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the Company's Missouri PSC Tariff No. 2*

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

OFFERED BY

Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone
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Applying generally to its authorized territories within the State of Missouri. This tariff applies to the Company's provision of service in specified exchanges within the Company's certificated areas in the State of Missouri

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LIST OF WAIVED STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

Budget Phone 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 | - Accounting requirements (system of accounts) |
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| 392.270 | - Accounting requirements (valuation of property) |
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| 392.340 | - Company reorganization |

COMMISSION RULES

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| 4 CSR 240-3.550 (4), (5)(A), and 5(C) | - Held order records, quality of service reports |
| 4 CSR 240-10.020 | - Income on depreciation fund investments |
| 4 CSR 240-30.040 | - Uniform System of Accounts |
| 4 CSR 240-32.060 | - Engineering and maintenance |
| 4 CSR 240-32.070 | - Quality of Service |
| 4 CSR 240-32.080 | - Service objectives and surveillance levels |
| 4 CSR 240-33.040(1) through (3) and (5) through (10) | - Billing and payment standards |
| 4 CSR 240-33.045 | - Clear identification and placement of charges on bills |
| 4 CSR 240-33.080(1) | - Toll-free number for billing disputes |
| 4 CSR 240-33.130(1), (4) and (5) | - Operator service billing requirements |
| 4 CSR 240-32.050(4)(B) | - Limited White Pages waiver to the extent provided in File No. IE-2009-0357 |

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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 MoPSC. For example, the 4th Revised Page 14 cancels the 3rd Revised Page 14. Because of various suspension periods, deferrals, etc. the MoPSC 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:

- 2.
- 2.1
- 2.1.1
- 2.1.1.A.
- 2.1.1.A.1.
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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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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 Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone and interexchange services offered in packages therewith within the State of Missouri in the exchanges served by and as listed in the tariffs of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri and Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink.

This tariff is on file with the Commission. In addition, this tariff is available for review at the main office of Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone, at 1325 Barksdale Boulevard, Suite 200, Bossier City, LA 71111.

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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 Company 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 Company 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 Customer to utilize services provided by the Company to the Customer. The Customer is responsible for all charges incurred by an Authorized User.

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.

Budget Phone - Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone, issuer of this tariff.

Commission - The Missouri Public Service Commission.

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

Company - Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone, the issuer of this tariff.

Continental United States - Refers to the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia. Calls to Alaska and Hawaii are blocked.

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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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 Company. Any Interruption allowance provided within this Tariff by Company shall not apply where service is interrupted by the negligence or willful act of the Customer, or where the Company, pursuant to the terms of this Tariff, terminates service because of non-payment of bills, unlawful or improper use of the Company'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 incumbent 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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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.

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

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

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

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

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SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS,

2.1 Undertaking of the Company

2.1.1 Scope

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

The Company is responsible under this tariff only for the services and facilities provided hereunder, and it assumes no responsibility for any service provided by any other entity that purchases access to the Company network in order to originate or terminate its own services, or to communicate with its own customers.

2.1.2 Shortage of Equipment or Facilities

- A.** The Company reserves the right to limit or to allocate the use of existing facilities, or of additional facilities offered by the Company, when necessary because of lack of facilities, or due to some other cause beyond Company control.
- B.** The furnishing of service under this tariff is subject to the availability on a continuing basis of all the necessary facilities and is limited to the capacity of the Company facilities as well as facilities the Company may obtain from other carriers to furnish service from time to time as required at the sole discretion of the Company.

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

2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd.)

2.1.3 Terms and Conditions

- A.** Service is provided on the basis of a minimum period of at least thirty (30) days, 24-hours per day. For the purpose of computing charges in this tariff, 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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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 other person or entity shall be required to make any payment, incur any penalty, monetary or otherwise, or purchase any services in order for the Customer 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

- J.** The Company may temporarily suspend service without notice to the Customer by blocking traffic to certain cities or NXX exchanges or by blocking calls using certain Personal Account Codes when the Company deems it necessary to take such action to prevent unlawful use of its service. The Company will restore service as soon as service can be provided without undue risk.

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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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2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd.)

2.1.4 Limitations on Liability (Cont'd.)

D. The Company shall have no liability for, and to the extent caused by Customer or its agents and contractors 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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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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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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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 endeavor to 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. The Company shall have no liability for service affecting activities beyond remedies applicable under this tariff for service interruptions.

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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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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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2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd.)

2.1.8 Special Construction

Subject to the agreement of the Company and to all of the regulations contained in this tariff, special construction of facilities may be undertaken on a reasonable efforts basis at the request of the Customer. Special construction is that construction undertaken:

- A. where facilities are not presently available, and there is no other requirement for the facilities so constructed;
- B. of a type other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
- C. over a route other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
- D. in a quantity greater than that which the Company would normally construct;
- E. on an expedited basis;
- F. on a temporary basis until permanent facilities are available;
- G. involving abnormal costs; or
- H. in advance of its normal construction.

2.1.9 Ownership of Facilities

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

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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 Commission.
- 2.2.3** The Company may block any signals being transmitted over its Network by Customers who cause interference to the Company or other users. Customer shall be relieved of all obligations to make payments for charges relating to any blocked Service and shall indemnify the Company for any claim, judgment or liability resulting from such blockage.
- 2.2.4** A Customer, joint user, or authorized user may not assign, or transfer in any manner, the service or any rights associated with the service without the written consent of the Company. The Company will permit a Customer to transfer its existing service to another entity if the existing Customer has paid all charges owed to the Company for regulated communications services. Such a transfer will be treated as a disconnection of existing service and installation of new service, and non-recurring installation charges as stated in this tariff will apply.

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2.3 Obligations of the Customer

2.3.1 General

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

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

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2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd.)

2.3.1 General (Cont'd.)

- E.** providing a safe place to work and complying with all laws and regulations regarding the working conditions on the premises at which Company employees and agents shall be installing or maintaining Company facilities and equipment. The Customer may be required to install and maintain Company facilities and equipment within a hazardous area if, in the Company opinion, injury or damage to Company employees or property might result from installation or maintenance by the Company. The Customer shall be responsible for identifying, monitoring, removing and disposing of any hazardous material (e.g. asbestos) prior to any construction or installation work;
- F.** complying with all laws and regulations applicable to, and obtaining all consents, approvals, licenses and permits as may be required with respect to, the location of Company facilities and equipment in any Customer premises or the rights-of-way for which Customer is responsible under Section 2.3.1.D and granting or obtaining permission for Company agents or employees to enter the premises of the Customer at any time for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining, repairing, or upon termination of service as stated herein, removing the facilities or equipment of the Company;
- G.** not creating, or allowing to be placed, any liens or other encumbrances on Company equipment or facilities; and
- H.** making Company facilities and equipment available periodically for maintenance purposes at a time agreeable to both the Company and the Customer. No allowance will be made for the period during which service is interrupted for such purposes.

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2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd.)

2.3.2 Liability of the Customer

- A.** The Customer will be liable for damages to the facilities of the Company and for all incidental and consequential damages caused by the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the Customer, its officers, employees, agents, invites, or contractors where such acts or omissions are not the direct result of Company negligence or intentional misconduct.
- B.** To the extent caused by any negligent or intentional act of the Customer as described in 2.3.2 A., preceding, the Customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from and against all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, for (1) any loss, destruction or damage to property of any third party, and (2) any liability incurred by the Company to any third party pursuant to this or any other tariff of the Company, or otherwise, for any interruption of, interference to, or other defect in any service provided by the Company to such third party.
- C.** The Customer shall not assert any claim against any other Customer or user of Company services for damages resulting in whole or in part from or arising in connection with the furnishing of service under this tariff including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or other defects or misrepresentations, whether or not such other Customer or user contributed in any way to the occurrence of the damages, unless such damages were caused solely by the negligent or intentional act or omission of the other Customer or user and not by any act or omission of the Company. Nothing in this tariff is intended either to limit or to expand Customer's right to assert any claims against third parties for damages of any nature other than those described in the preceding sentence.

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A User may transmit or receive information or signals via the facilities of the Company. Company services are designed primarily for the transmission of voice-grade telephonic signals, except as otherwise stated in this tariff. A User may transmit any form of signal that is compatible with Company equipment, but the Company does not guarantee that its services will be suitable for purposes other than voice-grade telephonic communication except as specifically stated in this tariff.

2.4.2 Station Equipment

- A. Terminal equipment on the User's Premises and the electric power consumed by such equipment shall be provided by and maintained at the expense of the User. The User is responsible for the provision of wiring or cable to connect its terminal equipment to the Company Point of Connection.
- B. The Customer is responsible for ensuring that Customer-provided equipment connected to Company equipment and facilities is compatible with such equipment and facilities. The magnitude and character of the voltages and currents impressed on Company-provided equipment and wiring by the connection, operation, or maintenance of such equipment and wiring shall be such as not to cause damage to the Company-provided equipment and wiring or injury to Company employees or to other persons. Any additional protective equipment required to prevent such damage or injury shall be provided by the Company at the Customer's expense, subject to prior Customer approval of the equipment expense.

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2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels (Cont'd.)

2.4.3 Interconnection of Facilities

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

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2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels (Cont'd.)

2.4.4 Inspections

- A. Upon suitable notification to the Customer, and at a reasonable time, the Company may make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the Customer is complying with the requirements set forth in Section 2.4.2A. for the installation, operation, and maintenance of Customer-provided facilities, equipment, and wiring in the connection of Customer-provided facilities and equipment to Company-owned facilities and equipment.

- B. If the protective requirements for Customer-provided equipment are not being complied with, the Company may take such action as it deems necessary to protect its facilities, equipment, and personnel. The Company will notify the Customer promptly if there is any need for further corrective action. Within ten days of receiving this notice, the Customer must take this corrective action and notify the Company of the action taken. If the Customer fails to do this, the Company may take whatever additional action is deemed necessary, including the suspension of service, to protect its facilities, equipment and personnel from harm.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements

2.5.1 Payment for Service

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

The Customer is responsible for the payment of federal excise taxes, state and local sales and use taxes and similar taxes imposed by governmental jurisdictions, all of which shall be separately designated on the Company's invoices. Any taxes imposed by a local jurisdiction (e.g., county and municipal) will only be recovered from those Customers provided service 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. Customers shall pay in advance the amount(s) as specified in the tariff for Services. Non-recurring charges, including construction, are due in advance. Fixed recurring charges shall be paid in advance, unless satisfactory credit arrangements have been made. All payments for services are paid in advance and are due at the start of service and on the expiration of each subsequent thirty (30) day period. The Company mails invoices to each Customer twenty one (21) days in advance of the date payment is due. The invoice shall specify the due date.
- 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 by the due date on the invoice. Customer usage charges, including, but not exclusive to Directory Assistance, are billed in arrears.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd.)

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

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

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd.)

2.5.3 Late Payment Fee

The Company does not bill a late fee as service is provided on a prepaid basis. Any services not included in the prepaid service package subscribed to by a Customer will be subject to a 1.5% late payment charge per month. 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 \$35.00 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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2.5.5 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 ninety (90) 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 Commission in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure. The address of the Commission is as follows:
 - Missouri Public Service Commission
Governor Office Building
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
Jefferson City, MO 65101

- C. If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Customer and the Customer has withheld the disputed amount, no interest, credits or penalties will apply.

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2.5.6 Advance Payments

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

2.5.7 Deposits

The Company does not collect or require Customer Deposits.

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2.5.8 Cancellation of Application for Service

- A.** Applications for service cannot be canceled without Company agreement. Where the Company permits a Customer to cancel an application for service prior to the start of service or prior to any special construction, no charges will be imposed except for those specified below.
- B.** Where, prior to cancellation by the Customer, the Company incurs any expenses in installing the service or in preparing to install the service that it otherwise would not have incurred, a charge equal to the costs the Company incurred, less net salvage, shall apply, but in no case shall this charge exceed the sum of the charge for the minimum period of services ordered, including installation charges, and all charges others levy against the Company that would have been chargeable to the Customer had service begun.
- C.** Where the Company incurs any expense in connection with special construction, or where special arrangements of facilities or equipment have begun, before the Company receives a cancellation notice, a charge equal to the costs incurred by the Company, less net salvage, applies. In such cases, the charge will be based on such elements as the cost of the equipment, facilities, and material, the cost of installation, engineering, labor, and supervision, general and administrative expense, other disbursements, depreciation, maintenance, taxes, provision for return on investment, and any other costs associated with the special construction or arrangements.
- D.** The special charges described above will be calculated and applied on a case-by-case basis.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd.)

2.5.9 Changes in Service Requested

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

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2.6 Discontinuance of Service

2.6.1 Service may be discontinued for any of the following reasons:

- A.** nonpayment of an undisputed delinquent charge;
- B.** Upon expiration of any prepaid service period unless the Customer has paid to the Company the next full month's service fee and/or any applicable reconnection fee.
- C.** failure to post a required deposit or guarantee;
- D.** unauthorized use of telephone utility equipment in a manner which creates an unsafe condition or creates the possibility of damage or destruction to such equipment;
- E.** failure to substantially comply with terms of a settlement agreement;
- F.** refusal after reasonable notice to permit inspection, maintenance or replacement of telephone utility equipment;
- G.** material misrepresentation of identity in obtaining telephone utility service;
- H.** as approved by federal or state law.

2.6.2 Service may not be discontinued by the Company for failure to pay charges not subject to Commission's jurisdiction unless specifically authorized in this tariff.

2.6.3 Residential service may be discontinued during normal business hours on or after the date specified in the notice of discontinuance. Service shall not be discontinued on a day when the offices of the Company are not available to facilitate reconnection of service or on a day immediately preceding such day.

2.6.4 Customers shall have 21 days from the rendition of a bill to pay the charges stated.

2.6.5 Services provided on a prepaid basis are considered cancelled absent timely receipt of the required prepayment. In the event required prepayment has been timely received, residential services shall not be discontinued during the period covered by the prepayment unless written notice by first class mail is sent to the Customer at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the proposed discontinuance.

2.6.6 At least 24 hours preceding a discontinuance the Company shall make reasonable efforts to contact the customer to advise of the proposed discontinuance and what steps must be taken to avoid it.

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2.7 Allowances for Interruptions in Service

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

2.7.1 General

- A. A credit allowance will be given when service is interrupted, except as specified below. A service is interrupted when it becomes inoperative to the Customer, e.g., the Customer is unable to transmit or receive, because of a failure of a component furnished by the Company under this tariff.
- B. An interruption period begins when the Customer reports a service, facility or circuit to be inoperative and, if necessary, releases it for testing and repair. An interruption period ends when the service, facility or circuit is operative.
- C. If the Customer reports a service, facility or circuit to be interrupted but declines to release it for testing and repair, or refuses access to its premises for test and repair by the Company, the service, facility or circuit is considered to be impaired but not interrupted. No credit allowances will be made for a service, facility or circuit considered by the Company to be impaired.
- D. The Customer shall be responsible for the payment of service charges as set forth herein for visits by Company agents or employees to the premises of the Customer when the service difficulty or trouble report results from the use of equipment or facilities provided by any party other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer.

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

2.7.2 Limitations of Allowances

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

- A. Due to the negligence of or noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff by any person or entity other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer;
- B. Due to the failure of power, equipment, systems, connections or services not provided by the Company;
- C. Due to circumstances or causes beyond the reasonable control of the Company;
- D. During any period in which the Company is not given full and free access to its facilities and equipment for the purposes of investigating and correcting interruptions;
- E. A service will not be deemed to be interrupted if a Customer continues to voluntarily make use of the service. If the service is interrupted, the Customer can get a service credit, use another means of communications provided by the Company (pursuant to Section 2.7.3), or utilize another service provider;
- F. During any period when the Customer has released service to the Company for maintenance purposes or for implementation of a Customer order for a change in service arrangements;
- G. That occurs or continues due to the Customer's failure to authorize replacement of any element of special construction; and
- H. That was not reported to the Company within thirty (30) days of the date that service was affected.

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

2.7.3 Use of Another Means of Communications

If the Customer elects to use another means of communications during the period of interruption, the Customer must pay the charges for the alternative service used.

2.7.4 Application of Credits for Interruptions in Service

- A. Credits for interruptions in service that is provided and billed on a flat rate basis for a minimum period of at least one month, beginning on the date that billing becomes effective, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the Customer for the period of service during which the event that gave rise to the claim for a credit occurred. A credit allowance is applied on a pro rata basis against the rates specified hereunder and is dependent upon the length of the interruption. Only those facilities on the interrupted portion of the circuit will receive a credit.
- B. For calculating credit allowances, every month is considered to have thirty (30) days.
- C. A credit allowance will be given for interruptions of thirty (30) minutes or more. Two or more interruptions of fifteen (15) minutes or more during any one 24-hour period shall be combined into one cumulative interruption.

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

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

D. Interruptions of 24 Hours or Less

Length of Interruption	Amount of Service To Be Credited
Less than 30 minutes	None
30 minutes up to but not including 3 hours	1/10 Day
3 hours up to but not including 6 hours	1/5 Day
6 hours up to but not including 9 hours	2/5 Day
9 hours up to but not including 12 hours	3/5 Day
12 hours up to but not including 15 hours	4/5 Day
15 hours up to but not including 24 hours	One Day

E. Interruptions Over 24 Hours and Less Than 72 Hours

Interruptions over 24 hours and less than 72 hours will be credited 1/5 day for each 3-hour period or fraction thereof. No more than one full day's credit will be allowed for any period of 24 hours.

F. Interruptions Over 72 Hours

Interruptions over 72 hours will be credited 2 days for each full 24-hour period. No more than thirty (30) days credit will be allowed for any one month period.

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

2.7.5 Cancellation For Service Interruption

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

2.8 Use of Customer's Service by Others

2.8.1 Joint Use Arrangements

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

2.9 Cancellation by Customer

Service is provided on a month-to-month basis. Customer forfeits all prepaid monthly recurring charges upon cancellation of service by the Customer.

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2.10 Transfers and Assignments

Neither the Company nor the Customer may assign or transfer its rights or duties in connection with the services and facilities provided by the Company without the written consent of the other party, except that the Company may assign its rights and duties:

2.10.1 to any subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company; or

2.10.2 pursuant to any sale or transfer of substantially all the assets of the Company; or

2.10.3 pursuant to any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company.

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2.11 Customer Liability for Unauthorized Use of the Network

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

2.11.1 Customer Liability for Fraud and Unauthorized Use of the Network

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

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

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

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

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2.12 Notices and Communications

2.12.1 The Customer shall designate on the Service Order the address to which the Company shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that the Customer may also designate a separate address to which Company bills for service shall be mailed.

2.12.2 The Company shall designate on the Service Order an address to which the Customer shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that Company may designate a separate address on each bill for service to which the Customer shall mail payment on that bill.

2.12.3 Except as otherwise stated in this tariff, all notices or other communications required to be given pursuant to this tariff will be in writing. Notices and other communications of either party, and all bills mailed by the Company, shall be presumed to have been delivered to the other party on the third business day following placement of the notice, communication or bill with the U.S. Mail or a private delivery service, prepaid and properly addressed, or when actually received or refused by the addressee, whichever occurs first.

2.12.4 The Company or the Customer shall advise the other party of any changes to the addresses designated for notices, other communications or billing, by following the procedures for giving notice set forth herein.

2.13 Taxes, Fees and Surcharges

The Customer is responsible for the payment of any sales, use, gross receipts, excise or other local, state and federal taxes, charges or surcharges (however designated) excluding taxes on the Company's net income imposed on or based upon the provision, sale or use of network services. Company will itemize taxes and surcharges as separate line items on the Customer's bill. All charges other than taxes and franchise fees will be submitted to the Commission for prior approval.

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2.13 Taxes, Fees and Surcharges (Cont'd.)

2.13.1 Missouri Universal Service Fund

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

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2.14 Miscellaneous Provisions

2.14.1 Telephone Number Changes

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

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

2.14.2 Number Intercept Treatment

Upon changing a customer's telephone number, Budget Phone will make known to the customer that Budget Phone will intercept all calls to a customer's former telephone number and give out the new number, at no charge to the customer, provided the customer desires this service. The service will be provided for a minimum of 30 days.

2.14.3 No Ownership

Customers do not have any property or other right or interest in the use of any particular telephone number.

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SECTION 3 – SERVICE AREAS

3.1 Local Exchange Service Areas

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

- 1) Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri
- 2) Embarq Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink

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SECTION 4 – SERVICE CHARGES AND SURCHARGES

4.1 Service Connection Charges

Service Connection Charges are non-recurring charges which apply to ordering, installing or changing of local telephone service. One or more Service Connection Charges may apply to each customer order depending upon the work functions performed.

4.1.1 Description of Charges

Activation Fee - Applies when a new service is established at a residence at the Customer’s request.

Reconnect Charge: Applies to each instance of resumption of service to the customer after discontinuance of service.

Name Change: Applies for change in name and responsibility.

Telephone Number Change: Applies to a change in telephone number.

Transfer: Applies for a change in service location.

Premise Visit Charge - Applies to each trip to the customer’s premise for work performed or trouble identified on the customer’s side of the demarcation point. Must be paid in advance of the visit. The Premise Visit Charge is refunded if trouble is found to be the Company’s equipment (i.e. on the Company’s side of the demarcation point).

4.1.2 Rates

	<u>Non-Recurring Charges</u>
Activation Fee	\$60.00
Reconnect Charge	\$25.00
Name Change	\$30.00
Telephone Number Change	\$30.00
Transfer	\$39.95
Calling Feature Change	\$15.00
Premise Visit Charge (per visit)	\$80.00
Inside Wiring	\$1.29

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SECTION 5 – LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES AND RATES (CONT'D.)

5.1 Customer Eligibility Criteria

New and existing customers are eligible for Company plans if they meet the following requirements:

- A. Where applicable, customers must subscribe to Budget Phone Local and Long Distance service for both intra and interstate long distance service.
- B. Plans are for voice service only and cannot be used for any use deemed inconsistent with residential use by Budget Phone.
- C. Plans are not available to customers with an account that bills to another number or is the recipient of charges billed from another number.
- D. Plans are not eligible for customer lines associated with educational institutions (colleges, universities, etc) or businesses.
- E. Unlimited access to long distance is for residential voice telephone service only and usage does not include multi-party conference calls, calls to 900 numbers, directory assistance, calling card, operator services, international calling, toll free numbers, chat rooms, telemarketing, commercial, facsimile (commercial), internet, automated dialing, special interest lines, and other non-residential use.
- F. Unlimited access to long distance is not available for resale.
- G. If Budget Phone determines that usage is not consistent with typical residential customer usage, the customer, at the sole discretion of the company, may be subject to additional charges, loss of unlimited access to long distance service, or to an alternate plan.
- H. For the purpose of the Unlimited LD plans, typical residential usage is presumed to be total usage that does not exceed 2,000 minutes of intra and interstate usage per billing cycle, per account. Budget Phone's long distance platform will automatically deny calls on accounts that have used the allowed 2,000 minutes. Customers who wish to continue unlimited access to long distance on Budget Phone's platform can purchase additional blocks of time, in the form of Budget Phone pre-paid calling cards, from an authorized Budget Phone agent.

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5.1 Customer Eligibility Criteria (Cont'd.)

New and existing customers are eligible for Company plans if they meet the following requirements:
(Cont'd.)

- I.** Budget Phone reserves the right to verify that the customer meets the eligibility requirements; Customers who do not or no longer meet the eligibility requirements will not be eligible for plans.
- J.** Budget Phone reserves the right to exclude certain terminating telephone numbers from Company plans.

5.2 Charges Based on Duration of Use

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

- 5.2.1** Calls are measured in durational increments identified for each service. All calls that are fractions of a measurement increment are rounded-up to the next whole unit.
- 5.2.2** Timing on completed calls begins when the call is answered by the called party. Answering is determined by hardware answer supervision in all cases where this signaling is provided by the terminating local carrier and any intermediate carrier(s). Timing for operator service person-to-person calls start with completion of the connection to the person called or an acceptable substitute, or to the PBX station called.
- 5.2.3** Timing terminates on all calls when the calling party hangs up or the Company network receives an off-hook signal from the terminating carrier.
- 5.2.4** Calls originating in one time period and terminating in another will be billed in proportion to the rates in effect during different segments of the call.
- 5.2.5** All times refer to local time.

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5.3 Prompt Pay Discount

Residential customers who pay their account balance in full on or before the account due date will receive a Prompt Pay Discount in the amount of \$10.00. In anticipation of timely payment, the Prompt Pay Discount is applied to the customer's account at the time of billing.

The Prompt Pay Discount will be removed from an account where payment in full has not been received by the due date.

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5.4 Local Exchange Service Plans

5.4.1 Budget Phone Basic Plan

Basic service is a bundled pre-paid plan available to all residential customers residing in the Embarq d/b/a CenturyLink and AT&T Missouri exchanges of Missouri. The Monthly Access Fee for basic service provides a Customer with single, voice grade dial tone line, which allows unlimited local calls on a flat or measured rate basis and includes sixty (60) minutes of intrastate and interstate long distance calling within the Continental United States per billing cycle. Basic Service is provided with touch-tone as a standard feature.

Monthly Basic Plan Charge	
With Prompt Pay Discount	\$33.45
Without Prompt Pay Discount	\$43.45

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5.4 Local Exchange Service Plans (Cont'd.)

5.4.2 Budget Phone Double Feature Plan

Budget Phone Double Feature Plan service is bundled pre-paid plan available to all residential customers residing in the AT&T Missouri exchanges of Missouri as defined by the Incumbent's tariff on file with the Commission. The Budget Phone Double Feature Plan is a bundled prepaid residential service and includes sixty (60) minutes of intrastate and interstate long distance calling within the Continental United States per billing cycle. The Double Feature Plan, along with its individual components, is available on a where offered basis. Budget Phone reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to alter, change, or substitute individual features. Customer may be required to access Budget Phone's Long Distance platform by first dialing a toll free number and then dial the ten-digit (10) termination number in order to complete the call. The Plan includes an additional 250 minutes of intrastate and interstate long distance calling within the Continental United States for the first one (1) month of service. The Customer has the option to continue to receive an additional 250 minutes of intrastate and interstate long distance usage for an additional charge of \$5.00 per billing cycle. This plan does not provide for call detail information on the Customer's monthly bill.

The Double Feature Plan includes the following :

- (1) Local dial-tone line
- (2) Sixty (60) minutes of intrastate and interstate long distance calling within the Continental United States per billing cycle
- (3) Call Waiting
- (4) Caller ID
- (5) An additional 250 minutes of long distance for calls terminating within the Continental United States (included at no addition charge for the first one (1) month of service)

Monthly Double Feature Plan Charge	
With Prompt Pay Discount	\$33.45
Without Prompt Pay Discount	\$43.45

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5.4 Local Exchange Service Plans (Cont'd.)

5.4.3 Budget Phone Deluxe Prepaid Plan

The Budget Phone Deluxe Prepaid Package is a bundled pre-paid plan offered to all residential customers in the Embarq d/b/a CenturyLink and AT&T Missouri exchanges of Missouri as defined by the incumbent's tariff on file with the Commission and includes: a) a residence dial tone line on a flat rate basis (b) unlimited access that does not exceed 2,000 minutes to intrastate and interstate long distance calling within the Continental United States, per billing cycle; and (c) the following two (2) Custom Calling Features: Caller ID and Call Waiting. Customers must access Budget Phone's long distance platform by first dialing a toll free number and then must dial the ten-digit (10) termination number in order to complete the call. This plan does not provide for call detail information on the Customer's monthly bill.

Custom Calling Features are offered where facilities and equipment allow. All features may not be available in all central office switches.

Monthly Deluxe Prepaid Plan Charge	
With Prompt Pay Discount	\$43.40
Without Prompt Pay Discount	\$53.40

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5.5 Supplementary Services

5.5.1 Optional Metropolitan Calling Area Service

Flat rate residential dial tone service includes local service within the exchange and, in applicable exchanges, within the local calling scope made available pursuant to mandatory Metropolitan Calling Area service as established by the Missouri Public Service Commission. For an additional rate, in applicable exchanges, the Customer can obtain the local calling scope made available pursuant to optional Metropolitan Calling Area service as established by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

Optional Metropolitan Calling Area Service, per month: \$20.00

5.5.2 LD 250 Package

For a monthly recurring charge, the Customer may subscribe to 250 minutes of intrastate and interstate long distance usage within the Continental United States per billing cycle. This plan does not provide for call detail information on the Customer’s monthly bill.

LD 250 Package Monthly Charge \$5.00

5.5.3 Unlimited LD Package

For a monthly recurring charge, Customer may add to the Basic Plan, two thousand (2,000) minutes, per billing cycle, of intrastate or interstate Long Distance calling within the Continental United States.

Unlimited LD Package Monthly Charge \$9.95

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5.6 Lifeline Service

5.6.1 Applicability

Lifeline discounts are applicable to local exchange services provided to eligible residential Applicants.

5.6.2 Territory:

Within the service areas of AT&T Missouri and Embarq d/b/a CenturyLink as shown and defined in the Incumbent LEC's current and effective Tariffs on file with the Commission.

5.6.3 Low-Income Assistance

A. Discounts;

Lifeline is provided as a reduction of the subscriber's access line rate for local service in amounts equal to the sum of the state and/or federal approved and supported credits.

B. Terms and Conditions:

1. Lifeline is provided only to the customer's principle residence
2. One low-income credit is available per household and applicable to the primary residential connection only. The named subscriber must be a current recipient of any of the low-income assistance programs identified in Section 5.6.3.C following
3. Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low-income assistance programs should be provided to the Company at the time of application for service, The Lifeline credit will not be established until the Company has received proof of eligibility. If the Customer requests installation prior to the Company's receipt of proof of eligibility, the requested service will be provided without the Lifeline credit. When eligibility documentation is provided subsequent to activation, the Lifeline credit will be provided on a going forward basis. Eligible Lifeline subscribers may enroll in the Lifeline program by signing a document certifying under penalty of perjury that the Customer participates in one of the Lifeline eligible programs and identifying the qualifying program.

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5.6 Lifeline Service (Cont'd.)

5.6.3 Low-Income Assistance (Cont'd.)

B. Terms and Conditions (Cont'd.)

4. When, for any reason, a customer is determined to be ineligible the Company will contact the customer. If the customer cannot provide eligibility documentation, the Lifeline account will be disconnected.
5. Certification of eligibility in any of the qualifying low-income assistance programs will be required for any account that has been disconnected prior to the reestablishment of the service.
6. Toll blocking will be provided at no charge to the Lifeline subscriber. **(T)**

C. Eligible low-income assistance programs

The named subscriber must be certified by the Department of Social Services as economically disadvantaged by participation in Medicaid, Food Stamps, Supplementary Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), National School Free Lunch Program's free lunch program, federal public housing assistance or Section 8, or Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

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5.6 Lifeline Service (Cont'd.)

5.6.3 Low-Income Assistance (Cont'd.)

B. Terms and Conditions (Cont'd.)

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* Customers will be billed \$1.50 and credited \$1.50 on the same bill for Toll Limitation Service.

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5.7 Link-Up

- 5.7.1 Link-Up is a connection assistance program, which provides for the reduction of applicable charges associated with connection of telephone service.
- 5.7.2 The applicant must meet the requirements for qualification for Lifeline Telephone Service.
- 5.7.3 Service Activation Fees for initial installation of the main residential service access line will be discounted at the rate of 50 percent, not to exceed \$30.00. This charge will be assessed only for a single residential telephone line per eligible household at the principal place of residence.

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SECTION 6 – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES AND RATES

6.1 Custom Calling Features

6.1.1 Feature Descriptions

The following Optional Calling Features are offered as available.

Call Waiting - allows customer to be notified of an incoming call while the customer is speaking with another party.

Caller ID- enables the customer to view on a display unit the Calling Party Directory Name and/or Number on incoming telephone calls.

When a Caller ID is activated on a customer's line, the CPN of incoming calls are displayed at the Called CPE (Consumer Provided Equipment) during the first, long silent interval of the ringing cycle.

Per line blocking for blocking of CPN will be available upon request, at no charge, only to the following entities for lines over which the official business of the agency is conducted, including those at the residences of employees/volunteers, where an executive officer of the agency registers a need for blocking and provides the required certification to the Applicant:

- a) Private, nonprofit, tax exempt, domestic violence intervention agencies
- b) Federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

The CPN will not be transmitted from a line equipped with this capability. Per line blocking is operational on a continuous basis but can be deactivated by the customer by dialing an access code immediately prior to placing a call. Line blocking customers can unblock their CPN information on a per call basis, at no charge, by dialing an access code (“*82” on their Touchtone pad or 1182 from a rotary phone) immediately prior to placing a call.

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6.1 Custom Calling Features (Cont'd.)

6.1.1 Feature Descriptions (Cont'd.)

Caller ID (Cont'd.)

A customer may prevent the delivery of the calling name and or number to the called party by dialing an access code (*67 on their Touchtone pad or 1167 from a rotary phone) immediately prior to placing a call. The access code will activate per call blocking, which is available at no charge. If the calling party activates blocking, the CCPN will not be transmitted across the line to the called party. Instead, calling Line Identification customers will receive an anonymous indicator. This anonymous indicator notifies the called Caller ID customer that the calling party has elected to block the delivery of their name and telephone number. The blocking of CPN will not be provided on calls originating from Customer-owned Pay Telephone Service. If the called Caller ID customer also subscribes to Anonymous Call Rejection, the calling party will be routed to a telephone company recording advising the caller that the called party will not accept calls whose CPN has been blocked or another message.

Any customer subscribing to Caller ID will be responsible for the provision of a display device which will be located on the customer's premises. The installation, repair, and technical capability of that equipment to function in conjunction with the features specified herein will be the responsibility of the customer. The company assumes no liability and will be held harmless for any incompatibility of this equipment to perform satisfactorily with the network features described herein.

Telephone CPN information transmitted via Caller ID is intended solely for the use of the Caller ID subscriber. Resale of this information is prohibited by this tariff. CPN will not be displayed if the called party is off-hook or if the called party answers during the first ring interval. CPN will be displayed for calls made from another central office only if it is linked by appropriate facilities. Caller ID is not available on operator handled calls.

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6.1 Custom Calling Features (Cont'd.)**6.1.1 Feature Descriptions (Cont'd.)**

Call Trace - Allows a called party to initiate an automatic trace of the last call received. Customers receiving annoying or anonymous calls may request (1) a telephone number change, which will be provided at no charge by the Company, or (2) the capability to utilize Call Trace on a per activation basis, as needed. Call Trace allows the Customer to dial a code (*57) to automatically request that the following information be recorded: originating telephone number, the date and time of the call, the date and time call trace was activated.

When Call Trace successfully identifies a calling number, a recording instructs the Customer to call a toll free number, which will active a Voice Response Script and assist the Customer in establishing an open file. Should the Customer decide to prosecute the call originating party, the Customer should contact the Company for further instructions. Activation of Call Trace never authorizes the Company to provide the called party with the name or telephone number of the calling party. In the event that Call Trace is not available or is unable to resolve the case, it may be necessary to place a manual trap on the Customer's telephone line.

6.1.2 Rates

Caller ID, per month	\$10.00
Call Trace, per activation	\$5.00
Call Waiting	Not available on stand-alone basis

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6.3 Directory Assistance

Customers may obtain directory assistance in determining telephone numbers for a charge by calling the Directory Assistance (D.A.) Operator. A credit will be given for calls to Directory Assistance when the Customer experiences poor transmission or is cut off during the call.

Directory Assistance, per call: \$2.50

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6.4 Directory Listing Service

The Company provides for a single directory listing in the alphabetical (white) section of the telephone directory published by the incumbent exchange service provider in the Customer’s exchange area and the local directory assistance data base free of charge upon initiation of basic local exchange service.

Non-published listings are not listed in the directory or in the Company’s Directory Assistance Records.

Changes and/or additions to directory listings may incur applicable Service Connection Charges.

	<u>Monthly Charges</u>
Initial Listing - White Pages	No Charge
Non-Published Listing	\$5.00

Printed and online directories are made available by the incumbent LEC. In Metropolitan Calling Area exchanges, printed directories may only be provided on customer request to the publisher.

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6.5 911 Emergency Service

- 6.5.1** The Company is obligated to supply the E-911 service provider in the Company service area with information necessary to update the E-911 database at the time the Company submits Customer orders to the local exchange company whose service is being resold or whose lease facilities have been purchased for the provision of local service pursuant to these tariffs.
- 6.5.2** At the time the Company provides basic local service to a Customer by means of the Company's own cable pair, or over any other exclusively owned facility, the Company will be obligated to make the necessary equipment or facility additions in order to properly update the database for E-911.
- 6.5.3** The Company will be obligated to provide facilities to route calls from the end users to the proper Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). The Company recognizes the authority of the E-911 Customer to establish service specifications and grant final approval or denial of service configurations offered by the Company.
- 6.5.4** The Company will collect 911 surcharges and remit all surcharge revenue to the appropriate governmental entity pursuant to RSMo 190.310. The Company will observe and adhere to the Commission's emergency telephone service rules in 4 CSR 240-34.

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SECTION 7 – ACCESS SERVICES

7.1 General

Rates and regulations for the Access Services offered by the Company may be found in P.S.C. MO. Tariff No. 3 for Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone

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SECTION 8 – PROMOTIONS

8.1 General

Budget Phone will provide tariff notification to the Commission no less than seven (7) days prior to the beginning of each promotion identifying the promotion, the exchange(s) within which the promotion will be offered, and the start and end dates of the promotion. Budget Phone will offer all promotions in a non-discriminatory manner.

8.2 Budget Phone Deluxe Prepaid and Double Feature Activation Promotion

New Budget Phone Customers who subscribe to the Budget Phone Deluxe Prepaid Plan or the Budget Phone Double Feature Plan will receive the first month of service free of charge. Service Initiation charges apply as tariffed.

This promotion is available from March 1, 2010 through March 1, 2011.

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SECTION 8 – SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS (CONT'D.)

8.1 Special Construction (Cont'd.)

8.1.2 Basis for Cost Computation (Cont'd.)

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

8.1.3 Termination Liability

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

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

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8.1 Special Construction (Cont'd.)

8.1.3 Termination Liability (Cont'd.)

B. The amount of the maximum termination liability is equal to the estimated amounts (including return) for:

- .1 Costs to install the facilities to be provided including estimated costs for the rearrangements of existing facilities. These costs include:
 - (a.) equipment and materials provided or used;
 - (b.) engineering, labor, and supervision;
 - (c.) transportation; and
 - (d.) rights of way and/or any required easements;
- .2 license preparation, processing, and related fees;
- .3 tariff preparation, processing and related fees;
- .4 cost of removal and restoration, where appropriate; and
- .5 any other identifiable costs related to the specially constructed or rearranged facilities.

C. The termination liability method for calculating the unpaid balance of a term obligation is obtained by multiplying the sum of the amounts determined as set forth in Section 8.1.3.B preceding by a factor related to the unexpired period of liability and the discount rate for return and contingencies. The amount determined in Section 10.1.3.B preceding shall be adjusted to reflect the redetermined estimated net salvage, including any reuse of the facilities provided. This amount shall be adjusted to reflect applicable taxes.

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8.2 Non-Routine Installation and/or Maintenance

At the Customer's request, installation and/or maintenance may be performed outside Company regular business hours, or (in sole discretion of the Company and subject to any conditions it may impose) in hazardous locations. In such cases, charges based on the cost of labor, material, and other costs incurred by or charged to the Company will apply. If installation is started during regular business hours, but at the Customer's request, extends beyond regular business hours into time periods including, but not limited to, weekends, holidays, and/or night hours, additional charges may apply.

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SECTION 9 - CUSTOMER INFORMATION BULLETIN

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

IMPORTANT CUSTOMER INFORMATION FOR YOUR REVIEW

Rights and Responsibilities of Missouri Residential Telephone Customers

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

Your Telephone Bill

You'll receive a statement from us each month. Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone provides basic local exchange services, including access to 9-1-1 service, where available in your area. The Company does not provide access to operator service. Service is provided on a prepaid basis. Your monthly payment in full is due within 21 days of the date of the bill. If we do not receive your payment within 10 days after the due date, your service is deemed cancelled. When paying by mail, be sure to allow enough time for your payment to reach us by the due date.

A one-time installation fee and the first month's service charge plus associated taxes are required to initiate service. The installation fee is 100% refundable upon request for termination of service within 10 business days following the date on which the Statement of Rights and Responsibilities is either hand delivered or mailed to the Customer. In the event the Statement of Rights and Responsibilities is mailed to the Customer, the 10 business days shall start on the date of the postmark. The recurring monthly service charge plus associated taxes, is also refundable within 10 business days and shall be prorated for the actual number of days which service has been provided with the unused portion being refunded to the Customer.

Payment Arrangements

Payment must be sent to Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone or made at one of our Agent locations. Payment may be made in the form of a Money Order, personal check, Certified Check or in cash at an authorized Agent location. If you are temporarily having difficulty paying your telephone bill, please call Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone at 888-424-5588, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. By doing this, you may avoid having your telephone service suspended or disconnected.

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Disconnection or Suspension of Telephone Service

Your telephone service is subject to suspension and disconnection for any of the reasons listed below. If your service is suspended, your telephone number is reserved for five days and you will not be charged installation charges again. If, after a period of suspension, service is disconnected, a new telephone number will be assigned and you will be required to pay installation charges again.

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

1. Nonpayment of an undisputed delinquent account.
2. Upon expiration of any prepaid service period unless the Customer has paid to the Company the next full month's service fee and/or any applicable reconnection fee.
3. Failure to post a required deposit or guarantee.
4. Unauthorized use of telephone utility equipment in a manner that creates an unsafe condition or creates the possibility of damage or destruction to such equipment.
5. Failure to comply with the terms of a settlement agreement.
6. Refusal after reasonable notice to permit inspection, maintenance, or replacement of telephone utility equipment.
7. Misrepresentation of the identity in obtaining telephone utility service.
8. As provided by federal and state law.

Prior to discontinuance, Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone will send written notice by first-class mail notifying you of the impending discontinuance at least ten (10) days prior to the discontinuance of your service. Your service will not be discontinued until ten (10) days after such notice, and basic local telephone service may not be discontinued for failure to pay charges other than basic local telephone service, nor may your basic local telephone service be discontinued for failure to pay charges not subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission. Additionally, Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone will make reasonable efforts to contact you at least 24 hours in advance prior to discontinuance of your telephone service. Service may be discontinued during normal business hours on or after the date specified in the notice of discontinuance, but service may not be discontinued on a day when the offices of Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone are not available to facilitate reconnection or on a day immediately proceeding such day.

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Residential Medical Emergencies

Moreover, Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone will postpone a discontinuance for a time not in excess of 21 days if the telephone is necessary to obtain emergency medical assistance for a person who is a member of the household where the service is provided and where such a person is under the care of a physician. Any person who alleges such an emergency shall, if requested, provide Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone with reasonable evidence of such necessity.

Reconnection of Service

After local telephone service has been disconnected, Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone will restore your service when the reason for disconnection has been remedied. Before restoring your service, the following will be required:

1. Payment for all undisputed amounts must be received by Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone or its authorized Agent.
2. Installation charges must be paid again if your service has been disconnected. Installation charges will not be charged if your service has been suspended.

Rates for Telephone Service

The Company is required to list all rates for all services it provides. This section will be used for that purpose.

Procedures for Handling Billing Questions, other Inquiries and Complaints

Telephone inquiries may be directed to Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone at 888-424-5588. Written inquiries may be directed to:

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Filing a Complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission

If Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone cannot resolve your complaint, you may call the Missouri Public Service Commission, toll-free at 800-392-4211 or write the Missouri Public Service Commission, Consumer Services Department, Suite 800, 200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360, to file an informal complaint.

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

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