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SCHEDULE

FOR

TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA, LLC

ACCESS SERVICES

AND NETWORK INTERCONNECTION SERVICES

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INCLUDING

REGULATIONS

AND

SCHEDULES OF RATES

APPLYING IN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Effective November 1, 2013, the Teleport Communications America, LLC, Access Services Tariff hereby supersedes and replaces the TC Systems, Inc. Access Services Tariff in its entirety.

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PREFACE

DEFINITIONS (continued)

Company

The term Company denotes Teleport Communications America, LLC which is the issuer of this Tariff.

Customer(s)

The term Customer(s) denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, corporation, or governmental entity or other entity which subscribes to the services offered under this Tariff.

Customer Premises

The term Customer Premises denotes the premises designated or used by the Customer for the provision of Access Service.

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1. APPLICATION OF TARIFF

1.1. APPLICATION

1.1.1. General

This Tariff contains regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of intrastate Access Services provided to Customers by Teleport Communications America, LLC, hereinafter referred to as the Company. All regulations and conditions contained in this tariff may apply to Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) Interconnection Service.

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The provision of such services by the Company as set forth in this Tariff does not constitute a joint undertaking with the Customer for the furnishing of any service.

The locations served by the Company and the services available are as set forth in Section 2.8.

2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.3 OBLIGATIONS OF THE CUSTOMER (continued)

2.3.4 Availability for Testing

Access to facilities used to provide services under this Tariff shall be available to the Company at times mutually agreed upon in order to permit the Company to make tests and adjustments appropriate for maintaining the services in satisfactory operating condition. Such tests and adjustments shall be completed within a reasonable time. As set forth in 2.4.5.C.4. following, no credit will be allowed for any interruptions involved during such tests and adjustments.

2.3.5 Design of Customer Services

Subject to the provisions of 2.1.7. preceding, the Customer shall be solely responsible, at its own expense, for the overall design of its services and for any redesigning or rearrangement 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 Company's facilities.

Customer services must be designed and maintained, and sufficient services ordered from the Company, so that the following grades of service are maintained on the Customer's Access Service, Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) Interconnect Service or Network Interconnection Service trunks:

- For traffic routed via Access Tandems: P.005
- For traffic routed directly to End Offices: P.01

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2.3.6 References to the Company

The Customer may advise End Users that certain services are provided by the Company in connection with the service the Customer furnishes to End Users; however, the Customer shall not represent that the Company jointly participates in the Customer's services.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

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a. Reserved For Future Use

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.5 CONNECTIONS

Equipment and systems (i.e., terminal equipment, multiline terminating systems and communications systems) may be connected with Access Service furnished by the Company where such connection is made in accordance with the provisions specified in Technical Reference Publication AS No. 1, Issue II and in Section 2.1 of this Tariff.

2.6 STATE TAXES

Any assessments, franchise fees, privilege, license, occupation, excise, or other similar fees or taxes, whether in a lump sum or at a flat rate, or based on receipts, or based on poles, wire or other utility property units, imposed upon the Company by any governmental authority shall be added pro rata, insofar as practical, to the rates and charges stated in the Company's standard schedules, in amounts which in the aggregate for the Company's customers of any political entity shall be equal to the amount of any such fee or tax upon the Company. The Company shall, so long as any such tax or fee is in effect, add to the bills of the customers in such political entity pro rata on the basis of the revenue derived by the Company from each such customer, an amount sufficient to recover any such tax or fee and may list this amount separately on the bill.

2.7 CONTRACTS

The Company may offer services under contract on an Individual Case Basis (ICB).

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5. SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES

5.3 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

5.4 PROVISION of ACCESS SERVICE BILLING INFORMATION

5.4.1 General Description

- A. The Customer, upon written request to the Company, has the option of receiving its primary monthly Access or Network Interconnection Service bill and Customer Service Record (CSR) in one of the following standard medium, at no charge: (T)
1. Paper
 - Detailed paper bill
 2. Bill Data Record
 - Magnetic Tape
 - Electronic Data Transmission
- The Customer shall receive its Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) Interconnect Service bill(s) in paper form only. (N)
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- B. In addition to the Customer's primary monthly bill, the Customer will be provided, upon request, an abbreviated paper bill, at no additional charge. (T)
- C. At the option of the Customer, and for an additional charge as set forth in Section 5 of the Price List:
1. Additional hard copies of the monthly bill or service and features record may be provided on paper. (T)
 2. Additional Bill Data Record information may be provided on magnetic tape.
 3. Additional Bill Data Record information may be transmitted to the Customer by electronic data transmission.

6. TCAL PUBLIC SWITCHED TELEPHONE NETWORK (PSTN) INTERCONNECT SERVICE

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- 6.1 PSTN Interconnect Service (PSTN-IS) enables VoIP Providers (IP Providers) (i) to connect their owned or leased IP-based facilities with the PSTN to support their end users' origination (including undipped 8YY calls) and termination of telephone calls to and from the PSTN; and (ii) to obtain the right to use telephone numbers they may assign to their end users.

PSTN-IS is available to IP Providers that provide: (i) network equipment that translates IP transmissions to or from TDM format and (ii) dedicated facilities that send and receive TDM-based calls to or from the PSTN at the Company identified POI based on the incumbent local exchange carrier's trunking rules.

PSTN-IS does not support the provision of 911/E911 service, telecommunications relay services, or provide directory listings. Operator Services and Directory Assistance are also not included as part of the service. VoIP Providers are responsible for assigning and administering the telephone numbers they obtain consistent with all guidelines of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), including Local Number Portability requirements.

6.2 Availability

PSTN-IS is offered subject to the availability of the facilities and equipment required to provision the service. PSTN-IS is available where the Company currently interconnects with incumbent local exchange carriers for the purpose of exchanging calls.

6.3 Rates and Charges

Nonrecurring and Monthly Recurring Charges - PSTN-IS availability is dependent upon specific customer service design requirements. The price for the PSTN-IS service is determined on an individual case basis. PSTN-IS is also subject to a non-recurring charge for expenses reasonably incurred by the Company as a result of efforts to establish the billing infrastructure required to enable the Company to bill the IP Carrier for PSTN-IS.

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1. GENERAL

This section contains the rates applicable to the Access Services offered in this tariff. The regulations applicable to these services are found in other sections of this tariff as follows:

<u>Rate Section</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Regulations Located In</u>	
1.	General		
2.	Payment of Rates and Charges; Reciprocal Pricing		
3.	(Reserved For Future Use)		
4.	Switched Access Service	Section 4	
5.	Supplemental Services	Section 5	
6.	Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) Interconnect Service	Section 6	(N) (N)

2. PAYMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES; RECIPROCAL PRICING

The regulations regarding the payment of rates and charges are set forth in Section 2.4. (Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances).

Notwithstanding any other provision of this tariff, with respect to any Customer that, on its own or through an Affiliate, provides services comparable to the services provided under this tariff to the Company within South Dakota, during any billing period, in the event that any of the applicable rates and charges set forth in this Price List are lower than comparable rates and charges in effect as of the last day prior to such billing period ("Customer Prices") offered or charged by the Customer or such Affiliate to the Company anywhere within South Dakota for services comparable to the services provided under this tariff, then, for such Customer, such rates and charges in this Price List may be increased by the Company to an amount equal to such Customer Prices.

3. RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

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6. PUBLIC SWITCHED TELEPHONE NETWORK (PSTN) INTERCONNECT SERVICE

- Public Switched Telephone Network Service is offered under contract on an Individual Case Basis (ICB)

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