserves the right to discontinue service, limit service, or to impose requirements as required to meet changing regulatory or statutory rules and standards, or when such rules and standards have an adverse material effect on the business or economic feasibility of providing service, as determined by the Company in its reasonable judgment.

2.4 Assignment and Transfer

Neither the Company nor the Customer may assign or transfer its rights or duties in connection with the services and facilities provided by the Company without the written consent of the other party, except that the Company may assign its rights and duties to a) any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Company, whether direct or indirect; b) under any sale or transfer of all or substantially all the assets of the Company within the applicable state or states; or c) under any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company.

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2.5 Application for Service

Customers may be required to enter into written or oral service orders which shall contain or reference a specific description of the service ordered, the rates to be charged, the duration of the services, and the terms and conditions in this tariff. Customers will also be required to execute any other documents as may be reasonably requested by the Company.

2.6 Ownership of Facilities

2.6.1 The Customer obtains no property right or interest in the use of any specific type of facility, service, equipment, number, process, or code.

2.6.2 Title to all facilities utilized by the Company to provide service under the provisions of this tariff shall remain with the Company, its partners, agents, contractors or suppliers. Such facilities shall be returned to the Company, its partners, agents, contractors or suppliers by the Customer, whenever requested, within a reasonable period following the request in original condition, reasonable wear and tear expected.

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2.7 Liability of the Company

- 2.7.1 The liability of the Company for damages of any nature arising from errors, mistakes, omissions, interruptions, or delays of the Company, its agents, servants, or employees, in the course of establishing, furnishing, rearranging, moving, terminating, changing or removing the service or facilities or equipment shall not exceed an amount equal to the charges applicable under this tariff (calculated on a proportionate basis where appropriate, at the sole discretion of the Company) to the period during which such error, mistake, omission, interruption or delay occurs.
- 2.7.2 In no event shall the Company be liable for any incidental, indirect, special, or consequential damages (including, without limitation, lost revenue or profits) of any kind whatsoever regardless of the cause or foreseeability thereof.
- 2.7.3 When the services or facilities of other common carriers are used separately or in conjunction with the Company's facilities or equipment in establishing connection to points not reached by the Company's facilities or equipment, the Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of such other common carriers or their agents, servants or employees.
- 2.7.4 The Company shall not be liable for any failure of performance hereunder if such failure is due to any cause or causes beyond the reasonable control of the Company. Such causes shall include, without limitation, acts of God, fire, explosion, vandalism, cable cut, storm or other similar occurrence, any law, order, regulation, direction, action or request of the United States government or of any other government or of any civil or military authority, national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars, strikes, lockouts or work stoppages or other labor difficulties, supplier failures, shortages, breaches or delays, or preemption of existing service to restore service in compliance with FCC, or other relevant regulatory commission, rules and regulations.
- 2.7.5 The Company shall not be liable for interruptions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission, or for any injury whatsoever, caused by the Customer, or the Customer's agents, End Users, or by facilities or equipment provided by the Customer.

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

2.7 Liability of the Company, (Cont'd.)

2.7.6 No liability shall attach to the Company by reason of any defacement or damage to the Customer's premise resulting from the existence of the Company's equipment or facilities on such premise, or by the installation or removal thereof, when such defacement or damage is not the result of the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of the Company or its employees.

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

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

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



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2.8 Liability of the Customer

- 2.8.1 The Customer will be liable for damages to the facilities of the Company and for all incidental and consequential damages caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer, its officers, employees, agents, invites, or contractors where such acts or omissions are not the direct result of the Company's negligence or intentional misconduct.
- 2.8.2 To the extent caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer as described in 2.8.1, preceding, the Customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from and against all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for (1) any loss, destruction or damage to property of any third party, and (2) any liability incurred by any third party pursuant to this or any other tariff of the Company, or otherwise, for any interruption of, interference to, or other defect in any service provided to such third party.
- 2.8.3 A Customer shall not assert any claim against any other Customer or user of the Company's services for damages resulting in whole or in part from or arising in connection with the furnishing of service under this tariff including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or other defects or misrepresentations, whether or not such other Customer or user contributed in any way to the occurrence of the damages, unless such damages were caused solely by the negligent or intentional act or omission of the other Customer or user and not by any act or omission of the Company. Nothing in this tariff is intended either to limit or to expand Customer's right to assert any claims against third parties for damages of any nature other than those described in the preceding sentence.
- 2.8.4 The Customer shall be fully liable for any damages, including, without limitation, usage charges, that the Customer may incur as a result of the unauthorized use of services provide to a Customer. Unauthorized use occurs when a person or entity that does not have actual, apparent, or implied authority to use the network, obtains the Company's services provided under this tariff. The unauthorized use of the Company's services includes, but is not limited to, the placement of calls from the Customer's premise, and the placement of calls through equipment controlled and/or provided by the Customer, that are transmitted over the Company's network without the authorization of the Customer. The Customer shall be fully liable for all such usage charges.

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

**2.9 Obligations of the Customer**

**2.9.1** The Customer ~~is~~ responsible for ~~placing any necessary orders; for complying with tariff regulations; and~~ payment of charges for services provided. Specific Customer responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

**A.** reimbursing the Company for damage to, or loss of the Company's facilities or equipment caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer; or the ~~non-compliance~~ by the Customer, with these regulations; or by fire or theft or other casualty on the Customer ~~premise~~, unless caused by the ~~gross~~ negligence or ~~intentional~~ misconduct of the employees or agents of the Company;

**B.** providing at no charge, as specified from time to time by the Company, any needed equipment, ~~secured~~ space, power, ~~supporting structures, and conduit~~ to operate Company facilities and equipment installed on the ~~premise of the~~ Customer, and the level of heating and air conditioning necessary to maintain the proper operating environment on such ~~premise~~;

**C.** obtaining, maintaining and otherwise having full responsibility for all rights-of-way and conduit necessary for installation of fiber optic cable and associated equipment used to provide ~~communications services~~ to the Customer from the cable building entrance or property line to the location of the equipment space described in ~~Section 2.9.1 (b)~~. Any ~~and all~~ costs associated with ~~the~~ obtaining and maintaining the rights-of-way described herein, including the costs of altering the structure to permit installation of the Company provided facilities, shall be ~~borne~~ entirely by, or may be charged by the Company, to the Customer; ~~the~~ Company may require the Customer to demonstrate its compliance with this ~~section~~ prior to accepting an order ~~(if required)~~ for service;

**D.** providing a safe place to work and complying with all laws and regulations regarding the working conditions on the ~~premise~~ at which Company employees and agents shall be installing or maintaining the ~~Company's~~ facilities and equipment; ~~the~~ Customer may be required to install and maintain Company facilities and equipment within a hazardous area if, in the ~~Company's~~ opinion, injury or damage to the Company employees or property might result from installation or maintenance by the Company; ~~the~~ Customer shall be responsible for identifying, monitoring, removing and disposing of any hazardous material (e.g., friable asbestos) prior to any construction or installation work;

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**2.9 Obligations of the Customer, (Cont'd.)**

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- E.** complying with all laws and regulations applicable to, and obtaining all consents, approvals, licenses and permits as may be required with respect to, the location of Company facilities and equipment in any Customer Premises or the rights-of-way for which Customer is responsible under Section 2.9.1(c); and granting or obtaining permission for Company agents or employees to enter the premise of the Customer at any time for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining, repairing, or upon termination of service as stated herein, removing the facilities or equipment of the Company;
- F.** not creating or allowing to be placed any liens or other encumbrances on the Company's equipment or facilities;
- G.** making Company facilities and equipment available periodically for maintenance purposes at a time agreeable to both the Company and the Customer, such agreement not to be reasonably withheld or denied. No allowance will be made for the period during which service is interrupted for such purposes;
- H.** taking all steps necessary to cancel or otherwise discontinue any service(s) to be replaced by any of the Company's service(s) as described herein; and
- I.** ensuring that any Customer provided equipment and/or systems are properly interfaced with Company 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 Customer and in compliance with the criteria set forth in this tariff, and that the signals do not damage equipment, injure personnel, or degrade service to other Customers.

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2.9 Obligations of the Customer, (Cont'd.)

2.9.2 With regard to access services provided by the Company, specific Customer responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

A. Design of Customer Services

The Customer shall be responsible for its own expense for the overall design of its services and for any redesigning or rearrangements of its services which may be required because of changes in facilities, operations or procedures of the Company, minimum protection criteria, or operating or maintenance characteristics of the facilities.

B. Network Contingency Coordination

The Customer shall, in cooperation with the Company, coordinate in planning the actions to be taken to maintain maximum network capability following natural or man-made disasters which affect telecommunications service.

C. Jurisdictional Reports

The jurisdictional reporting requirements will be as specified below. When a Customer orders Access Service, its projected Percent Interstate Usage (PIU) must be provided in whole numbers to the Company. These whole number percentages will be used by the Company to apportion the use and/or charges between interstate and intrastate until a revised report is received as set forth herein. Reported or default PIU factors are used only where the call detail is insufficient to reasonably determine the appropriate jurisdiction of the traffic.

1) Originating Access: The Customer must provide the Company with a projected PIU factor on an annual basis for originating access minutes. If no PIU for originating minutes is submitted as specified herein, the Company will apply a default PIU of 50%.

2) Terminating Access: The Customer must provide the Company with a projected PIU factor on an annual basis for terminating access minutes. If no PIU for terminating minutes is submitted as specified herein, the Company will apply a default PIU of 50%.

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2.9 Obligations of the Customer, (Cont'd.)

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C. Jurisdictional Reports (Cont'd.)

3) If the Company disputes the reasonableness of the PIU provided by the Customer or the reported PIU varies by more than five percentage points over the preceding PIU, the Company may ask the Customer to provide the data used by the Customer to determine the projected percentage. The Customer shall make accurate call detail records from which the percentage of interstate and intrastate use can be derived available for inspection as reasonably necessary for PIU verification. Such records shall be made available for inspection within 15 days of the Company's request for verification. The Company may refuse to change the projected percentage until sufficient evidence has been provided in support of the Customer's projection.

D. Jurisdictional Audits

1) The Customer shall keep sufficient detail from which the percentages of interstate and intrastate use reported to the Company can be verified and upon request of the Company make such records available for inspection and audit. The Customer must maintain these records for 24 months from the date the report became effective for billing purposes.

2) Initiation of an audit will be at the sole discretion of the Company. The audit shall be performed by an independent party selected by the Company. An audit may be initiated by the Company for a single Customer no more than once per year. The Customer shall supply the required data within 30 calendar days of the Company request.

3) In the event that an audit reveals that any Customer reported PIU was incorrect, the Company shall apply the audit result to all usage affected by the audit. The Customer shall be back-billed or credited, for a period retroactive to the date that the incorrect percentage was reported, but not to exceed 24 months. Back-billed amounts are subject to a late payment penalty and payment shall be made in immediately available funds, within 31 days from receipt of bill or by the following bill date, whichever is a shorter period.

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

2.9 Obligations of the Customer, (Cont'd.)

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D. Jurisdictional Audits (Cont'd.)

- 4) Should an audit reveal that the misreported percentage(s) of use has resulted in an underpayment of access charges to the Company of five percent or more of the total Switched Access Services bill, the Customer shall reimburse the Company for the cost of the audit. Proof of cost shall be the bills, in reasonable detail, submitted to the Company by the auditor.
- 5) Within 15 days of completion of the auditor's report, the Company will furnish a copy of the audit results to the person designated by the Customer to receive such results.

E. On and Off-Hook Supervision

The Customer's facilities shall provide the necessary on and off-hook supervision for accurate timing of calls.

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

2.10 Billing and Payment for Service

2.10.1 Responsibility for Charges

The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services and equipment furnished to the Customer for transmission of calls via the Company. In particular and without limitation to the foregoing, the Customer is responsible for any and all cost(s) incurred as the result of:

- A. any delegation of authority resulting in the use of Customer's communications equipment and/or network services which result in the placement of calls via the Company;
- B. any and all use of the service arrangement provided by the Company, including calls which the Customer did not individually authorize, including any and all fraudulent or allegedly fraudulent calls that originate on the Customer's network;
- C. any calls placed by or through the Customer's equipment via any remote access feature(s);
- D. any use of the Company's services and/or activities, whether or not accompanied by a written order.

2.10.2 Minimum Period

The minimum period for which services are provided and for which rates and charges are applicable is one (1) month unless otherwise specified in this tariff or by mutually agreed upon contract. When a service is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable, whether the service is used or not.

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

2.10 Billing and Payment For Service, (Cont'd.)

2.10.3 Payment for Service

- A. All charges due by the Customer are payable to the Company or any agent duly authorized to receive such payments. Terms of payment shall be according to the rules and regulations of the agent and subject to the rules of regulatory bodies having jurisdiction. The Company reserves the right to utilize as its sole and exclusive billing method electronic invoices that are accessible by the Customer via a secure web interface.
- B. Non-recurring charges for installations, service connections, moves or rearrangements are due and payable upon receipt of the Company's invoice by the Customer. At the Company's discretion, payment of all or a portion of any non-recurring charges may be required prior to commencement of facility or equipment installation or construction required to provide the services requested by the Customer.
- C. The Company will typically present invoices for recurring charges monthly to the Customer, unless otherwise agreed to by the Customer and the Company, in advance of the month in which service is provided.
- D. When billing is based upon Customer usage, usage charges will typically be billed monthly in arrears. However, the Company's failure to bill usage charges for service provided in the preceding billing period does not affect the Customer's liability for charges associated with those services, which the Company reserves the right to bill within six months of the date upon which service was provided.
- E. Any requests by the Customer for call detail records supporting billed usage charges must be submitted to the Company in writing or via electronic mail that is acknowledged as received by the Company, within sixty (60) days of the date of the invoice on which the usage was billed. Any such call detail records will be provided in a format to be mutually agreed between the Company and the Customer.
- F. When service does not begin on the first day of the month, or end on the last day of the month, the charge for the fraction of the month in which service was furnished will be calculated on a pro-rata basis. For this purpose, every month is considered to have 30 days.
- G. Amounts not paid within 30 days after the mailing date of invoice will be considered past due.

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2.10 Billing and Payment For Service, (Cont'd.)

2.10.4 Disputed Charges

- A. All bills are presumed accurate, and shall be binding on the Customer unless written notice of a good faith dispute is received by the Company within 90 days (commencing five days after the bill in question has been mailed or otherwise rendered per the Company's normal course of business.) The bill shall be deemed to be correct and the Customer shall be deemed to have waived any and all rights and claims with respect to both the bill and the underlying dispute, if a good faith dispute is not timely received. For the purposes of this Section, "notice of a good faith dispute" is defined as written notice to the Company's contact (which is listed on every page of this tariff), containing sufficient documentation to investigate the dispute, including the account number under which the bill has been rendered, the date of the bill, and the specific items on the bill being disputed. A separate letter of dispute must be submitted for each and every individual bill that the Customer wishes to dispute.
- B. Any disputed charge must be paid in full prior to or at the time of submitting a good faith dispute and failure to tender payment for disputed invoices or portions thereof is a sufficient basis for the Company to deny a dispute for the Customer's failure to demonstrate that the dispute was made in good faith.
- C. If payment of the originally billed amount is not made when due, whether or not a notice of dispute has been submitted, the Customer will incur a late payment fee on the unpaid amount, as set forth in Section 2.10.6.
- D. The Company will attempt to investigate and resolve a good faith dispute within 60 days. If the Company does not respond to the Customer's notice of dispute within 60 days after receiving such notice, the dispute will be deemed rejected. The Customer has the right to pursue any and all legal remedies if dissatisfied with the Company's determination.
- E. In the event the Company resolves a billing dispute in favor of a Customer who has paid the total amount of the disputed bill as required by this tariff, the Company will credit the Customer's account for any overpayment by the Customer, together with simple interest on the amount of the credit, in the billing period following resolution of the dispute.
- F. In the event the Company resolves a billing dispute in favor of a Customer who has paid the total amount of the disputed bill as required by this tariff, but subsequently cancelled the service or is otherwise no longer a Customer, the Company will issue a refund of any overpayment by the Customer, together with simple interest on the amount of the refund.
- G. All adjustments or refunds issued by the Company to the Customer as resolution of a billing dispute, and which are accepted by the Customer, are final and constitute full

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satisfaction, settlement and/or compromise of all of the Customer's claims for the billing period for which the adjustment or refund was issued.

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

2.10 Billing and Payment For Service, (Cont'd.)

2.10.5 Attorneys' Fees

In the event the Company pursues a claim in Court or before any regulatory body arising out the Customer's refusal to make payment pursuant to this tariff, the Customer will be liable for the payment of the Company's reasonable attorneys' fees expended in collecting those unpaid amounts.

2.10.6 Late Payment Fees

A late payment charge of 1.5% per month, or the highest rate permitted by applicable law, whichever is less, shall be due to the Company for any billed amount for which payment has not been received by the Company within thirty (30) days of the invoice date of the Company's invoice for service, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Company in funds which are not immediately available upon presentment.

2.10.7 Returned Check Charge

A service charge equal to \$25.00, or the actual fee incurred by Company from a bank or financial institution, whichever is greater, will be assessed for all checks returned by a bank or other financial institution for: insufficient or uncollected funds, closed account, apparent tampering, missing signature or endorsement, or any other insufficiency or discrepancy necessitating return of the instrument at the discretion of the drawee bank or other financial institution.

2.11 Taxes, Surcharges and Fees

2.11.1 All state and local taxes (i.e., gross receipts tax, sales tax, municipal utilities tax) are listed as separate line items on the Customer's bill and are not included in the quoted rates and charges set forth in this tariff. To the extent that a municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government, or Board imposes upon and collects from the Company a gross receipts tax, sales tax, occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, rights-of-way fee, franchise fee, or other regulatory fee or tax, such and fees and taxes shall, insofar as practicable and allowed by law, be billed pro rata to Customers receiving service from the Company within the territorial limits of such municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government. It shall be the responsibility of the Customer to pay any such taxes and fees that subsequently become applicable retroactively.

2.11.2 The Company may adjust its rates and charges or impose additional rates and charges on its Customers in order to recover amounts it is required by governmental or quasi-governmental authorities to collect from or pay to others in support of statutory or regulatory programs.

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

2.12 Deposits and Advanced Payments

2.12.1 General

The Company reserves the right to validate the creditworthiness of Customers and billed parties through available verification procedures. Where a Customer's creditworthiness is unacceptable to the Company, the Company may refuse to provide service, require a deposit or advance payment, or otherwise restrict or interrupt service to a Customer.

2.12.2 Deposits

- A. To safeguard its interests, the Company may require the Customer to make a deposit to be held as a guarantee for the payment of charges under Board rules. A deposit may be required if the Customer's financial condition is not acceptable to the Company or is not a matter of general knowledge. A deposit may be requested prior to providing service or at any time after the provision of a service to the Customer. A deposit does not relieve the Customer of the responsibility for the prompt payment of bills on presentation. A deposit may be required in addition to an advance payment.
- B. The maximum amount of any deposit shall not exceed the equivalent of the customers estimated liability for two months' service.
- C. The Company will pay interest on deposits, to accrue from the date the deposit is made until it has been refunded, or until a reasonable effort has been made to effect refund. The Company will pay interest at the rate prescribed by the Board or as otherwise permitted by applicable law.
- D. If the amount of a deposit is proven to be less than required to meet the requirements specified above, the Customer shall be required to pay an additional deposit upon request.
- E. Upon discontinuance of service, the Company shall promptly and automatically refund the Customer's deposit plus accrued interest, or the balance, if any, in excess of the unpaid bills including any penalties assessed for service furnished by the Company.

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

**2.12 Deposits and Advanced Payments. (Cont'd.)**

**2.12.3 Advance Payments**

To safeguard its interests, the Company may require a Customer to make an advance payment before services and facilities are furnished. The advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to one (1) month's estimated billing. This will be applied against the next month's charges and a new advance payment may be collected for the next month, if necessary. Advance payments do not accrue interest. An advance payment may be required in addition to a deposit.

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- D. Effective on the first of January, April, July and October of each year the Customer should update its interstate and intrastate jurisdictional report. The Customer should forward to the Company, to be received no later than 15 days after the first of each such month, a revised report showing the interstate and intrastate percentage of use for the past three months ending the last day of December, March, June, and September, respectively, for each service arranged for interstate use, based solely on the traffic originating from or terminating to the Company Local Switching Center. The revised report will serve as the basis for the next three months' billing and will be effective on the bill date for that service. If the Customer does not supply the reports for those services where reports are needed, the Company will assume the percentage to be the same as that provided previously. For those cases in which a quarterly report has never been received from the Customer, the Company will assume the percentages to be the same as those provided in 2.3.3A and 2.3.3B above.¶
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- E. **Jurisdictional Reports Verification:** For Switched Access Service, if a billing dispute arises or a regulatory commission questions the projected PIU factor, the Customer will provide the data issued to determine the projected PIU factor. The Customer will supply the data within 30 days of the Company request.¶
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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.13 Cancellation by Customer

2.13.1 General

Customers of the Company's service may cancel service by providing the Company with written notification thirty (30) days prior to the requested cancellation date. The Company shall hold the Customer responsible for payment of all bills for service furnished until the cancellation date specified by the Customer or until thirty (30) days after the date that the cancellation notice is received, whichever is later.

2.13.2 Cancellation of Contract Services

If a Customer cancels a service order or terminates services before the completion of the term or where the Customer breaches the terms in the service contract, the Customer may be requested by the Company to pay to Company termination liability charges. These charges shall become due and owing as of the effective date of the cancellation or termination. Unless otherwise specified in this tariff, the termination liability shall be equal to:

- A. all unpaid nonrecurring charges reasonably expended by the Company to establish service to Customer, plus;
- B. any disconnection, early cancellation or termination charges reasonably incurred and paid to third parties by the Company on behalf of Customer, plus;
- C. all recurring charges specified in the applicable service order for the balance of the then current term.

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 The Customer shall keep records of call detail from which the percentage of interstate and intrastate use can be ascertained and, upon request of the Company, shall make the records available for inspection as reasonably necessary for purposes of verification of the percentages. The Company reserves the right to conduct an audit at any time during the year. The Customer, as its own expense, has the right to retain an independent auditing firm.¶  
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 2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels¶  
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 2.4.1 General ¶  
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 A Customer may transmit or receive information or signals via the facilities of the Company.¶  
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 A. The Customer is responsible for providing and maintaining any terminal equipment on the Customer Premises. The electric power consumed by such equipment shall be provided by, and maintained at the expense of, the Customer. All such terminal equipment must be registered with the FCC under 47 C.F.R., Part 68 and all wiring must be installed and maintained in compliance with those regulations. The Company will, where practicable, notify the Customer that temporary discontinuance of the use of a service may be r (... [106]  
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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.13 Cancellation by Customer, (Cont'd)

2.13.3 Cancellation of Application for Service

A. Where the Company permits the Customer to cancel an application for service prior to the start of service or prior to any special construction, no charges will be imposed except for those specified below.

B. Where, prior to cancellation by the Customer, the Company incurs any expenses in installing the service or in preparing to install the service that it otherwise would not have incurred, a charge equal to the costs the Company incurred, less net salvage, shall apply, but in no case shall this charge exceed the sum of the charge for the minimum period of services ordered, including installation charges, and all charges others levy against the Company that would have been chargeable to the Customer had service begun.

C. Where the Company incurs any expense in connection with special construction, or where special arrangements of facilities or equipment have begun, before the Company receives a cancellation notice, a charge equal to the costs incurred, less net salvage, may apply. In such cases, the charge will be based on such elements as the cost of the equipment, facilities, and material, the cost of installation, engineering, labor, and supervision, general and administrative expense, other disbursements, depreciation, maintenance, taxes, provision for return on investment, and any other costs associated with the special construction or arrangements.

D. The charges described above will be calculated and applied on a case-by-case basis.

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

2.14 Cancellation by Company

2.14.1 Service continues to be provided until canceled by the Customer pursuant to Section 2.13 or until discontinued by the Company. The Company may render bills subsequent to the termination of service for charges incurred before termination. The Customer shall pay such bills in full in accordance with the payment terms of this tariff.

2.14.2 The Company may refuse or discontinue service to a Customer without notice under the following conditions:

A. For violation of law or this tariff: Except as provided elsewhere in this tariff, the Company may refuse, suspend or cancel service, without notice, for any violation of terms of this tariff, for any violation of any law, rule, regulation, order, decree or policy of any government authority of competent jurisdiction, or by reason of any order or decision of a court or other government authority having jurisdiction which prohibits the Company from furnishing such service or prohibits Customer from subscribing to, using, or paying for such service.

B. For the Company to comply with any order or request of any governmental authority having jurisdiction: The Company may refuse, suspend or cancel service, without notice, in order to permit the Company to comply with any order or request of any governmental authority having jurisdiction.

C. In the event of Customer or Authorized User use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's equipment or service to others.

D. In the event of tampering with the equipment or services of the Company or its agents.

E. In the event of unauthorized or fraudulent use of service. Whenever service is discontinued for fraudulent use of service, the Company may, to the extent that Company opts to restore such service, require the Customer to make, at Customer's own expense, all changes in facilities or equipment necessary to eliminate illegal use and to pay an amount reasonably estimated as the loss in revenues resulting from such fraudulent use.

F. If any of the facilities, appliances, or apparatus on Customer's premises are found to be unsafe or causing harm to the Company's facilities. The Company may refuse to furnish service until the applicant or Customer shall have remedied the condition.



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

2.14 Cancellation by Company, (Cont'd.)

2.14.3 The Company may refuse or discontinue service provided that, unless otherwise stated, the Customer shall be given five (5) days written notice to comply with any rule or remedy any deficiency:

- A. For nonpayment: The Company, by written notice to the Customer and in accordance with applicable law, may refuse, suspend or cancel service without incurring any liability when there is an unpaid balance for service that is past due.
- B. For returned checks: The Customer whose check or draft is returned unpaid for any reason, after two attempts at collection, may, at the Company's discretion, be subject to refusal, suspension or cancellation of service in the same manner as provided for nonpayment of overdue charges.
- C. For neglect or refusal to provide reasonable access to the Company or its agents for the purpose of inspection and maintenance of equipment owned by the Company or its agents.
- D. For Customer use or Customer's permitting use of obscene, profane or grossly abusive language over the Company's facilities, and who, after five (5) days notice, fails, neglects or refuses to cease and refrain from such practice or to prevent the same, and to remove its property from the premises of such person.
- E. For use of telephone service for any property or purpose other than that described in the application.
- F. For Customer's breach of any contract for service between the Company and the Customer.

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

2.15 Restoration of Service

2.15.1 If service has been discontinued for nonpayment or as otherwise provided herein and the Customer wishes service continued, service may be restored at the Company's sole discretion, when all past due amounts are paid or the event giving rise to the discontinuance (if other than nonpayment) is corrected. Customers whose service was disconnected for nonpayment may be required to pay a deposit and/or advance payment prior to service restoration.

2.15.2 A restoration fee of \$25.00, or the actual costs incurred by the Company plus an administrative charge, whichever is greater, applies to Customers whose service is restored following disconnection by the Company.

2.15.3 Restoration of disrupted services shall be in accordance with applicable Board and/or Federal Communications Commission Rules and Regulations specified in Part 64, Subpart D, which specify the priority system for such activities.

2.16 Provision of Company Equipment and Facilities

2.16.1 The Company shall use reasonable efforts to maintain only the facilities and equipment that it furnishes to the Customer. The Customer may not nor may the Customer permit others to rearrange, disconnect, remove, attempt to repair, or otherwise interfere with any of the facilities or equipment installed by the Company, except upon the written consent of the Company.

2.16.2 The Company may substitute, change or rearrange any equipment or facility at any time and from time to time, but shall not thereby alter the technical parameters of the service provided the Customer.

2.16.3 Equipment the Company provides or installs at the Customer premises shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which the equipment is provided.

2.16.4 The Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation, or maintenance of any Customer provided communications equipment. Where such equipment is connected to the facilities furnished under this tariff, the responsibility of the Company shall be limited to the furnishing of facilities offered under this tariff and to the maintenance and operation of such facilities. Subject to this responsibility, the Company shall not be responsible for:

- A. the transmission of signals by Customer provided equipment or for the quality of, or defects in, such transmission; or
- B. the reception of signals by Customer-provided equipment; or
- C. network control signaling where such signaling is performed by Customer-provided network control signaling equipment.

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

2.17 Interconnection

2.17.1 Service furnished by the Company may be interconnected with services or facilities of other authorized communications common carriers and with private systems, subject to technical limitations established by the Company. Service furnished by the Company is not part of a joint undertaking with such other common carriers or systems. Any special interface equipment or facilities necessary to achieve compatibility between the facilities of Company and other participating carriers shall be provided at the Customer's expense.

2.17.2 Connection with the facilities or services of other carriers shall be under the applicable terms and conditions of the other carriers' tariffs. The Customer is responsible for taking all necessary legal steps for interconnecting Customer-provided terminal equipment or systems with Company's facilities. Customer shall secure all licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and other arrangements necessary for such interconnection.

2.17.3 The Customer shall ensure that the facilities or equipment provided by another carrier are properly interconnected with the facilities or equipment of the Company. If the Customer maintains or operates the interconnected facilities or equipment in a manner which results or may result in harm to the Company's facilities, equipment, personnel, or the quality of service, the Company may, upon five (5) days written notice, require the use of protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this written notice fails to eliminate the actual or potential harm, the Company may, upon additional five (5) days written notice, terminate the existing service of the Customer.

2.17.4 If harm to the Company's network, personnel or services is imminent due to interconnection with another carrier's services, the Company reserves the right to shut down Customer's service immediately, with no prior notice required.

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

2.18 Customer-Provided Equipment

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

2.18.2 Terminal equipment on the Customer's Premises and the electric power consumed by such equipment shall be provided by and maintained at the expense of the Customer. The Customer is responsible for the provision of wiring or cable to connect its terminal equipment to the Company's network.

2.18.3 The Customer is responsible for ensuring that Customer-provided equipment connected to Company equipment and facilities is compatible with such equipment and facilities. The magnitude and character of the voltages and currents impressed on Company-provided equipment and wiring by the connection, operation, or maintenance of such equipment and wiring shall be such as not to cause damage to the Company-provided equipment and wiring or injury to the Company's employees or to other persons. Any additional protective equipment required to prevent such damage or injury shall be provided by the Company at the Customer's expense, subject to prior Customer approval of the equipment expense.

2.18.4 Upon suitable notification to the Customer, and at a reasonable time, the Company may make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the Customer is complying with the requirements under this Section 2.18 for the installation, operation, and maintenance of Customer-provided facilities, equipment, and wiring in the connection of Customer-provided facilities and equipment to Company-owned facilities and equipment.

2.18.5 If the protective requirements for Customer-provided equipment are not being complied with, the Company may take such action as it deems necessary to protect its facilities, equipment, and personnel. The Company may, upon five (5) days written notice, require the use of additional protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this written notice fails to remedy any protective deficiencies or potential harm, the Company may, upon additional five (5) days written notice, terminate the existing service of the Customer.

2.18.6 If harm to the Company's network, personnel or services is imminent, the Company reserves the right to shut down Customer's service immediately, with no prior notice required.

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

2.19 Inspection, Testing and Adjustments

2.19.1 The Company may, upon reasonable notice, make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine whether the terms and conditions of this tariff are being complied with in the installation, operation or maintenance of the Customer's or the Company's facilities or equipment. The Company may interrupt service at any time, without penalty or liability, due to the departure from or reasonable suspicion of the departure from any of these terms and conditions.

2.19.2 Upon reasonable notice, the facilities or equipment provided by the Company shall be made available to the Company for such tests and adjustments as may be necessary for their maintenance in a condition satisfactory to the Company. No interruption allowance shall be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made, unless such interruption exceeds twenty-four hours and is requested by the Customer.

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

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

**2.20 Allowances for Interruptions in Service**

**2.20.1 General**

- A. A credit allowance will be given when service is interrupted, except as specified in Section 2.20.2 following. A service is interrupted when it becomes inoperative to the Customer, e.g., the Customer is unable to transmit or receive, because of a failure of a component furnished by the Company under this tariff.**
- B. An interruption period begins when the Customer reports to the Company a service, facility or circuit is inoperative and, if necessary, releases it for testing and repair by the Company, as determined in its sole and reasonable discretion. An interruption period ends when the service, facility or circuit is operative.**
- C. If the Customer reports a service, facility or circuit to be interrupted but declines to release it for testing and repair, refuses access to its premises for test and repair by the Company, or continues to make voluntary use of the service, the service, facility or circuit is considered to be impaired but not interrupted. No credit allowances will be made for a service, facility or circuit considered by the Company to be impaired.**
- D. The Customer shall be responsible for the payment of service charges for visits by the Company's agents or employees to the premises of the Customer when the service difficulty or trouble report results from the use of equipment or facilities provided by any party other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer.**

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

2.20 Allowances for Interruptions in Service (Continued)

2.20.2 Limitations of Allowances

A. No credit allowance will be made for any interruption in service:

- (1) due to the negligence of or noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff by any person or entity other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer;
- (2) due to the failure of power, equipment, systems, connections or services not provided by the Company;
- (3) due to circumstances or causes beyond the reasonable control of the Company;
- (4) during any period in which the Company is not given full and free access to its facilities and equipment for the purposes of investigating and correcting interruptions;
- (5) during any period when the Customer has released service to the Company for maintenance purposes or for implementation of a Customer order for a change in service arrangements;
- (6) that occurs or continues due to the Customer's failure to authorize replacement of any element of special construction; and
- (7) that was not reported to the Company within 30 days of the date that service was affected.
- (8) Cellular and other wireless transmission is subject to interruptions including but not limited to, dropped calls, interrupted calls, unintelligible calls, one-way audio and other problems created by factors beyond Company's control. Under no circumstances will Company provide credit or payment of any kind for calls which experience problems related to cellular (wireless) transmissions.

2.20.3 Use of Another Means of Communications

If the Customer elects to use another means of communications during the period of interruption, the Customer must pay the charges for the alternative service used.

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

2.20 Allowances for Interruptions in Service, (Cont'd.)

2.20.4 Application of Credits for Interruptions in Service

A. ~~Except as provided in Section 2.20.2 A., if a Customer's service is interrupted, and it remains interrupted for eight normal working hours or longer after access to the premises is made available and after being reported to be out of order, appropriate adjustments or refunds shall be made to the Customer, when such adjustment exceeds \$1.00.~~

B. ~~The amount of adjustment or refund shall be determined on the basis of the known period of interruption, generally beginning from the time the service interruption is first reported. The refund to the Customer shall be a pro rata part of the month's flat rate charges (if any) for the period of days and that portion of the service facilities rendered useless or inoperative. The refund may be accomplished by a credit on a subsequent bill for the service.~~

C. ~~For purposes of credit computation every month shall be considered to have seven hundred and twenty (720) hours. For services with a monthly recurring charge, no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of continuous duration of less than eight (8) hours. The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of eight (8) or more hours at the rate of 1/720th of the monthly charge for the services affected for each day that the interruption continues. The formula used for computation of credits is as follows:~~

~~Credit = A/720 x B~~

~~A = outage time in hours (must be 8 or more)~~

~~B = total monthly recurring charge for affected service.~~

D. ~~No credits will be provided for usage sensitive services.~~

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

2.21 Notices and Communications

2.21.1 The Customer shall designate on the service order, or shall otherwise provide, an address to which the Company shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that Customer may also designate a separate address to which the Company's bills for service shall be mailed.

2.21.2 The Company shall designate on the service order an address to which the Customer shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that Company may designate a separate address, on bills for service, to which the Customer shall mail payment on that bill.

2.21.3 Notice of a pending disconnection of a Customer's service may contain the reason for the notice, the date of the notice, a description of any remedies the Customer may make, the time allotted for the Customer to make remedies (if any), and a toll free customer service number the Customer may call to obtain additional information.

2.21.4 Except as otherwise stated in this tariff, all other notices or communications required to be given under this tariff will be in writing.

2.21.5 Notices and other communications of either party, and all bills mailed by the Company, shall be presumed to have been delivered to the other party on the second business day following placement of the notice, communication, or bill with the U.S. mail or a private delivery service, prepaid and properly addressed, or when actually received or refused by the addressee, whichever occurs first.

2.21.6 The Company or the Customer shall advise the other party of any changes to the addresses designated for notices, other communications or billing, by following the procedures for giving notice set forth herein.

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

2.22 Ordering, Rating and Billing of Access Services Where More Than One Exchange Telephone Company is Involved

When an Access Service is provided to a customer where one portion of the service is provided by one Exchange Telephone Company and the other portion of the service is provided by another Exchange Telephone Company, the Company accepts and adheres to the Ordering and Billing Forum guidelines, Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (MECAB) and Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design (MECOD).

2.23 Mixed Interstate and Intrastate Switched Access Services

2.23.1 When mixed interstate and intrastate switched access service is provided, all charges, including nonrecurring charges, usage charges, and optional features, will be prorated between interstate and intrastate. The percentage provided in the reports as set forth in 2.9.2 preceding will serve as the basis for prorating the charges. The percentage of an access service to be charged as intrastate is applied in the following manner:

- A. For nonrecurring chargeable rate elements, multiply 100% minus the PIU times the quantity of chargeable elements times the intrastate tariff rate per element.
- B. For usage sensitive chargeable rate elements, multiply 100% minus the PIU times actual use (measured or Company assumed average use) times the intrastate rate.

2.23.2 A similar calculation, multiplying quantities by the PIU, is performed to determine the interstate portion of the bill.

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SECTION 3 -

SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

3.1 General

3.1.1 Switched Access Service provides a two-point communications path between a Customer's Premises and an End User's Premises. It provides for the use of common terminating, switching and trunking facilities and common subscriber plant, and is functionally equivalent to the switched access services provided by the incumbent local exchange company (ILEC). Switched Access Service provides for the ability to originate Traffic from an End User's Premises to a Customer's Premises and to terminate Traffic from a Customer's Premises to an End User's Premises.

3.1.2 When a rate as set forth in this tariff is shown to more than two decimal places, the charges will be determined using the rate shown. The resulting amount will then be rounded to the nearest penny (i.e., rounded to two decimal places).

3.1.3 In the absence of an ASR as described in Section 3.4, delivery of calls to, or acceptance of calls from, the Customer's End User location(s) via Company-provided switched access services shall constitute a Constructive Order and an agreement by the Customer to purchase the Company's switched access services as described and priced herein.

3.1.4 In those situations where a CMRS provider terminates intrastate interMTA traffic over the Company's network, the rates, terms and conditions of this tariff will apply.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.2 Manner of Provision

3.2.1 Switched Access Service is furnished for originating and terminating calls by the Customer to its End User. Switched Access Service is furnished on a per-line or per trunk basis.

3.2.2 Originating traffic type represents access capacity within a LATA for carrying traffic from the End User to the Customer; and Terminating traffic type represents access capacity within a LATA for carrying traffic from the Customer to the End User. When ordering capacity for Switched Access Service, the Customer must at a minimum specify such access capacity in terms of originating traffic type and/or terminating traffic type.

3.2.3 Switched Access is provisioned, at minimum, at the DS-1 level and provides line-side or trunk-side access to End Office switches, for the Customer's use in originating and terminating communications. Basic Switched Access Service will be provided with Multi-Frequency in-Band Signaling (SS7 is also available, where capabilities exist).

3.2.4 Two types of Switched Access are available:

A. Tandem Connect Access: This option applies when the customer has no direct facilities to the End Office. Traffic is routed to and from the End Office via the Access Tandem. Delivery of calls to, or acceptance of calls from, the Customer's End User location(s) via Company-provided Tandem Connect Access services shall constitute a Constructive Order and an agreement by the Customer to purchase the Company's switched access services as described and priced herein.

B. Direct Connect Access: This option applies when the Company or another service provider provides dedicated facilities between the Customer's premises and the End Office. This transmission path is dedicated to the use of a single Customer. The Company requires the Customer to submit an ASR or comparable documentation for the dedicated portion of Direct Connect Access. The dedicated portion of Direct Connect access is provided pursuant to contract.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONTD)

3.3 Rate Categories

There are four rate categories which apply to Switched Access Service:

- Common Line
- End Office Switching
- Switched Transport
- Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Query Service

A. Common Line

The Common Line component is related to the use of Company-provided end user common lines by customers and end users for intrastate access.

B. End Office Switching

The End Office Switching component is related to the use of end office switching equipment, the terminations in the end office of end user lines, the terminations of calls at Company Intercept Operators or recordings, the Signaling Transfer Point (STP) costs, and the SS7 signaling function between the end office and the STP.

C. Switched Transport

The Switched Transport component is related to the transmission and tandem switching facilities between the Customer-designated premises and the end office switch(es) where the Customer's traffic is switched to originate or terminate the Customer's communications. The Switched Transport component also includes transport between an end office which serves as host for a remote switching system or module (RSS or RSM) and the RSS or RSM.

D. Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Query

The Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Query Charge, will apply for each Toll-Free 8XX call query received at the Company's (or its provider's) Toll-Free 8XX data base.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (CONT'D)

3.4 Access Ordering

3.4.1 General

- A. Customers may order switched access through a Constructive Order, as defined herein, or through an ASR. The format and terms of the ASR will be as specified in the Industry Access Service Order Guidelines, unless otherwise specified herein.
- B. A Customer may order any number of services of the same type and between the same premises on a single ASR. All details for services for a particular order must be identical.
- C. The Customer shall provide all information necessary for the Company to provide and bill for the requested service. When placing an order for Access Service, the Customer shall provide the following minimum information:
  - (1) Customer name and Premises address(es);
  - (2) Billing name and address (when different from Customer name and address); and
  - (3) Customer contact name(s) and telephone number(s) for the following provisioning activities: order negotiation, order confirmation, interactive design, installation and billing.

3.4.2 Access Service Date Intervals

- A. Access Service is provided with Standard or Negotiated Intervals
- B. The Company will specify a firm order confirmation date and Service Commencement Date contingent on the ASR being complete as received. To the extent the Access Service can be made available with reasonable effort, the Company will provide the Access Service in accordance with the Customer's requested interval, subject to the following conditions:
  - (1) For service provided under a Standard Interval: The Standard Interval for Switched Service will be sixty (60) business days from the Application Date. This interval only applies to standard service offerings where there are pre-existing facilities to the Customer Premises. Access Services provided under the Standard Interval will be installed during Company business hours.

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3.4 Access Ordering, (Cont'd.)

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(2) For service provided under a Negotiated Interval: The Company will offer a Service Date based on the type and quantity of Access Services the Customer has requested. The Negotiated Interval may not exceed by more than six months the Standard Interval Service Date, or, when there is no Standard Interval, the Company offered Service Date, except as otherwise agreed by the Company in writing. The Company will negotiate a Service Date interval with the Customer when:

- a) The Customer requests a Service Date before or beyond the applicable Standard Interval Service Date; or
- b) There is no existing facility connecting the Customer Premises with the Company; or
- c) The Customer requests a service that is not considered by the Company to be a standard service offering (for example, if additional engineering or special construction is required to complete the order); or
- d) The Company determines that Access Service cannot be installed within the Standard Interval.

C. All services for which rates are applied on an Individual Case Basis are provided with a Negotiated Interval.

3.4.3 Access Service Request Modifications

The Customer may request a modification of its ASR prior to the Service Commencement Date. All modifications must be in writing using the industry ASR process. The Company, in its sole discretion, may accept a verbal modification from the Customer. The Company will make every effort to accommodate a requested modification when it is able to do so with the normal work force assigned to complete such an order within normal business hours.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.5 Special Construction or Special Service Arrangements

3.5.1 Subject to the agreement of the Company and to all of the regulations contained in this tariff, special construction of Company facilities or development of special service arrangements may be undertaken by the Company on a reasonable-efforts basis at the request of the Customer. Such construction or arrangements will be provided pursuant to regulations contained in Section 4 of this tariff.

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3.6 Rate Regulations

3.6.1 General

There are three types of rates and charges that apply to Switched Access Service provided by the Company. These are monthly recurring charges, usage charges, and nonrecurring charges.

3.6.2 Types of Charges

- A. Nonrecurring charges are one time charges that apply for a specific work activity (e.g., installation or change to an existing service). Non-recurring charges may apply for installation of service, installation of optional features and service rearrangements.
- B. Recurring Charges are flat monthly rates that apply for each month or fraction thereof that a specific rate element is provided. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have 30 days.
- C. Usage Charges are rates that apply only when a specific rate element is used. These are applied on a per-access minute, a per-call or per-query basis. Usage rates are accumulated over a monthly period.

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**SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)**

**3.6 Rate Regulations, (Cont'd.)**

**3.6.3 Measurement and Billing of Access Minutes**

**A.** When recording originating calls over Switched Access Service with multi-frequency address signaling, usage measurement begins when the first wink supervisory signal is forwarded from the Customer's facilities. The measurement of originating call usage over Switched Access Service ends when the originating Switched Access Service entry switch receives disconnect supervision from either the originating End User's End Office (indicating that the originating End User has disconnected), or from the Customer's facilities, whichever is recognized first by the entry switch. For terminating calls over Switched Access Service with multi-frequency address signaling, the measurement of access minutes begins when a seizure signal is received from the Carrier's trunk group at the Point of Presence within the LATA. The measurement of terminating call usage over Switched Access Service ends when a disconnect signal is received, indicating that either the originating or terminating user has disconnected.

**B.** When recording originating calls over Switched Access Service with SS7 signaling, usage measurement begins with the transmission of the initial address message by the switch for direct trunk groups and with the receipt of an exit message by the switch for tandem trunk groups. The measurement of originating Switched Access Service usage ends when the entry switch receives or sends a release message, whichever occurs first. For terminating calls over Switched Access Service with SS7 signaling, the measurement of access minutes begins when the terminating recording switch receives the initial address message from the terminating End User. On directly routed trunk groups or on tandem routed trunk groups, the Company switch receives the initial address message and sends the indication to the Customer in the form of an answer message. The measurement of terminating Switched Access Service call usage ends when the entry switch receives or sends a release message, whichever occurs first.

**C.** Mileage, where applicable, will be measured in accordance with standard industry practices.

**D.** The Company will use the Small Exchange Carrier Access Billing ("SECAB") guidelines, or the Carrier Access Billing System ("CABS") guidelines, or other system that emulates or otherwise produces a reasonable substitute for the output of SECAB or CABS, for billing all charges under this tariff. The Company will provide billing using a hardcopy format or upon request, a mechanized medium (e.g., cartridge tape, CD ROM, etc.). Bills will be accurate and contain sufficient supporting details to allow customers to account for the charges and to verify their accuracy in a reasonable and timely fashion. Requests for additional bill detail will be handled and priced on an Individual Case Basis (ICB).

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D)

3.6 Rate Regulations, (Cont'd.)

3.6.4 Moves

A. A move of services involves a change in the physical location of one of the following:

- (1) The point of termination at the Customer's Premises, or
- (2) The Customer's Premises

B. The charges for the move are dependent on whether the move is to a new location within the same building or to a different building as described below:

(1) Moves Within the Same Building

When the move is to a new location within the same building, the charge for the move will be an amount equal to one half of the nonrecurring charge for the capacity affected. There will be no change in the minimum period requirements.

(2) Moves to a Different Building

Moves to a different building will be treated as a discontinuance and start of service and all associated nonrecurring charges will apply. New minimum period requirements will be established for the new service. The Customer will also remain responsible for satisfying all outstanding minimum period charges for the discontinued service.

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3.6 Rate Regulations (Continued)

3.6.5 Service Rearrangements

- A. Service rearrangements are changes to existing services which do not result in either a change in the minimum period requirements or a change in the physical location of the point of termination at the Customer's premises or the Customer's End User's premises. Changes which result in the establishment of new minimum period obligations or a change in physical location of the point of termination at the Customer's premises or the Customer's End User's premises are treated as disconnects and starts.
- B. The charge to the Customer for the service rearrangement is dependent on whether the change is administrative only in nature or involves an actual physical change to the service.
- C. Administrative changes will be made without charge(s) to the Customer. Such changes require the continued provision and billing of the Access Service to the same entity or change in jurisdiction.

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**SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (CONT'D)**

**3.7 Rates and Charges**

The Company's rates for Switched Access Service, as set forth in Sections 3.7.1, 3.7.2 and 3.7.3 below, are established at the same levels as the corresponding interstate switched access rates of the incumbent local exchange company (ILEC) in whose service territory the Company's access service is provided.

**3.7.1 Qwest Exchanges – Elk Point, Yankton, Vermillion**

<u>Carrier Common Line, per minute</u>	<u>\$0.038420</u>
<u>Tandem-Switched Transport - Facility, per minute, per mile</u>	
<u>Over 0 to 8 miles</u>	<u>\$0.000015</u>
<u>Over 8 to 25 miles</u>	<u>\$0.000018</u>
<u>Over 25 to 50 miles</u>	<u>\$0.000019</u>
<u>Over 50 miles</u>	<u>\$0.000020</u>
<u>Tandem-Switched Transport - Termination, per minute</u>	
<u>Over 0 to 8 miles</u>	<u>\$0.000237</u>
<u>Over 8 to 25 miles</u>	<u>\$0.000273</u>
<u>Over 25 to 50 miles</u>	<u>\$0.000308</u>
<u>Over 50 miles</u>	<u>\$0.000311</u>
 <u>Access Tandem Switching, per minute</u>	 <u>\$0.007700</u>
 <u>Local Switching, per minute</u>	 <u>\$0.008610</u>
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3.7 Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

3.7.2. Non Qwest Exchanges – Jefferson, Alsen, Gayville, Irene, Wakonda, Alcester, Avon,  
Springfield, Lesterville, Scotland)

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<u>Local Transport, per minute</u>	<u>\$0.0327</u>
<u>Local Switching, per minute</u>	<u>\$0.0261</u>
<u>Toll Free Database Query</u>	
<u>Basic, Per Query</u>	<u>\$0.0079</u>
<u>Veritcal Feature, Per Query</u>	<u>\$0.0082</u>
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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (CONT'D)

3.7 Rates and Charges (Cont'd.)

3.7.6 Service Order Charges

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SECTION 4 - SPECIAL CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, AND CONSTRUCTION

4.1 Special Contract Arrangements

At the option of the Company, services may be offered on a contract basis to meet specialized pricing requirements of the Customer not contemplated by this tariff. The terms of each contract shall be mutually agreed upon between the Customer and Company and may include discounts off of rates contained herein and waiver of recurring, nonrecurring, or usage charges. The terms of the contract may be based partially or completely on the term and volume commitment, type of access arrangement, mixture of services, or other distinguishing features. Service shall be available to all similarly situated Customers for a fixed period of time following the initial offering to the first contract Customer as specified in each individual contract.

4.2 Special Service Arrangements

4.2.1 If a Customer's requirements cannot be met by services included in this tariff, or pricing for a service is shown in this tariff as "ICB", the Company will provide, where practical, special service arrangements at charges to be determined on an Individual Case Basis. These special service arrangements will be provided if the provision of such arrangements is not detrimental to any other services furnished under the Company's tariffs.

4.2.2 Special service arrangement rates are subject to revision depending on changing costs or operating conditions.

4.2.3 If and when a special service arrangement becomes a generically tariffed offering, the tariffed rate or rates will apply from the date of tariff approval.

4.3 Non-Routine Installation Charges

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

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- ¶ This section establishes the methodology for the exchange and termination of local traffic for carriers that do not have an interconnection agreement with the Company.¶
- ¶
- 6.2 Ordering Conditions¶
- ¶ The Customer may order switched access through a Constructive Order, as defined herein, or through an ASR. The format and terms of the ASR will be as specified in the Industry Access Service Order Guidelines, unless otherwise specified herein.¶
- ¶
- 6.3 Local Traffic Compensation¶
- ¶ Local traffic exchange will be conducted under a Bill and Keep arrangement. All local traffic will be exchanged under a Meet Point Billing Arrangement unless and until either the Commission or FCC requires an alternative approach for the exchange of usage information for such traffic for use by all industry participants, pursuant to which the Company and the Terminating Carriers shall recover the costs of transporting and terminating such traffic on their networks from other parties in accordance with the then applicable regulations, including to the extent practicable, any Internet Service Provider access charge exemption. This provision does not apply to access traffic, transit traffic, or wireless traffic.¶
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SECTION 4 - SPECIAL CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, AND CONSTRUCTION, (CONT'D)

4.4 Special Construction Charges

4.4.1 General

A. Special construction charges may apply for services provided to the Customer by the Company. Special construction includes but is not limited to that construction undertaken:

- 1) where facilities are not presently available, and there is no other requirement for the facilities so constructed;
- 2) of a type other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
- 3) over a route other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
- 4) in a quantity greater than that which the Company would normally construct;
- 5) on an expedited basis;
- 6) on a temporary basis until permanent facilities are available;
- 7) involving abnormal costs;
- 8) in advance of its normal construction; or
- 9) when the Company furnishes a facility or service for which a rate or charge is not specified in the Company's tariff.

B. Where the Company furnishes a facility or service requiring special construction, charges will be determined by the Company and may include: (1) non-recurring charges; (2) recurring charges; (3) usage charges; (4) termination liabilities; or (5) a combinations thereof.

C. Rates and charges for special construction shall be determined and presented to the Customer for its approval prior to the start of construction. No construction will commence until and unless the Customer accepts in writing the rates and charges as presented by the Company.

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**7.2 Individual Case Basis Arrangements¶**

Arrangements will be developed on an individual case basis (ICB) in response to a bona fide special request from a Customer or prospective Customer to develop a competitive bid for a service. ICB rates will be offered to the Customer in writing and on a non-discriminatory basis. ICB arrangements are sul (... [186]

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Authorized User: A person, firm, corporation or other entity that either is authorized by the Customer to use Access Services or is placed in a position by the Customer, either through acts or omissions, to use Access Services.

Carrier or Common Carrier: See Interexchange Carrier or Exchange Carrier.

Co-Carrier: Any other Telecommunications provider authorized by the Commission to provide local exchange service in the state.

Commission: The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission.

Common Channel Signaling (CCS): A high-speed packet switched

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message networks. It is used to carry addressed signaling messages for individual trunk circuits

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database related services between signaling points in the CCS network.

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subscribes to intrastate service provided by an Exchange Carrier.

Entrance Facility: A trunk facility connecting the Customer's point of presence with the local switching center.

Exchange Carrier: Any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, governmental entity or corporation engaged in the provision of

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of receipt of an Access Service Request from the Customer and commitment by the Company of a Service Date

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Individual Case Basis: A service arrangement in which the regulations, rates and charges are developed based on the specific circumstances of the Customer's situation.

Inter-MTA Traffic - Wireless traffic originating on the network of a CMRS provider within one MTA and terminating to the Company's end-user subscribers in another MTA.

Intra-MTA Traffic - Wireless traffic originating on the network of a CMRS provider within a MTA and terminating to the Company's end-user subscribers in the same MTA.

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for the provision and administration of communications services.

Line Information Data Base (LIDB): The data base which contains base information such as telephone numbers, calling card numbers and associated billed number restriction data used in connection with the validation and billing of calls.

Local Access: The connection between a Customer's premises and a point of presence of the Exchange Carrier.

Local Switching Center: The switching center where telephone exchange service Customer station Channels are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to interoffice Trunks.

Local Traffic: Traffic is "Local Traffic" under this Tariff if: (i) the call originates and terminates in the same exchange area; or (ii) the call originates and terminates within different Aventure Exchanges that share a common mandatory local calling area, e.g., a mandatory Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS) or Extended Area Service areas (EAS) or other like types of mandatory local calling scopes.

Meet Point: A point of interconnection that is not an end office or tandem.

Meet Point Billing: The arrangement through which multiple Exchange Carriers involved in providing Access Services, divide the ordering, rating, and billing of such services on a proportional basis, so that each

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line.

Out of Band Signaling: An exchange access signaling feature which allows customers to exchange call control and signaling information over a communications path which is separate from the message path.

Point of Presence: Location where the Customer maintains a facility for purposes of interconnecting to the Company's Network.

Premises: The space occupied by

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Customer or Authorized User in a building or buildings or on contiguous property (except railroad rights-of-way, etc.).

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Presubscription: An arrangement whereby an End User may select and designate to the Company an Interexchange Carrier (IXC) or Carriers it wishes to access, without an Access Code, for completing both intraLATA toll calls and/or interLATA calls. The selected IXC(s) are referred to as the End User's Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC).

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Signaling System 7 (SS7): The common Channel Out of Band Signaling protocol developed by the Consultative Committee for International Telephone and Telegraph (CCITT) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

Switched Access Service: Access to the switched network of an Exchange Carrier for the purpose of originating or terminating communications. Switched Access is available to carriers, as defined in this Tariff.

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Wireless Provider: Any carrier authorized to operate as a provider of cellular, personal communications, paging or any other form of wireless transmission.

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- A. The Company reserves the right to limit or to allocate the use of existing facilities, or of additional facilities offered by the Company when necessary because of lack of facilities or due to some other cause beyond the Company's control.
- B. The furnishing of service under this Tariff is subject to the availability on a continuing basis of all the necessary facilities and is limited to the capacity of the Company's facilities as well as facilities the company may obtain from other Carriers from time to time, to furnish service as required at the sole discretion of the Company.
- C. The provisioning and restoration of service in emergencies

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 be in accordance with Part 64, Subpart D, Appendix A of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations,

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 herein, service is provided and billed on the basis of a minimum period of at least one month, and shall continue to

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 , in writing, on not less than 30 days notice. Unless otherwise specified herein, for the purpose of computing charges in this Tariff, a month is considered to have 30 days.

- B. Customers seeking to cancel service have an affirmative obligation to block traffic originating from or terminating to the Company's network. By originating traffic from or originating traffic to the Company's network, the Customer will have constructively ordered the Company's switched access service.
- C. The Customer agrees to operate Company-provided equipment in accordance with instructions of the Company or the Company's agent. Failure to do so will void Company liability for interruption of service and may make the Customer responsible for damage to equipment pursuant to section 2.1.3.D below.
- D. The Customer agrees to return to the Company all Company-provided equipment delivered to Customer within five (5) days of termination of the service in connection with which the equipment was used. Said equipment shall be in the same condition as when delivered to Customer, normal wear and tear only excepted. Customer shall reimburse the Company, upon demand,

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 costs incurred by the Company due to Customer's failure to comply with this provision.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont' d.)**

**2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont' d.)**

2.1.4 Liability of the Company



- A. The liability of the Company for damages arising out of the furnishing of its Services, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, other defects, or representations by the Company, or use of these services or damages arising out of the failure to furnish the service whether caused by act or omission, shall be limited to the extension of allowances for interruption as set forth in 2.6 below. The extension of such allowances for interruption shall be the sole remedy of the Customer and the sole liability of the Company. The Company will not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages to Customer as a result of any Company service, equipment or facilities, or the acts or omissions or negligence of the Company's employees or agents.
- B. With respect to any other claim or suit, by a Customer or by any others, for damages associated with the ordering (including the reservation of any specific number for use with a service), installation (including delays thereof), provision, termination, maintenance, repair interruption or restoration of any service or facilities offered under this Tariff, and subject to the provisions of the Company's liability, if any, shall be limited as provided herein.

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**2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont' d.)**

2.1.4 Liability of the Company, (cont' d.)

- C. The Company shall not be liable for any delay or failure of performance or equipment due to causes beyond its control, including but not limited to: acts of God, fire, flood, explosion or other catastrophes; any law, order, regulation, direction action, or request of The United States government or of any other government, including state and local governments having or claiming jurisdiction over the Company, or of any department, agency, commission, bureau, corporation, or other instrumentality of any one or more of these federal, state, or local governments, or of any military authority; preemption of existing service in compliance with national emergencies; insurrections; riots; wars; unavailability of rights-of-way or materials; or strikes, lockouts work stoppages, or other labor difficulties.
- D. The Company shall not be liable for (a) any act or omission of any entity furnishing the Company or the Company's Customers facilities or equipment used for the interconnection with Access Services; or (b) for the acts or omissions of other Common Carriers.

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- E. The Company shall not be liable for any damages or losses due to the fault or negligence of the Customer or due to the failure or malfunction of Customer-provided equipment or facilities.
- F. The Customer shall indemnify and hold the Company harmless from any and all loss, claims, demands, suits, or other actions, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any other party or person(s), and for any loss, damage, or destruction of any property, whether owned by the Customer or others, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, condition, location, or use of any installation or equipment provided by the Company. The Company reserves the right to require each Customer to sign an agreement acknowledging acceptance of the provisions of this Section 2.1.4.F as a condition precedent to such installations.
- G. The Company shall not be liable for any defacement of or damage to Customers Premises resulting from the furnishing of services or equipment on such Premises or the installation or removal thereof, unless such defacement or damage is caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Company's agents or employees. No agents or employees of other participating Carriers shall be deemed to be agents or employees' of the Company.

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- H. Notwithstanding the Customer's obligations as set forth in Section 2.3 below, the Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the Customer, or by others authorized by it to use the service, against any claim, loss or damage arising from Customer's use of services furnished under this Tariff, including: claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy or infringement of copyright arising from the material, data, information, or other content transmitted via the Company's service; and patent infringement claims arising from combining or connecting the service offered by the Company with apparatus and systems of the Customer or others; all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the Customer or others, in connection with any service provided by the Company pursuant to this Tariff.

- I. The Company shall be indemnified and held harmless by the End User against any claim, loss or damage arising from the End User's use of services offered under this Tariff including: claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy or infringement of copyright arising from the End User's own communications; patent infringement claims arising from the End User's combining or connecting the service offered by the Company with facilities or equipment furnished by the End User of another Interexchange Carrier; or all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the End User in connection with any service provided pursuant to this Tariff.

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**2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont' d.)**

2.1.4 Liability of the Company, (cont' d.)

- J. The entire liability of the Company for any claim, loss, damage or expense from any cause whatsoever shall in no event exceed sums actually paid to the Company by the Customer for the specific services giving rise to the claim, and no action or proceeding against the Company shall be commenced more than one year after the service is rendered.
- K. The Company makes no warranties or representation, express or implied, including warranties or merchant's ability or fitness for a particular use, except those expressly set forth herein.
- L. The Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any other company or companies furnishing a portion of the service, or for damages associated with service, Channels, or equipment which result from the operation of Customer-provided systems, equipment, facilities or service which are interconnected with Company services.

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**2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont' d.)**

2.1.4 Liability of the Company, (cont' d.)

- M. The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to service installations at locations at which there is present an atmosphere that is explosive,

prone to fire, dangerous or otherwise unsuitable for such installations. The Customer and End User shall indemnify and hold the Company harmless from any and all loss, claims, demands, suits or other actions, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the Customer or by any other party, for any personal injury to, or death of, any person or persons, or for any loss, damage or destruction of any property, whether owned by the Customer or others, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly, by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, locations or use of service furnished by the Company at such locations.

- N. The Company shall not be liable for the Customer's failure to fulfill its obligations to take all necessary steps including, without limitation, obtaining, installing and maintaining all necessary equipment, materials and supplies, for interconnecting the terminal equipment or communications system of the Customer, or any third party acting as its agent, to the Company's Network. The Customer shall secure all licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and other arrangements necessary for such interconnection. In addition, the Customer shall ensure that its equipment and/or system or that of its agent is properly interfaced with the Company's service, that the signals emitted into the Company's Network are of the proper mode, band-width, power, data speed, and signal level for the intended use of the Customer and in compliance with the criteria set forth in Section 2.1.6 following, and that the signals do not damage Company equipment, injure its personnel or degrade service to other Customers. If the Customer or its agent fails to maintain and operate its equipment and/or system or that of its agent 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 without liability.

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#### 2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont' d.)

##### 2.1.5 Notification of Service-Affecting Activities

The Company will provide the Customer reasonable notification of service-affecting activities within its control that may occur in normal operation of its business. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, equipment or facilities additions, removals or rearrangements and routine preventative maintenance. Generally, such activities are not specific to an individual Customer but affect many Customers' services. No specific advance notification period is applicable to all service activities. The Company will work cooperatively with the Customer to determine the reasonable, notification requirements.

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With some emergency or unplanned service-affecting conditions, such as an outage resulting from cable damage, notification to the Customer may not be possible.

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2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont' d.)

2.1.6 Provisions of Equipment and Facilities

- A. The Company shall use reasonable efforts to make available services to a Customer on or before a particular date, subject to the provisions of and compliance by the Customer with, the regulations contained in this Tariff. The Company does not guarantee availability by any such date and shall not be liable for any delays in commencing service to any Customer.
- B. The Company shall use reasonable efforts to maintain facilities and equipment that it furnishes to the Customer. The Customer may not, nor may the Customer permit others to, rearrange, disconnect, remove, attempt to repair or otherwise interfere with any of the facilities or equipment installed by the Company, except upon the written consent of the Company.
- C. The Company may substitute, change or rearrange any equipment or facility at any time and from time to time, but shall not thereby alter the technical parameters of the service provided the Customer.
- D. Equipment the Company provides or installs at the Customer Premises for use in connection with the services the Company offers shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which the Company provided it.
- E. The Customer shall be responsible for the payment of service charges imposed on the Company by another entity, for visits to the Customer Premises when the service difficulty or trouble report results from the use of equipment or facilities provided by any party other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont' d.)

2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont' d.)

2.1.6 Provisions of Equipment and Facilities, (cont' d.)

F. The Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation, or maintenance of any Customer provided communications equipment. Where such equipment is connected to the facilities furnished pursuant to this Tariff, the responsibility of the Company shall be limited to the furnishing of facilities offered under this Tariff and to the maintenance and operation of such facilities. Notwithstanding the above, the Company shall not be responsible for:

1. the transmission of signals by Customer-provided equipment or for the quality of, or defects in, such transmission;
2. the reception of signals by Customer-provided equipment; or
3. network control signaling where such signaling is performed by Customer-provided network control signaling equipment.

G. The Company intends to work cooperatively with the Customer to develop network contingency plans in order to maintain maximum network capability following natural or man-made disasters that affect

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H. The Company reserves the reasonable right to assign, designate or change telephone numbers, any other call number designations associated with Access Services, or the Company serving central office prefixes associated with such numbers, when necessary in the conduct of its business.

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#### 2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont' d.)

##### 2.1.7 Non-routine Installation

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

##### 2.1.8 Special Construction

Subject to the arrangement of the Company and to all of the regulations contained in this Tariff, special construction of facilities may be undertaken on a reasonable efforts basis at the request of the Customer. Special construction is that construction undertaken and characterized by one or more of the following:

- A. where facilities are not presently available and there is no other requirement for the facilities so constructed;

- B. of a type other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
- C. where facilities are to be installed over a route other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
- D. where facilities are requested in a quantity greater than that which the Company would normally construct;
- E. where installation is on an expedited basis;

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**2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont' d.)**

2.1.8 Special Construction, (cont' d.)

- F. on a temporary basis until permanent facilities are available;
- G. installation involving abnormal costs; or
- H. in advance of its normal construction schedules.

Special construction charges for Switched Access Service will be determined on an individual use basis.

2.1.9 Ownership of Facilities

Title to all facilities provided in accordance with this Tariff remains in the Company, its agents, contractors or suppliers.

**2.2 Prohibited Uses**

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; and if the Reseller intends to provide intrastate services, is certified with the appropriate state entity.

2.2.3 The Company may require a Customer to immediately shut down its transmission of signals if said transmission is causing interference to others

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2.3 Obligations of the Customer, (Cont' d.)

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Customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees for:

A. any loss, destruction or damage to property of the Company or any third party, or the death of or injury to persons, including

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employees or invitees of either the Company or the Customer, to the extent caused by or resulting from the negligent or intentional act or omission of the Customer, its employees, agents, representatives or invitees; or

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B. any claim, loss, damage, expense or liability for infringement of any copyright, patent, trade secret, or any proprietary or intellectual property right of any third party, arising from any act or omission by the Customer, including, without limitation, use of the Company's services and facilities in a manner not contemplated by the agreement between the Customer and the Company.

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#### 2.3 Obligations of the Customer, (Cont' d.)

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- C. Except where the Company measured access minutes are used as set forth above, the Customer reported Projected PIU factor as set forth above will be used until the Customer reports a different projected PIU factor, as set forth below.

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### 2.3.3 Jurisdictional Reporting, (cont' d.)

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The Customer shall keep records of call detail from which the percentage of interstate and intrastate use can be ascertained and, upon request of the Company, shall make the records

available for inspection as reasonably necessary for purposes of verification of the percentages. The Company reserves the right to conduct an audit at any time during the year. The Customer, as its own expense, has the right to retain an independent auditing firm.

## 2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels

### 2.4.1 General

A Customer may transmit or receive information or signals via the facilities of the Company.

### 2.4.2 Station Equipment

A. The Customer is responsible for providing and maintaining any terminal equipment on the Customer Premises. The electric power consumed by such equipment shall be provided by, and maintained at the expense of, the Customer. All such terminal equipment must be registered with the FCC under 47 C.F.R., Part 68 and all wiring must be installed and maintained in compliance with those regulations. The Company will, where practicable, notify the Customer that temporary discontinuance of the use of a service may be required; however, where prior notice is not practicable, nothing contained herein shall be deemed to impair the Company's right to discontinue forthwith the use of a service temporarily if such action is reasonable under the circumstances. In case of such temporary discontinuance, the Customer will be promptly notified and afforded the opportunity to correct the condition that gave rise to the temporary discontinuance. During such period of temporary discontinuance, credit allowance for service interruptions as set forth in Section 2.6 following is not applicable.

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B. The Customer is responsible for ensuring that Customer-provided equipment connected to Company equipment and facilities is compatible with such equipment and facilities. The magnitude and character of the voltages and currents impressed on Company-provided equipment and wiring by the connection, operation, or maintenance of such equipment and wiring shall be such as not to cause damage to the Company-provided equipment and wiring or injury to the Company's employees or other persons. Any additional protective equipment required to prevent such damage or injury shall be provided by the Company at the Customer's expense.

### 2.4.3 Interconnection of Facilities

A. Any special interface equipment necessary to achieve compatibility between the facilities and equipment of the Company used for furnishing Access Services and the Channels, facilities, or equipment of others shall be provided at the Customer's expense.

B. Access Services may be connected to the services or facilities of other communications carriers only when authorized by, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions of the tariffs of the other communications carriers that are applicable to such connections.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont' d.)****2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels, (Cont' d.)**2.4.4 Inspections

- A. Upon reasonable notification of the Customer, and at reasonable times, the Company may make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the Customer is complying with the requirements set forth in Section 2.4.2.B for the installation, operation, and wiring in the connection of Customer-provided facilities and equipment to Company-owned facilities and equipment. No credit will be allowed for any interruptions occurring during such inspections.
- B. If the protective requirements for Customer-provided equipment are not being complied with, the Company may take such action as it deems necessary to protect its facilities, equipment, and personnel. The Company will notify the Customer promptly if there is any need for further corrective action. Within ten days of receiving this notice, the Customer must take this corrective action and notify the Company of the action taken. If the Customer fails to do this, the Company may take whatever additional action is deemed necessary, including the suspension of service, to protect its facilities, equipment, and personnel from harm. The Company will, upon request 24 hours in advance, provide the Customer with a statement of technical parameters that the Customer's equipment must meet.

**2.5 Payment Arrangements**2.5.1 Payment for Service

The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services and facilities furnished by the Company to the Customer or its Joint or Authorized Users.

A. Taxes

The Customer is responsible for the payment of any sales, use, gross receipts, excise, access or other local, state and federal taxes, charges or surcharges (however designated) excluding taxes on the Company's net income imposed on or based upon the provision, sale or use of Access Services. All such taxes shall be separately designated on the Company's invoices.

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## 2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges

Unless otherwise specified herein, bills are due and payable upon receipt.

The Company shall bill on a current basis all charges incurred by, and credits due to, the Customer under this Tariff attributable to services established, provided, or discontinued during the preceding billing period. Any known unbilled charges for prior periods and any known adjustments also will be applied to the current bill.

Non-Recurring Charges are due and payable within 30 days after the invoice date.

The Company shall present invoices for all Charges monthly to the Customer.

Amounts not paid within 30 days after the date of invoice will be considered past due. Aventure will assess a late payment charge equal to 1.5% per month or an amount allowed by South Dakota Law, whichever is less, for any past due balance that exceeds 30 days. If the Company becomes concerned at any time about the ability of a Customer to pay its bills, the Company may require that the Customer pay its bills within a specified number of days and make such payments in cash or the equivalent of cash.

If a service is disconnected by the Company in accordance with Section 2.5.3 following and later restored, restoration of service will be subject to all applicable installation charges.

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### 2.5 Payment Arrangements, (Cont' d.)

#### 2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges, (cont' d.)

The Customer shall notify the Company of any disputed items on an invoice within 180 days of receipt of the invoice. If the Customer and the Company are unable to resolve the dispute to their mutual satisfaction, the Customer may file a complaint with the Commission in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedures.

#### 2.5.3 Refusal and Discontinuance of Service

- A. Upon nonpayment of any regulated amounts owing to the Company, the Company may, by giving requisite prior written notice to the Customer discontinue or suspend service without incurring any liability.
- B. Upon violation of any of the other material terms or conditions for furnishing service the Company may, by giving 30 days' prior notice in writing to the Customer, discontinue or suspend service without incurring any liability if such violation continues during that period.
- C. Upon condemnation of any material portion of the facilities used by the Company to provide service to a Customer or if a casualty renders all or any material portion of

such facilities inoperable beyond feasible repair, the Company, by notice to the Customer, may discontinue or suspend service without incurring any liability.

- D. Upon any governmental prohibition, or required alteration of the services to be provided or any violation of an applicable law or regulation, the Company may immediately discontinue service without incurring any Liability.

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**2.5 Payment Arrangements, (Cont' d.)**

**2.5.3 Refusal and Discontinuance of Service, (cont' d.)**

- E. Upon the Company's discontinuance of service to the Customer under Section 2.5.3.A or 2.5.3.B above, the Company, in addition to all other remedies that may be available to the Company at law or in equity or under any other provision of this Tariff, may declare all future monthly and other charges which would have been payable by the Customer during the remainder of the term for which such services would have otherwise been provided to the Customer to be immediately due and payable.
- F. The Company may discontinue the furnishings of any and/or all service(s) to Customer, without incurring any liability:
  - 1. Immediately and without notice if the Company deems that such action is necessary to prevent or to protect against fraud or to otherwise protect its personnel, agents, facilities or services. The Company may discontinue service pursuant to this sub-section 2.5.3.F.1.(a-e), if
    - (a) The Customer refuses to furnish information to the Company regarding the Customer's credit-worthiness, its past or current use of Common Carrier communications services or its planned use of service(s); or
    - (b) The Customer provides false information to the Company regarding the Customer's identity, address, credit-worthiness, past or current use of Common Carrier communications services, or its planned use of the Company's service(s); or

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(c) The Customer has been given written notice by the Company of any past due amount (which remains unpaid in whole or in part) for any of the Company's regulated services to which the Customer either subscribes or had subscribed or used; or

(d) The Customer uses, or attempts to use, service with the intent to void the payment, either in whole or in part, of the Tariff charges for the service by:

I. Using or attempting to use service by rearranging, tampering with, or making connections to the Company's service not authorized by this Tariff, or

II. Using tricks, schemes, false or invalid numbers, false credit devices, or electronic devices; or

III. By delivering calls to or accepting calls from the Company's End User locations over Company switched local exchange services; or

IV. Continuing to have Company End Users presubscribed to the Customer; or

V. Any other Fraudulent means or devices; or

2. Upon ten (10) days' written notice to the Customer of any sum thirty (30) days past due;

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3. Upon ten (10) days' written notice to the Customer, after failure of the Customer to comply with a request made by the Company for the payment of service in accordance with Section 2.5.3.A, above; or



4. Seven (7) days after sending the Customer written notice of noncompliance with any provision of this Tariff if the noncompliance is not corrected within that seven (7) day period. The discontinuance of service(s) by the Company pursuant to this Section does not relieve the Customer of any obligation to pay the Company for charges due and owing for service(s) furnished up to the time of discontinuance.

G. In the event the Company incurs fees or expenses, including attorney's fees, in collecting, or attempting to collect, any charges owed the Company, the Customer will be liable to the Company for the payment of all such fees and expenses reasonably incurred.

#### 2.5.4 Cancellation of Application for Service

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, the Customer, Authorized User, Joint-User, or other Common Carrier providing service connected to the service of Company;		
B. interruptions due to the negligence of		
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or other Common Carriers connected to the Company's facilities		
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C. interruptions		
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- E. interruptions of service during a period in which the Customer continues to use the service on an impaired basis;
- F. interruptions of service

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- G. interruption of service

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- B. For calculating credit allowances, every month is considered to have thirty (30) days.
- C. A credit allowance will be given for interruptions of thirty (30) minutes or more. Two or more interruptions of fifteen (15) minutes or more during any one 24-hour period shall be combined into one cumulative interruption.
- D. Interruptions of 24 Hours or Less

<b>Length of Interruption</b>	<b>Amount of Service To Be Credited</b>
Less than 30 minutes	None
30 minutes up to but not including 3 hours	1/10 Day
3 hours up to but not including 6 hours	1/5 Day
6 hours up to but not including 9 hours	2/5 Day
9 hours up to but not including 12 hours	3/5 Day
12 hours up to but not including 15 hours	4/5 Day
15 hours up to but not including 24 hours	One Day

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## **6 Allowances for Interruptions in Service, (Cont' d.)**

### **2.6.2 Limitations on Allowances, (Cont'd.)**

- E. Interruptions Over 24 Hours and Less Than 72 Hours

Interruptions over 24 hours and less than 72 hours will be credited 1/5 day for each 3-hour period or fraction thereof. No more than one full day's credit will be allowed for any period of 24 hours.

F. Interruptions Over 72 Hours

Interruptions over 72 hours will be credited 2 days for each full 24-hour period. No more than thirty (30) days credit will be allowed for any one-month period.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont' d.)

2.7 Transfers and Assignments

Neither the Company nor the Customer may assign or transfer its rights or duties in connection with the services and facilities provided by the Company without the written consent of the other party, except that the Company may assign its rights and duties (a) to any subsidiary, parent Company or affiliate of the Company; (b) pursuant to any sale or transfer of substantially all the assets of the Company; or (c) pursuant to any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company.

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2.8.1 Delivery of calls to or acceptance of calls from the Company's End User locations over Company-switched local exchange services constitutes an order by the Customer to purchase switched access services as described herein. Similarly the selection by a Company's End User of the Customer as the presubscribed IXC constitutes an order of switched access by the Customer. In these cases, an invoice will be the first communication from the Company to the Customer. In other instances a Service Order may be used.

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ORDERING OPTIONS FOR ACCESS SERVICE

3.1 General

This section sets forth the regulations and order related charges for Access Service Requests (ASR) for Switched Access Service, as defined in this Tariff. These charges are in addition to other applicable charges set forth in other sections of this Tariff.

3.1.1 Ordering Conditions

Customer may order switched access through a Constructive Order, as defined herein, or through an ASR. The format and terms of the ASR will be as specified in the Industry Access Service Order Guidelines, unless otherwise specified herein.

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3.1.2 Minimum Period of Service

The minimum period for which Access Service is provided and for which charges are applicable is one month.

A. The following changes will be treated as a discontinuance of the existing service and a request for installation of a new service. All associated Non-Recurring Charges will apply for the new service, and a new minimum period will be established:

1. A change in the identity of the Customer of record; or
2. A move by the Customer to a different building.

B. When Access Service is disconnected prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable for the balance of the minimum period. The Minimum Period Charge for monthly billed services will be determined as follows:

All applicable Non-Recurring Charges for the service will be billed in addition to the Minimum Period Charge.

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**3.2 Miscellaneous Charges**

Customer Requested Due Date Change <sup>1,2</sup>	\$50, per order
Customer Requested Expedite <sup>2</sup> order	\$250, per location, per order
Cancellation (after 3 business days from order placement) <sup>2</sup> order	Full NRCs + \$250, per order
Design Change, DS0/DS1 <sup>2</sup>	\$150, per circuit

Design Change, DS3 and higher <sup>2</sup>	\$300, per circuit
Administrative Processing <sup>2</sup>	\$25, per order

<sup>1</sup> Company Due Date Change Policy - No due date change accepted at or after four (4) days prior to the current due date. If a Customer request is received during that time period, the supplemental charge will apply and, in addition, the billing will start on the current due date without exception.

<sup>2</sup> For services involving facilities leased from other telecommunications providers, Supplementary Charges will be priced on an Individual Case Basis, and will be based upon a pass-through of all charges assessed by other providers, and the Company's administrative costs.

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, which is available to Customers for their use in furnishing their services to end users,

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Switched Access Service is available when originating or terminating calls from or to an end user which subscribes to the Company's Local Exchange Services.

Rates and charges are set forth in Section 5. The application of

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**SECTION 4 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (Cont' d.)**

**4.2 Provision and Description of Switched Access Service Arrangements, (Cont' d.)**

4.2.2 Manner of Provision

Trunks used for Switched Access Service may be configured for one-way (either originating only or terminating only) or for two-way directionality.

#### 4.2.3 Call Types

The following Switched Access Service call types are available:

- A. Originating FG Access
- B. Originating 800 FG Access
- C. Terminating FG Access

#### 4.2.4 Originating FG Access

The access code for FG Access switching is a uniform access code of the form 1+ or 011+ or 101XXXX. For 101XXXX dialing a single access code will be the assigned number of all FG Access provided to the Customer by the Company. When the access code is used, FG Access switching also provides for dialing the digit 0 for access to the Customer's operator service, 911 for access to emergency service, and/or the end of dialing digit (#) for cut-through access to the Customer's premises. The Company will provide originating FG access consistent with dialing parity obligations.

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### 4.2 **Provision and Description of Switched Access Service Arrangements, (Cont' d.)**

#### 4.2.5 Originating 800 FG Access

800 Data Base Access Service is a service offering utilizing originating Trunk side Switched Access Service. When an 8XX + NXX + XXXX call is originated by an End User, the Company will perform Customer identification based on screening of the full ten-digits of the 8XX number to determine the Customer location to which the call is to be routed.

#### 4.2.6 Terminating FG Access

FG Access, when used in the terminating direction, may only be used to access end users who are subscribing to the Company's Local Exchange Services. Calls in the terminating direction will not be completed to 950-0XXX or 950-1XXX access codes, local operator assistance (0- and 0+), Directory Assistance, (411 or 555-1212) service codes 611 and 911 and 101XXXX access codes.

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.1 Design Layout Report: At the request of the Customer, the Company will provide to the Customer the makeup of the facilities and services provided from the Customer's Premises to the first point of switching. This information will be provided in the form of a Design Layout Report. The Design Layout Report will be provided to the Customer at no charge.

4.3.2 Acceptance Testing: At no additional charge, the Company will, at the Customer's request, cooperatively test, at the time of installation, the following parameters: loss, C-notched noise, C-message noise, 3-tone slope, d.c. continuity and operational signaling.

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### SECTION 5 - SWITCHED ACCESS RATES

#### 5.1 General

This section contains the specific regulations governing the rates and charges that apply for Switched Access Services:

There are three types of rates and charges that apply to Switched Access Service:

- Non-Recurring Charges: One-time charges that apply for a specific work activity.
- Recurring Charges: Fixed charges apply each month and depend on the number and type of facilities in place.



- Usage Charges: Charges that are applied on a per access minute basis. Usage rates are accumulated over a monthly period.

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The Company provides originating and terminating switched access service through a single blended rate based on aggregate traffic volumes from the following cost categories:

Common Line

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Switched Transport

The Switched Transport cost category establishes the charges related to the transmission and tandem switching facilities between the customer designated premises and the end office switch(es) where the customer's traffic is switched to originate or terminate the customer's communications.

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**5.2 Rate Categories, (Cont' d.)**

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5.2.3 Optional Features

Other optional features may be available on an Individual Case Basis (ICB).

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The Company may provide any of the services offered under this Tariff, or combinations of services, to Customers on a contractual basis. The terms and conditions of each contract offering are subject to the agreement of both the Customer and Company. Such contract offerings will be made available to similarly situated Customers in substantially similar circumstances. Rates in other sections of this Tariff do not apply to Customers who agree to contract arrangements, with respect to services within the scope of the contract.

**7.2 Individual Case Basis Arrangements**

Arrangements will be developed on an individual case basis (ICB) in response to a bona fide special request from a Customer or prospective Customer to develop a competitive bid for a service. ICB rates will be offered to the Customer in writing and on a non-discriminatory basis. ICB arrangements are subject to Commission review.