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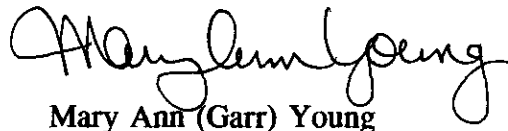
RE: Tariff File No. 200000594
Interexchange and Non-Switched Local Exchange Telecommunications Tariff of
IP Communications Corporation d/b/a IP Communications of the Southwest
Corporation

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find an original and six copies of the Interexchange and Non-Switched Local Exchange Telecommunications Tariff of IP Communications Corporation d/b/a IP Communications of the Southwest Corporation, for filing with the Commission pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-060(4)(H).

Thank you for your assistance in processing this filing. A copy is being served on the Office of Public Counsel. If there are any questions, please call me at 634-8109.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure

cc: Office of Public Counsel
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IP COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION
D/B/A
IP COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SOUTHWEST CORPORATION

REGULATIONS AND SCHEDULE OF CHARGES
FOR LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES
WITHIN THE STATE OF MISSOURI

This tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to the provision of Service by Company.
This tariff is not applicable to non-common carrier services or to services that are not jurisdictionally intrastate.

IP Communications Corporation D/B/A IP Communications of the Southwest Corporation operates as a competitive telecommunications company within the state of Missouri.

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PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

None

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

R	-	to signify a rate reduction
I	-	to signify a rate increase
C	-	to signify a changed regulation
T	-	to signify a change in text but no change in a rate of regulation
S	-	to signify a reissued matter
M	-	to signify a matter relocated without change
N	-	to signify a new rate or regulation
D	-	to signify a discontinued rate or regulation
Z	-	to signify a correction
N/A	-	to signify a non-active service

The Missouri Public Service Commission has waived the following rules and statutes for Company:

4 CSR 240-10.020	Depreciation Fund Income
4 CSR 240-30.010(2) (C)	Posting of exchange rates at central operating offices
4 CSR 240-30.040	Uniform system of Accounts
4 CSR 240-32.030(1) (B) and (C)	Exchange Area maps and records of access lines
4 CSR 240-3.030 (2)	In-state record keeping
4 CSR 240-32.050 (3) through (6)	Information concerning local service tariffs, maps, directories, and telephone numbers
4 CSR 240-32.070 (4)	Coin telephone
4 CSR 240-33.030	Minimum charge rule
4 CSR 240-33.040 (5)	Finance fee

Section 392.240 (1)	Rates reasonable average return on investment
Section 392.270	Property valuation
Section 392.280	Depreciation rates
Section 392.290	Issuance of securities
Section 392.310	Issuance of stocks and bonds
Section 392.320	Stock dividends
Section 392.330	Issuance of securities, debt and notes
Section 392.340	Reorganization

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

This tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to the provision of non-switched local exchange service by Company. This tariff is not applicable to non-common carrier services or to services that are not jurisdictionally intrastate.

2. REGULATIONS

2.1 Definitions

For the purpose of this tariff, the following definitions will apply:

Advance Payment: Part or all of payment required before start of Service.

Application for Service/Service Application/Service Order: Standard Company order form(s) which in total includes all pertinent billing, technical and other descriptive information which will enable the Company to provide Service.

Authorized User: A person, firm, corporation or other entity (including Customer) that either is authorized by the Customer to receive or send communications or is placed in a position by the Customer, either through acts or omissions, to send or receive communications.

Business Applicant: A Business Applicant is any entity or individual who applies for Service under this Tariff whose primary use of the Service will be of a business, professional, institutional, or otherwise occupational nature.

Business Customer: A Business Customer is a Customer who subscribes to the Company's Service(s) and whose primary use of the Service is of a business, professional, institutional, or otherwise occupational nature.

Business Service: A 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 social or domestic nature, Service is classified as Residential Service if installed in a residence. See also definition of Residential Service.

2.1 Definitions (cont'd)

Cancellation of Order: A Customer initiated request to discontinue processing a Service Order, either in part or in its entirety, prior to its completion. Cancellation charges will be assessed for each Circuit-end or Dedicated Access line canceled from an order prior to its completion by Company, under the following circumstances; (1) if the Local Access Provider has confirmed in writing to the Company that the Circuit-end or Dedicated Access line will be installed; and/or (2) if the Company has already submitted facilities orders to an interconnecting telephone company/ and/or (3) in accordance with Section 2.4.1 Cancellation charges will be assessed for each Circuit comprising Interexchange Service subject to a Cancellation of Order in accordance with Section 2.

Channel or Circuit: A dedicated communications path between two or more paths.

Communication Services: The Company's non-switched local exchange and interexchange private line Services.

Company: IP Communications Corporation, d/b/a IP Communications of the Southwest Corporation

Customer: The person, firm, corporation, governmental unit or other entity (including the successors and assigns of such entities) which orders Service - - either for its own use as a resale carrier or as a non-profit manager of a sharing group - - and which is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with Company Tariff regulations.

Customer Premises/Customer's Premises: Locations designated by a Customer where Service is originated/terminated whether for its own communications needs or for the use of third parties.

DSL: Digital Subscriber Line.

DUC: Designated Underlying Carrier.

Expedite: A Service Order that is processed at the request of the Customer in a time period shorter than the Company standard Service interval.

2.1 Definitions (cont'd)

Fiber Optic Cable: A thin filament of glass with a protective outer coating through which a light beam carrying communications signals may be transmitted by means of multiple internal reflections to a receiver, which translates the message.

Installation: The connection of a Circuit, Dedicated Access Channel, or port for new, changed or an additional service.

Interexchange Service/ (IXC): Interexchange Service means that portion of a Channel or Circuit between a Company designated Point-of-Presence in one exchange and a Company designated Point-of-Presence in another exchange.

Interruption: A condition whereby the Service or a portion thereof is inoperative beginning at the time of notice by the Customer to the Company that such Service is inoperative and ending at the time of restoration.

Joint User: A Person, firm or corporation that is designated by the Customer as a User of Services furnished to the Customer by Company and to whom a portion of the charges for the Service will be billed under a Joint User Arrangement as specified herein.

Nonrecurring Charges: One-time charges relevant to Service.

Payment Method: The manner in which the Customer is authorized by the Company to pay charges for Service.

Private Line: A Channel or Circuit dedicated to a particular customer without regard to actual use.

Recurring Charges: The monthly charges to the Customer for Services, facilities and equipment, that continue for the agreed upon duration of the Service.

Residential Applicant: A Residential Applicant is any individual who applies for Service under this Tariff whose primary use of the Service will be of a social or domestic nature.

2.1 Definitions (cont'd)

Residential Customer: A Residential Customer is one who subscribes to the Company's Service(s) and whose primary use of the Service(s) is of a social or domestic nature.

Residential Service: Service is classified as Residential Service where the use is primarily of a domestic or social nature. Where the business use, if any, is incidental and where the major use is of a social or domestic nature. Service is classified as Residential Service if installed in a residence.

Restore: To make Service operative following an Interruption by repair, reassignment, re-routing, substitution of component parts, or otherwise, as determined by the carrier(s) involved.

Service: Service means any or all telecommunications service(s) provided to or obtained by Customer, any Authorized User of third party from the Company which is described in this Tariff as modified from time to time.

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 that 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. The Company and Customer may mutually agree on a substitute Service Commencement Date.

Service Order: The written request for Services executed by the Customer and the Company in the format devised by the Company. The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company initiates the respective obligations of the parties as set forth therein and pursuant to this Tariff, but the duration of the Service is calculated from the Service Commencement Date.

Shared: A facility of equipment system or subsystem that can be used simultaneously by several Customers.

User or End User: A Customer, Joint User, or any other person authorized by a Customer to use Service provided under this Tariff.

2.2 Undertaking of the Company

2.2.1 Scope: The Company undertakes to provide Service in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Tariff and any Service Agreement executed by the Customer.

2.2.2 Availability of Service

(A) Service is available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week, subject to transmission, atmospheric, topographic and like conditions.

(B) Service is subject to the availability of suitable facilities. The Company reserves the right to limit the length of communications or to discontinue furnishing Service because of (i) the lack of transmission medium capacity, (ii) the need to perform maintenance, modifications, upgrades, relocations or other similar activities necessary for the provision of Service or (iii) any cause beyond its control.

(C) The Company reserves the right to arrange for Service to be furnished through the facilities of another entity when necessary.

2.2.3 Liability of the Company

(A) Except as stated in this Section 2.2.3, the Company shall have no liability for damages, including without limitation direct, consequential, special, incidental or indirect damages, arising out of or related to events, acts, rights or privileges contemplated in this Tariff.

(B) The liability of the Company for damages arising out of mistakes, interruptions, omissions, delays, errors or defects occurring in the course of establishing, furnishing, rearranging, changing, or terminating Service under this Tariff, and not caused by the failure or negligence of the Customer, shall in no event exceed either (i) an amount equivalent to the proportionate charges the Company would assess the Customer for the period of Service during which such mistakes, interruptions, omissions, delays, errors or defects occur, or (ii) the monthly fee relating to the Service, whichever is less. No other liability in any event shall attach to the Company.

2.2.3 Liability of the Company (cont'd)

- (C) The Company shall not be liable for any failure of performance hereunder due to causes beyond its control, including but not limited to acts of God, fire, flood or other catastrophes; any law, order, regulation, directive, action or request of the United States Government, or any other government, including federal, state and local governments having jurisdiction over the Company, or of any department, agency, commission, bureau, corporation or other instrumentality of any one or more of said governments, or of any civil or military authority; any national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars; or any labor difficulties.
- (D) The Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any other entity furnishing to the Customer equipment, facilities or service used with the Service furnished in this Tariff; nor shall the Company be liable for any damages or losses due to the failure or negligence of the Customer or due to the failure of Customer provided equipment or facilities.
- (E) The Company is not liable for any damages, including usage charges, the Customer may incur as a result of the unauthorized use or the misuse of the Service. This unauthorized use or misuse includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized use or misuse of Service by the Customer's employees, third parties, or the public. The Company does not warrant or guarantee that it can prevent unauthorized use or misuse.
- (F) There is no express or implied warranty or condition, whether of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose or otherwise, to the extent applicable, with respect to the Service provided by the Company.

2.2.4 Claims

- (A) 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 (i) claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of copyright in connection with the material transmitted over the Company's Service or facilities; (ii) claims for infringement of patent arising from the combination, connection or use of the Company's equipment, facilities or Service with Customer-provided equipment, facilities or services; and (iii) any other claim resulting from any act or omission of the customer or patron(s) of the Customers relating to the use of the Company's Service or facilities.
- (B) The Company and Customer shall mutually agree all claims, actions or proceedings arising in connection with the Service shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas, and venue for such claims shall be in the State of Texas.

2.2.5 Provision of Equipment and Facilities

- (A) Except as otherwise indicated, Customer-provided equipment and facilities used in connection with this Service shall be so constructed, maintained and operated as to work satisfactorily within the Company's Service, equipment and facilities.
- (B) The Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation or furnishing of any Customer-provided equipment or facilities. Where such equipment or facilities are used in connection with the Service furnished pursuant to this Tariff, the responsibility of the Company shall be limited to the furnishing of the Service under this Tariff and to the maintenance and operation of such Service. The Company shall not be liable to the Customer if changes in any of the Service (i) renders obsolete any of the Customer-provided equipment or facilities; (ii) requires modification of the Customer-provided equipment or facilities; or (iii) otherwise affects the reception of signals by Customer-provided equipment or facilities.

2.3 Obligations of the Customer

2.3.1 Payment Arrangements

- (A) The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for Service furnished by the Company to the Customer. This responsibility is not changed due to any unauthorized use or misuse of the Service by the Customer's employees, third parties, or the public. Customer shall indemnify and hold the Company harmless from all costs, expenses claims or actions arising from unauthorized use or misuse of any nature of the Service. The Customer shall not be excused from paying the Company for Service provided to the Customer or any portion thereof on the basis that unauthorized use or misuse occurred over the Service.
- (B) In cases where special construction or materials or unusual expenses are required to supply Service to the Customer, the Customer shall pay additional charges to compensate for the additional costs.
- (C) Federal, state and local sales, use, excise and other taxes, where applicable, will be listed as separate line items on customer's bill and shall be added to the charges contained therein, unless the Customer provides a properly executed certificate of exemption from such taxes. It shall be the responsibility of the Customer to pay these taxes and to accept the liability of any such unpaid taxes that may become applicable. All charges and surcharges other than taxes and franchise fees must have prior Commission approval
- (D) Charges for Service are payable in advance except for per minute or per call charges, if any, which are payable in arrears. Bills are due and payable when tendered and are payable at the business office of the Company or at any other office designated by the Company.

2.3.1 Payment Arrangements (cont'd)

- (E) Interest, at the lesser of (i) the rate of one and one-half (1.5) percent compounded monthly (19.56% per annum) and computed on a daily basis or (ii) the highest rate allowed by law per month, may accrue upon any unpaid amount commencing thirty (30) days after the date of the invoice. If the Company initiates legal proceedings to collect any amount due hereunder and the Company substantially prevails in such proceedings, then the defendant Customer shall pay the reasonable counsel fees and costs of the Company in prosecuting such proceedings and appeals therefrom.
- (F) Charges shall be deemed correct and properly billed if the Customer fails to notify the Company in writing with reasonable detail that it is disputing a particular charge within thirty (30) day after the date of the invoice.
- (G) A fee up to the highest amount permitted by applicable law will be charged for all returned checks.

2.3.2 Service Deposits

- (A) The Customer may be required to make a Service deposit to be held as a guarantee for payment of charges if the Customer has not established its creditworthiness to the satisfaction of the Company. A deposit does not relieve the Customer of the responsibility for prompt payment of bills on presentation. The deposit will not exceed an amount equal to:

--two month's charges for a service or facility which has a minimum payment period of one month ; or

--the charges that would apply for the minimum payment period for a service or facility which has a minimum payment period of more than one month; except that the deposit may include an additional amount in the event that a termination charge is applicable.

- (B) Upon deactivation of Service or after a one-year period of non-delinquency in the payment for Service, the Customer may withdraw this deposit, provided the deposit is not credited against bills for Service and the Customer supplies satisfactory proof of the right to receive the deposit.

Deposits held will accrue interest at a rate of 1% above the prime lending rate as published in the Wall Street Journal for the last business day of September. The rate to be adjusted October 1 of each year.

2.3.3 Liability of the Customer

The Customer shall be liable for any damages to or loss of the Company's equipment, facilities or Service or for any injury to the Company's personnel caused by the negligence or willful act of the Customer's officers, employees, agents or contractors.

2.4 Confidential Information

The Customer shall submit to the Company true and exact information relating to its Service orders and shall advise the Company of any change in such information.

The Customer shall have authority to submit such information to the Company. All information exchanged between the Company and Customer shall be kept confidential except that the Company may make Customer information available where necessary to employees or agents of the Company for the purpose of providing Service.

2.5 Use of Service

- (A) The Service shall not be used for any unlawful purpose.
- (B) The Service shall be used in a manner consistent with the terms of this Tariff and the policies and regulations of all federal, state and local governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the Service.
- (C) The Service or any rights associated therewith may not be assigned or in any manner transferred without the written consent of the Company.

2.6 Termination of Service for Cause

- (A) Upon non-payment of any sum owing to the Company for more than forty-five (45) days beyond the date the bill for Service is mailed by the Company, or upon violation of any of the terms or conditions governing the furnishing of Service under this Tariff, the Company may, without incurring any liability, terminate the furnishing of Service to the Customer under this tariff.

- (B) The Company reserves the right to terminate Service without notice if it deems such action necessary to protect against fraud or to protect its personnel, agents, equipment, facilities or Service.
- (C) Notwithstanding (A) and (B) above, the Service shall terminate automatically upon the initiation by or against the Customer of a proceeding in bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, receivership or assignment for the benefit of creditor.
- (D) Termination of Service for cause does not relieve the Customer of the obligation to pay all charges that have accrued under this Tariff.

3. SERVICE OFFERINGS AND RATES

3.1 Service Offerings

Company offers Point-to-Point T1, DS1, DS3, xDSL and other access services.

xDSL are non-switched, local exchange technologies that allow multiple forms of data, voice and video to be carried over standard twisted pair copper, or UNEs, on the local loop between the central office and consumer site.

Services offered by Company do not include access to/from the Public Switched Network. Company provides data connection only and does not assign or otherwise route traffic by the use of telephone numbers, i.e. NPA-NXX-XXXX.

In the event Company begins to provide services to/from the Public Switched Network, Company will file tariffs reflecting the rates, terms and conditions for such services.

3.2 Rates

Rates for Dedicated Access and Private Line services will be determined on an Individual Case Basis (ICB). ICB rates will be structured to recover the Company's cost of providing the services and will be made available to Customer in a non-discriminatory manner. Terms of specific ICB contracts will be made available to the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff upon request on a proprietary basis. ICB rates will not be used for switched services.