

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

OFFERED BY

**YMax Communications Corp.**  
223 Sunset Avenue, Suite 223  
Palm Beach, FL 33480

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.

YMax Communications Corp. operates as a competitive telecommunications company in the State of Missouri.

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**LIST OF WAIVED STATUTES AND REGULATIONS**

YMax is classified as a competitive telecommunications company in the state of Missouri for which the following statutory and regulatory requirements are waived.

**STATUTES**

- |           |   |  |
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| 392.210.2 | - | Uniform System of Accounts             |
| 392.240.1 | - | Just and Reasonable Rates              |
| 392.270   | - | Ascertain Property Values              |
| 392.280   | - | Depreciation Accounts                  |
| 392.290   | - | Issuance of Securities                 |
| 392.300.2 | - | Acquisition of Stock                   |
| 392.310   | - | Issuance of Stock & Debt               |
| 392.320   | - | Stock Dividend Payment                 |
| 392.330   | - | Issuance of Securities, Debt and Notes |
| 392.340   | - | Reorganization(s)                      |

**COMMISSION RULES**

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|-----------------------|---|--|
| 4 CSR 240-3.550(5)(C) | - | File Exchange Boundary Map with Commission |
| 4 CSR 240-10.020      | - | Depreciation Fund Income                   |
| 4 CSR 240-30.040      | - | Uniform System of Accounts                 |

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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 served by and as listed in the tariffs of Southwestern Bell, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri.

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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 YMax Communications Corp., 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 YMax Communications Corp., at 223 Sunset Avenue, Suite 223, Palm Beach, FL 33480.

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** - YMax Communications Corp., 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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**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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**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.

**YMax** - YMax Communications Corp., issuer of 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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**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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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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**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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**SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)****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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- 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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- 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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**SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)****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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**SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)****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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- 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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**SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)****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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**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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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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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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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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**SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)****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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