

Mr. Steven Reed, Executive Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission 200 Madison Street Suite 500 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

RE: Business Telecom, Inc. d/b/a EarthLink Business
Revision to Missouri PSC Tariff No. 2 (Interexchange Services Tariff)

Dear Mr. Reed:

Enclosed for filing please find the original of the above referenced tariff filing submitted on behalf of Business Telecom, Inc. This filing increases rates for selected products and services. Customers have been notified of these increases via bill messages. The Company respectfully requests an effective date for this filing of April 1, 2013.

The following tariff pages are included with this filing:

5 <sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet 22	Increases Restricted Project Codes monthly recurring charge
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 28	Increases Dial WATS I and II Service monthly access charge
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 29	Increases Premier WATS I monthly access charge
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 30	Increases Premier WATS II monthly access charge
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 31	Increases Unlimited WATS monthly access charge
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 33	Increases Premier 1 WATS monthly access charge
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 35	Increases Corporate 800 monthly charges
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 36	Increases Corporate WATS Service monthly charges
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 37	Increases Premier 1 Plus Service monthly access charge
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 38	Increases Premier Direct Service monthly access charges
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 41	Increases Universal WATS monthly access charge
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 43	Increases Personal 800 Service monthly access charge
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 44	Increases Guestcall II monthly access charge
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 46	Increases Premier 1-800 Service monthly access charge
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet 47	Increases Private Line Service charges
2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet 48	Increases Private Line Service charges
1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet 82	Increases PhonePlus Switched Access Service monthly access charge

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3001 or via email to tforte@tminc.com.

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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#### **SECTION 4 - RATES AND CHARGES**

## 4.1 General

In addition to charges based on usage, the following charges will apply to all classes of Customers.

1.	Additional Customer Identification Numbers:	Free	
2.	Project Codes:	Installation	Monthly
	Unrestricted	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Restricted	\$10.00	\$10.50 ( <b>I</b> )
<b>3.</b>	Management Reports:	Free	

# 4.2 Directory Assistance

- **4.2.1** This service is provided on a pass-through basis to a carrier offering directory assistance. Billing is provided by Company at a flat rate per call provided the Customer dials Directory Assistance using the Company switch.
- 4.2.2 Customers who have a visual or physical disability that prevents use of a telephone directory are exempt from the charges of Directory Assistance calls for up to and including 50 calls per month. This exemption applies to calls billed to one residential telephone line per Customer certified by the Local Exchange Carrier as disabled and applies to Directory Assistance calls for personal use only. Calls in excess of 50, where billing is available, will be billed the tariffed Directory Assistance charges in 4.2.3 of this tariff. Proof of certification is required.
- **4.2.3** Directory Assistance, per call: \$1.10

## 4.3 Promotional Rates

From time to time, Company may offer Promotional Rates. Promotional Rates will be offered on a non-discriminatory basis and shall be filed with the Commission for review at least 30 days prior to implementation.

Any marketing efforts will clearly indicate to the potential customers the nature of the transaction which is being offered. Materials submitted to prospective customers will clearly indicate that those customers will be changing their long distance carrier if they accept such solicitation.

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**4.10 Dial WATS Service** - Charges for Intrastate Dial WATS Service depend on whether the Customer is using the Service as an adjunct to Interstate Dial WATS I or Intrastate Dial WATS II. Charges are the same regardless of whether the Customer uses 1+ Service.

1.	Installation Charge:	Not applicable	
2.	Monthly Access:	\$52.50 Dial WATS I;	<b>(I</b> )
		\$10.50 Dial WATS II	<b>(I)</b>
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3. Minimum Billing Increment: 30 seconds4. Additional Billing Increment: 6 seconds

5. Per Minute Usage Charges:

Mileage Range	Day	Evening	Night
Dial WATS I IntraLATA	\$0.2200	\$0.2200	\$0.2200
Dial WATS I InterLATA	\$0.1900	\$0.1520	\$0.0950
Dial WATS II IntraLATA	\$0.1750	\$0.1400	\$0.0970
Dial WATS II InterLATA	\$0.1750	\$0.1400	\$0.0970

#### 6. Discounts:

Volume Discount is offered on any monthly bill which has total usage charges for Dial WATS I and Dial WATS II.

Dollar '	Volume	Discount
From	To	
\$2,500	\$2,500 +	10%

7. Other:

Not applicable.

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## 4.11 Premier WATS I

Installation Charge: Not applicable
 Monthly Access: \$10.50
 Minimum Billing Increment: 30 seconds
 Additional Billing Increment: 6 seconds

5. Usage Charges:

## A. Intrastate/InterLATA Per Minute Rates:

Mileage Range	Day	Evening	Night
All Miles	\$0.2100	\$0.1575	\$0.1050

## B. Intrastate/IntraLATA Per Minute Rates:

Mileage Range	Day	Evening	Night
All Miles	\$0.2200	\$0.2200	\$0.2200

6. Discounts: Applies to interstate and intrastate calls.

Dollar	Incremental	
From	To	Discount
\$0.00	\$100.00	0%
\$200.00	\$1,000.00	7%
\$1,001.00	over	15%

7. Other:

Not applicable.

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## 4.12 Premier WATS II

Installation Charge: Not applicable
 Monthly Access: \$10.50
 Minimum Billing Increment: 30 seconds
 Additional Billing Increment: 6 seconds

5. Usage Charges:

## A. Intrastate/InterLATA Per Minute Rates:

Mileage Range	Day	Evening	Night
All Miles	\$0.1950	\$0.1870	\$0.1770

## B. Intrastate/IntraLATA Per Minute Rates:

Mileage Range	Day	Evening	Night
All Miles	\$0.2200	\$0.2200	\$0.2200

## 6. Discounts:

Applies to interLATA and intraLATA calls.

Dollar Volume		Incremental
From	To	Discount
\$0.00	\$100.00	0%
\$101.00	\$500.00	5%
\$501.00	\$1,500.00	10%
\$1,501.00	\$5,000.00	15%
\$5,001.00	\$5,001.00 +	20%

## 7. Other:

Not applicable.

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## **SECTION 4 - RATES AND CHARGES (continued)**

- **4.13 Unlimited WATS** is a dedicated access service offering six second incremental billing, with itemized billing available.
  - 1. Installation Charge:
    - a) \$140.00 per line within 25 miles of POP site.
    - b) Over 25 miles on individual case basis.

2. Monthly Access: \$131.25 per line

3. Minimum Billing Increment: 30 seconds4. Additional Billing Increment: 6 seconds

5. Per Minute Usage Charges:

Day	Evening	Night
\$0.1450	\$0.1200	\$0.0900

6. Discounts:

Dollar '		
From	То	Discount
\$0.00	\$5,000.00	0%
\$5,000.01	\$7,500.00	5%
\$7,500.01	\$10,000.00	7%
\$10,000.01	\$12,250.00	10%
\$12,250.01	\$15,000.00	12%
\$15,000.01	\$15,000.01 +	15%

7. Other:

Not applicable.

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# 4.15 Premier 1 WATS Service

Installation Charge: Not applicable
 Monthly Access: \$10.50
 Minimum Billing Increment: 30 seconds

4. Additional Billing Increment: 6 seconds

5. Usage Charges:

## A. InterLATA calling:

Dollar Volume		Per Minute
From	To	Rate
\$0	\$500	\$0.1800
\$501	\$1,500	\$0.1700
\$1,501	1,501 +	\$0.1650

## B. IntraLATA calling:

Per minute: \$0.1800

IntraLATA calling will apply toward the volume discounts outlined above in subparagraph A. The calling timing provisions outlined in paragraphs 3 and 4 also apply. Access will be on a 1+ or dial up basis depending upon availability in the local service area.

6. Discounts:

Not applicable.

7. Other:

Not applicable.

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**4.17 Corporate 800 Service** access is provided through dedicated T-1 access facilities. Installation and monthly access will be provided by local exchange carrier at their tariffed rates.

1. Installation Charges:

A. Set Up Fee: \$50.00 B. Customer Service Unit Installation: \$75.00

2. Monthly Charges:

A. Monthly Service Charge: \$21.00

B. Customer Service Unit Monthly Charge: \$36.75

3. Minimum Billing Increment: 18 Seconds4. Additional Billing Increment: 6 Seconds

5. Per Minute Usage Charges:

	Da	ay	Eve	ning	Nig	ght
Mileage	First	Add'l	First	Add'l	First	Add'l
Range	Minute	Minute	Minute	Minute	Minute	Minute
All Miles	\$0.1250	\$0.1250	\$0.1050	\$0.1050	\$0.0880	\$0.0880

#### 6. Discounts:

Volume Discounts

Dollar '	Incremental	
From	То	Discount
\$0	\$9,999	0%
\$10,000	\$29,999	15%
\$30,000	\$30,000 +	20%

## 7. Other:

Not applicable.

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**4.18 Corporate WATS Service** is designed for large volume long distance users. Access is provided through dedicated T-1 access facilities. Installation and monthly access may be provided by the local exchange carrier at their interstate special tariffed rates. At locations where Company facilities exist, access may be provided in units equivalent to 1/24th of a T-1 access facility. Installation charges and monthly access rates for this service will be charged by the Company in accordance with its interstate rates.

1.	Installation Charge:	\$0.00
2.	Monthly Access:	\$0.00
3.	Minimum Billing Increment:	18 Seconds
4.	Additional Billing Increment:	6 Seconds

5. Per Minute Usage Charges:

	Da	ay	Eve	ning	Ni	ght
Mileage	First	Add'l	First	Add'l	First	Add'l
Range	Minute	Minute	Minute	Minute	Minute	Minute
All	\$0.1100	\$0.1100	\$0.1020	\$0.1020	\$0.0950	\$0.0950

#### 6. Discounts:

Volume Discounts

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Dollar '	Dollar Volume		
From	То	Discount	
0	4,999	0%	
5,000	24,999	5%	
25,000	+	10%	

7. Other:

A. Customer Service Unit Installation \$75.00
 B. Customer Service Unit Monthly Charge \$36.75

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**4.19 Premier 1 Plus Service** is a combined WATS/800 service for large volume users provided through switched access.

1.	Installation Charge:	\$20.00	
2.	Monthly Access:	\$21.00	<b>(I)</b>
3.	Minimum Billing Increment:	30 seconds	
4.	Additional Billing Increment:	6 seconds	

5. Usage Charges:

A. Intrastate/InterLATA Per Minute Rates:

Usage Range	Rate
\$0-500	\$0.1800
\$501-1,500	\$0.1700
\$1,501+	\$0.1650

B. Outgoing/IntraLATA Per Minute Rates:

Mileage Range	Rate
All	\$0.1800

6. Discounts:

Not applicable.

7. Other:

Not applicable.

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**4.20 Premier Direct Service** is designed for large volume long distance users needing dedicated T-1 services. Installation and monthly access may be provided by the local exchange carrier at their interstate special tariffed rates. At locations where Company facilities exist, access may be provided in units equivalent to 1/24th of a T-1 access facility. Installation charges and monthly access rates for this service will be charged by the Company in accordance with its interstate rates.

1. Installation Charges

A. Set Up: \$50.00

B. Customer Service Unit Installation: \$75.00

(Customer Service Unit is a diagnostic unit which permits off-site testing of the customer's lines.)

2. Monthly Charges:

A. Monthly Service Charge: \$21.00

B. Customer Service Unit Monthly Charge: \$36.75 (I)

3. Minimum Billing Increment: 18 seconds4. Additional Billing Increment: 6 seconds

5. Usage Charges:

Intrastate/InterLATA Per Minute Rates:

Usage Range	Incremental
	Rate
\$0-1,500	\$0.1350
\$1,501-2,500	\$0.1300
\$2,501-5,000	\$0.1250
\$5,001-7,500	\$0.1200
\$7,500+	\$0.1150
Evening, Night & Weekend Hours	\$0.1000

6. Discounts:

Not applicable.

7. Other:

Not applicable.

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**4.23 Universal WATS** is a service designed for large volume Customers needing dedicated outbound long distance service.

1. Installation Charge: \$100.00 per WATS access line
2. Monthly Access: \$38.32 per WATS access line
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3. Minimum Billing Increment: 30 seconds4. Additional Billing Increment: 6 seconds

5. Per Minute Usage Charges:

Band	Day	Evening	Night
All Miles	\$0.1550	\$0.1400	\$0.1210

## 6. Discounts:

Dollar Volume		
From	То	Discount
\$0.00	\$500.00	0%
\$501.00	\$2,000.00	10%
\$2,001.00	\$5,000.00	15%
\$5,001.00	over	18%

7. Other:

Not applicable

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**4.25 Personal 800 Service** is offered to Customers for toll-free inbound service. The service is billed at a postalized rate. Billing is in six (6) second increments following a minimum billing duration of thirty (30) seconds. Customers are provided Authorization Codes to direct the incoming call to a particular local access line.

1.	Installation Charge:	\$0.00
2.	Monthly Access:	\$5.25
3.	Minimum Billing Increment:	30 seconds
4.	Additional Billing Increment:	6 seconds

5. Per Minute Usage Charges:

Band	Day	Evening	Night
All Mileage	\$0.2200	\$0.1625	\$0.1385

6. Discounts:
Not applicable.

7. Other:

Not applicable.

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4.26 Guestcall II is offered to the hospitality industry where usage is primarily during off-peak periods. Guestcall is billed in six (6) second increments following an initial billing period of thirty (30) seconds. Guestcall Customers must have actual off-peak usage equal to or greater than 60% of all traffic.

1. Installation Charge: \$ 0.00 \$26.25

2. Monthly Access:

- [Reserved for Future Use] 3.
- 4. [Reserved for Future Use]
- 5. Usage Charges:

Band	Day	Evening	Night
All Mileage	\$0.1850	\$0.1500	\$0.1500

#### 6. Discounts:

Dollar Volume		Retroactive
From To		Discount
\$0.00	\$499.99	0%
\$500.00	\$2,499.99	5%
\$2,500.00	\$9,999.99	7%
\$10,000.00	over	10%

7. Other:

Not applicable.

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**4.28 Premier 1-800 Service** is an inbound service offered on a flat-rate, postalized basis. Calls are billed in six (6) second increments following an initial billing period of thirty (30) seconds. Service is provided over standard local access lines.

1.	Installation Charge:	\$ 0.00	
2.	Monthly Access:	\$21.00	$(\mathbf{I})$
3.	Minimum Billing Increment:	30 seconds	
4.	Additional Billing Increment:	6 seconds	
5	Per Minute Usage Charges:		

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Dollar Volume		Incremental
From	To	Pricing
\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.2100
\$500.01	\$1,500.00	\$0.2000
\$1,500.01	Over	\$0.1900

6. Discounts: Not applicable.

7. Other:

Not applicable.

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**4.29 Private Line Service.** This product is offered in the form of discrete interlata communications facilities which are dedicated to the specific Customer and are billed at fixed monthly rates. Private Line Services consist of two components: 1.) interexchange service between two of the Company's points of presence, and 2.) local access between the Customer's premise and the Company's point of presence.

## 1. Analog Rates

a. Interexchange (IXC) Service Rates (monthly per channel)

Mileage	Fixed	Per Mile
1-50	\$69.87 ( <b>I</b> )	\$2.77 ( <b>I</b> )
51-101	\$144.18 <b>(I</b> )	\$1.28 ( <b>I</b> )
101-over	\$240.74 ( <b>I</b> )	\$0.30 ( <b>I</b> )

#### b. Local Access Rates

Voice Grade (Voice and Analog Data)

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Mileage	Fixed	Per Mile	Installation		
0	\$86.76 ( <b>I</b> )	\$0.00	\$477.00		
1-4	\$86.76 ( <b>I</b> )	\$5.83 ( <b>I</b> )	\$477.00		
5-8	\$86.76 ( <b>I</b> )	\$5.10 ( <b>I</b> )	\$477.00		
9-25	\$86.76 ( <b>I</b> )	\$3.62 ( <b>I</b> )	\$477.00		
26-over	\$86.76 ( <b>I</b> )	\$2.36 ( <b>I</b> )	\$477.00		

## 2. Digital Rates (DDS)

a. Interexchange (IXC) Service Rates (monthly per channel)

Mileage	Fixed	Per Mile
1-50	\$69.87 <b>(I)</b>	\$2.77 ( <b>I</b> )
51-101	\$144.18 ( <b>I</b> )	\$1.28 ( <b>I</b> )
101-over	\$240.74 ( <b>I</b> )	\$0.30 ( <b>I</b> )

b. Local Access Rates

Digital Access (9.6K/19.2K DDS)

Mileage	Fixed	Per Mile	Installation
0	\$195.80 ( <b>I</b> )	\$0.00	\$545.00
1-over	\$248.97 ( <b>I</b> )	\$1.90 ( <b>I</b> )	\$545.00

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# 4.29 Private Line Service, (continued)

- 2. Digital Rates (DDS) (continued)
  - b. Local Access Rates (continued)

Digital Access (56K DDS)

Mileage	Fixed	Per Mile	Installation
0	\$293.58 ( <b>I</b> )	\$0.00	\$545.00
1-over	\$377.07 ( <b>I</b> )	\$5.06 ( <b>I</b> )	\$545.00

#### 3. T-1.5 Rates

a. T-1.5 Service (monthly per 24 channels)

Mileage	Fixed	Per Mile	
1-over	\$544.34 (I)	\$10.41 ( <b>I</b> )	

#### b. Local Access Rates

T-1.5 Digital Access

Mileage	Fixed	Per Mile	Installation
0	\$466.57 ( <b>I</b> )	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
1-over	\$466.57 ( <b>I</b> )	\$30.91 ( <b>I</b> )	\$1,500.00

## 4. Local Access Rates

Local access service to connect the Customer's premise to the Company's point of presence is charged by the serving local exchange carrier, or other carrier, if applicable. These local access charges may be billed directly to the Customer by the local exchange carrier or passed through at cost to the Customer when billed by the Company.

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## **SECTION 5 – GRANDFATHERED SERVICES, (CONT'D.)**

## 5.2 PhonePlus Switched Access Service\*

PhonePlus Switched Access Service is a combined outbound and inbound service offered on a peak/off-peak, postalized rate basis. Calls are billed in six (6) second increments following an initial billing period of thirty (30) seconds. Service is provided over standard local access lines. Per minute usage charges are based on monthly revenue commitments and annual term plans as set forth below. Intrastate, interstate, travel service and international service, both outbound and inbound, combine to satisfy the revenue commitment. Revenue commitment is calculated before term commitment.

Installation Charge: \$0.00
 Monthly Access: \$10.50
 Minimum Billing Increment: 30 seconds
 Additional Billing Increment: 6 seconds

5. Usage Charges:

<b>Monthly Revenue</b>		Outbound/Inbound Rate Per Minute		
Commitment		Peak	Off-Peak	
\$0-\$1,000	(367)	\$0.155	\$0.155	
\$1,001-\$5,000	(368)	\$0.150	\$0.150	
\$5,001-over	(369)	\$0.145	\$0.145	

6. Discounts: (367, 368, 369)

<b>Monthly Revenue</b>	Term Discount		
Commitment	1 Year	2 Year	3 Year
\$100-\$1,000	3%	6%	9%
\$1,001-\$5,000	3%	6%	9%
\$5,001-over	3%	6%	9%

#### 7. Other:

Customers will be billed the difference between the actual usage and the minimum revenue commitment if the minimum revenue commitment is not achieved on an annualized basis. Customers who cancel the service before the end of the term commitment will be billed \$100 multiplied by the number of months remaining on the term plan.

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