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COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

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Schedule of Rates, Rules and Regulation  
Resale and Facilities-Based Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications Services  
Provided in the State of Missouri

OFFERED BY

**Spectrotel, Inc.**  
**d/b/a Touch Base Communications**  
3535 State Highway 66, Suite 7  
Neptune, NJ 07753

Applying generally to its authorized territories within the State of Missouri. This tariff applies to the Company's competitive local exchange services in specified exchanges within the Company's certificated area in the State of Missouri.

Spectrotel, Inc. d/b/a Touch Base Communications operates as a competitive telecommunications company in the State of Missouri.

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**LIST OF WAIVED STATUTES AND REGULATIONS**

Spectrotel, Inc. is classified as a competitive telecommunications company in the State of Missouri for which the following statutory and regulatory requirements are waived:

**STATUTES**

392.210.2	- Uniform System of Accounts
392.240.1	- Rates-Rentals-Service & Connections
392.270	- Valuation of Property (Ratemaking)
392.280	- Depreciation Accounts
392.290	- Issuance of Securities
392.300	- Transfer of Assets and Acquisition of Stock
392.310	- Issuance of Securities
392.320	- Stock Dividend Payment
392.330	- Issuance of Securities, Debts and Notes
392.340	- Reorganizations

**COMMISSION RULES**

4 CSR 240-3.550(4)	Held Orders
4 CSR 240-3.550(5)(A)	Quality of Service Reports
4 CSR 240-10.020	Depreciation Fund Income
4 CSR 240-30.040	Uniform System of Accounts
4 CSR 240-32.060	Engineering and Maintenance
4 CSR 240-32.070	Quality of Service
4 CSR 240-32.080	Service Objectives and Surveillance Levels
4 CSR 240-33.040(1 – 3) and (5 – 10)	Billing and Payment Standards
4 CSR 240-33.045	Appearance of Charges on Bills
4 CSR 240-33.080(1)	Company name and number on bills
4 CSR 240-33.130(1), (4) and (5)	Operator Service Requirements
4CSR 240-32-050(4)(B)	White Pages Distribution – partial exemption – St. Louis and Kansas City metropolitan areas – When AT&T does not automatically deliver a directory to the Company's subscribers, the Company may instruct its end-user customers to (a) contact the Company for a copy of the directory and the Company will forward the request to AT&T; or, alternatively, (b) contact AT&T directly for a copy of the directory.

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**TARIFF FORMAT**

- A. Page Numbering** - Page numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Pages are numbered sequentially. However, new Pages are occasionally added to the tariff. When a new Page is added between Pages already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new Page added between Pages 14 and 15 would be 14.1.
- B. Page Revision Numbers** - Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each page. These numbers are used to determine the most current Page version on file with the PSCM. For example, the 4th Revised Page 14 cancels the 3rd Revised Page 14. Because of various suspension periods, deferrals, etc. the PSCM follows in its tariff approval process, the most current Page number on file with the Commission is not always the tariff page in effect.
- C. Paragraph Numbering Sequence** - There are nine levels of paragraph coding. Each level of coding is subservient to the next higher level:

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**EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS**

Changes to this tariff are identified on the revised page (s) the use of symbols. The following are the symbols used and the chary indicated by them:

- (C) - To signify a changed regulation.
- (D) - To signify a discontinued rate or regulation.
- (I) - To signify an increase in rate or charge.
- (M) - To signify material relocated from one page to another without change.
- (N) - To signify a new rate or regulation.
- (R) - To signify a reduced rate or charge.
- (S) - To signify a correction or reissued matter.
- (T) - To signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation.

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**INTRODUCTION**

This tariff applies to the Company's resale and facilities-based offering of local exchange telecommunications services, upon receiving a customer request for service, within the State of Missouri in the exchanges listed below in this tariff.

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**APPLICATION OF TARIFF**

This tariff contains the regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunications service by Spectrotel, Inc. d/b/a Touch Base Communications for use by customers in the state of Missouri.

This tariff is on file with the Commission. In addition, this tariff is available for review at the main office of Spectrotel, Inc. d/b/a Touch Base Communications, 3535 State Highway 66, Suite 7, Neptune, NJ 07753.

Applications for initial or additional services made verbally or in writing become a contract on establishment of the service or facility.

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**SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS**

**Advance Payment** - Payment of all or part of a charge required before the start of service.

**Authorization Code** - A numerical code, one or more of which may be assigned to a Customer, to enable Carrier to identify the origin of service of the Customer so it may rate and bill the call. All authorization codes shall be the sole property of Carrier and no Customer shall have any property or other right or interest in the use of any particular authorization code. Automatic numbering identification (ANI) may be used as or in connection with the authorization code.

**Authorized User** - A person, corporation or other entity that is authorized by the Company Customer to utilize services provided by the Company to the Customer. The Customer is responsible for all charges incurred by an Authorized

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

**Commission** - The Missouri Public Service Commission.

**Common Carrier** - An authorized company or entity providing telecommunications services to the public

**Company** - Spectrotel, Inc. d/b/a Touch Base Communications, the issuer of this tariff.

**Customer** - The person, firm or corporation that orders service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the terms and conditions of this tariff.

**Customer Premises** - A location designated by the Customer for the purposes of connecting to the Company's services.

**Customer Terminal Equipment** - Terminal equipment provided by the Customer.



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**SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS, (CONT'D.)**

**Deposit** - Refers to a cash or equivalent of cash security held as a guarantee for payment of the charges.

**End Office** - The LEC switching system office or serving wire center where Customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and/or to trunks.

**Equal Access** - A form of dialed access provided by local exchange companies whereby interexchange calls dialed by the Customer are automatically routed to the Company network. Presubscribed Customers may also route interexchange calls to the Company network by dialing an access code supplied by the Company.

**Exchange Telephone Company or Telephone Company** - Denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, or corporation authorized by the appropriate regulatory bodies to engage in providing public switched communication service throughout an exchange area, and between exchange areas within the LATA.

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

**IXC or Interexchange Carrier**- A long distance telecommunications services provider.

**Interruption** - The inability to complete calls due to equipment malfunctions or human errors. Interruption shall not include, and no allowance shall be given for service difficulties such as slow dial tone, circuits busy or other network and/or switching capability shortages. Nor shall Interruption include the failure of any service or facilities provided by a common carrier or other entity other than the Carrier. Any Interruption allowance provided within this Tariff by Carrier shall not apply where service is interrupted by the negligence or willful act of the Customer, or where the Carrier, pursuant to the terms of this Tariff, terminates service because of non-payment of bills, unlawful or improper use of the Carrier's facilities or service, or any other reason covered by this Tariff or by applicable law.

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**SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS, (CONT'D.)**

**Joint User** - A person, firm or corporation designated by the Customer as a user of local exchange service furnished to the Customer by the Company, and to whom a portion of the charges for such facilities are billed under a joint use arrangement.

**LATA** - A Local Access and Transport Area established pursuant to the Modification of Final Judgment entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192; or any other geographic area designated as a LATA in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4, or its successor tariff(s).

**LEC** - Local Exchange Company refers to the dominant, monopoly local telephone company in the area also served by the Company.

**Local Calling** - A completed call or telephonic communication between a calling Station and any other Station within the local service area of the Calling Station.

**Monthly Recurring Charges** - The monthly charges to the Customer for services, facilities and equipment, which continue for the agreed upon duration of the service.

**MoPSC** - Missouri Public Service Commission.

**MOU** - Minutes of Use.

**NECA** - National Exchange Carriers Association.

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

**PIN** - Personal Identification Number. See Authorization Code.

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**SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS, (CONT'D.)**

**Point of Presence (“POP”)** - Point of Presence

**Premises** - The space occupied by a Customer or authorized user in a building or buildings or contiguous property not separated by a public right of way.

**Recurring Charges** - Monthly charges to the Customer for services, and equipment, which continues for the agreed upon duration of the service.

**Service** - Any means of service offered herein or any combination thereof.

**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 set forth in the Service order or this tariff, in which case the Service Commencement Date is the date of the Customer's acceptance of service. The parties may mutually agree on a substitute Service Commencement Date.

**Service Order** - The written or verbal request for Company services by the Customer and the Company in the format devised by the Company. A Service Order initiates the respective obligations of the parties as set forth therein and pursuant to this tariff.

**Services** - The Company telecommunications services offered on the Company network.

**Shared Inbound Calls** - Refers to calls that are terminated via the Customer's Company-provided local exchange line.

**Shared Outbound Calls** - Refers to calls in Feature Group (FGD) exchanges whereby the Customer's local telephone lines are presubscribed by the Company to the Company outbound service such that "1 + 10-digit number" calls are automatically routed to the Company or an IXC network. Calls to stations within the Customer's LATA may be placed by dialing "10XXX" or "101XXXX" with 1 + 10-digit number."

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**SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS, (CONT'D.)**

**Station** - The network control signaling unit and any other equipment provided at the Customer premises that enables the Customer to establish communications connections and to effect communications through such connections.

**Subscriber** - The person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity who orders telecommunications service from the Company. Service may be ordered by, or on behalf of, those who own, lease or otherwise manage the pay telephone, PBX, or other switch vehicle from which an End User places a call utilizing the services of the Company.

**SWBT** - Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri..

**Switched Access Origination/Termination** - Where access between the Customer and the interexchange carrier is provided on local exchange company Feature Group circuits and the connection to the Customer is a LEC-provided business or residential access line. The cost of switched Feature Group access is billed to the interexchange carrier.

**Terminal Equipment** - Any telecommunications equipment other than the transmission or receiving equipment installed at a Company location.

**Usage Charges** - Charges for minutes or messages traversing over local exchange facilities.

**User or End User** - A Customer, Joint User, or any other person authorized by a Customer to use service provided under this tariff.

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**SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS,**

**2.1 Undertaking of the Company**

**2.1.1 Scope**

The Company undertakes to furnish communications service pursuant to the terms of this tariff in connection with one-way and/or two-way information transmission between points within the State of Missouri, and terminating within a local calling area as defined herein.

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.

**2.1.2 Shortage of Equipment or Facilities**

- 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 Company 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 facilities as well as facilities the Company may obtain from other carriers to furnish service from time to time as required at the sole discretion of the Company.

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

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

**2.1.3 Terms and Conditions**

- A.** Service is provided on the basis of a minimum period of at least thirty (30) days, 24-hours per day. For the purpose of computing charges in this rate sheet, a month is considered to have thirty (30) days.
- B.** Except as otherwise stated in this tariff, Customers may be required to enter into written 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.
- C.** At the expiration of the initial term specified in each Service Order, or in any extension thereof, service shall continue on a month-to-month basis at the then current rates unless terminated by either party upon notice. Any termination shall not relieve the Customer of its obligation to pay any charges incurred under the service order and this tariff prior to termination. The rights and obligations that by their nature extend beyond the termination of the term of the service order shall survive such termination.
- D.** In any action between the parties to enforce any provision of this tariff, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its legal fees and court costs from the non-prevailing party in addition to other relief a court may award.
- E.** Service may be terminated upon written notice to the Customer if:
  - .1 the Customer is using the service in violation of this tariff; or
  - .2 the Customer is using the service in violation of the law.
- F.** This tariff shall be interpreted and governed by the laws of the State of Missouri without regard for its choice of laws provision.

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

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

**2.1.3 Terms and Conditions, (Cont'd.)**

- G.** Any other telephone company may not interfere with the right of any person or entity to obtain service directly from the Company. No person or entity shall be required to make any payment, incur any penalty, monetary or otherwise, or purchase any services in order to have the right to obtain service directly from the Company.
- H.** To the extent that either the Company or any other telephone company exercises control over available cable pairs, conduit, duct space, raceways, or other facilities needed by the other to reach a person or entity, the party exercising such control shall make them available to the other on terms equivalent to those under which the Company makes similar facilities under its control available to its Customers. At the reasonable request of either party, the Company and the other telephone company shall join the attempt to obtain from the owner of the property access for the other party to serve a person or entity.
- I.** The Company hereby reserves its rights to establish service packages specific to a particular Customer. These contracts may or may not be associated with volume and/or term discounts. All service packages established by the Company will be approved by the Commission prior to the furnishing of service, as required

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

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

**2.1.4 Limitations on Liability**

- A.** Except as otherwise stated in this section, the liability of the Company for damages arising out of either: (1) the furnishing of its services, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, or errors, or other defects, representations, or use of these services or (2) the failure to furnish its service, whether caused by acts or omission, shall be limited to the extension of allowances to the Customer for interruptions in service as set forth in Section 2.7.
- B.** Except for the extension of allowances to the Customer for interruptions in service as set forth in Section 2.7, the Company shall not be liable to a Customer or third party for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, reliance, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages, including, but not limited to, loss of revenue or profits, for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to, any act or omission, failure to perform, delay, interruption, failure to provide any service or any failure in or breakdown of facilities associated with the service.
- C.** The liability of the Company for errors in billing that result in overpayment by the Customer shall be limited to a credit equal to the dollar amount erroneously billed or, in the event that payment has been made and service has been discontinued, to a refund of the amount erroneously billed.



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

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

**2.1.4 Limitations on Liability, (Cont'd.)**

- D.** The Company shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the Customer from and against all loss, liability, damage and expense, including reasonable counsel fees, due to:
- .1 Any act or omission of: (a) the Customer, (b) any other entity furnishing service, equipment or facilities for use in conjunction with services or facilities provided by the Company; or (c) common carriers or warehousemen, except as contracted by the Company;
  - .2 Any delay or failure of performance or equipment due to causes beyond the Company control, including but not limited to, acts of God, fires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, or other catastrophes; national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars or other civil commotions; strikes, lockouts, work stoppages or other labor difficulties; criminal actions taken against the Company; unavailability, failure or malfunction of equipment or facilities provided by the Customer or third parties; and any law, order, regulation or other action of any governing authority or agency thereof;
  - .3 Any unlawful or unauthorized use of Company facilities and services;
  - .4 Libel, slander, invasion of privacy or infringement of patents, trade secrets, or copyrights arising from or in connection with the material transmitted by means of Company-provided facilities or services; or by means of the combination of Company-provided facilities or services;
  - .5 Breach in the privacy or security of communications transmitted over Company facilities;

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

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

**2.1.4 Limitations on Liability, (Cont'd.)**

**D. (Cont'd.)**

- .6 Changes in any of the facilities, operations or procedures of the Company that render any equipment, facilities or services provided by the Customer obsolete, or require modification or alteration of such equipment, facilities or services, or otherwise affect their use or performance, except where reasonable notice is required by the Company and is not provided to the Customer, in which event the Company liability is limited as set forth in paragraph A. of this Subsection 2.1.4.
- .7 Defacement of or damage to Customer premises resulting from the furnishing of services or equipment on such premises or the installation or removal thereof;
- .8 Injury to property or injury or death to persons, including claims for payments made under Workers' Compensation law or under any plan for employee disability or death benefits, arising out of, or caused by, any act or omission of the Customer, or the construction, installation, maintenance, presence, use or removal of the Customer's facilities or equipment connected, or to be connected to Company facilities;
- .9 Any non-completion of calls due to network busy conditions;
- .10 Any calls not actually attempted to be completed during any period that service is unavailable;
- .11 And any other claim resulting from any act or omission of the Customer or patron(s) of the Customer relating to the use of Company services or facilities.

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

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

**2.1.4 Limitations on Liability, (Cont'd.)**

- E.** The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations provided by it for use in an explosive atmosphere.
- F.** 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.
- G.** Failure by the Company to assert its rights pursuant to one provision of this tariff does not preclude the Company from asserting its rights under other provisions.
- H.** Directory Errors - In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, no liability for damages arising from errors or mistakes in or omissions of directory listings, or errors or mistakes in or omissions of listing obtainable from the directory assistance operator, including errors in the reporting thereof, shall attach to the Company. An allowance for errors or mistakes in or omissions of published directory listings or for errors or mistakes in or omissions of listing obtainable from the directory assistance operator shall be at the monthly tariff rate for each listing, or in the case of a free or no-charge directory listing, credit shall equal two times the monthly tariff rate for an additional listing, for the life of the directory or the charge period during which the error, mistake or omission occurs.

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

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

**2.1.4 Limitations on Liability, (Cont'd.)**

**I. With respect to Emergency Number 911 Service:**

- .1 This service is offered solely as an aid in handling assistance calls in connection with fire, police and other emergencies. The Company is not responsible for any losses, claims, demands, suits or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made instituted or asserted by the Customer or by any other party or person for any personal injury or death of any person or persons, and for any loss, damage or destruction of any property, whether owned by the Customer or others, caused or claimed to have been caused by: (1) mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or other defects in the provision of service, of (2) installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, local or use of any equipment and facilities furnishing this service.
  
- .2 Neither is the Company responsible for any infringement, nor invasion of the right of privacy of any person or persons, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly, by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, occasion or use of emergency 911 service features and the equipment associated therewith, or by any services furnished by the Company, including, but not limited to the identification of the telephone number, address or name associated with the telephone used by the party or parties accessing emergency 911 service, and which arise out of the negligence or other wrongful act of the Company, the Customer, its users, agencies or municipalities, or the employees or agents of any one of them.

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

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

**2.1.4 Limitations on Liability, (Cont'd.)**

**I. With respect to Emergency Number 911 Service, (Cont'd.)**

- .3 When a Customer with a nonpublished telephone number, as defined herein, places a call to the emergency 911 service, the Company will release the name and address of the calling party, where such information can be determined, to the appropriate local governmental authority responsible for emergency 911 service upon request of such governmental authority. By subscribing to service under this tariff, the Customer acknowledges and agrees with the release of information as described above.

**2.1.5 Notification of Service-Affecting Activities**

The Company will 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 is applicable 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.)**

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

**2.1.6 Provision 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 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.
- 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 it was provided.
- E.** The Customer shall be responsible for the payment of service charges as set forth herein for visits by Company 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.)**

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

**2.1.6 Provision 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. Subject to this responsibility, 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; or
- .2 the reception of signals by Customer-provided equipment.

**2.1.7 Non-routine Installation**

At the Customer's request, installation and/or maintenance may be performed outside 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, and/or night hours, additional charges may apply.

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

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

**2.1.8 Special Construction**

Subject to the agreement 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:

- 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. over a route other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
- D. in a quantity greater than that which the Company would normally construct;
- E. on an expedited basis;
- F. on a temporary basis until permanent facilities are available;
- G. involving abnormal costs; or
- H. in advance of its normal construction.

**2.1.9 Ownership of Facilities**

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



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

**2.2 Prohibited Uses**

- 2.2.1** 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.
- 2.2.2** The Company may require applicants for service who intend to use Company offerings for resale and/or for shared use to file a letter with the Company confirming that their use of the Company offerings complies with relevant laws and with the regulations, policies, orders, and decisions of the Missouri Public Service Commission.
- 2.2.3** The Company may block any signals being transmitted over its Network by Customers who cause interference to the Company or other users. Customer shall 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.
- 2.2.4** A Customer, joint user, or authorized user may not assign, or transfer in any manner, the service or any rights associated with the service without the written consent of the Company. The Company will permit a Customer to transfer its existing service to another entity if the existing Customer has paid all charges owed to the Company for regulated communications services. Such a transfer will be treated as a disconnection of existing service and installation of new service, and non-recurring installation charges as stated in this tariff will apply.

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**2.3 Obligations of the Customer**

**2.3.1 General**

The Customer is responsible for making proper application for service; placing any necessary order, complying with tariff regulations; payment of charges for services provided. Specific Customer responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- A.** the payment of all applicable charges pursuant to this tariff;
- B.** damage to or loss of Company facilities or equipment caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer; or the noncompliance by the Customer, with these regulations; or by fire or theft or other casualty on the Customer Premises, unless caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the employees or agents of the Company;
- C.** providing at no charge, as specified from time to time by the Company, any needed personnel, equipment space and power to operate Company facilities and equipment installed on the premises of the Customer, and the level of heating and air conditioning necessary to maintain the proper operating environment on such premises;
- D.** obtaining, maintaining, and otherwise having full responsibility for all rights-of-way and conduits necessary for installation of fiber optic cable and associated equipment used to provide Communication Services to the Customer from the cable building entrance or property line to the location of the equipment space described in 2.3.1 C. Any and all costs associated with 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 for service;

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

**2.3.1 General, (Cont'd.)**

- E.** providing a safe place to work and complying with all laws and regulations regarding the working conditions on the premises at which Company employees and agents shall be installing or maintaining Company facilities and equipment. The Customer may be required to install and maintain Company facilities and equipment within a hazardous area if, in the Company opinion, injury or damage to 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. asbestos) prior to any construction or installation work;
- F.** 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 2.3.1D.; and granting or obtaining permission for Company agents or employees to enter the premises 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;
- G.** not creating, or allowing to be placed, any liens or other encumbrances on Company equipment or facilities; and
- H.** making Company facilities and equipment available periodically for maintenance purposes at a time agreeable to both the Company and the Customer. No allowance will be made for the period during which service is interrupted for such purposes.

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

**2.3.2 Liability of the Customer**

- A.** The Customer will be liable for damages to the facilities of the Company and for all incidental and consequential damages caused by the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the Customer, its officers, employees, agents, invites, or contractors where such acts or omissions are not the direct result of Company negligence or intentional misconduct.
- B.** To the extent caused by any negligent or intentional act of the Customer as described in 2.3.2 A., preceding, the Customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from and against all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, for (1) any loss, destruction or damage to property of any third party, and (2) any liability incurred by the Company to 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 by the Company to such third party.
- C.** The Customer shall not assert any claim against any other Customer or user of Company 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.

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**2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels**

**2.4.1 General**

A User may transmit or receive information or signals via the facilities of the Company. Company 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 Company equipment, but the Company does not guarantee that its services will be suitable for purposes other than voice-grade telephonic communication except as specifically stated in this tariff.

**2.4.2 Station Equipment**

- A.** Terminal equipment on the User's Premises and the electric power consumed by such equipment shall be provided by and maintained at the expense of the User. The User is responsible for the provision of wiring or cable to connect its terminal equipment to the Company Point of Connection.
  
- 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 Company 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.

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**2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels, (Cont'd.)**

**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 Communication Services and the channels, facilities, or equipment of others shall be provided at the Customer's expense.
- B.** Communication 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.
- C.** Facilities furnished under this tariff may be connected to Customer-provided terminal equipment in accordance with the provisions of this tariff. All such terminal equipment shall be registered by the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to Part 68 of Title 47, Code of Federal Regulations; and all User-provided wiring shall be installed and maintained in compliance with those regulations.
- D.** Users may interconnect communications facilities that are used in whole or in part for interstate communications to services provided under this tariff only to the extent that the user is an "End User" as defined in Section 69.2(m), Title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (1992 edition).

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**2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels, (Cont'd.)**

**2.4.4 Inspections**

- A.** 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 set forth in Section 2.4.2A. 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.
  
- 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.

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**2.5 Payment Arrangements**

**2.5.1 Payment for Service**

The Customer is responsible for the payment of all charges for facilities and services furnished by the Company to the Customer and to all Authorized Users by the Customer, regardless of whether those services are used by the Customer itself or are resold to or shared with other persons.

The Customer is responsible for the payment of federal excise taxes, state and local sales and use taxes and similar taxes imposed by governmental jurisdictions, all of which shall be separately designated on the Company's invoices. The Company will not separately charge for the Missouri gross receipts tax on the Company's invoice for local services. Any taxes imposed by a local jurisdiction (e.g., county and municipal) will only be recovered from those Customers residing in the affected jurisdictions.

The security of the Customer's PIN is the responsibility of the Customer. All calls placed using a PIN shall be billed to and shall be the obligation of the Customer. The Customer shall not be responsible for charges in connection with the unauthorized use of PINs arising after the Customer notifies the Company of the loss, theft, or other breach of security of such PINs.

Customers will only be charged once, on either an interstate or intrastate basis, for any nonrecurring charges.



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

**2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges**

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

- A.** Nonrecurring charges are due and payable within thirty (30) days after the invoice date, unless otherwise agreed to in advance.
- B.** The Company shall present invoices for recurring charges monthly to the Customer, in advance of the month in which service is provided, and Recurring Charges shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days after the invoice date. When billing is based on customer usage, charges will be billed monthly for the preceding billing periods.
- C.** The Monthly Recurring Charges are billed in advance. Monthly Recurring Charges are accrued in full as of the first day of the billing cycle in which the service is furnished. Therefore, the Monthly Recurring Charges are not subject to pro-rating if service is disconnected prior to the end of a billing period.

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

**2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges, (Cont'd.)**

- D.** Billing of the Customer by the Company will begin on the Service Commencement Date, which is the first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the service or facility is available for use, except that the Service Commencement Date may be postponed by mutual agreement of the parties, or if the service or facility does not conform to standards set forth in this tariff or the Service Order. Billing accrues through and includes the day that the service, circuit, arrangement or component is discontinued.
- E.** The following information will appear on Residential bills:
- the number of access lines for which charges are stated
  - the beginning or ending dates of the billing period
  - the date the bill becomes delinquent if not paid on time
  - the unpaid balance (if any)
  - the amount for basic service and an itemization of the amount due for toll service, if applicable, including the date and duration of each toll call
  - an itemization of the amount due for taxes, franchise fees, Relay Missouri surcharge, 911 surcharges (if applicable) and other surcharges as may be necessary and appropriate
  - the total amount due
  - if applicable, the amount of a deposit and interest accrued on a deposit which has been credited to the charges stated
  - a telephone number where inquiries may be made
  - if a deposit is held by the Company
- F.** During the first billing period in which a residential Customer receives service, the Company provides each Customer an insert or other written notice that contains an itemized account of the charges for the equipment and service for which the customer has contracted.

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

**2.5.3 Late Payment Fee**

If any portion of the payment is not received by the Company within 30 days of receipt of the bill, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Company in funds which are not immediately available upon presentment, then a late payment charge of 1.5% per month shall be due to the Company. A late payment charge is not applicable to subsequent rebilling of any amount to which a late payment charge has already been applied. Late payment charges are to be applied without discrimination.

**2.5.4 Return Check Charge**

A service charge equal to \$25.00 will be assessed in accordance with Missouri law 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.

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

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

**2.5.5 Disputed Bills**

- A.** In the event that a billing dispute occurs concerning any charges billed to the Customer by the Company, the Company may require the Customer to pay the undisputed portion of the bill to avoid discontinuance of service for non-payment. The Customer must submit a documented claim for the disputed amount. The Customer will submit all documentation as may reasonably be required to support the claim. All claims must be submitted to the Company within 90 days of receipt of billing for those services. If the Customer does not submit a claim as stated above, the Customer waives all rights to filing a claim thereafter.
- B.** The Customer should notify the Company of any disputed items on an invoice within thirty (30) 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 Missouri Public Service Commission in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure. The address of the Commission is as follows:
- Missouri Public Service Commission  
Governor Office Building  
200 Madison Street, Suite 100  
Jefferson City, MO 65101
- C.** If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Customer and the Customer has withheld the disputed amount, no interest, credits or penalties will apply.

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

**2.5.6 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 the non-recurring charge(s) and one (1) month's charges for the service or facility, and additional one (1) month advance payment may be required for each subsequent month. In addition, where special construction is involved, the advance payment may also include an amount equal to the estimated non-recurring charges for the special construction and recurring charges (if any) for a period to be set between the Company and the Customer. The advance payment will be credited to the Customer's initial bill. Advance payments do not accrue interest. An advance payment may be required in addition to a deposit.

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

**2.5.7 Deposits**

Any applicant or Customer whose financial responsibility is not established to the satisfaction of the Company may be required to deposit a sum up to an amount equal to the total of the estimated local service and intraLATA toll charges for up to two months for the facilities and service.

The fact that a deposit has been made shall in no way relieve the applicant or Customer from complying with the Tariff regulations for the prompt payment of bills on presentation. Each applicant from whom a deposit is collected will be given a certificate of deposit and circular containing the terms and conditions applicable to deposits, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Commission pertaining to Customer deposits.

**A. Interest on Deposits**

Interest will be paid on residential deposits. The rate shall be equal to one percent (1%) above the prime lending rate as published in the Wall Street Journal. This rate shall be adjusted annually on December 1 using the prime lending rate, as published in the Wall Street Journal on the last business day of September of each year plus one (1%). The interest shall be credited annually upon the account of the customer or paid upon the return of the deposit, whichever occurs first. Interest shall not accrue on any deposit after the date on which a reasonable effort has been made to return it to the customer. Records shall be kept of efforts made to return a deposit.

**B. Inadequate Deposit**

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.

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

**2.5.7 Deposits, (Cont'd.)**

**C. Return of Deposit**

When a deposit is to be returned, the Customer may request that the full amount of the deposit be issued by check. If the Customer requests that the full amount be credited to amounts owed the Company, the Company will process the transaction on the billing date and apply the deposit to any amount currently owed to the Company, and return any remaining amount of the deposit to the Customer by check.

**D.** The Company shall keep a record of each cash deposit until the deposit is returned. The record will show the name of each Customer making a deposit; the premises occupied by the Customer when making the deposit and each successive premises occupied while the deposit is retained by the Company; the amount and date of making the deposit; and a record of each transaction, such as the payment of interest, interest credited, etc., concerning the deposit. Concurrently with receiving a deposit, the Company will provide the Customer a receipt showing the deposit date, the name and billing address of the Customer and the deposit amount.

**E.** Upon discontinuance of service, or when a Customer has established credit by other means, the Company will promptly refund any deposit, plus accrued simple interest, or the balance, if any, in excess of the unpaid bills for the services furnished by the company. A transfer of service from one location to another within the Company serving area shall not be deemed a discontinuance with the Company if the character of the service remains unchanged.

**F.** Deposits will be refunded after twelve months of timely payment, with interest as specified above.

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

**2.5.8 Cancellation of Application for Service**

- A.** Applications for service cannot be canceled without Company agreement. Where the Company permits a 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 by the Company, less net salvage, applies. 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 special charges described above will be calculated and applied on a case-by-case basis.



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

**2.5.9 Changes in Service Requested**

If the Customer makes or requests material changes in circuit engineering, equipment specifications, service parameters, premises locations, or otherwise materially modifies any provision of the application for service, the Customer's installation fee shall be adjusted accordingly.

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**2.6 Discontinuance of Service**

- 2.6.1 Service may be discontinued for any of the following reasons:
- A. nonpayment of an undisputed delinquent charge;
  - B. unauthorized use of telephone utility equipment in a manner which creates an unsafe condition or creates the possibility of damage or destruction to such equipment;
  - C. failure to substantially comply with terms of a settlement agreement;
  - D. refusal after reasonable notice to permit inspection, maintenance or replacement of telephone utility equipment;
  - E. material misrepresentation of identity in obtaining telephone utility service;
  - F. as approved by federal or state law.
- 2.6.2 Service may not be discontinued by the Company for failure to pay charges not subject to Missouri Public Service Commission's jurisdiction unless specifically authorized in this tariff.
- 2.6.3 Residential service may be discontinued during normal business hours on or after the date specified in the notice of discontinuance. Service shall not be discontinued on a day when the offices of the Company are not available to facilitate reconnection of service or on a day immediately preceding such day.
- 2.6.4 Customers shall have 21 days from the rendition of a bill to pay the charges stated.
- 2.6.5 Residential service shall not be discontinued unless written notice by first-class mail is sent to the customer at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the proposed discontinuance. All notices shall be sent on the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- 2.6.6 At least 24 hours preceding a discontinuance the Company shall make reasonable efforts to contact the customer to advise of the proposed discontinuance and what steps must be taken to avoid it.

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**2.7 Allowances for Interruptions in Service**

Interruptions in service that are not due to the negligence of, or noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff by, the Customer or the operation or malfunction of the facilities, power or equipment provided by the Customer, will be credited to the Customer as set forth in 2.7.1 for the part of the service that the interruption affects.

**2.7.1 General**

- A.** A credit allowance will be given when service is interrupted, except as specified below. 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 a service, facility or circuit to be inoperative and, if necessary, releases it for testing and repair. 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, or refuses access to its premises for test and repair by the Company, 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 as set forth herein for visits by Company 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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**2.7 Allowances for Interruptions in Service, (Cont'd.)**

**2.7.2 Limitations of Allowances**

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

- A.** 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;
- B.** Due to the failure of power, equipment, systems, connections or services not provided by the Company;
- C.** Due to circumstances or causes beyond the reasonable control of the Company;
- D.** 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;
- E.** A service will not be deemed to be interrupted if a Customer continues to voluntarily make use of the service. If the service is interrupted, the Customer can get a service credit, use another means of communications provided by the Company (pursuant to Section 2.7.3), or utilize another service provider;
- F.** 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;
- G.** That occurs or continues due to the Customer's failure to authorize replacement of any element of special construction; and
- H.** That was not reported to the Company within thirty (30) days of the date that service was affected.

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

**2.7.3 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.

**2.7.4 Application of Credits for Interruptions in Service**

- A.** Credits for interruptions in service that is provided and billed on a flat rate basis for a minimum period of at least one month, beginning on the date that billing becomes effective, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the Customer for the period of service during which the event that gave rise to the claim for a credit occurred. A credit allowance is applied on a pro rata basis against the rates specified hereunder and is dependent upon the length of the interruption. Only those facilities on the interrupted portion of the circuit will receive a credit.
- 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.

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

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

**2.7.4 Application of Credits for Interruptions in Service, (Cont'd.)**

**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

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

**2.7.5 Cancellation For Service Interruption**

Cancellation or termination for service interruption is permitted only if any circuit experiences a single continuous outage of eight (8) hours or more or cumulative service credits equaling sixteen (16) hours in a continuous twelve (12)-month period. The right to cancel service under this provision applies only to the single circuit that has been subject to the outage or cumulative service credits.

**2.8 Use of Customer's Service by Others**

**2.8.1 Joint Use Arrangements**

Joint use arrangements will be permitted for all services provided under this tariff. From each joint use arrangement, one member will be designated as the Customer responsible for the manner in which the joint use of the service will be allocated. The Company will accept orders to start, rearrange, relocate, or discontinue service only from the designated Customer. Without affecting the Customer's ultimate responsibility for payment of all charges for the service, each joint user shall be responsible for the payment of the charges billed to it.

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

**2.9 Cancellation by Customer**

The Customers must provide the Company thirty (30) days advance notice in order to cancel service. The Company shall hold the Customer responsible for payment of all charges, including fixed fees, surcharges, etc., which accrue up to the cancellation date. Customers that cancel the primary local exchange line will have the entire Account disconnected, including any secondary line and all associated features. In the event the Customer executes a term commitment agreement with the Company, the Customer must cancel service and terminate the agreement in accordance with the agreement terms.

**2.10 Cancellation of Service/Termination Liability**

If a Customer cancels a Service Order or terminates services before the completion of the term for any reason whatsoever other than a service interruption (as defined in Section 2.7.1 above), the Customer agrees to pay to the Company termination liability charges, as defined below. These charges shall become due as of the effective date of the cancellation or termination and be payable within the period, set forth in Section 2.5.2.

**2.10.1 Termination Liability**

The Customer's termination liability for cancellation of service shall be equal to:

- A. all unpaid Non-Recurring charges reasonably expended by the Company to establish service to the Customer; plus
- B. any disconnection, early cancellation or termination charges reasonably incurred and paid to third parties by the Company on behalf of the Customer; plus
- C. all Recurring Charges specified in the applicable Service Order Tariff for the balance of the then current term discounted at the prime rate announced in the Wall Street Journal on the third business day following the date of cancellation;
- D. minus a reasonable allowance for costs avoided by the Company as a direct result of the Customer's cancellation.



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

**2.11 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:

- 2.11.1** to any subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company; or
- 2.11.2** pursuant to any sale or transfer of substantially all the assets of the Company; or
- 2.11.3** pursuant to any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company.

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

**2.12 Customer Liability for Unauthorized Use of the Network**

Unauthorized use of the network occurs when a person or entity that does not have actual, apparent, or implied authority to use the network, obtains Company services provided under this tariff.

**2.12.1 Customer Liability for Fraud and Unauthorized Use of the Network**

- A.** The Customer is liable for the unauthorized use of the network obtained through the fraudulent use of a Company calling card, if such a card is offered by the Company, or an accepted credit card, provided that the unauthorized use occurs before the Company has been notified.
- B.** A Company calling card is a telephone calling card issued by the Company at the Customer's request, which enables the Customer or user(s) authorized by the Customer to place calls over the Network and to have the charges for such calls billed to the Customer's account.

An accepted credit card is any credit card that a cardholder has requested or applied for and received, or has signed, used, or authorized another person to use to obtain credit. Any credit card issued as a renewal or substitute in accordance with this paragraph is an accepted credit card when received by the cardholder.

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

**2.12 Customer Liability for Unauthorized Use of the Network, (Cont'd.)**

**2.12.1 Customer Liability for Fraud and Unauthorized Use of the Network, (Cont'd.)**

- C.** The Customer must give the Company written or oral notice that an unauthorized use of a Company calling card or an accepted credit card has occurred or may occur as a result of loss, and/or theft.
  
- D.** The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for calling card services furnished to the Customer or to users authorized by the Customer to use service provided under this tariff, unless due to the negligence of the Company. This responsibility is not changed due to any use, misuse, or abuse of the Customer's service or Customer-provided equipment by third parties, the Customer's employees, or the public.

The liability of the Customer for unauthorized use of the Network by credit card fraud will not exceed the lesser of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or the amount of money, property, labor, or services obtained by the unauthorized user before notification to the Company.

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

**2.13 Notices and Communications**

- 2.13.1** The Customer shall designate on the Service Order the address to which the Company shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that the Customer may also designate a separate address to which Company bills for service shall be mailed.
- 2.13.2** 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 each bill for service to which the Customer shall mail payment on that bill.
- 2.13.3** Except as otherwise stated in this tariff, all notices or other communications required to be given pursuant to this tariff will be in writing. 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 third 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.
- 2.13.4** 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.

**2.14 Taxes, Fees and Surcharges**

The Company reserves the right to bill any and all applicable taxes, fees and surcharges in addition to normal rates and charges for services provided to the Customer. Taxes and fees include, but are not limited to, Federal Excise Tax, State Sales Tax, Municipal Tax, and Gross Receipts Tax. Unless otherwise specified in this rate sheet, such taxes, fees and surcharges are in addition to rates as quoted in this rate sheet and will be itemized separately on Customer invoices. All charges and fees subject to MoPSC jurisdiction, except taxes and franchise fees, will be submitted to the MoPSC for prior approval.

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

**2.14 Taxes, Fees and Surcharges, (Cont'd.)**

**2.14.1 Missouri Universal Service Fund**

- A.** The Company will place, on each retail end-user customer's bill, a surcharge equal to the Missouri Universal Service Fund percentage assessment ordered by the Missouri Public Service Commission.
- B.** The surcharge will appear as a separate line item detailed as "Missouri Universal Service Fund."
- C.** The surcharge percentage will be applied to the total of each customer's charges for intrastate regulated telecommunications services that meet the definition of net jurisdictional revenues at 4 CSR 240-31.010(12).

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

**2.15 Miscellaneous Provisions**

**2.15.1 Telephone Number Changes**

Whenever any Customer's telephone number is changed the Company shall intercept all calls to the former number for at least thirty (30) days at no charge and give the calling party the new number provided existing central office equipment will permit, and the Customer so desires.

When service in an existing location is continued for a new Customer, the existing telephone number may be retained by the new Customer only if the former Customer consents in writing, and if all charges against the account are paid or assumed by the new Customer.

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**SECTION 3 – SERVICE AREAS**

**3.1 Local Exchange Service Areas**

Local exchange services are provided, subject to availability of facilities and equipment, in areas currently served by the following Incumbent LEC:

- 1) Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri

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**SECTION 4 – SERVICE CHARGES AND SURCHARGES**

**4.1 Service Order and Change Charges**

Non-recurring charges apply to processing Service Orders for new service and for changes in service.

**Primary Line Connection Charge:** Applies to requests for initial connection or establishment of telephone service with the Company.

**Secondary Line Connection Charge:** Applies to installation of a second or additional access line.

**Service Order Charge:** Applies to connection of new lines and to service orders associated with Customer requests for changes in service, moves, and the addition of services, including the addition of calling features.

**4.1.1 Rates**

	<b>Business</b>	<b>Residential</b>
Line Connection Charge		
Primary Line	\$49.44	\$35.30
Secondary Line	\$49.44	\$35.30
Service Order Charge		
Moves/Adds/Changes	\$10.25	\$ 10.50

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**SECTION 4 – SERVICE CHARGES AND SURCHARGES, (CONT'D.)**

**4.2 Premises Visit Charge**

Premises Visit charges apply when the installation of network access facilities or trouble resolution require a visit to the Customer's premises. This charge applies in addition to the Technician Dispatch Charge.

	<b>Business</b>	<b>Residential</b>
Premises Visit Charge, per Visit	\$95.00	\$95.00
Technician Repair Charge		
First 30 Minutes or fraction thereof	\$95.00	\$95.00
Each Add'l 15 Minutes or fraction thereof	\$45.00	\$45.00

**4.3 Restoral Charge**

A restoration charge applies to the restoration of suspended service and facilities because of nonpayment of bills and is payable at the time that the restoration of the suspended service and facilities is arranged. The restoration charge does not apply when, after disconnection of service, service is later re-installed.

	<b>Business</b>	<b>Residential</b>
Per occasion, per line:	\$25.00	\$25.00

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**4.4 Public Telephone Surcharge**

In order to recover Company expenses to comply with the FCC's pay telephone compensation plan effective on October 7, 1997 (FCC 97-371), an undiscountable per call charge is applicable to all intrastate calls that originate from any pay telephone used to access Company provided services. This surcharge, which is in addition to standard tariffed usage charges and any applicable service charges and surcharges associated with service, applies for the use of the instrument used to access Company provided service and is unrelated to the service accessed from the pay telephone.

Pay telephones include coin-operated and coinless phones owned by local telephone companies, independent companies and interexchange carriers. The Public Pay Telephone Surcharge applies to the initial completed call and any reoriginated call (e.g., using the "#" symbol). The Public Pay Telephone Surcharge does not apply to calls placed from pay telephones at which the Customer pays for service by inserting coins during the progress of the call.

Whenever possible, the Public Pay Telephone Surcharge will appear on the same invoice containing the usage charges for the surcharged call. In cases where proper pay telephone coding digits are not transmitted to the Company prior to completion of a call, the Public Pay Telephone Surcharge may be billed on a subsequent invoice after the Company has obtained information from a carrier that the originating station is an eligible pay telephone.

Rate Per Call: \$0.60

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**SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES**

**5.1 General**

Local exchange service is offered to business and residential Customers on a presubscription basis from equal access originating end offices only. Rates for service may vary by call type and/or term commitment. Usage rates, per call charges and monthly fees may apply. In addition, applicable Service Order and other non-recurring charges may apply. Call timing is defined in the description for each service. Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Service is available where technically feasible and where facilities permit.

**5.1.1 Application of Business and Residential Rates**

- A.** The determination as to whether telephone service should be classified as Business or Residential is based on the character of the use to be made of the service. Service is classified as Business service where the use is primarily or substantially of a business, professional, institutional, or otherwise occupational nature. Where the business use, if any, is incidental and where the major use is of a personal or domestic nature at the person's dwelling, service is classified as Residential service.

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**SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)**

**5.1 General (Cont'd.)**

**5.1.1 Application of Business and Residential Rates (Cont'd.)**

**B. Business rates apply at the following locations, among others:**

1. In offices, stores and factories, and in quarters occupied by clubs, lodges, fraternal societies, schools, colleges, libraries, hospitals, and other business establishments.
2. In residence locations where the place of residence is in the immediate proximity to a place of business and it is evident that the telephone in the residence is or will be used for business purposes, and in residence locations where an extension is located at a place where business rates would apply.
3. In the residence of a practicing physician, dentist, veterinary, surgeon, or other medical practitioner who has no service at business rates at another location.
4. In any residence location where there is substantial business use of the service and the customer has no service at business rates.

**C. Residence rates apply at the following locations, among others:**

1. In private residences; in the residential portion of hotels, apartment houses, boarding houses, churches, or institutions when the use of the service is confined to the domestic use of the Customer and listings of a business nature are not furnished.
2. In the residence of a practicing physician, dentist, veterinarian, surgeon, or other medical practitioner provided that such residence is not a part of an office building and provided the Customer has service charged for at business rates another location.

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**SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)**

**5.1 General (Cont'd.)**

**5.1.2 Emergency Services Calling Plan**

Access (at no additional charge) to the local operator or emergency services bureau by dialing 0- or 9-1-1 is offered at no charge to the Customer.

Message toll telephone calls, to governmental emergency service agencies as set forth in (A) following, having primary or principal responsibility with respect to the provision of emergency services to persons and property in the area from which the call is made, meeting the definition and criteria of an emergency call as set forth in (B) following are offered at no charge to Customers:

- A.** Governmental fire fighting, Highway Patrol, police, and emergency squad service (as designated by the appropriate governmental agency) qualify as governmental emergency service agencies provided they answer emergency service calls on a personally attended (live) twenty-four (24) hour basis, three hundred sixty-five (365) days a year, including holidays.
- B.** An emergency is an occurrence or set of circumstances in which conditions pose immediate threat to human life, property, or both and necessitate that prompt action be taken. An emergency call is an originated call of short duration to a governmental emergency services agency in order to seek assistance for such an emergency.

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**SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)**

**5.2 Charges Based on Duration of Use**

Where charges for a service are specified based on the duration of use, such as the duration of a telephone call, the following rules apply:

- 5.2.1** Calls are measured in durational increments identified for each service. All calls that are fractions of a measurement increment are rounded-up to the next whole unit.
- 5.2.2** Timing on completed calls begins when the call is answered by the called party. Answering is determined by hardware answer supervision in all cases where this signaling is provided by the terminating local carrier and any intermediate carrier(s). Timing for operator service person-to-person calls start with completion of the connection to the person called or an acceptable substitute, or to the PBX station called.
- 5.2.3** Timing terminates on all calls when the calling party hangs up or the Company's network receives an off-hook signal from the terminating carrier.
- 5.2.4** Calls originating in one time period and terminating in another will be billed in proportion to the rates in effect during different segments of the call.
- 5.2.5** All times refer to local time.
- 5.2.6** Calls may be rated as Peak and Off-Peak. Off-Peak usage is considered to be from 9:00 PM to 8:00 AM on weekdays, and all day Saturday, Sunday, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Years Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. All other calls are considered to be Peak usage.

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**SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)**

**5.3 Basic Local Exchange Service**

**5.3.1 General**

Basic Local Exchange Service provides a Customer with a telephonic connection to, and a unique telephone number on, the Company switching network that enables the Customer to:

1. receive calls from other stations on the public switched telephone network;
2. access the Company's Local Calling Services and other Services as set forth in this tariff;
3. access interexchange calling services of the Company and of other carriers;
4. access (at no additional charge) to the Company's operators and business office for service related assistance;
5. access toll-free telecommunications services such as 800 NPA; and access toll-free emergency services by dialing 0 or 9-1-1 (where available);
6. access relay services for the hearing and/or speech impaired.

Basic Local Exchange Services cannot be used to originate calls to caller-paid information services (e.g., 900, 976) provided by other companies. Calls to those numbers and other numbers used for caller-paid information services will be blocked by the Company's switch. Each Basic Local Exchange Service corresponds to one or more telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time.

Individual line Residence and Business Basic Local Exchange Service is comprised of exchange access lines defined as follows:

- 5.3.2 Exchange Access Line** - The service central office line equipment and all the Company plant facilities up to the demarcation point. These facilities are Company-provided and maintained and provide access to and from the telecommunications network for message toll service and for local calling appropriate to the tariffed use offering selected by the Customer.

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**SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)**

**5.3 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd.)**

**5.3.3 Business Local Exchange Service**

Business Local exchange service lines and trunks are provided on a single party (individual) basis only. No multi-party lines are provided. Service is available on a flat or measured rate basis depending on the service plan selected by the Customer. Not all service plans will be available in all areas.

Recurring charges for Business Local Exchange Service are billed monthly in advance. Usage charges, if applicable, are billed in arrears. Non-recurring charges for installation or rearrangement of service are billed on the next month's bill immediately following work performed by the Company.

Calling features are available at the rates set forth in Section 6 of this tariff. Long distance and intraLATA toll usage will be billed at per-minute rates, as found in Section 7 of this tariff.

There are three (3) service options:

**A. Flat Rate Service**

Under this service offering, the Customer pays a flat monthly rate, which includes unlimited local calling within the local calling area.

**B. Message Rate Service**

Under this service offering, the Customer pays a flat monthly rate which includes 100 local calls. Calls in excess of the call allowance are rated at per call charge

**C. Measured Service**

Under this service offering the Customer pays a Network Access Line Charge, plus per minute usage rates for local calls.



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**SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)**

**5.3 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd.)**

**5.3.3 Business Local Exchange Service (Cont'd.)**

**C. Rates and Charges**

1. Flat Rate Service

Flat Charge for Network Access Line and unlimited local calling within the local calling area.

	<u>Per Month, Per Line</u>
Rate Group A*	\$35.50
Rate Group B*	\$41.00
Rate Group C*	\$42.00
Rate Group D*	\$51.00

2. Message Rate Service

	<u>Per Month, Per Line</u>
Rate Group A*	\$23.00
Rate Group B*	\$25.50
Rate Group C*	\$25.50
Rate Group D*	\$25.50
Rate Group D* (Metro Call Area 2)	\$25.00

The following per call rate applies to all calls in excess of the 100 call allowance

	<u>Per Message Rate</u>
Rate Group A*	\$0.06
Rate Group B*	\$0.06
Rate Group C*	\$0.06
Rate Group D*	\$0.07

\*Rate Groups

Rate Group A (1 - 4,999 access lines)

Rate Group B (5,000 - 59,999 access lines)

Rate Group C (60,000 - 229,999 access lines and Metro Call Area 1)

Rate Group D (230,000 - + access lines and Metro Call Area 1 and 2)

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**SECTION 5 – BASIC SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)**

**5.3 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd.)**

**5.3.3 Business Local Exchange Service (Cont'd.)**

**C. Rates and Charges**

3. Measured Rate Service

Per Month, Per Line

Rate Group A*	\$17.00
Rate Group B*	\$21.00
Rate Group C*	\$21.00
Rate Group D*	\$23.00

Per Minute Usage Rate

	<u>Day</u>		<u>Evening</u>		<u>Night/Wknd</u>	
	Each		Each		Each	
	<u>Init Min.</u>	<u>Add'l Min</u>	<u>Init Min.</u>	<u>Add'l Min</u>	<u>Init Min.</u>	<u>Add'l Min</u>
Band A, 0-14 miles	\$0.04	\$0.01	\$0.0320	\$0.0080	\$0.0260	\$0.0065
Band B, 15-28 Mils	\$0.05	\$0.02	\$0.0400	\$0.0160	\$0.0325	\$0.0130
Band C, 28 + Miles	\$0.06	\$0.03	\$0.0480	\$0.0240	\$0.0390	\$0.0195

\*Rate Groups

Rate Group A (1 - 4,999 access lines)

Rate Group B (5,000 - 59,999 access lines)

Rate Group C (60,000 - 229,999 access lines and Metro Call Area 1)

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**5.3 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd.)**

**5.3.4 Residential Local Exchange Service**

Residential Local exchange service lines are provided on a single party (individual) basis only. No multi-party lines are provided.

Recurring charges for Residential Local Exchange Service are billed monthly in advance. Non-recurring charges for installation or rearrangement of service are billed on the next month's bill immediately following work performed by the Company.

Residential Service is offered on a flat rate basis. Under the standard flat rate offering, the Customer pays a flat monthly rate, which includes unlimited local calling within the local calling area. Calling features are available upon request at the rates set forth in Section 6 of the tariff. Long distance and intraLATA toll usage will be billed at per-minute rates, as found in Section 7 of this tariff.

**A. Rates and Charges**

1. Flat Rate Service

Flat Charge for Network Access Line and unlimited local calling within the local calling area.

	<u>Per Month, Per Line</u>
Rate Group A*	\$13.31
Rate Group B*	\$21.00
Rate Group C*	\$21.00
Rate Group D*	\$21.00

\*Rate Groups

Rate Group A (1 - 4,999 access lines)

Rate Group B (5,000 - 59,999 access lines)

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**SECTION 6 – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES**

**6.1 Custom Calling Features**

**6.1.1 General**

The features in this section are made available on an individual basis or as part of multiple feature packages. All features are provided subject to availability; features may not be available with all classes of service. Transmission levels may not be sufficient in all cases.

**6.1.2 Description of Features**

**Anonymous Call Rejection** – Allows Customer to automatically reject calls that have been marked as anonymous.

**Call Blocker** – Allows Customer to block calls from preselected telephone numbers.

**Call Forwarding** - Automatically routes incoming calls to a predetermined telephone number

**Call Return** - Automatically redials the last incoming call.

**Call Trace** - Allows the Customer to dial a Call Trace activation code to initiate a trace of the last incoming call without obtaining prior legal authorization or assistance from the Company. The results of a completed trace will be recorded in the Central Office and will be made available only to law enforcement agencies, as directed by the Customers.

**Call Waiting** - Signals the Customer with a burst of tone to indicate that another call is waiting.

**Call Waiting ID** – Allows Customer to identify the name and number of an incoming caller when the customer is already speaking and another call is received.

**Caller ID** - Provides for the display of the calling party telephone number on Caller ID compatible customer premises equipment.

**Caller ID with Name** – Provides for the display of the calling party name and telephone number on Caller ID compatible customer premises equipment.

**Personalized Ring** – Provides the Customer with separate telephone numbers, each with a distinctive ring, associated with one line.

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**SECTION 6 – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES (CONT'D.)**

**6.1 Custom Calling Features (Cont'd.)**

**6.1.2 Description of Features (Cont'd.)**

**Priority Call** – Provides Customer with a distinctive ring when Customer is called from preselected telephone numbers.

**Remote Access to Call Forwarding** - Allows for the Customer to automatically forward all incoming calls to another telephone number.

**Repeat Dialing** - Automatically redials a busy number for up to 30 minutes until line is available.

**Speed Calling 8** - Allows the Customer to dial an abbreviated code to originate a call to any of 8 programmed telephone numbers.

**Speed Calling 30** - Allows the Customer to dial an abbreviated code to originate a call to any of 30 programmed telephone numbers.

**Three-Way Calling** - Allows the Customer to add a third party to an existing conversation.

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**SECTION 6 – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES (CONT'D.)**

**6.1 Custom Calling Features (Cont'd.)**

**6.1.3 Rates and Charges**

- A. The following features are available to Customers on a monthly basis. Customers are allowed unlimited use of each feature. No usage sensitive charges apply. Multiline Customers must order the appropriate number of features based on the number of lines which will have access to the features.

The rates and charges below are provided on a month-to-month basis.

<b>Custom Calling Feature</b>	<b>Monthly Recurring Charge</b>	
	<b>Business</b>	<b>Residential</b>
Anonymous Call Rejection	\$3.15	\$6.00
Call Blocker	\$5.306	\$7.00
Call Forwarding	\$8.50	\$7.00
Call Forwarding Busy Line	\$3.24	\$0.75
Call Forwarding Don't Answer	\$3.24	\$0.75
Call Forwarding Busy Line/Don't Answer	\$4.32	\$1.00
Selective Call Forwarding	\$5.75	\$6.00
Call Return	\$6.50	\$7.00
Call Waiting	\$9.05	\$8.50
Call Waiting ID	\$5.40	\$3.00
Caller ID	\$9.95	\$9.99
Caller ID with Name	\$9.50	\$9.99
Personalized Ring – 1 number	\$6.80	\$6.00
Personalized Ring – 2 number	\$8.96	\$6.00
Priority Call	\$4.14	\$5.00
Remote Access to Call Forwarding	\$3.11	\$1.00
Repeat Dialing	\$5.56	\$6.00
Speed Calling 8	\$9.75	\$7.00
Speed Calling 30	\$7.00	\$7.00
Three-Way Calling	\$8.00	\$6.00

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**6.1 Custom Calling Features (Cont'd.)**

**6.1.3 Rates and Charges (Cont'd.)**

- B.** The following features are available to all local exchange Customers on a per use basis. Customers may utilize each feature by dialing the appropriate access code. The Customer will be billed a per use charge each time the feature is used by the Customer. Customers may choose to subscribe to these features on a monthly basis to obtain unlimited use of these features for a fixed monthly charge.

<b>Custom Calling Feature</b>	<b>Rate Per Use</b>
Call Return	\$3.00
Repeat Dialing	\$0.58
Three Way Calling	\$3.00
Call Trace	\$10.00

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**6.2 Directory Assistance Service**

**6.2.1 General**

A Customer may obtain Directory Assistance in determining telephone numbers by calling the Directory Assistance operator. The Customer may request a maximum of two (2) telephone numbers per call to Directory Assistance service without additional charges. The call allowance for business Customers is 5 calls and for residential Customers is ten (10) calls at no charge. All calls after the call allowance will be charged the rate set forth in Section 6.2.3.

**6.2.2 Regulations**

A Directory Assistance Charge applies for each telephone number, area code, and/or general information requested from the Directory Assistance operator except as follows:

- A.** Calls originating from a Public Telephone Service line to points within the local and intraLATA calling area.
- B.** Requests for telephone numbers of non-published service.
- C.** Requests in which the Directory Assistance operator provides an incorrect number provided that the calling party reports the wrong number to the Company.
- D.** Requests for telephone numbers that were omitted from the alphabetical directory as a result of Company error.



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**SECTION 6 – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES (CONT'D.)**

**6.2 Directory Assistance Service (Cont'd.)**

**6.2.3 Rates**

Unless one of the exceptions listed above applies, the charges as shown below apply for each request made to the Directory Assistance operator:

Local and IntraLATA DA	
Direct Dialed	\$1.25
Operator Assisted	
Initial Request	\$1.72
Additional Request	\$1.72

**6.2.4 Call Completion**

The appropriate operator assisted per call surcharge will apply for each request made to the Directory Assistance Operator in which the operator completes the call to the desired number. See Section 6.3.3.A of this tariff for rates.

There are no allowances for Directory Assistance Call Completion, however, the Directory Assistance portion of the call is still governed by appropriate call allowances and exemptions as stated in Section 6.2.2 of this tariff.

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**SECTION 6 – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES (CONT'D.)**

**6.3 Operator Services**

**6.3.1 General**

The Company's operator services, available to presubscribed Customers, are accessible on a twenty-four (24) hour per day seven (7) days per week basis. In addition to the per call service charge, usage rates apply. The types of calls handled are as follows:

**Customer Dialed Calling/Credit Card Call** - This charge applies in addition to usage charges for station to station calls billed to an authorized Calling Card or Commercial Credit Card. The Customer must dial the destination telephone number where the capability exists for the Customer to do so. A separate rate applies in the event operator assistance is requested for entering the Customer's card number for billing purposes.

**Operator Dialed Calling/Credit Card Call** - This charge applies in addition to usage charges for station to station calls billed to an authorized telephone Calling Card or Commercial Credit Card and the operator dials the destination telephone number at the request of the Customer.

**Operator Station** - These charges apply in addition to usage charges for non-Person-to-Person calls placed using the assistance of a Company operator and billed Collect, to a Third Party, by deposit of coins in Pay Telephones, or via some method other than a Calling Card or Commercial Credit Card.

**Person-to-Person** - This charge applies in addition to usage charges for calls placed with the assistance of a Company operator to a particular party at the destination number. This charge applies regardless of billing method, including but not limited to billing to a Calling Card, Commercial Credit Card, Collect, by deposit of coins in Pay Telephones, or to a Third Party. Charges do not apply unless the specified party or an acceptable substitute is available.

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**6.3 Operator Services (Cont'd.)**

**6.3.2 Busy Line Verification and Interrupt Service**

Upon request of a calling party the Company will verify a busy condition on a designated local service line. The operator will determine if the line is clear or in use and report to the calling party. At the request of the Customer, the operator will interrupt the call on the busy line. Emergency Interruption is only permitted in cases where the calling party indicates an emergency exists and requests interruption.

A Verification Charge will apply when:

- A.** The operator verifies that the line is busy with a call in progress, or
- B.** The operator verifies that the line is available for incoming calls.

Both a Verification Charge and an Emergency Interrupt Charge will apply when the operator verifies that a called number is busy with a call in progress and the Customer requests interruption. The operator will interrupt the call advising the called party of the name of the calling party and the called party will determine whether to accept the interrupt call. Charges will apply whether or not the called party accepts the interruption.

No charge will apply when the calling party advises that the call is to or from an official public emergency agency. Busy Verification and Emergency Interrupt Service is furnished where and to the extent that facilities permit.

The Customer shall identify and save the Company harmless against all claims that may arise from either party to the interrupted call or any person.

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**SECTION 6 – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES (CONT'D.)**

**6.3 Operator Services (Cont'd.)**

**6.3.3 Rates**

**A. Local and IntraLATA Operator Service Rates**

1. Usage Charges

Usage charges will be billed at the rate in effect for the presubscribed service plan purchased by the Customer. See Section 5 of this tariff.

2. Per Call Service Charges

	<u>Per Call</u>
Calling Card (fully automated)	\$0.54
Calling Card (semi-automated)	\$1.11
Calling Card (non-automated)	\$1.86
Collect (semi-automated)	\$1.21
Collect (non-automated)	\$1.86
Person-to-Person (semi-automated)	\$3.48
Person-to-Person (non-automated)	\$4.1

**B. Busy Line Verification and Line Interrupt Service Rates**

	<u>Per Request</u>
Busy Line Verification	\$1.62
Busy Line Interrupt	\$2.49

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**6.4 Directory Listing Service**

**6.4.1 General Terms and Conditions**

- A.** The Company shall provide for a single directory listing, termed the primary listing, in the telephone directory published by the dominant exchange service provider in the customer's exchange areas of the Station number which is designated as the Customer's main billing number. Directory listings of additional Company Station numbers, other than the Customer's main billing number, associated with a Customer's service will be provided for a monthly recurring charge per listing.
- B.** The Company reserves the right to limit the length of any listing in the directory by the use of abbreviations when, in its judgment, the clearness of the listing, or the identification of the Customer is not impaired thereby. Where more than one line is required to properly list the Customer, no additional charge is made.
- C.** The Company may refuse a listing which is known not to constitute a legally authorized or adopted name, obscenities in the name, or any listing which, in the opinion of the Company, is likely to mislead or deceive calling persons as to the identity of the listed party, or is a contrived name used for advertising purposes or to secure a preferential position in the directory or is more elaborate than is reasonably necessary to identify the listed party. The Company, upon notification to the Customer, will withdraw any listing which is found to be in violation of its rules with respect thereto.
- D.** Each listing must be designated Government or Business to be placed in the appropriate section of the directory. In order to aid the user of the directory, and to avoid misleading or deceiving the calling party as to the identity of the listed party, only business listings may be placed in the Business Section and only residential listings in the Residential section. The Company, upon notification to the customer, will withdrew any listing which is found to be in violation of it s rules with respect thereto.
- E.** In order for listings to appear in an upcoming directory, the Customer must furnish the listing to the Company in time to meet the directory publishing schedule.

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**6.4 Directory Listing Service (Cont'd.)**

**6.4.1 General Terms and Conditions (Cont'd.)**

- F.** Rates and regulations for listing service are applicable only to listings in the alphabetical directories.
- G.** Directory listings are limited to such information as is essential to the identification of the listed party. The listing of a service, commodity, or trade name is not permitted unless it is the name, or an integral part of the name, under which the Customer does business.
- H.** A listing is limited to one line in the directory, except where in the judgment of the Company, more than one line is required to identify the Customer properly. In such cases, the additional lines required are provided at no extra charge.
- I.** Listing services are available with all classes of main telephone exchange service.

**6.4.2 Listings**

**A. Primary Listing**

One listing, termed the initial listing is included with each Customer's service, and with the initial line of a line hunting group.

**B. Additional Listings**

At a charge, additional listings may be included in the alphabetical directory and on directory assistance records, or appear on directory assistance records only. The monthly rate for additional listings apply when the listings appear in Directory Assistance records in accordance with the date requested by the customer.

If an additional listing is ordered discontinued by the Customer after the closing of the directory, the monthly rate continues through that issue of the directory and up to the date for rates to be effective for the next directory. If the additional listing is ordered discontinued before the closing date of the directory in which it would first appear the monthly rate continues only to the date of cancellation by the customer, with a minimum service period of one month.

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**SECTION 6 – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES (CONT'D.)**

**6.4 Directory Listing Service (Cont'd.)**

**6.4.2 Listings (Cont'd.)**

**C. Nondirectory Listed Service**

Nondirectory listed service means that the Customer's telephone number is not listed in the directory, but does it appear in the Company Directory Assistance Records.

This service is subject to the rules and regulations for E911 service, where applicable.

The Company will complete calls to a non-listed number.

When the Company agrees to keep a number unlisted, it does so without any obligation. Except for cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct, the Company is not liable for any damages that might arise from publishing a non-listed number in the directory or disclosing it to some. If, in error, the telephone number is listed in the directory, the only obligation of the Company is to credit or refund any monthly charges the Customer paid for non-listed service.

The subscriber indemnifies (i.e., promises to reimburse the Company for any amount the Company must pay as a result of) and save the Company harmless against any and all claims for damages caused or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by the publication of a nondirectory listed service or the disclosing of said number to any person.

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**SECTION 6 – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES (CONT'D.)**

**6.4 Directory Listing Service (Cont'd.)**

**6.4.2 Listings (Cont'd.)**

**D. Nonpublished Service**

Nonpublished service means that the customer's telephone number is not listed in the directory, nor does it appear in the Company's Directory Assistance Records. However, such information may be displayed on a call-by-call basis at Public Safety Answering Point locations where Enhanced Universal Emergency Number service is provided (E911).

The Company will complete calls to a non-published number only when the caller dials direct or gives the operator number. No exceptions will be made, even if the caller says it is an emergency.

When the Company agrees to keep a number unlisted, it does so without any obligation. Except for cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct, the Company is not liable for any damages that might arise from publishing a non-published number in the directory or disclosing it to some. If, in error, the telephone number is published in the directory, the Company's only obligation is to credit or refund any monthly charges the customer paid for non-published service.

The subscriber indemnifies (i.e., promises to reimburse the Company for any amount the Company must pay as a result of) and save the Company harmless against any and all claims for damages caused or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by the publication of a non-published service or the disclosing of said number to any person.



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**6.4 Directory Listing Service (Cont'd.)**

**6.4.3 Rates**

**A. Monthly Recurring Charges**

	<b>Business</b>	<b>Residential</b>
Additional Listing, per listing:	\$5.00	\$2.83
Non-Published, per line	N/A	\$3.16
Non-Listed Service, per listing:	\$2.37	\$2.37

**B. Nonrecurring Charges**

	<b>Business</b>	<b>Residential</b>
Additional Listing, per listing:	\$9.50	\$6.00
Non-Published, per line	N/A	\$6.00
Non-Listed Service, per listing:	\$6.00	\$6.00

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**SECTION 7 – ACCESS SERVICES**

**7.1 General**

Rates and regulations for the Access Services offered by the Company may be found in P.S.C. MO. Tariff No. 2 for Spectrotel, Inc.

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**SECTION 8 – SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

**8.1 Special Construction**

**8.1.1 Basis for Charges**

Basis for Charges where the Company furnishes a facility or service for which a rate or charge is not specified in Company tariffs, charges will be based on the costs incurred by the Company (including return) and may include:

- a) nonrecurring charges;
- b) recurring charges;
- c) termination liabilities; or
- d) combinations of (a), (b), and (c).

**8.1.2 Basis for Cost Computation**

The costs referred to in 8.1.1 preceding may include one or more of the following items to the extent they are applicable:

- A.** Costs to install the facilities to be provided including estimated costs for the rearrangements of existing facilities. These costs include:
  - 1.** equipment and materials provided or used;
  - 2.** engineering, labor, and supervision;
  - 3.** transportation; and
  - 4.** rights of way and/or any required easements.
- B.** Cost of maintenance.
- C.** Depreciation on the estimated cost installed of any facilities provided, based on the anticipated useful service life of the facilities with an appropriate allowance for the estimated net salvage.

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**SECTION 8 – SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, (CONT'D.)**

**8.1 Special Construction, (Cont'd.)**

**8.1.2 Basis for Cost Computation, (Cont'd.)**

- D.** Administration, taxes, and uncollectible revenue on the basis of reasonable average cost for these items.
- E.** License preparation, processing, and related fees.
- F.** Tariff preparation, processing and related fees.
- G.** Any other identifiable costs related to the facilities provided; or
- H.** An amount for return and contingencies.

**8.1.3 Termination Liability**

To the extent that there is no other requirement for use by the Company, a termination liability may apply for facilities specially constructed at the request of a Customer.

- A.** The period on which the termination liability is based is the estimated service life of the facilities provided.

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**SECTION 8 – SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, (CONT'D.)**

**8.1 Special Construction, (Cont'd.)**

**8.1.3 Termination Liability, (Cont'd.)**

- B.** The amount of the maximum termination liability is equal to the estimated amounts (including return) for:
1. Costs to install the facilities to be provided including estimated costs for the rearrangements of existing facilities. These costs include:
    - (a.) equipment and materials provided or used;
    - (b.) engineering, labor, and supervision;
    - (c.) transportation; and
    - (d.) rights of way and/or any required easements;
  2. license preparation, processing, and related fees;
  3. tariff preparation, processing and related fees;
  4. cost of removal and restoration, where appropriate; and
  5. any other identifiable costs related to the specially constructed or rearranged facilities.
- C.** The termination liability method for calculating the unpaid balance of a term obligation is obtained by multiplying the sum of the amounts determined as set forth in Section 8.1.3.B preceding by a factor related to the unexpired period of liability and the discount rate for return and contingencies. The amount determined in Section 8.1.3.B preceding shall be adjusted to reflect the redetermined estimated net salvage, including any reuse of the facilities provided. This amount shall be adjusted to reflect applicable taxes.
- D.** Inclusion of early termination liability by the Company in its tariff or a contract does not constitute a determination by the Commission that the termination liability imposed by the Company is approved or sanctioned by the Commission. Customers shall be free to pursue whatever legal remedies they may have should a dispute arise.

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**SECTION 8 – SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, (CONT'D.)**

**8.2 Non-Routine Installation and/or Maintenance**

At the Customer's request, installation and/or maintenance may be performed outside Company regular business hours, or (in sole discretion of the Company and subject to any conditions it may impose) in hazardous locations. In such cases, charges based on the cost of labor, material, and 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.

**8.3 Individual Case Basis (ICB) Arrangements**

Rates for ICB arrangements will be developed on a case-by-case basis in response to a bona fide request from a Customer, or prospective Customer, for service that falls within this Special Arrangements section. Rates developed in response to such requests may be different for tariffed service than those specified for such service in this tariff. ICB rates will be offered to Customers in writing and will be made available to similarly situated Customers.

Pursuant to Section 392.200.8, RSMo, customer-specific Individual Case Basis (ICB) pricing is authorized only for: (1) dedicated, non-switched, private line, and special access services; (2) central office based switching systems which substitute for customer premise, private branch exchange (PBX) services, and (3) any retail business service. The Company will provide copies of its customer contracts to the Staff, upon request, on a proprietary basis.

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**SECTION 9 – PROMOTIONS**

**9.1 General**

From time to time the Company shall, at its option, promote subscription or stimulate network usage by offering to waive some or all of the Nonrecurring or Recurring Charges for the Customer (if eligible) of target services for a limited duration. Such promotions shall be made available to all similarly situated Customers in the target market area. If required, the Company shall file promotions with the Commission for tariff approval prior to offering service at promotional rates.

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**SECTION 10 - CUSTOMER INFORMATION BULLETIN**

- 10.1** At the time of sale when the residential customer signs up for service, the Company provides each Customer with a Customer Information Bulletin which contains an itemized account of the charges for the equipment and service for which the customer has contracted and other information. This shall be hand delivered to the Customer, the form of which will be as follows:

**IMPORTANT CUSTOMER INFORMATION FOR YOUR REVIEW**

**Rights and Responsibilities of Missouri Residential Telephone Customers**

This information is provided in accordance with the rules of the Missouri Public Service Commission and explains your rights and responsibilities as a residential telephone customer.

Your Telephone Bill

You'll receive a telephone bill from us each month. The Company provides basic local exchange services. The Company may require a deposit or advance payment for service. Payment in full is due within 30 days of the date of the bill. If we do not receive your payment within thirty (30) days your service is subject to suspension or disconnection. When paying by mail, be sure to allow enough time for your payment to reach us by the due date.

Payment Arrangements

Payment must be sent to One Touch Communications or Touch Base Communications and may be made in the form of a Money Order, personal check or Certified Check. If you are temporarily having difficulty paying your telephone bill, please call One Touch Communications or Touch Base Communications. At 888) 773-9722 (for business customers and (888) 700-5850 (for residential customers), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. By doing this, you may avoid having your telephone service suspended or disconnected. Your service shall not be discontinued unless written notice by first-class mail is sent to you at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the proposed discontinuance.

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**SECTION 10 - CUSTOMER INFORMATION BULLETIN, (CONT'D.)**

**Disconnection or Suspension of Telephone Service**

Your telephone service is subject to suspension and disconnection for any of the reasons listed below. If you do not resolve the reason for suspension or disconnection, your service will first be suspended. If service is suspended, your telephone number is reserved for five days and you will not be charged installation charges again.

Your service may be suspended or disconnected for any of the following reasons:

1. Nonpayment of an undisputed delinquent account.
2. Failure to post a required deposit or guarantee.
3. Unauthorized use of telephone utility equipment in a manner that creates an unsafe condition or creates the possibility of damage or destruction to such equipment.
4. Failure to comply with the terms of a settlement agreement.
5. Refusal after reasonable notice to permit inspection, maintenance, or replacement of telephone utility equipment.
6. Misrepresentation of the identity in obtaining telephone utility service.
7. As provided by federal and state law.

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**SECTION 10 - CUSTOMER INFORMATION BULLETIN, (CONT'D.)**

**Reconnection of Service**

After local telephone service has been disconnected, the Company will restore your service when the reason for disconnection has been remedied. Before restoring your service, the following will be required:

1. Payment for all undisputed amounts must be received by Touch Base Communications or its authorized Agent.
2. Installation charges must be paid again if your service has been disconnected. Installation charges will not be charged if your service has been suspended.

**Procedures for Handling Billing Questions, other Inquiries and Complaints**

Questions about your bill and other telephone inquiries may be made directly by calling Touch Base Communications twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week by dialing (888) 773-9722 (for business customers and (888) 700-5850 (for residential customers). Written inquiries may be directed by fax to: 732) 345-7893. Written inquiries may also be directed to:

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d/b/a Touch Base Communications  
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**Filing a Complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission**

If the Company has not resolved the complaint to your satisfaction, you may call the Missouri Public Service Commission, located at Governor's Office Building, 200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101, or by calling the Missouri Public Service Commission at 800-392-4211 to file an informal complaint.

You may contact the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel, representing the public before the Public Service Commission of Missouri. The Office of the Public Counsel has an office at the Governor's Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Suite 600, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101. The Public Counsel's telephone number is (573) 751-4857.