

Local Telephone Exchange Services

BUCKEYE TELESYSTEM, INC.

LOCAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SERVICE

Regulations and Schedule of Intrastate Charges
Applying to Unregulated Competitive Local End-User Telecommunications Service
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**EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS, REFERENCE
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TERMS USED IN THIS TARIFF**

The following symbols shall be used in this tariff for the purpose indicated below:

- C To signify changed regulation.
- D To signify discontinued rate or regulation.
- I To signify increased rate.
- N To signify new rate or regulation.
- R To signify reduced rate.

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APPLICATION OF TARIFF

This tariff sets forth the service offerings, rates, terms and conditions applicable to the furnishing of competitive intrastate end-user telecommunications services by Buckeye Telesystem, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Company, to customers within the State of Michigan. The specific service area is detailed in Section 6 of this Tariff.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS

Authorized User - A person, firm, corporation or other entity who is authorized by the Customer to be connected to the service of the Customer under the terms and regulations of this tariff.

Advanced Payment – Payment of all or part of a charge required prior to the start of service.

Business Service - A switched network service that provides for dial station communications that is described as a business or commercial rate.

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

Bill Date – The date on which the Company compiles and sends billing information to the Customer.

Commission – Michigan Public Service Commission

Company - Used throughout this tariff to refer to Buckeye Telesystem, Inc., unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context.

Customer – Any individual, business, governmental agency, or other entity purchasing services the Company offers.

E-911 or Emergency – 911 – A service which allows customers to reach appropriate emergency services including police, fire, and medical services. Enhanced 911 has the ability to selectively route an emergency call to the primary E911 provider so that it reaches the correct emergency service located nearest to the caller.

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End User - Any person, firm, corporation, partnership or other entity which uses the services of the Company under the provisions and regulations of this tariff. The End User is responsible for payment unless the charges for the services utilized are accepted and paid by another Customer.

Enhanced Voice Mail – has 2 minute greeting length, twice that of basic VM; 60 message/30 days mailbox capacity, vs. 30 messages/30 days with basic VM, and a 5-minute incoming message capacity, vs. 2 minutes for basic VM.

Holidays - Holidays observed by the Company as specified in this tariff.

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.

LATA - Means the local access and transport area as defined in *United States v American Telephone and Telegraph Co.*, 569 F.Supp. 990 (D.D.C. 1983).

Multi-Ring Service – Allows customer to program up to five distinctive rings to identify frequent callers.

Non-Profit Business Line Service - A business that has a classification as a 501(c)(3), 501(c)(19) or 501(c)(23) non-profit entity by the United States Internal Revenue Service can qualify for a non-profit Business Line from Buckeye TeleSystem. A non-profit Business Line will offer the features described in Company's Tariff 1-U Sections 3.7.2 and 3.7.3 at a monthly rate described in Tariff 1-R Sections 4.1.1.3.

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Non-Recurring Charges – The one-time initial charges for services or facilities including but not limited to charges for construction, installation, or special fees, for which the Customer becomes liable at the time the service order is initiated.

Pre-Subscription – An arrangement whereby a Customer may select and designate to the Company a carrier it wishes to access, without an access code, for completing toll calls. The selected carrier is referred to as the End User's Primary Interexchange Carrier.

PIC1 – Customer changes either the interLATA or intraLATA long distance carrier.

PIC2 – Customer changes both the interLATA and intraLATA long distance carrier.

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Relocation Ring – forwarding a former number out of a rate center where porting a number is not possible.

Residential Customer - A Residential Customer is a Customer who subscribes to the Company's telecommunication Service(s) and for whom services are furnished primarily for personal or domestic purposes at the person's dwelling.

Services – The Company's telecommunications services offered to the public.

Slamming – The act of changing a customer's long distance service provider without the Customer's knowledge or authorization.

Special Construction – Any instance where the Company must construct or rearrange facilities in order to furnish a facility or service for which a charge is not specified in the Company's tariffs.

Supersedure - A clerical charge levied to alter any information in the Customer data base.

Switched Access - A method for reaching the Company through the local switched network whereby the End User uses standard business or residential local lines.

User – A Customer or any other person authorized by the Customer to use service provided under this tariff.

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SECTION 2 - 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 the provision of an access line and usage within a local calling area for the transmission of high quality, 2-way interactive switched voice or data communications between points within the State of Michigan.

Customers and users may use services and facilities provided under this tariff to obtain access to services offered by other service providers. 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 the Company's 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's 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 - REGULATIONS (Cont'd).

2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.3 Terms and Conditions

- (A) Business Service is provided on the basis of a minimum period of at least one month, 24-hours per day. For the purpose of computing charges in this tariff, a month is considered to have 30 days.
- (B) Business 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. Business 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 30 days' written notice. Any termination shall not relieve the Business Customer of its obligation to pay any charges incurred under the service order and this tariff prior to termination. The rights and obligations which 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.

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SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.3 Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)

- (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 Michigan regardless of its choice of laws provision.
- (G) No other telecommunications provider may interfere with the right of any person or entity to obtain service directly from the Company. No person or entity shall be required to make any payment, incur any penalty, monetary or otherwise, or purchase any services in order to have the right to obtain service directly from the Company.
- (H) To the extent that either the Company or any other telephone company exercises control over available cable pairs, conduit, duct space, raceways, or other facilities needed by the other to reach a person or entity, the party exercising such control shall make them available to the other on terms equivalent to those under which the Company makes similar facilities under its control available to its customers. At the reasonable request of either party, the Company and the other telephone company shall join the attempt to obtain from the owner of the property access for the other party to serve a person or entity.

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2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.4 Liability of the Company

- (A) The liability of the Company for damages arising out of 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 arising out of the failure to furnish the service, whether caused by acts or omission, shall be limited to the extension of allowances for interruption as set forth in 2.6. The extension of such allowances for interruption shall be the sole remedy of the Customer and the sole liability of the Company. The Company will not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages to Customer as a result of any Company service, equipment or facilities, or the acts or omissions or negligence of the Company's employees or agents.
- (B) The Company shall not be liable for any delay or failure of performance or equipment due to causes beyond its control, including but not limited to: acts of God, fire, flood, explosion or other catastrophes; any law, order, regulation, direction, action, or request of the United States Government or any state and local governments having or claiming jurisdiction over the Company, or of any department, agency, commission, bureau, corporation, or other instrumentality of any one or more of these federal, state, or local governments, or of any civil or military authority; national emergencies; insurrections; riots; wars; unavailability of rights-of-way or materials; or strikes, lock-outs, work stoppages, or other labor difficulties.
- (C) The Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any entity furnishing to the Company or to the Company's Customers facilities or equipment used for or with the services the Company offers.
- (D) The Company shall not be liable for any damages or losses due to the fault or negligence of the Customer or due to the failure or malfunction of Customer-provided equipment or facilities.

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SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.4 Liability of the Company (Cont'd)

- (E) The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations it provides for use in an explosive atmosphere. The Customer indemnifies and holds the Company harmless from any and all loss, claims, demands, suits, or other action, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any other party or person(s), and for any loss, damage, or destruction of any property, whether owned by the Customer or others, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal presence, condition, location, or use of any installation so provided. The Company reserves the right to require each Business Customer to sign an agreement acknowledging acceptance of the provisions of this section 2.1.4(E) as a condition precedent to such installations.
- (F) The Company is not liable for any defacement of or damage to Customer premises resulting from the furnishing of services or equipment on such premises or the installation or removal thereof, unless such defacement or damage is caused by negligence or willful misconduct of the Company's agents or employees.
- (G) The Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the Customer against any claim, loss or damage arising from Customer's use of services, involving claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of copyright arising from the Customer's own communications.
- (H) **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.**

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SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.5 Service-Affecting Activities

- (1) The Company will provide the Customer reasonable notification of service-affecting activities that may occur in normal operation of its business. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, equipment or facilities additions, removals or rearrangements and routine preventative maintenance.
- (2) The Company will perform adequate scheduling so as to provide service to a customer at a mutually agreed upon time. On a monthly basis, 90% of the commitments to customers with respect to the date of installation of primary basic local exchange service shall be met. The Company will take corrective action if the rate of met commitments falls below 90% for 3 consecutive months. Customer-caused delay or customer-missed appointments will not be figured into the rate of met commitments.
- (3) Directory assistance operators shall have access to all telephone numbers for the area for which they are responsible for furnishing directory assistance service, except telephone numbers not listed or published at the customer's request. If the Company's directory assistance operator provides an incorrect number, then the Company will not bill for the call or will give a credit equal to the charge and the Company will not count the call against the customer's monthly call allowance. The Company will furnish a customer up to 2 numbers per call to directory assistance.
- (4) The Company will maintain adequate personnel to answer customer repair calls at all hours within a monthly average of 25 seconds. The Company will arrange to have a representative available at all times to accept calls from providers and users of 9-1-1 and emergency services to report trouble with its telecommunication services to those providers.

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2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.5 Service-Affecting Activities (Cont'd)

- (5) The Company will maintain service so that the average monthly rate of all customer trouble reports does not exceed 4 per 100 access lines, excluding reports concerning interexchange calls and trouble found in equipment other than the provider's equipment, such as inside wiring and customer premises equipment. For the purpose of administering this rule, each party line customer shall be considered to have 1 local access line. Multiple trouble reports that are attributable to a common cause or defect shall not be aggregated. Rather, a separate report shall be counted for each customer line reported in trouble. A provider shall take corrective action if a customer trouble report rate is more than 4 per 100 access lines per month in a wire center area for 3 consecutive months.
- (6) Until the customer indicates satisfaction of the request, the Company will not attempt to market new services to a customer calling to report a repair request, unless such services would assist in resolving the problem.
- (7) If access to a customer's premises is necessary to complete the repair and the customer is not available, then a tag shall be left on the customer's door indicating the date, an explanation of the repair problem necessitating entry into the customer's premises, and the technician's name and signature.
- (8) The Company will expedite a repair for a customer who has a medical emergency. Unless it has a specific, identifiable reason or doubt a customer's claim, the Company will accept the customer's statement there is a medical condition requiring expedited restoration of service.

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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 will use reasonable efforts to install service for a residential or small business customer or applicant within a monthly average of 5 business days of the installation request, or a monthly average of 10 business days after a customer is released for a migration, unless a later date is requested or agreed to by the customer or applicant, the customer or applicant misses the appointment, or government permits or right-of-way access are required before installation. 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 reasonable times, 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 by the Company.

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2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.6 Provision of Equipment and Facilities (Cont'd)

- (E) The Customer shall be responsible for the payment of service charges as set forth herein for visits by the Company's 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.
- (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 the 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 agents or contractors.

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2.2 Prohibited Uses

- (A) 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.
- (B) The Company may require applicants for service who intend to use the Company's offerings for resale and/or for shared use to file a letter with the Company confirming that their use of the Company's offerings complies with relevant laws and Michigan Public Service Commission regulations, policies, orders, and decisions.
- (C) The Company may require a Customer to immediately shut down its transmission of signals if said transmission is causing interference to others.
- (D) 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 shall be responsible for:

- (A) the payment of all applicable charges pursuant to this tariff;
- (B) damage to or loss of the Company's 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, copper or coaxial 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 the Company's facilities and equipment. The Customer may be required to install and maintain Company facilities and equipment within a hazardous area if, in the Company's opinion, injury or damage to the Company's 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. friable 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 any liens or other encumbrances on the Company's 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 Claims

With respect to any service or facility provided by the Company, Customers shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from and against all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees for:

- (A) any loss, destruction or damage to the property of the Company or any third party, or death or injury to persons, including, but not limited to, employees or invitees of either party, to the extent caused by or resulting from the negligent or intentional act or omission of the Customer, its employees, agents, representatives or invitees; or
- (B) any claim, loss, damage, expense or liability for infringement of any copyright, patent, trade secret, or any proprietary or intellectual property right of any third party, arising from any act or omission by the Customer, including, without limitation, use of the Company's services and facilities in a manner not contemplated by the agreement between the Customer and the Company.

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2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels

2.4.1 General

A User may transmit or receive information or signals via the facilities of the Company. The Company's 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 the Company's equipment, but the Company does not guarantee that its services will be suitable for purposes other than voice-grade telephonic and data 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 the Company's 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.

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2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels (Cont'd)

2.4.3 Interconnection of Facilities (Cont'd)

- (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 comply with all applicable federal and state legal and regulatory requirements; and all User-provided wiring shall be installed and maintained in compliance with all such legal and regulatory requirements.
- (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 below:

“End User means any customer of an interstate or foreign telecommunications service that is not a carrier except that a carrier other than a telephone company shall be deemed to be an “end user” when such carrier uses a telecommunications service for administrative purposes and a person or entity that offers telecommunications services exclusively as a reseller shall be deemed to be an “end user” if all resale transmissions offered by such reseller originate on the premises of such reseller.”

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2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Inspections

- (A) Upon suitable notification to the Business Customer, and at a reasonable time, the Company may make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the Business Customer is complying with the requirements set forth in Section 2.4.2(B) 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 Business Customer promptly if there is any need for further corrective action. Within ten days of receiving this notice, the Business Customer must take this corrective action and notify the Company of the action taken. If the Business 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 Nondiscriminatory Service

The Company will not discriminate against nor penalize a customer for exercising a right granted under this section or under applicable law. The Company will provide all services described under this tariff in compliance with the following:

- (A) The Company will not make a statement or representation, including an omission of material information, regarding the rates, terms, or conditions of providing a basic local exchange service that is false, misleading, or deceptive.
- (B) The Company will not charge a customer for a subscribed service for which the customer did not make an initial affirmative order. Failure to refuse an offered or proposed service is not an affirmative order for the service.
- (C) If a customer cancels a service, the Company will not charge the customer for service provided after the effective date that the service was canceled.
- (D) The Company will not state to a customer that basic local exchange service will be shut off unless the customer pays an amount that is due in whole or in part for an unregulated service.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.2 Payment for Service

(A) Facilities and Service Charges

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

(B) Taxes

The Customer is responsible for payment of any sales, use, gross receipts, excise, access or other local, state and federal taxes, charges or surcharges (however designated) (excluding taxes on Company's net income) imposed on or based upon the provision, sale or use of the Company's services.

2.5.3 Billing and Collection of Charges

- (A) The Company shall render a bill during each billing period to every Customer. The billing period shall be monthly.
- (B) Non-recurring charges are due and payable from the customer within 19 days after the invoice date, unless otherwise agreed to in advance.
- (C) The Company shall present invoices for Recurring Charges monthly to the Customer, in advance of the month in which service is provided, and Recurring Charges shall be due and payable within 19 days after the invoice date. When billing is based on customer usage, charges will be billed monthly for the preceding billing periods.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.3 Billing and Collection of Charges (Cont'd)

- (D) For new Customers or existing Customers, the charge for the fraction of the month in which service was furnished will be calculated on a pro rata basis. For this purpose, every month is considered to have 30 days.
- (E) Billing of the Customer by the Company will begin on the Service Commencement Date, which is the day 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 the day before the service, circuit, arrangement or component is discontinued.
- (F) If service is disconnected by the Company in accordance with Section 2.5.6 and later restored, restoration of service will be subject to all applicable restoration and installation charges.
- (G) If the last calendar day for remittance falls upon a Sunday, legal holiday, or any other day when the offices of the provider regularly used for the receipt of payment of customer bills are not open to the general public, then the final payment date shall be extended through the next business day. The date of payment of remittance by mail is the day of receipt of the remittance at Company's payment location.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.3 Billing and Collection of Charges (Cont'd)

- (H) At a minimum, each Customer bill rendered by the Company shall clearly state all of the following information:.
- (1) The beginning and ending dates of the billing period.
 - (2) The due date.
 - (3) Any previous balance.
 - (4) The telephone number for which the bill is rendered.
 - (5) The total amount due for basic local exchange service and regulated toll service.
 - (6) An itemized statement of all taxes due.
 - (7) The total amount due.
 - (8) The statement that rate schedules for basic local exchange service are available and will be mailed by the provider upon request at no cost to the customer.
 - (9) The address and telephone number of the provider, designating where the customer may initiate an inquiry or informal complaint regarding the bill as rendered or the service provided.
- (I) Unless otherwise specified by the Customer, if partial payment of a bill is made, then the Company shall first credit the partial payment to basic local exchange service and regulated toll service.
- (J) Not later than 30 days after the completion of an order for new service or a change in existing service that results in a billing change, the Company shall send to the Customer a written itemized statement of the services ordered, including all associated charges.
- (K) A Customer shall have the right, within 1 billing period of receiving a bill for new services or changed services, to cancel, reduce, or modify a service or a portion of a service without further service charge.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.4 Advance Payments

The Company may require the prepayment of 1 billing period's charges for basic local exchange service as a condition of service, but not greater than \$150.00 per access line. If a Customer's basic local exchange service is subject to usage-sensitive pricing, then the prepayment permitted by this rule shall not be more than the average of charges for similar services purchased in the Customer's exchange during the most recent calendar year for which data are available. 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. An advance payment may be required in addition to a deposit.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.5 Deposits

- (A) To safeguard its interests, the Company may require a Customer to make a deposit to be held as a guarantee for the payment of charges, except as stated in (E) below. A deposit does not relieve the Customer of the responsibility for the prompt payment of bills on presentation. The deposit will not exceed \$150.00 per access line.
- (B) A deposit may be required in addition to an advance payment.
- (C) When a service or facility is discontinued, the amount of a deposit, if any, will be applied to the Customer's account and any credit balance remaining will be refunded. Before the service or facility is discontinued, the Company may, at its option, return the deposit or credit it to the Customer's account.
- (D) Simple interest on deposits will accrue at a rate equal to the rate specified by the M.P.S.C.
- (E) No deposit will be charged for Lifeline customer that voluntarily elects to receive toll blocking service.
- (F) The Company will not require a cash deposit or other guarantee as a condition of obtaining basic local exchange service, unless the prospective customer refuses to produce identification that can be readily and inexpensively verified or if the prospective customer has a history of payment default within the past 60 months for telecommunication services.
- (G) The Company is not obligated to provide service to a household under any name if an outstanding bill exists at the address and the person responsible for that bill still resides at the address.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.6 Discontinuance of Service

Part I – Business Customers

- (A) Upon nonpayment of any amounts owing to the Company, the Company may, by providing the requisite prior written notice to the Business Customer, discontinue or suspend service without incurring any liability.
- (B) Upon violation of any of the other material terms or conditions for furnishing service the Company may, by giving 30 days' prior notice in writing to the Business Customer, discontinue or suspend service without incurring any liability if such violation continues during that period.
- (C) Upon condemnation of any material portion of the facilities used by the Company to provide service to a Business Customer or if a casualty renders all or any material portion of such facilities inoperable beyond feasible repair, the Company, by notice to the Business Customer, may discontinue or suspend service without incurring any liability.
- (D) Upon the Business Customer's insolvency, assignment for the benefit of creditors, filing for bankruptcy or reorganization, or failing to discharge an involuntary petition within the time permitted by law, the Company may immediately discontinue or suspend service without incurring any liability.
- (E) Upon any governmental prohibition or required alteration of the services to be provided or any violation of an applicable law or regulation, the Company may immediately discontinue service to Business Customers without incurring any liability.
- (F) In the event of fraudulent use of the Company's network by Business Customers, the Company will discontinue service without notice and/or seek legal recourse to recover all costs involved in enforcement of this provision.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.6 Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd)

Part I – Business Customers (Cont'd)

- (G) Upon the Company's discontinuance of service to the Customer under Section 2.5.6(A) or 2.5.6(B), the Company, in addition to all other remedies that may be available to the Company at law or in equity or under any other provision of this tariff, may declare all future monthly and other charges that would have been payable by the Customer during the remainder of the term for which such services would have otherwise been provided to the Customer to be immediately due and payable.

Part II – Residential Customers

- (A) The Company may shut off basic local exchange service to a Residential Customer for one or more of the following reasons:
- (a) Nonpayment of a delinquent account for basic local exchange service;
 - (b) Nonpayment of a delinquent account with a delinquent balance of \$150 or more for basic local exchange service and regulated toll service in the name of the customer;
 - (c) Maintaining a delinquent balance of \$125 or more for three consecutive months for basic local exchange service and regulated toll service;
 - (d) Unauthorized tampering or interference with facilities and equipment owned by a provider of basic local exchange service that are situated on or about the customer's premises.
 - (e) Refusal to grant access at reasonable times to equipment installed upon the premises of the customer for the purpose of inspection, maintenance, or replacement;
 - (f) Misrepresentation of the customer's identity for the purpose of obtaining basic local exchange service.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.6 Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd)

Part II – Residential Customers (Cont'd)

- (g) A violation of a tariff provision of the provider of basic local exchange service that is on file with or approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission that adversely affects the safety of the customer or other persons or the integrity of the provider's basic local exchange system;
 - (h) Any other unauthorized use or interference with basic local exchange service.

- (B) Notwithstanding any other provision of this tariff, the Company will postpone the shutoff of basic local exchange service and regulated toll service to a Residential Customer for not more than 15 days if the customer produces a physician's certificate stating that the current mental or physical condition of the customer, a member of the customer's family, or another permanent resident of the premises where service is rendered who is suffering from an existing mental illness or medical condition will be endangered by a shutoff of service. The certificate shall identify the mental illness or medical condition of the customer, the member of the customer's family, or other permanent resident of the premises where service is rendered. If the Company is notified telephonically or in writing that a psychiatric or medical emergency exists, then the Company will permit 7 days for the Residential Customer to produce the certificate or notice. The postponement may be extended for 1 additional 15-day period by the renewal and the resubmission of the certificate or notice.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.6 Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd)

Part II – Residential Customers (Cont'd)

- (C) Notice of shutoff of basic local exchange service shall contain all of the following information:
- (a) The name and the billing address of the customer and, to the extent possible, the address of the service, if different;
 - (b) A clear and concise statement of the reason for the proposed shutoff of service;
 - (c) The date after which service will be subject to shutoff without further notice unless the customer takes appropriate action;
 - (d) The right of the customer to file a formal complaint with the commission if the dispute cannot be otherwise resolved and a statement that the customer must pay to the provider of basic local exchange service that portion of the bill for basic local exchange service and regulated toll service that is not in dispute within 3 days of the date that the formal complaint is filed;
 - (e) A statement that service will not be shut off pending the resolution of a formal complaint that is filed and prosecuted in conformity with all applicable statutes, rules, regulations, and orders of the commission; and
 - (f) The telephone number and address of the Company where the customer may make inquiry or enter into a settlement agreement.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.6 Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd)

Part II – Residential Customers (Cont'd)

- (D) The Company will not shutoff service unless written notice is sent, by first-class mail, to the customer or personally served not less than 5 days before the date of the proposed shutoff. If a shutoff of service is sought for nonpayment of a delinquent account, then a notice of shutoff will not be sent before the time the account becomes delinquent. Service of notice by mail is complete upon mailing, unless proven otherwise by the customer. The Company will maintain an accurate record of the date of mailing. The Company is responsible for the accurate and timely notice of shutoff.
- (E) A notice of shutoff of service shall not be issued if a customer has a pending formal complaint before the commission concerning the bill upon which the notice is based.
- (F) Subject to the requirements of these rules, the company may shut off basic local exchange service to a customer on the date specified in the notice of shutoff or within a reasonable time thereafter, but only at times that the Company has personnel available to reconnect service.
- (G) Basic local exchange service shall not be shut off on a day, or a day immediately preceding a day, when the Company's personnel are not available to reconnect service.
- (H) Basic local exchange service shall not be shut off while a complaint related to the reason for the shutoff is pending.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.6 Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd)

Part II – Residential Customers (Cont'd)

- (I) After basic local exchange service has been shut off to a Residential Customer, the Company will restore service promptly, but not later than 1 working day after the customer's request, when the cause for the shutoff of service has been cured or credit arrangements satisfactory to the Company have been made.
- (J) Any payments required for service restoration may be made by the customer in any reasonable manner. Payment by personal check may be refused by the provider if the customer has tendered payment in this manner and the check has been dishonored during the last 3 years, excluding bank error.
- (K) Before restoring service, the Company at its option may require 1 or more of the following: (a) Payment of the total amount due on all of the customer's delinquent and shutoff accounts for basic local exchange service and regulated toll service owed to the provider; (b) An arrangement or settlement agreement requiring the payment of all amounts owed to the provider for basic local exchange service and regulated toll service; (c) Payment of an amount provided by tariff for basic local exchange service restoration; and/or (d) A security deposit or payment guarantee not to exceed \$150 per access line.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.7 Cancellation of Application for Service

- (A) When a Customer cancels 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 incurred by the Company, 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 commenced.
- (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, maintenance, taxes, and any other costs associated with the special construction or arrangements.
- (D) The special charges described in 2.5.7(A) through 2.5.7(C) will be calculated and applied on a case-by-case basis.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.8 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.

2.6 Interruptions in Service

The Company will arrange to clear all out-of-service trouble of a non-emergency nature within the following time frames, unless the customer agrees to alternative arrangements:

- (a) Out-of-service trouble shall be cleared within a monthly average of 36 hours after being reported to or found by the Company.
- (b) The same repeat out-of-service trouble reported or found within 30 days of a prior repair will be repaired the same or next business day after being reported to or found by the Company and identified as a repeat trouble.

2.6.1 Credit for Interruptions

Interruptions in service that are not caused by the Customer, or during which the Company does not provide a satisfactory replacement service, will be credited to the Customer as set forth in 2.6.1 for the part of the service that the interruption affects.

When a Customer's service is interrupted and remains out of service for more than 24 consecutive hours after being reported to the Company or after being found by the Company to be out of service, whichever occurs first, or where the company misses an installation or repair appointment, the Company shall make an adjustment to the Customer's account as follows:

If a service interruption exceeds 24 hours but is less than 48 hours, the adjustment shall be at least the pro-rata portion of the monthly charges for any and all local services rendered inoperative during the interruption.

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2.6 Allowances for Interruptions in Service (Cont'd)

2.6.1 Credit for Interruptions (Cont'd)

Any Customer who experiences a service interruption in excess of 48 hours but less than 72 hours shall be provided with a credit equal to at least one-third of one month's charges for any local services rendered inoperative.

Any Customer who experiences a service interruption in excess of 72 hours but less than 96 hours shall be provided a credit equal to at least two-thirds of one month's charges for any local services rendered inoperative.

When a Customer's service is interrupted and remains out of service for more than 24 consecutive hours after being reported to the Company or after being found by the Company to be out of service, whichever occurs first, the Company shall make an adjustment to the Customer's account as follows:

If a service interruption exceeds 24 hours but is less than 48 hours, the adjustment shall be at least the pro-rata portion of the monthly charges for any and all local services rendered inoperative during the interruption.

Any Customer who experiences a service interruption in excess of 48 hours but less than 72 hours shall be provided with a credit equal to at least one-third of one month's charges for any local services rendered inoperative.

Any Customer who experiences a service interruption in excess of 72 hours but less than 96 hours shall be provided a credit equal to at least two-thirds of one month's charges for any local services rendered inoperative.

Any Customer who experiences a service interruption in excess of 96 hours shall be provided a credit equal to at least one month's charges for any local services rendered inoperative.

Computations of such credits shall apply to all charges for basic and regulated optional local services rendered inoperative. The length of such service interruption shall be computed on a continuous basis, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays included.

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2.6 Allowances for Interruptions in Service (Cont'd)

2.6.2 Limitations on Allowances

No credit allowance will be made for:

- (A) interruptions due to the cause of, negligence of, or noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff by, the Customer, authorized user, or joint user;
- (B) interruptions of service during any period in which the Company is not given full and free access by the Customer to its facilities and equipment for the purpose of investigating and correcting interruptions;
- (C) interruptions of service during a period in which the Customer continues to use the service on an impaired basis;
- (D) interruptions of service 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; and
- (E) interruption of service during a time period in which the Company provides a satisfactory replacement service.

2.6.3 Cancellation For Service Interruption

Cancellation or termination of service by Business Customers due to service interruption is permitted only if any circuit experiences a single continuous outage of 8 hours or more or cumulative service credits equaling 16 hours in a continuous 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.

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2.7 Restoration of Service

2.7.1 Business Service Restoration

When a Business Customer's Basic Local Exchange Service has been shutoff in accordance with this Tariff, Service will be restored only upon the basis of the Business Customer completing a new application for Service and qualifying for Service as if it were a new Business Customer.

2.7.2 Residential Service Restoration

When a Residential Customer's Basic Local Exchange Service has been shutoff in accordance with this Tariff, the Company will restore Service promptly, but not later than one (1) working day after the Residential Customer's request, after the cause for the shutoff of service has been cured or credit arrangements satisfactory to the Company have been made. Before restoring service, the Company reserves the right to require one or more of the following:

- (1) Payment of the total amount due on all of the Customer's delinquent and shutoff accounts for basic local exchange service and regulated toll service owed to the Company;
- (2) An arrangement or settlement agreement requiring the payment of all amounts owed to the Company for basic local exchange service and regulated toll service;
- (3) Payment of the restoration charge and any applicable installation charges pursuant to Section 4.2 of this tariff;
- (4) Payment of an advance payment and/or security deposit pursuant to Section 2.5.4 and 2.5.5 of this tariff.

Any payments required for service restoration may be made by the Customer in any reasonable manner, except that payment by personal check may be refused by the Company if the Customer has tendered payment by a check that had been dishonored during the previous 3 years, excluding bank error.

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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 of Service

If a Business Customer cancels a Service Order or terminates services before the completion of the term for any reason whatsoever other than a service interruption (as defined in Section 2.6.1 above), the Business Customer agrees to pay to the Company termination liability charges, as defined below. These charges shall become due and owing as of the effective date of the cancellation or termination and be payable within the period, set forth in Section 2.5.3.

The Business Customer's termination liability for cancellation of service is set forth in Section 3.14.3.

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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:

- (A) to any subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company; or
- (B) pursuant to any sale or transfer of substantially all the assets of the Company;
or
- (C) pursuant to any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company.

2.11 Notices and Communications

- (A) The Customer shall designate on the Service Order an 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 the Company's bills for service shall be mailed.
- (B) 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.
- (C) All notices or other communications required to be given pursuant to this tariff will be in writing and may be delivered as printed copy or electronically. 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.

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2.11 Notices and Communications (Cont'd)

- (D) 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.

2.12 Formal and Informal Procedures

For Residential Customers, informal complaints will be handled by the Company's customer service department, which shall give a response to the customer within 10 business days. The Company will use good faith efforts to informally resolve the dispute. Upon request, the Company will provide its disposition of the informal complaint to the customer in writing. If the Company and the Residential Customer are unable to informally resolve the dispute, the customer may file a formal complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission.

2.12.1 Alternative Dispute Resolution

The following provisions apply if the formal complaint is for \$1,000 or less or if the customer elects to pursue an alternative means of dispute resolution.

- (A) The customer shall file a formal written complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission.
- (B) If the customer and the Company cannot agree on an alternative means of dispute resolution within 10 days, they shall participate in a mediation proceeding conducted by administrative law judge or other person designated by the Commission.
- (C) If mediation is utilized, the mediator will provide a recommended settlement to the parties within 60 days after the written complaint was filed.
- (D) Within 7 days after the date of the recommended settlement, each party shall file with the commission a written acceptance or rejection of the recommended settlement. A party's failure to file a timely acceptance or rejection shall be deemed to be a rejection of the recommended settlement.
- (E) If the parties accept the recommended settlement, then the recommendation will be adopted by the Commission as a final order.

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2.12 Formal and Informal Procedures (Cont'd)

2.12.1 Alternative Dispute Resolution (Cont'd)

- (F) If a party rejects the recommended settlement, then the complaint shall proceed to a contested case hearing before the Commission.
- (G) If the complaint involves a monetary dispute, the party who rejects the recommended settlement shall pay the opposing party's actual costs of proceeding to a contested case hearing, including attorney fees, unless the final order of the commission is more favorable to the rejecting party than the recommended settlement under this section. A final order is considered more favorable if it differs by 10% or more from the recommended settlement in favor of the rejecting party. If both parties reject the recommended settlement, then each party shall be responsible for its own costs and attorney fees.

2.12.2 Payment of Amount Not In Dispute

- (A) If a customer files a formal complaint with the Commission, then the Company may require the Customer to pay an amount equal to the part of the bill that is not in dispute.
- (B) The amount that is not in dispute shall be mutually determined by the Company and the Customer.
- (C) If the Company and the Customer are unable to mutually determine the amount that is not in dispute, then the Company may require the Customer to pay up to 50% of the amount that is in dispute.
- (D) If the Customer fails to pay to the Company either the amount that is not in dispute or 50% of the amount that is in dispute, then the Company may shut off service consistent with this tariff.
- (E) If the dispute is ultimately resolved in favor of the Customer, in whole or in part, then any excess moneys paid by the Customer shall be refunded promptly, with simple interest paid at the rate required by the M.P.S.C.

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2.13 Customer Access to Information

2.13.1 Rate and special charges information

- (1) Prior to the customer purchasing the service or upon request, the Company will provide each customer a clear and simple explanation of the terms and conditions of the services purchased by the customer including, but not limited to, a statement of all fees, charges, and taxes that will be included in the customer's monthly bill. The explanation statement will include, at a minimum, a good faith estimate by the Company of the actual monthly cost that the customer will be required to pay if the service is purchased.
- (2) Upon the request of a customer or an applicant for service, the Company will explain the rates, charges, and provisions under which it provides service and shall provide a copy of the applicable tariff section or pages for the regulated telecommunication services. This requirement may be satisfied by referring the customer to the Company's internet website containing tariffs if the customer states he or she has access.
- (3) The Company will furnish reasonable access to information and assistance necessary to enable the customer or applicant to obtain the most economical service available to meet the customer's or applicant's stated needs, including state or federal "lifeline" programs that may be available. The Company will advise the customer or applicant about any of the provider's alternative services that are available to meet those needs. The information may include printed explanations of alternative services and rates.
- (4) Before changing or installing a service, the Company will furnish the customer or applicant with an estimate of the amount of any service connection charges and an estimate of the initial bill for basic monthly service and any other applicable charges.

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2.13 Customer Access to Information (Cont'd)

2.13.1 Rate and special charges information (Cont'd)

- (5) Upon request, the Company will furnish the customer or applicant with a written, detailed estimate of any special charges not specifically set forth in this tariff. Special charges include any of the following:
 - (a) Extraordinary construction, maintenance, and replacement costs.
 - (b) Expenses for overtime work at the customer's or applicant's request.
 - (c) Special installations, equipment, and assemblies.

2.13.2 Public Information

- (1) The Company will make available to a customer or applicant all of the following information on the Company's website or will provide copies upon request:
 - (a) Maps or npa-nxx data showing local calling areas and zone boundaries.
 - (b) Publicly announced information as to the availability of specific classes of service at a customer's or applicant's location.
 - (c) Publicly announced information concerning plans for major service changes at a customer's or applicant's location.
- (2) The Company will advise a customer if the customer is located in an area in which the dialing of a 7- or 10-digit number may result in toll charges.
- (3) The Company will maintain business offices that are adequately staffed with qualified persons to do all of the following:
 - (a) Provide information relating to its services and rates.
 - (b) Accept and process applications for service.
 - (c) Explain charges on bills.
 - (d) Adjust erroneous charges.
 - (e) Enter into payment arrangements.
 - (f) Act as a representative of the Company.

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2.13 Customer Access to Information (Cont'd)

2.13.2 Public Information (Cont'd)

- (4) The Company will prominently display on its bills and other messages to its customers the Company's phone numbers to be used for customer inquiries, disputes, repairs, and other contacts. The Company will maintain a local or toll-free telephone number by which all customers served by a business office may call that office at no charge.
- (5) The Company will maintain sufficient staffing to ensure that customers and others who call a business office are permitted to talk to a person who is able to provide assistance within a monthly average of 120 seconds of calling the office during normal business hours.
- (6) The Company will keep on file, and provide public access to, a copy of the Michigan Public Service Commission's rules and a schedule of all rates and service charges at all of its offices that are open to the general public, as well as on the Internet. Upon the request of a customer and at no cost to the customer, the Company will provide a customer with 1 copy of the rules and the rate schedules applicable to the customer's usage.
- (7) The information referred to in this section shall be made available by the Company in audio format to customers who have visual impairments at no cost to the customers. The information may be provided through recorded announcements or the physical provision of a recording.

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2.13 Customer Access to Information (Cont'd)

2.13.3 Telephone Directories and Information

- (1) The Company will furnish to new customers and annually to existing customers, at no additional charge, an up-to-date telephone directory for the customer's area unless the Company and customer agree otherwise. The Company may, at its sole discretion, publish its own directory or provide a directory published by another directory provider.
- (2) The front cover of each directory will indicate the area included in the directory and the month and year of issue. The front portion of the directory will conspicuously feature information about placing calls to emergency services, police and fire departments, 9-1-1 service, 2-1-1 service, and dual party relay service.
- (3) The Company will publish, or will arrange by agreement with the incumbent local exchange carrier or other directory provider to publish, on a page preceding the alphabetical listings in its telephone directories, in a prominent manner, and without charge, all of the following information:
 - (a) The telephone number and address of the Company where the customer may inquire about telephone service.
 - (b) The telephone number and address of the Michigan Public Service Commission where a customer may file a formal complaint regarding a service regulated by the Commission.
- (4) Each directory will contain instructions concerning all of the following:
 - (a) Placing of local and long-distance calls.
 - (b) Obtaining repair and directory assistance services.
 - (c) The locations and telephone numbers of the provider's business office or offices for the area served by the directory.
 - (d) The means to determine which numbers are in the local calling area.

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2.14 Changes of Long Distance Service (Toll)

2.14.1 Governing Rules

In order to insure that Customers of the Company's local service are not changed to another long distance service without their knowledge and approval, the Company will abide by Federal Rules (Part 64.1100) and the Anti-Slamming Procedures adopted by the Michigan Public Service Commission in Case No. U-11900.

2.14.2 PIC Protection Program

The Company offers a PIC Protection Program under which a change in local or long distance service may not be made by or on behalf of the Customer until the Company receives adequate proof that the Customer actually authorized such change. Such program will comply with the PIC protection procedures adopted by the Michigan Public Service Commission in Case No. U-11900.

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Unregulated Local Telephone Exchange Services

SECTION 3 – UNREGULATED SERVICE OFFERINGS

3.1 General

The regulations set forth in this section govern the unregulated service offerings of the company and the application of rates for those services. This section should be read in conjunction with Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.'s Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 1 – R for regulated service offerings. Where any conflict arises between the terms of the Company's Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 1 – R and this tariff, Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 1 – R applies. Actual rates are contained in Section 4 of this tariff although some service-specific rates are shown in this section as well.

3.2 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:

- (A) Calls are billed in durational increments identified for each service. All calls that are fractions of a measurement increment are rounded-up to the next whole unit.
- (B) 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.
- (C) Timing terminates on all calls when the calling party hangs up or the Company's network receives an off-hook signal from the terminating carrier.
- (D) 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.
- (E) All times refer to local time.

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SECTION 3 – UNREGULATED SERVICE OFFERINGS (Cont'd)

3.2 Charges Based on Duration of Use (Cont'd)

3.2.1 Applicable Rate Periods

Unless otherwise specified, applicable rate periods are indicated in the chart below:

Day:	8:00 AM-5:00 PM (Monday thru Friday).
Non-Day:	All other times.

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3.3 Rates Based Upon Distance

Where charges for a service are specified based upon distance, the following rules apply:

- 3.3.1** Distance between two points is measured as airline distance between the rate centers of the originating and terminating telephone lines. These rate centers are assigned a set of geographic coordinates, as referenced in Telcordia Terminating Point Masterfile (TPM) which associates each NPA-NXX combination (where NPA is the area code and NXX is the first three digits of a seven digit telephone number with a rate center). Rate centers and their geographic coordinates are listed in the industry Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG). Where there is no telephone number associated with an access line on the Company's network (such as a dedicated 800 or WATS access line), the Company will apply the wire or rate center of the Customer's main billing telephone number.

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3.4 Calculation of Distance

Usage charges are based on the airline distance between the serving rate centers associated with the originating and terminating points of the call. The serving rate centers of a call are determined by area code and exchange numbers. All calls are billed from the End User's serving rate center to the terminating point serving rate center.

The distance between the originating point and that of the destination point is calculated by using the "V" and "H" coordinates as defined by TMP/Local Exchange Routing Guide in the following manner:

- Step 1: Obtain the "V" and "H" coordinates for the originating point and the destination point.
- Step 2: Obtain the difference between the "V" coordinates of each of the Rate Centers. Obtain the Difference between the "H" coordinates.
- Step 3: Square the differences obtained in Step 2.
- Step 4: Add the squares of the "V" difference and "H" difference obtained in Step 3.
- Step 5: Divide the sum of the square obtained in Step 4 by ten (10). Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction results from the division.
- Step 6: Obtain the square root of the whole number obtained in Step 5. Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction is obtained. This is the distance between the originating and terminating serving wire centers.

Formula:

$$\sqrt{\frac{(V_1V_2)^2 + (H_1H_1)^2}{10}}$$

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3.5 Directory Listings

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3.6 Types of Communications Services Offered

Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc. provides switched, telephonic-quality voice and data transmission services that enable Users to communicate on a real-time basis between points within local calling areas in the State of Michigan, as well as ancillary services that facilitate the use or expand the capabilities of switched communications services. Services may be performed by resale of services provided by other telephone companies.

The unregulated services offered are:

Basic Local Exchange Service (Section 3.7)

Local Business Line Service

Directory Assistance Service (Section 3.8)

Analog Trunk Service (Section 3.9)

Digital Trunk Service (Section 3.10)

ISDN-BRI (Section 3.11)

ISDN-PRI (Section 3.12)

Operator Assistance/Service (Section 3.13)

Special Construction (Section 3.14)

Telecommunications Relay Service (Section 3.15)

ICB Arrangements (Section 3.16)

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3.6 Types of Communications Services Offered (Cont'd)

Customer-owned Coin Operated Telephone Service (Section 3.17)

Caller Identification Service (Section 3.18)

Business Group Dialing Service (Section 3.19)

Custom Calling Services (Section 3.20)

Intra-LATA Pre-subscription Service (Section 3.21)

976 Services (Sections 3.26 and 4.24)

Intra-LATA Toll Service (Section 5)

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3.7 Basic Local Exchange Service

3.7.1 General

Basic Local Exchange Service provides a Customer with a telephonic connection to, and a unique telephone number on the Company's switching network. Basic Telephone Exchange Service is furnished with touch-tone dialing as a standard feature. The standard and Optional features and functions are stated for each service offering. Basic Local Exchange Service enables the Customer to:

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

Basic Local Exchange Service can also be used to originate calls to other telephone companies' caller-paid information services (e.g. NPA 900, NXX 976, etc.). Calls to those numbers and other numbers used for caller-paid information services will be blocked by the Company's switch at no charge upon customer request. Each Basic Local Exchange Service corresponds to one or more telephonic communications channels that can be used to place or receive one call at a time.

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3.7 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

Individual line residence and business service is comprised of exchange access lines defined as follows:

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

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3.7 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

3.7.2 Local Business Line Service

Local Business Line Service provides a customer with all the features of basic local exchange service set forth above. Local Business Line provides the Customer with a single, voice-grade telephonic communications channel that can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Each Local Business Line will include a telephone number. A station can be a stand-alone telephone, fax, modem, or a Key system telephone. Each Local Business Line is offered on a flat, measured, or message- rate basis. See Section 4.1 for rates.

A. Flat rate denotes service where available, for a stated monthly rate, unlimited calling is allowed to all other local lines/trunks in the local service area of the exchange in which it is furnished.

B. Measured Rate Option.

Measured rate denotes service where calls to all other local lines/trunks in the local service area of the exchange in which it is furnished are billed on a length-of-call basis.

C. Message Rate Option.

Message rate denotes service where calls to all other local lines/trunks in the local service area of the exchange in which it is furnished are billed on a per call basis.

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3.7 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

3.7.3 Small Business Packages

Small business packages are for business customers with up to eight lines, offering a variety of local and long distance calling options, in addition to varying features (as outlined in Sec. 3.4.5.6). The minimum service term will be one year. The agreement will be automatically renewed at the tariffed rate for one year unless terminated by either side. Notice of termination of the agreement must be given to the other party in writing 30 days before the end of the term. All communications between customer and Buckeye such as termination notices, etc. (except for service emergencies and outages) after the service agreement is signed shall be by e-mail unless the customer requests that communications be in a form other than e-mail. If the customer makes such a request, then all communications shall be in a non-electronic writing.

There are four packages (Essential, Essential Plus, Premium, Premium Plus) that offer a range of calling features and interstate and intrastate long distance options. All packages include 5,000 minutes per month* local calling in the Buckeye TeleSystem local calling area and some offer 2,500 minutes per month* of domestic (continental United States) outbound long distance, as long as the services are used as intended. Prohibited uses include computer-aided auto dialers or any other automated device capable of generating extremely high-volume calls, long distance Internet or intranet access, call center, and certain switching applications. If service is misused or changed, Customer will be moved to a per-minute rated plan. Descriptions of individual package features follow:

* Minimally, usage in excess of these limits will be billed at \$0.04 per minute.

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3.7 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

3.7.3 Small Business Packages (Cont'd)

Essential – Includes Caller-ID, call waiting, call forward, hunting, *67 (caller ID blocking), and 5,000 minutes of local calls.

Essential Plus – Includes Caller-ID with name, call waiting ID, call forward variable, hunting and *67, three-way calling, *69 (automatic call back), *66 (repeat dialing), speed dial 8, and 5,000 minutes of local calls.

Premium – Includes Caller-ID with name, call waiting ID, call forward variable, hunting and *67, three-way calling, *69, *66, speed dial 8, and 5,000 minutes of local and 2,500 minutes of long distance calls.

Premium Plus – Includes Caller-ID with name, call waiting ID, call forward variable, hunting and *67, three-way calling, *69, *66, speed dial 8, call-forward busy, call-forward don't answer, voicemail, and 5,000 minutes of local and 2,500 minutes of long distance calls.

Any telephone customer who chooses AutoPay, by which the monthly charges are debited to the customer's bank account or credit card, will receive a reduction of \$1 off each month's telephone charges. This reduction is available only to telephone customers who choose either the Essential Basic, Essential, Premium, or Premium Plus Packages and is applied to each account, not each line.

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3.7 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

3.7.3 Small Business Packages (Cont'd)

Service provided through the Small Business Packages cannot be used with autodialer, call center, certain automated switching equipment, or for extended periods of Internet Access (in excess of 2 hours per Internet call). Company reserves the right to immediately suspend, restrict, or cancel the Customer's service without prior notice and may apply additional recurring charges for each month in which said usage occurred. Such termination will be in general accordance with Sections 2.11.1 (disconnection of service), 2.11.2 (disconnection of toll service), and Section 2.15 (notices and communications) of this tariff. However, because of the potential for immediate suspension of service without notice for violation of the provisions of this service, this information will be included on the application for service. If service is suspended for cause, the company will notify the customer verbally and in writing, the specific reason(s) for its action. The free domestic long distance is only for outbound, direct dialed calls to the 48 continental United States. The free local and domestic long distance services do not include any calls that generate per-call usage (such as international calls, operator services or directory assistance calls, calls to customer's own Toll Free number, calls to 900 lines, calls to Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, etc.). All event driven charges will be billed at standard rates. Depending upon the customer premise location, type, and number of lines ordered, Company will provide a universal power supply (UPS) for power backup of Company's telephony equipment. Company-supplied UPS equipment is not to be used with any other customer equipment. Following the initial warranty period, the customer will be responsible for the replacement of the UPS. Customer may contact Buckeye TeleSystem for current options for replacement of the UPS. After three years, usage restrictions on UPS equipment would no longer apply.

Additional business line features can be purchased at standard tariff rates.

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3.7 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

3.7.3 Small Business Packages (Cont'd)

Incidental Internet and other data usage is permitted; however, any usage in excess of the limits above shall be presumed to be inconsistent with small business voice applications and shall be subject to the conditions in this Section. Long Distance package minutes are Continental/Domestic in-state and state-to-state calling only. Duration of each call is rated in 6-second increments.

Call detail of individual long distance and local calls will not be provided on monthly bill. Off-Shore and International rates will vary depending on destination/country called

3.7.4 Residential Service Offerings

Residential Basic Line Service provides a residential customer with all of the features of basic local exchange service set forth in Section 3.7 above, provided over a single, voice-grade telephonic communications channel which can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Except for Lifeline, basic line rates may be charged on any of the following optional rate plans. See Section 4.1 for rates.

A. Primary Basic Local Exchange Service – Basic 100

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3.7 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

3.7.4 Residential Unregulated Service Offerings (Cont'd)

B. This section reserved for future use.

C. Premium Package Plan

Includes unlimited monthly local and long distance calling, Caller ID With Name, Call Waiting ID, Do Not Disturb, Call Privacy *67, Repeat Dialing *66, Automatic Call Back *69, Three-Way Calling, Speed Dial 8, Call Forwarding, Basic Voice Mail, and Inside Wire Maintenance.

D. Essential Package Plan

Includes unlimited monthly local calling and 150 minutes monthly long distance calling (4 cents per minute thereafter or customer may choose own long distance carrier), Caller ID With Name, Call Waiting ID, Do Not Disturb, Call Privacy *67, Repeat Dialing *66, Automatic Call Back *69, Three-Way Calling, Speed Dial 8, and Inside Wire Maintenance.

E. Ground Package Plan

Includes unlimited monthly incoming and outgoing local calling, long distance at 6 cents per minute or customer may choose own long distance carrier, Call Privacy *67, and inside wire maintenance.

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3.7 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

3.7.4 Residential Unregulated Service Offerings (Cont'd)

Company offers Premium and Essential packages either as a stand-alone service or in conjunction with one or two services offered by Buckeye CableSystem, a sister company which offers cable television and high-speed Internet access. Prices for bundling packages are listed in Sec. 4.1.2, following, and are listed as Single Play, Double Play, or Triple Play, depending upon the number of Buckeye CableSystem services with which the telephone service is bundled.

3.7.5 Optional Features Functions

Optional features available to business and residential customers include the following:

- Call Forwarding – Busy, Don't Answer, Variable, Remote Activation
- Call Waiting – Cancel Call Waiting
- Call Waiting ID
- Customer Changeable Speed Dialing
- Remote Call Forwarding
- Three-way Calling
- Return Call, Call Trace, ANI
- Caller ID with Name
- Caller ID (number Only)
- Caller ID Blocking
- *66 – Repeat Dialing
- *69 – Automatic Callback
- *67 – Per call block
- Call Block (Toll restriction, collect calls, Third Party Billing)
- Do Not Disturb
- Movers' Voice Mail
- Voice Mail/Enhanced Voice Mail

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3.8 Directory Assistance Service

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3.9 Analog Trunk Service

3.9.1 Description

Analog Trunk Service provides the customer with a single, analog, voice-grade communications channel that can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Each Analog Trunk will include a telephone number except in a hunting arrangement where only one telephone number may be provided. Trunks are provided for connection of Customer-provided private branch exchanges (PBX) to the public switched telecommunications network. Each Analog Trunk is offered on a measured or message rate basis. The signal is an analog signal at the DS-O level.

Flat rate denotes service where available, for a stated monthly rate, unlimited calling is allowed to all other local lines/trunks in the local service area of the exchange in which it is furnished.

Measured rate denotes service where calls to all other local lines/trunks in the local calling area of the exchange in which it is furnished are billed on a length of call basis.

Message rate denotes service where calls to all other local lines/trunks in the local service area of the exchange in which it is furnished are billed on a per call basis.

Rates and Charges are set forth in Section 4.3.

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3.9 Analog Trunk Service (Cont'd)

3.9.2 Timing of Measured Rates

Unless otherwise indicated, all Measured Rate calls are billed in six-second increments with a minimum charge of one minute per call.

For station-to-station calls, call timing begins when a connection is established between the calling telephone and the called telephone station.

For person-to-person calls, call timing begins when connection is established between the calling person and the particular person, station, or mobile unit specified or an agreed alternate.

Call timing ends when the calling station and/or called station “hangs up,” thereby releasing the network connection.

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3.10 Digital Trunk Service

3.10.1 Description

Digital Trunk Service provides the Customer with PBX or PBX-like equipment with connection to the public switched telecommunications network via a DS-1 digital transmission facility operating at 1.544 Mbps and time division multiplexed into 24 voice-grade communications channels to provide dial tone for placing or receiving one call at a time.

Digital Trunks may be provisioned with either Dual Tone Multi-frequency (DTMF), Dial Pulse (DP) or Multi frequency (MF) signaling, and may be configured into hunt-groups with other Company provided trunks. Each individual channel may be equipped with Direct-Inward-Dialing (DID) and or two way capability. Each Digital Trunk is offered on a flat rate measured rate, or message rate basis.

Flat rate denotes service where available, for a stated monthly rate, unlimited calling is allowed to all other local lines/trunks in the local service area of the exchange in which it is furnished.

Measured rate denotes service where calls to all other local lines/trunks in the local calling area of the exchange in which it is furnished are billed on a length of call basis.

Message rate denotes service where calls to all other local lines/trunks in the local calling area of the exchange in which it is furnished are billed on a per-call basis.

Each Digital Trunk is provided with the following standard features:

Terminal Interface: DSX-1 panel

Tone Dialing, Multi-frequency, or Dial Pulse signaling

Hunting

Additional optional features, including Automatic Number Identification (ANI), Dialed Number Identification Service (DNIS), ISDN PRI, Two Way and Direct Inward Dialing (DID), are also available.

Rates and Charges are set forth in Section 4.4.

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3.10 Digital Trunk Service (Cont'd)

3.10.2 Timing of Measured Rates

Unless otherwise indicated, all Measured Rate calls are billed in six-second increments with a minimum charge of one minute per call.

For station-to-station calls, call timing begins when a connection is established between the calling telephone and the called telephone station.

For person-to-person calls, call timing begins when connection is established between the calling person and the particular person, station, or mobile unit specified or an agreed alternate.

Call timing ends when the calling station and/or called station “hangs up,” thereby releasing the network connection.

3.10.3 MAXLINK Service Description

A digital trunk service that utilizes fractional DS-1/T-1 transport to deliver 24 two-way communications channels to a customer premise. The MAXLINK DS-1 will provide access lines for placing or receiving one call at a time. The channels that are not used for access lines can be bonded together to provide 128kbps, 256kbps, 384 kbps or 512kbps of bandwidth for data transport. The MAXLINK access lines can be configured as Business Lines, Analog PBX Trunks, or as Digital Trunks.

3.10.3.1 Rate Elements

Rate elements for this service consist of recurring and non-recurring charges as shown in Section 4 following.

MAXLINK DS-1/T-1 Link: Provides a DS-1 connection from the Central office to the customer premise. One monthly and one non-recurring charge applies per DS-1 connection.

MAXLINK Access Line: Provides dial tone configured as any line type except ISDN. One recurring charge per line or channel per month.

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3.11 Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN) – Basic Rate Interface

3.11.1 Description

ISDN-BRI service provides 2B+D switched access to the public switched telecommunications network for the transmission of circuit switched voice, circuit switched data and packet switched data on an incoming and outgoing basis.

Circuit switched voice and data provides the customer the ability to originate and receive respectively switched voice and switched data calls over a 64 Kbps channel, including video or fax.

BRI lines have two 64 Kbps B channels. Each channel can have a separate phone number that can be used as a regular phone line, or the two B channels can be combined to create a single, higher bandwidth channel.

BRI has one 16 Kbps data or D channel used primarily for signaling and data transmission.

BRI service is offered on a flat measured, or message rate basis.

Flat rate denotes service where available, for a stated monthly rate, unlimited calling is allowed to all other local lines/trunks in the local service area of the exchange in which it is furnished.

Measured rate denotes service where calls to all other local lines/trunks in the local calling area of the exchange in which it is furnished are billed on a length-of-call basis.

Message rate denotes service where calls to all other local lines/trunks in the local calling area of the exchange in which it is furnished are billed on a per call basis.

Rates and charges are set forth in Section 4.5.

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3.11 Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN) – Basic Rate Interface (Cont'd)

3.11.2 Timing of Measured Rates

Unless otherwise indicated, all Measured Rate calls are timed in one-second increments with a minimum charge of one minute per call.

For station-to-station calls, call timing begins when a connection is established between the calling telephone and the called telephone station.

For person-to-person calls, call timing begins when connection is established between the calling person and the particular person, station, or mobile unit specified or an agreed alternate.

Call timing ends when the calling station and/or called station “hangs up,” thereby releasing the network connection.

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3.12 Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN) – Primary Rate Interface (PRI)

3.12.1 Description

ISDN – PRI service provides 23B+ D (twenty-three 64 Kbps B channels and a 64 Kbps data channel) access on a DSX-1 interface. PRI Voice service is offered on a flat, measured, or message rate basis. PRI Data service is offered on a flat or measured rate basis.

Flat rate denotes service where, for a stated monthly rate, unlimited calling is allowed to all other local lines/trunks in the local service area of the exchange in which it is furnished.

Measured rate denotes service where calls to all other local lines/trunks in the local calling area of the exchange in which it is furnished are billed on a length-of-call basis.

Message rate denotes service where calls to all other local lines/trunks in the local calling area of the exchange in which it is furnished are billed on a per call basis.

Additional optional features include:

- Non-Facility Associated signaling
- D-Channel Backup
- Associated 24 Channel PRI

Rates and charges are set forth in Section 4.6.

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3.12 Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN) – Primary Rate Interface (PRI) (Cont'd)

3.12.2 Timing of Measured Rates

Unless otherwise indicated, all Measured Rate calls are billed in six-second increments with a minimum charge of one minute per call.

For station-to-station calls, call timing begins when a connection is established between the calling telephone and the called telephone station.

For person-to-person calls, call timing begins when connection is established between the calling person and the particular person, station, or mobile unit specified or an agreed alternate.

Call timing ends when the calling station and/or called station “hangs up,” thereby releasing the network connection.

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3.13 Operator Assistance/Service

A customer may obtain the assistance of a local operator to complete local exchange or intra-LATA calls in the manner listed in this section. The total charge for each completed operator assistance call consists of two charge elements (unless otherwise provided herein). The first element is a fixed, one-time charge for the operator service often referred to as an operator surcharge. The fixed charges are not regulated by the Commission. The second element is a measured usage charge dependent on the duration and time of day of the serviced call.

Third Number Billing: Provides the Customer with the capability to charge a local or Intra-LATA call to a third number which is different from the called or calling party. The party responsible for the third number has the option to refuse acceptance of the charges in advance or when queried by the operator.

Collect Calls: Provides the Customer with the capability to charge a call to the called party. The called party has the option to refuse acceptance of charges in advance or when queried by the operator, upon the announcement of a collect call.

Calling Cards: Provides the Customer with the capability to place a call using a calling card of a Local Exchange Interexchange Carrier with or without the assistance of an operator.

Person-to-Person: Calls completed with the assistance of an operator to a particular Station and person specified by the caller. The call may be billed to the called party.

Station-to-Station: Calls completed with the assistance of an operator to a particular Station. The call may be billed to the called party.

General Assistance: The Customer has the option to request general information from the operator, such as dialing instructions, country or city codes, area code information, and Customer Service 800 telephone numbers, but does not request the operator to complete the call.

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3.13 Operator Assistance/Service (Cont'd)

Busy Line Verification and Interrupt Service: Upon request of a calling party, the Operator will verify if a line is clear or in use and report to the calling party. The Operator will interrupt a call only if the calling party indicates an emergency and requests interruption. Separate charges apply for Verification and Verify and Interrupt.

National Directory Assistance Service: Company furnishes National Directory Assistance Service (“NDA”) for the purpose of aiding subscribers in obtaining telephone numbers when a party in Michigan requests assistance in obtaining telephone numbers of subscribers outside the Local Calling Area or same numbering plan area from which the party is calling.

3.14 Special Construction

3.14.1 Basis for Charges

Where the Company furnishes a facility or service for which a rate or charge is not specified in the Company’s tariffs, charges will be based on the costs incurred by the Company and may include: (1) non-recurring type charges; (2) recurring type charges; (3) termination liabilities, or (4) combinations thereof.

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3.14 Special Construction (Cont'd)

3.14.2 Basis for Cost Computation

The costs referred to in 3.14.1 above may include one or more of the following items to the extent they are applicable:

1. Cost installed of the facilities to be provided including estimated costs for the rearrangements of existing facilities. Cost installed includes the cost of: equipment and materials provided or used, engineering, labor and supervision, transportation, and rights of way;
2. Cost of maintenance;
3. Depreciation on the estimated cost installed of any facilities provided, based on the anticipated useful service life of the facilities with an appropriate allowance for the estimated net salvage;
4. Administration, taxes, and uncollectible revenue on the basis of reasonable average costs for these items;
5. License preparation, processing, and related fees;
6. Tariff preparation, processing, and related fees;
7. Any other identifiable costs related to the facilities provided, or
8. An amount for return and contingencies while maintaining competitiveness.

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3.14 Special Construction (Cont'd)

3.14.3 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 the Customer.

1. The termination period is the estimated service life of the facilities provided.
2. The amount of the maximum termination liability is equal to the estimated amounts for: Cost installed of the facilities provided including estimated costs for rearrangements of existing facilities and/or construction of new facilities as appropriate, less net salvage. Cost installed includes the cost of: equipment and materials provided or used, engineering, labor and supervision, transportation, and rights of way; license preparation, processing, and related fees; tariff preparation, processing, and related fees; any third-party fees; cost of removal and restoration, where appropriate, and any other identifiable costs related to the specially constructed or rearranged facilities.
3. The Customer shall be billed for the difference between the monthly recurring charge paid and the highest monthly recurring rate applicable at the time the contract was signed. That amount shall be multiplied by the number of months Customer was actually in service, and added to any and all costs allocable in Paragraph 2 (above).

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3.15 Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS)

Please see Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.'s Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 1 – R.

3.16 Individual Case Basis Arrangements (ICB)

Competitive pricing arrangements at negotiated rates may be furnished on an individual case basis (ICB) in response to requests by customers to the Company for proposals or for competitive bids. Service offered under this tariff provision will be provided to the Customer pursuant to contract. Unless otherwise specified, the regulations for such arrangements are in addition to the applicable regulations and prices in other sections of this tariff. Specialized rates or charges will be made available to similarly situated Customers on a non-discriminatory basis. The contracts will be made available to the Commission on request.

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3.17 Customer-Owned Coin Operated Telephone Service (COCOTS)

Customer-owned, coin operated telephone service is the provision of a private business measured rate COCOT line where the Customer owns, provides and administers the end-user terminal coin-operated equipment. The Customer shall be solely responsible for the provision, installation, operation, maintenance, conformance with Part 68 of FCC rules and all aspects of business relations with its users, including the posting of appropriate information relative to service provider, trouble reporting and how to obtain refunds and adjustments.

The Customer will assume full responsibility for compliance with all state and federal rules governing the provision of COCOTS and will advise the Company where a third party will be acting for the Customer.

Directory Listings are provided with the service as well as Call Screening.

The rates applicable to the service consist of Non-recurring service charges and monthly charges specified in Section 4 of this tariff.

3.18 Caller Identification Services

3.18.1 Calling Party Number Blocking

Calling Party Number Blocking provides telephone customers with the capability to prevent the disclosure of the calling telephone number on calls made to an exchange service equipped with Caller ID and other Advanced Custom Calling services where the calling party number may be disclosed. Calling Party Number Blocking is available on a per service basis for residence and non-residence customers.

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3.18 Caller Identification Services (Cont'd)

3.18.1 Calling Party Number Blocking (Cont'd)

Per call Calling Party Number Blocking is accomplished by the customer dialing an activation code (*67 for Touch-Tone) prior to placing each call for which blocking is desired. Per call blocking is automatically provided without charge to all customers in central offices equipped to offer Caller ID or other Advanced Custom Calling Services where calling party number may be disclosed.

Per Line Calling Party Number Blocking automatically prevents the display of the calling telephone number on all calls dialed from an exchange service equipped with this option. It is not necessary to dial an activation code prior to placing the call. Calls may be unblocked on a per occurrence basis by dialing an activation code.

No business, organization or other person may use Calling Party Number Blocking where the primary purpose is to make telephone solicitation calls. The term “telephone solicitation” means the initiation of a telephone message primarily for the purpose of encouraging a person to purchase, rent, or invest in property, goods, or services or to donate to any charity or similar organization or entity without that person’s prior express invitation or permission.

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3.18 Caller Identification Services (Cont'd)

3.18.2 Caller ID

Caller ID allows a customer to identify the telephone number from which a call is being made. The telephone number of the person initiating the call is displayed on a customer-provided display device. The customer-provided display device must conform with the Company's Technical References. Caller ID is offered in appropriately equipped central offices.

3.18.2.1 Caller ID With Name

Caller ID with Name works along with Caller ID and provides for the display of an incoming telephone number and listed name associated with that telephone number, on a customer-provided display device attached to the customer's (called party's) line or set. The customer-provided display device used to interface with Caller ID and Caller ID with Name must conform with the Company's Technical Reference Specifications.

Unless Calling Party Number Blocking is activated, the telephone numbers and names associated with all calls originating from appropriately equipped switches will be displayed.

Caller ID with Name is offered in appropriately equipped central offices.

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3.18 Caller Identification Services (Cont'd)

3.18.3 Call Return

This custom feature enables a customer to place a call to the telephone number associated with the most recent call received, whether or not the call was answered. The customer can dial a code (*69) and the number from which the last incoming call that was placed is announced/displayed. The call will not be returned, announced, or displayed if it is marked private through the activation of per call or per line number privacy. If the customer wishes to return the call, a code is dialed to place the call. If the called line is not busy, the call is placed. If the called line is busy, a confirmation announcement is heard, the customer hangs up and a queuing process begins where both the originating and terminating lines are checked for a period of thirty minutes for availability to complete the call. During this process, if the called line becomes available, the originating customer is notified by a distinctive ring that the network is ready to place the call. When the customer picks up the telephone, the call will automatically be placed.

Call Return does not interfere with the normal operation of incoming and outgoing calls during the queuing process. Call Return is considered activated when the customer dials the first code. The Call Return customer is responsible for any applicable local or toll usage charges for returned calls. The service cannot be activated for all telephone numbers, for example, 700, 800, or 900 numbers.

Rates and Charges are shown in Section 4 following.

* Not available without Caller ID

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3.19 Business Group Dialing.

Business Group Dialing is an enhanced local service offering abbreviated dialing and standard enhanced features designed to provide efficient communication between and among customers of the Company at more than one location. The service will allow station-to-station or station-to-line dialing between customer Key Systems, PBXs, Single Business Lines, or ISDN PRI services. Intra-Group calls made using this service are not subject to per-call charges. The service also can be custom designed to provide the same features and functions between and among customers of the Company utilizing Company-provided numbers or numbers of other local service providers ported to the Company.

3.19.1 Service Requirements

Business Group Dialing is not a stand-alone service. It is offered as a vertical service (enhanced) offering that requires subscription to the Company's local exchange service at the location(s) desiring the service. Where this service is requested to be extended to location(s) beyond the territory of the Company, appropriate rates apply and in instances where special equipment or transport is required, rates may be based on an Individual Case Basis (ICB).

3.19.2 Standard Features and Functions Described:

Business Group Dialing standard features and functions are as follows:

- Intercom: Provides station-to-station or station-to-line dialing without per call charges.
- Hold (intra group): Allows a user to place an intercom call on hold.
- Transfer (intra group): Allows a user to transfer calls within the calling group.

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3.19 Business Group Dialing (Cont'd)

3.19.3 Rate Structure

The pricing elements for this service include one-time charges (non-recurring) and monthly charges (recurring) the non-recurring charge covers the configuration of the dialing plan per line. Where customer commits to a three- (3)- or five- (5)-year contract, the non-recurring charges are waived. The recurring charge covers the group standard features and functions for the service type desired. Slightly higher rates apply for non-Company numbers.

In certain configurations requiring special equipment or arrangements where non-Company local numbers are desired, the service may be offered on an ICB basis of cost-to-provide. Customer will be advised in advance of such costs.

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3.20 Custom Calling Service

General Description

Custom calling service provides a complete end-user solution designed to provide Centrex-like functionality from Buckeye TeleSystem central office.

3.20.1 Standard System Features

Virtual Network Access Circuits (Trunked) Exchange access is restricted to a user-specified total number of active calls (access paths).

Individually Billed Access Paths Billing is determined by the total number of access paths specified.

Direct Inward Dialing Arrangements which allow an incoming call to reach another station line of the customer without attendant assistance.

Individual Dialing Plan Provides the ability to interpret dialed digits according to customer-specific dialing sequences.

Intercom Dialing Permits the customer to dial an access code to reach another station of the customer without having to dial 7 digits.

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3.20 Custom Calling Service (Cont'd)

3.20.1 Standard System Features (Cont'd)

Full, Semi, and Unrestricted Capability

Fully Restricted: Allows only station-to-station (intercom) calling capabilities.

Semi-Restricted: Allows access to the exchange network for local calling only.

Unrestricted: Allows access to the exchange network, the toll network or any service accessible by dialing.

Access Treatment Screening Stations can be individually allowed or disallowed access to system features.

Attendant Capabilities Attendants may be designated to handle incoming, internal, and other call types with various special telephone consoles.

Centralized Attendant Service For multi-location customers, the attendees can be located at only one site.

Flexible Night Service Provides the ability to forward each listed directory number to a unique customer-changeable night directory number.

Automatic Station Message Detail Recording – ASMDR

Provides a record (via printout) of call details (date, time, etc.) on outgoing calls.

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3.20 Custom Calling Services (Cont'd)

3.20.2 Advanced System Features

Advanced System Feature Package

Auto Route Selection Directs outgoing calls to the customer's most preferred available route. If the primary route is busy, the ARS feature automatically tries alternate routes. The customer will preselect a sequence of routes, which may include private or public carrier services. A warning tone is provided to indicate the selection of the least preferred route.

Account Code Permits stations and attendants to dial in an 8-digit account code when placing calls over facilities arranged for Automatic Message Accounting (AMA) recording. The account or project number must be input prior to dialing the called number.

Authorization Code Allows different station users to have different calling privileges. Dialing capabilities can be defined and restricted to authorized personnel.

Time of Day Do Not Disturb Activates Do Not Disturb at particular times. Allows for setting both the time and day for a particular action to occur (for example, the customer wants to have "do not disturb" feature activated at noon Tuesday through Wednesday).

Time of Day Routing Changes routing by time of day.

Dial Call Waiting Provides the ability for originating stations to invoke a Call Waiting service on selected intragroup calls.

Priority Ringing Differentiates incoming calls by signaling the customer with a distinctive ringing pattern.

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3.20.3 Optional System Features

Custom Calling Service Access Circuit – Music on Hold Allows customers the option to provide music or any other type of customer-provided audio source to calls on hold.

Custom Calling Service Access Circuit – Loudspeaker Paging Allows dial access to subscriber-owned loudspeaker paging equipment. The paged party can be connected to the calling party by dialing an answering code from any station within the subscriber group.

Custom Calling Service Access Circuit – Pollable SMDR Provides a record of call details (date, time, etc.) on outgoing calls placed over a customer's private or public facilities on an interactive basis.

Custom Calling Service Access Circuit – Private Facilities Allows the customer to have dial access to various types of public and private switching arrangements, i.e. 800-Service Facility Group, Tie Trunk access or Common Control Switching Arrangements, provided by a subscriber dialed access code.

Custom Calling Service Access Circuit - Voice Mail Provides integrated access to the central office voice mail system as part of the dialing plan.

Six-Way Conference Circuit Allows a station user to initiate a conference call. A total of five conferees can be added to the conference in addition to the originator. The customer may order more than one conference circuit.

3.20.4 Custom Calling Service Stations

The following features are available with each line located at a designated customer primary location. Where facilities and operating conditions exist, features of the custom calling system may be extended to stations of the same system located at customer secondary locations.

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3.20 Custom Calling Services (Cont'd)

3.20.4 Custom Calling Service Stations (Cont'd)

3.20.4.1 Standard Station Features

Individual Telephone Number Each station line has its own telephone number.

Individual Access Screening Each station is assigned its own access treatment code for call screening.

Single-Digit Dialing Permits a station user to reach selected lines or other internal facilities for special customer services by dialing a single-digit code.

Hot Line Station Automatically calls a pre-selected station when the Hot Line station goes off hook.

Touch-Tone All station lines are equipped for Touch-Tone dialing.

Call Hold Allows a station user to hold any call in progress, thereby freeing the line for the purpose of originating another call or answering a waiting call.

3-Way Calling Allows a station in talking state to add a third party to the call. To add a third party to the call, the 3-Way Calling subscriber flashes the switchhook once to place the other party on hold, receives a dial tone, dials the telephone number of the third party, and then flashes the switchhook again to establish the three-way connection.

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3.20.4 Custom Calling Service Stations (Cont'd)

3.20.4.1 Standard Station Features (Cont'd)

Call Forwarding – Variable

(On-Net) When this feature is activated by a station line user or the attendant, incoming calls to the activated station line or attendant position will be automatically routed to any other selected station line, within the same custom calling system, or to the attendant position. The attendant also may activate this feature for a station line user.

(Off-Net) The same as Call Forwarding Variable Limited except that incoming calls may be routed automatically to a telephone number outside the system or to station lines within the same system. The attendant may not activate this feature to a telephone number outside the system for a station line user. Calls forwarded outside the Buckeye Custom Calling System are subject to the appropriate charges for local and toll messages.

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3.20 Custom Calling Services (Cont'd)

3.20.4 Custom Calling Service Stations (Cont'd)

3.20.4.1 Standard Station Features (Cont'd)

Call Forwarding - Busy Allows incoming calls to a busy station to be routed to a preselected station line, attendant, or voice mail system within the same system or outside the system. Intercom calls can be arranged to be forwarded to a number different from DID calls.

Call Forwarding – Don't Answer Allows incoming calls to be automatically routed to a preselected station line, attendant, or voice mail system in the same system or outside the system, when the called station is not answered after a preset number of rings. Intercom calls can be arranged to be forwarded to a number different from DID calls.

Remote Activation of Call Forwarding Allows the user to activate and/or deactivate the Call Forwarding feature from any remote location, using a Touch-Tone phone.

Hunting Routes a call to an idle station line in a prearranged group when the called station line is busy.

Call Park Allows a station line to park a call against its own line number. The parked call can be retrieved from any station line by dialing the feature code and the line number against which the call is parked.

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3.20.4 Custom Calling Service Stations (Cont'd)

3.20.4.1 Standard Station Features (Cont'd)

Call Pickup Allows a station line to answer incoming calls to another station line within a defined pickup group. Call pickup is provided on individual station lines within a customer group.

Call Transfer Allows a station line user to transfer any established call to another station line inside or outside the customer group without the assistance of the attendant.

Auto Recall (intra-group) Permits the station user to have calls automatically redialed, within a defined group within the system, when the first attempt reaches a busy.

Customer Changeable Speed Calling Allows a user to establish a speed-calling list, each station of which is associated with a unique 2-digit speed calling code. Initial entry and changing of a speed-calling list are directly input by the user.

3.20.4.2 Optional Station Features

Automatic Callback – Outside Allows a station user who encounters a busy condition to be called back automatically when the called line becomes idle.

Automatic Recall – Outside Automatically redials the last incoming call.

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3.20.4 Custom Calling Service Stations (Cont'd)

3.20.4.2 Optional Station Features (Cont'd)

Caller ID – Outside Provides the station user with the telephone number of the calling party before answering the phone.

Selective Call Acceptance – Outside Allows user to create a list of telephone numbers from which he or she is willing to accept calls. List limit is 31.

Selective Call Rejection – Outside Allows user to create list of telephone numbers from which he or she does not wish to receive calls. Calls from telephone numbers on the list are sent to an announcement that informs the caller user is not receiving calls at this time. List limit is 16.

Selective Call Forwarding – Outside Allows user to create a list of “selected” telephone numbers to be forwarded to another number. Calls from the telephone numbers on user’s list will be forwarded to the number user has designated. List limit is 16.

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3.20.4 Custom Calling Service Stations (Cont'd)

3.20.4.1 Optional Station Features (Cont'd)

Screen List Editing/Selection Control Allows users to create and modify lists of telephone numbers associated with a directory number. These listed numbers are used to identify calling parties. Interactive recorded announcements are used to guide users in editing screening lists.

3.20.5 Custom Calling Service Line Features – ISDN Interface

3.20.5.1 Class of Service Restriction

Fully Restricted Capability: Allows only station-to-station (intercom) calling capabilities.

Semi-Restricted Capability: Allows access to the exchange network for local calls only.

Unrestricted Capability: Allows access to the exchange network, the toll network or any service accessible by dialing.

National ISDN Compatibility

Out-of-Band (D channel) Signaling

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SECTION 3 UNREGULATED SERVICE OFFERINGS (Cont'd)

3.20 Custom Calling Service (Cont'd)

3.20.5 Custom Calling Service Line Features – ISDN Interface

Coverage for Analog or ISDN Sets One ISDN station line can observe the state (busy or idle) of other station lines, whether analog or ISDN.

Multi-point ISDN Line Allows up to 8 separate devices to be connected to one ISDN station line.

Multiple Call Appearances Same Number A directory number that is assigned more than one business set. The business sets that are assigned this directory number are known as a Multiple Appearance call group.

Multiple Telephone Number Coverage One station line can answer calls to many telephone numbers.

Simultaneous Voice/Data/Signaling Voice, data, and signaling happens simultaneously without interruption or interference.

Two Status LEDs per Appearance

Voice/Data Protection Prevents data calls from being interrupted by call-waiting tones, testing, or busy verification attempts.

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3.21 Intra-LATA Pre-subscription Service

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3.22 976 Service

3.22.1 Description of Service

- A. 976 Service consists of transporting an Information Provider's pre-recorded announcements or interactive programs between Company's territory and the 976 Information Provider and provision of Billing and Collection Services. The Company will provide Billing and Collection services to 976 providers on a detariffed basis. 976 Service enables a caller, for a charge, to dial an information 976 telephone number and receive a 976 Provider's recorded announcement or interactive program. Charges for 976 calls will be determined by the Information Provider. These charges are in addition to any applicable Company toll or local measured usage charges.
- B. A caller to a 976 number is a client of the Information Provider and/or 976 Program sponsor.
 - 1. Pay-Per-Call Services are telecommuni-cations services which permit simultaneous calling by a large number of callers to a single telephone number and for which the calling party is assessed, by virtue of completing the call, a charge that is not dependent on the existence of a presubscription relationship and for which the caller pays a per-call or per-time-interval charge that is greater than, or in addition to, the charge for transmission of the call.

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3.22 976 Service (Cont'd)

3.22.2 Regulations

- A. 976 Service Provider sponsorship of any particular recorded announcement or interactive program shall not preclude the Company from providing service to another 976 Service Provider sponsoring the same or similar announcement or program.
- B. The 976 Service Provider shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Company from and against any and all losses, claims, demands, causes of action, damages, costs or liability in law or in equity of every kind and nature whatsoever, including attorney fees, arising directly or indirectly from material transmitted, and from any act or omission of the Provider or caller while using or attempting to use 976 Service and facilities.
- C. The limitation of the Company's liability is set forth in Section 2.1.4 of this tariff.
- D. The Information Provider will be billed a minimum of 60 seconds transport regardless of the length of the call. After the first 60 seconds, the Information Provider is charged transport in increments of 30 seconds.
- E. The 976 Service Provider is responsible for provision of the recorded announcement or interactive program and all necessary Provider premises equipment.

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3.22 976 Service (Cont'd)

3.22.2 Regulations (Cont'd)

- G. The 976 Service Provider's automatic announcement equipment will be of a design which automatically disconnects after playing out one full cycle of the message.
- H. The name, address, and telephone number for inquiries of information providers which have transport arrangements with the Company may be released to callers upon request. The Company may, at its discretion, and if the information is available, release the same information for providers with whom it does not have transport arrangements.
- I. The Company will give a one-time credit for unauthorized or unknown adult-placed 976 calls.
- J. Access to 976 Service programs will not be permitted for calls from pay telephones, third number billed, collect, and operator-assisted calls.
- K. The Company will immediately terminate service to any 976 Service Provider for fraud, abuse, or unlawful business practices.

3.22.3 976 Service Provider Obligation

- A. The 976 Service Provider will furnish continuous uninterrupted automatic recorded announcement or interactive program service.

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3.22 976 Service (Cont'd)

3.22.3 976 Service Provider Information (Cont'd)

- B. The Provider is responsible for the preparation and recording of all announcement and shall be solely responsible for the contents of the announcements and the quality of speech or sounds of the recording.
- C. The Provider understands and agrees that all announcements must comply with the Federal, State, and Local laws, rules, and regulations.
- D. Each Provider advertisement, publication, or other communications containing the 976 Service telephone number to be called shall clearly and conspicuously display the 976 Service local calling area, what the per-call rate is for direct-dialed calls from within that area, and that calls from outside the area will be at normal toll rates plus the 976 Service call rate.

In addition, all television advertisements must include a voice-over announcement of the price of the 976 call and, in those advertisements directed to minor children, an admonition to seek parental permission before calling the 976 number.

All 976 Service programs directed to minor children which contain an inducement or “teaser” to call back shall include an admonition to seek parental permission before calling back and indicate charges are involved in making the call. All 976 Service programs containing a cross-promotion to another recording shall include an announcement of the price of the cross-promoted 976 Service call.

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3.22 976 Service (Cont'd)

3.22.3 976 Service Provider Information (Cont'd)

- E. The Provider assumes all financial responsibility for all costs involved in providing announcements or interactive program services, including but not limited to, the Provider premises equipment, producing the announcement, or interactive program development, advertising, and promotional expense.
- F. The Provider is responsible for obtaining all necessary permission, licenses, written consents, waivers and releases, and all other rights from all persons whose work, statements, or performance are used in connection with this service, and from all holders of copyrights, trademarks, and patents used in connection with said service.

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SECTION 4 – RATES AND CHARGES

4.1 Basic Local Exchange Service

Service to be provided as defined in Section 3.7 of this tariff. Service charges under Section 4.2 also apply.

4.1.1 Local Business Line Service

4.1.1.1 Measured Service Options

Flat rate denotes service where available, for a stated monthly rate, unlimited calling is allowed to all other local lines/trunks in the local service area of the exchange in which it is furnished.

Measured rate denotes service where calls to all other local lines/trunks in the local service area of the exchange in which it is furnished are billed on a length-of-call basis.

Unless otherwise indicated, all Measured Rate calls are billed in six-second increments with a minimum charge of one minute per call.

For station-to-station calls, call timing begins when a connection is established between the calling telephone and the called telephone station.

For person-to-person calls, call timing begins when connection is established between the calling person and the particular person, station, or mobile unit specified or an agreed alternate.

Call timing ends when the calling station and/or called station “hangs up,” thereby releasing the network connection.

4.1.1.2 Message Rate Options

Message rate denotes service where calls to all other local lines/trunks in the local service area of the exchange in which it is furnished are billed on a per call basis.

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4.1 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

4.1.1 Local Business Line Service (Cont'd)

4.1.1.3 Business Rates

A Local Business Line Customer will be charged applicable Non-Recurring Charges and Recurring Charges below, and Usage Charges as specified below. Local Business Line Charges will vary based on whether the Customer chooses the Flat Rate, Measured Rate, or Message Rate Service Option.

Recurring charges for each Flat Rate, Measured Rate, or Message Rate Local Business Line apply as follows:

The rates set forth in this section apply to all direct-dialed local calls.

<u>Recurring Charge For Each Flat Rate Line</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Month-to-Month	\$48.00
2 Year	\$46.00
3 Year	\$44.00
5 Year	\$42.00
<u>Recurring Charge for Each Measured Rate or Message Rate Line</u>	
Month-to-Month	\$30.00
2 Year	\$29.00
3 Year	\$28.00
5 Year	\$27.00
<u>Usage Rates for Local Business Line Calls</u>	
Measured Rate	
First Minute	\$.06
Each Additional Second	\$.00042
Message Rate (Per Call)	\$.10
Local Business Line Value Package	\$8.00
Call Transfer	\$5.00
Three Way Calling	\$5.00

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4.1 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

4.1.1 Local Business Line Service (Cont'd)

4.1.1.3 Business Rates (Cont'd)

Automatic Call Back (*69)	\$5.00
Repeat Dialing (*66)	\$5.00
Speed Dial 8	\$5.00
Call Forward – Variable	\$5.00
Call Forward – Busy / No Answer	\$5.00
Call Forward – Remote Activation	\$5.00
Caller ID with Name	\$10.00
Call ID (Number only)	\$5.00
Call Waiting ID	\$5.00
Call Waiting	\$5.00

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4.1 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

4.1.1 Local Business Line Service (Cont'd)

4.1.1.4 Small Business Package Rates

	Rates
Non-Profit Organization	\$20.00
Small Business Packages	
Business Line	
1 year term:	\$25.50
2 year term:	\$25.00
3 year term:	\$24.50
5 year term:	\$24.00
Essential Package	
1 year term:	\$31.95
2 year term:	\$30.95
3 year term:	\$28.95
5 year term:	\$26.95
Premium Package	
1 year term:	\$53.95
2 year term:	\$52.95
3 year term:	\$50.95
5 year term:	\$46.95

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****Additional discounts will be given if the customer selects any level of BTS Internet service****

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4.1 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

4.1.1 Local Business Line Service (Cont'd)

4.1.1.5 Small Business Package Features

Business Features	Rates
Three Way Calling	\$3.00
Automatic Call Back (*69)	\$3.00
Repeat Dialing (*66)	\$3.00
Speed Dial 8	\$3.00
Call Forward – Variable	\$3.00
Call Forward – Busy/No Answer	\$3.00
Call Forward – Remote Activation	\$3.00
Call Block – Toll Restriction	\$0
Call Block – Collect Calls	\$0
Call Block – third Party Calling	\$0
Call Block – Third Party Collect	\$0

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4.1 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

Residential Basic Line Service

Bundled Package Prices (See Sec. 3.7.3 Above)			
→	Single Play (Telephone service only)	Double Play (Telephone service plus either Internet or CATV video service offered by Buckeye CableSystem)	Triple Play (Telephone service plus Internet and CATV Video service offered by Buckeye CableSystem)
Premium Package	\$50.95	\$46.95	\$42.95
Essential Package	\$38.95	\$36.95	\$33.95
Ground Package	\$17.75	\$16.75	\$16.75

Premium Package

	Single Play	Double Play	Triple Play
	\$50.95	\$46.95	\$42.95
Local calls	Unlimited		
Long distance calls	Unlimited		
The following features are free with Premium Package Single, Double, or Triple Play			
Caller ID with name			
Call Waiting ID			
Do Not Disturb			
Call Privacy - *67			
Repeat Dialing - *66			
Automatic Call Back - *69			
Three-Way Calling			
Speed Dial 8			
Call Forwarding			
Voice Mail			
Inside Wire Maintenance			

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4.1 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

4.1.2 Residential Basic Line Service

Essential Package

	Single Play	Double Play	Triple Play
	\$38.95	\$36.95	\$33.95
Local calls	unlimited		
Long distance calls	150 minutes included - \$.04 thereafter		
	or		
	Choose your own long distance carrier		

The following features are free with Essential Package Single, Double, or Triple Play	
Caller ID with name	
Call Waiting ID	
Do Not Disturb	
Call Privacy - *67	
Repeat Dialing - *66	
Automatic Call Back - *69	
Three-Way Calling	
Speed Dial 8	
Inside Wire Maintenance	

Ground Package

	Single Play	Double Play	Triple Play
	\$17.75	\$16.75	\$16.75
Local calls	unlimited		
Long distance calls	\$0.06 per minute or customer may choose own provider		
The following features are free with Ground Package Single, Double, or Triple Play			
Call Privacy - *67			
Inside Wire Maintenance			

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4.1 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

4.1.2 Residential Basic Line Service

Any customer who elects the Buckeye Double Play or Triple Play service and subsequently cancels the unregulated portion thereof, shall be deemed to have subscribed to the Single Play service from the start of his/her election or from a period starting three months earlier, whichever is shorter. Such customer shall be retroactively billed for any unregulated services received as if each service were separately elected.

Individual Feature Charges, with any package

Caller ID with Name	\$6.75
Do not disturb	\$3.00
Call Waiting	\$3.00
Call Waiting ID **Requires Caller ID subscription**	\$3.00
Distinctive Ring	\$3.00
Call Screener	\$3.00
Speed Dial 8	\$3.00
Call Privacy *67	Free upon Request
Repeat Dialing *66	\$3.00
Automatic Call Back *69	\$3.00
Three-Way Calling	\$3.00
Voicemail	\$3.00
Enhanced Voice Mail	\$6.75
Movers' Voice Mail	\$13.00
Multi Ring Service	\$3.00
Relocation Ring	\$6.75
Vacation Disconnect	\$6.75
Selective Call Rejection	\$3.00
Selective Call Acceptance	\$3.00
Selective Call Forwarding	\$3.00
Anonymous call rejection	\$3.00

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4.1 Basic Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

4.1.2 Residential Basic Line Service (Cont'd)

NON-RECURRING CHARGES	
Vanity Telephone Number	\$25.00
PIC1 Change (1 st change per line)	\$5.50
PIC2 Change (2 nd change per line)	\$1.50
Reconnect Fee	\$50.00
Service Order Charge – feature change or Central Office work	\$5.00 Per order)

DIRECTORY AND LINE INFORMATION	
Primary Listing	No Charge
Additional Listing	\$3.00
Non-published Number	\$3.00
Non-Listed Number	\$3.00
Information Listing	\$3.00
Alternate Listing	\$3.00
900/Third Party/Collect Call Blocking	Free upon request

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4.2 Service Connection Charges

4.2.1 Description

Service Connection Charges are one-time charges associated with a service or item of equipment which applies on a per-item basis each time the service or an item of equipment is provided and includes, but is not limited to the following:

Service Connection Charge: A Service Connection Charge is a one-time charge, which applies for Company work associated with activities to set up/change accounts, including, but not limited to, service order issuance, programming, billing, etc., for installations, moves, changes, or rearrangements of services and/or equipment.

Subsequent Non-Recurring Charge: A non-recurring charge may apply to the installation, change, or move of services, as specified in tariffs for each service or item of equipment, in addition to rates identified within this section of the tariff.

Labor Charge: Labor Charges are one-time charges related to work performed by the Company or a Company representative associated with customer premises visits. Charges are broken down as follows:

Regulated – Charges for work done on the Company's side of the protector/Subscriber Network Interface (SNI) and Demarcation Point or Network Interface Device (NID). This may include, but is not limited to, the move of a Demarcation Point or move the (SNI), at the customer's request.

Maintenance – When a dispatch is necessary on repair to isolate trouble on the Customer's side of the Demarcation Point. Charges apply when a technician is dispatched; and the network is verified OK; and trouble is isolated to the customer's side of the Demarcation Point.

Inside Wire Installation/Jacks – Includes all wire and jacks (excluding customer premise equipment) on the customer's side of the Company's Demarcation Point. Charges apply at the customer's request and expense.

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4.2 Service Connection Charges (Cont'd)

4.2.2 General Regulations

4.2.2.1 The Service Connection Charges specified for the connection, move, or change of service contemplate work being performed by the Company, or on behalf of the Company, during normal working hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If the customer requests that overtime labor be performed at hours of the day or days of the week other than normal work hours or day, or on holidays, or interrupts work once begun, additional charges may apply as appropriate.

4.2.2.2 Service Connection Charges are in addition to other rates and charges normally applying under the tariffs. They apply in addition to construction charges made because of unusual costs in establishing service.

4.2.3 Service Connection Charges Do Not Apply

4.2.3.1 Moves or changes required for the proper maintenance of service.

4.2.3.2 Changes of telephone numbers for Company-initiated reasons or service reasons e.g., change to tone-dial service.

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4.2 Service Connection Charges (Cont'd)

4.2.4 Service Connection Charge Applications

4.2.4.1 Non-recurring charges associated with specific services are identified under each tariff section where the rate is applied.

4.2.4.2 Additional non-recurring charges may apply, as specified in each of the tariff sections. The following list identifies major service categories for Service Connection Charges and the associated rates.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Business</u>
New Installation (Per Line)	\$100.00	\$100.00
<u>Service Connection</u>		
Access Line	\$100.00	\$100.00
Change to or from Residential features; or Optional Features	\$5.00	\$10.00
Line Restoral (Per Line/Per Trunk)	\$100.00	\$100.00
PIC-1 or 2 Change (Per Line)	\$5.50/\$1.50	\$7.50/\$5.00
Suspension of Service Restoral Charge (Per Line/Trunk)	\$ 50.00	\$50.00
Directory Services	\$ 15.00	\$15.00
Number Change (Per Access Line)	\$ 35.00	\$35.00
Supersedure	\$ 35.00	\$35.00
Rearrangement of Trunk Circuit	\$ 10.00	\$10.00
Establish, Change from One Type of Hunting to Another, or Rearrange Hunting Sequence Per Access Line	\$30.00	\$30.00
Change Type of Service (i.e. from Measured to Flat or Flat to Measured)	N/A	\$15.00
Add DID Number 1-19	\$10.00	\$10.00
Add DID Number 20 and above	\$20.00	\$20.00

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4.2 Service Connection Charges (Cont'd)

4.2.4 Service Connection Charge Applications (Cont'd)

4.2.4.3 The Labor charges outlined below apply whenever a customer premises visit is required, at the customer's request for regulated service.

4.2.4.4 Maintenance of Service Charges apply when a dispatch is necessary to isolate trouble on the customer's side of the demarcation point.

	Mon – Fri 8AM – 5PM	Mon – Fri (excluding 8AM-5PM)	Holidays
	Rate	Rate	Rate
First Hour (1 Hour Minimum)	\$80.00	\$85.00	\$90.00
Each additional 15 minutes or fraction thereof	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00

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Applies for installing, rearranging, changing, reterminating, moving or removing Standard Network Interface, additional terminations of existing access lines, or terminating wire or cable.

Work performed on the customer's side of the Demarcation Point or at the customer's request is billed at the customer's expense.

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4.3 Analog Trunk Service

Service to be provided as defined in Section 3.9 of this tariff. Service connection charges under Section 4.2 may also apply.

An Analog Trunk Customer will be charged applicable Non-Recurring Charges, Recurring Charges and Optional Features Charges below, and Usage Charges for local business line calls as specified in Section 4.1.1.3. Analog Trunk Charges will vary based on whether the Customer chooses the Measured or Message Rate Service Option, as specified below.

Recurring Rates

Analog Trunk Service

<u>Recurring Rates:</u>	<u>M-to-M</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>	<u>5 Year</u>
Trunk Charge	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
DID Service Charge	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
<u>Non-Recurring Rates:</u>				
Trunk Charge	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
DID Service Charge	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00

<u>Optional Features:</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Call Forwarding	\$6.00
Remote Activation of Call Forwarding	\$6.00
ANI/DNIS	\$8.00
Call Trace	\$7.00
Other available Lucent 5ESS BRCS features	\$7.00

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4.4 Digital Trunk Service

Service to be provided as defined in Section 3.10 of this tariff. Service charges under Section 4.2 may also apply.

A Digital Trunk Customer will be charged the following rate elements as well as Non-Recurring charges.

DS-1 / T-1 Link: Provides a DS-1 connection from the Central Office to the customer's PBX. One monthly and one non-recurring charge per Digital Trunk applies.

2-Way / DID Channel: Provides a voice grade channel on a DS-1 to place or receive one call at a time with Direct Inward Dialing capability. One monthly and one non-recurring charge per 2-way DID channel, maximum of 24 per Digital Trunk, applies.

2-Way Channel: Provides a voice grade channel on a DS-1 to place or receive one call at a time. One monthly and one non-recurring charge per 2-way channel, maximum of 24 per Digital Trunk, applies.

ANI / DNIS: Automatic Number Identification and Dialed Number Identification Service. Provides Caller ID capability to a Digital Trunk Channel. One monthly recurring charge per channel applies.

DID Numbers: Are offered at an individual monthly rate or in blocks of 20 or 100 numbers.

ISDN PRI Package: Provides ISDN features to a Digital Trunk. One non-recurring and recurring charge applies per Digital Trunk. With the PRI Package only 23 channels will be available, as the 24th is used as a signaling ("D") channel. Incremental trunks will not require a D channel, leaving 24 for use, however a back-up channel can be purchased, as provided in Section 3.12.

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4.4 Digital Trunk Service (Cont'd)

Usage Charges: These charges apply to each call placed on each channel of a Digital Trunk in addition to the above elements. Applicable rates for measured and message usage are shown in Section 4.1.1.3.

<u>Recurring Rates:</u>	<u>M-to M</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>	<u>5 Year</u>
DS-1 Link	\$200.00	\$185.00	\$180.00	\$170.00
2-Way/DID	\$27.00	\$24.50	\$24.00	\$23.00
2-Way/Non-DID	\$10.00	\$9.25	\$8.75	\$8.25
ANI/DNIS	\$.40	\$.40	\$.40	\$.40
DID # Individual	\$.40	\$.40	\$.40	\$.40
DID # Group of 20	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
DID # Group of 100	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
ISDN PRI Package	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
<u>Non-Recurring Rates:</u>				
DSX-1 Link	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
2-Way/DID	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
2-Way/Non-DID	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
DID # Individual	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
DID # Group of 20	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
DID # Group of 100	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
ISDN Package	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$175.00

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4.5 Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN) – Basic Rate Interface (BRI)

Service to be provided as defined in Section 3.11 of this tariff. Service connection charges under Section 4.2 may also apply.

An ISDN-BRI Customer will be charged applicable Non-Recurring Charges, Recurring Charges, and Change Charges below, and Usage Charges as specified in Section 4.1.1.3. ISDN-BRI Charges will vary based on whether the Customer chooses the Flat, Measured or Message Rate Service Option below.

<u>Recurring Rates:</u>	<u>M-to-M</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>	<u>5 Year</u>
Measured/Message	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Flat Rate	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$85.00
<u>Non-Recurring Rates:</u>				
Measured/Message	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Flat Rate	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

<u>Optional Features/Recurring Rates</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Multiple Directory Numbers	\$5.00
<u>Optional Features/Non-Recurring Rates</u>	
Multiple Directory Numbers	\$5.00
<u>Changes</u>	
Measured/Message Rate	\$30.00
Flat Rate	\$30.00
<u>Optional Features:</u>	
Multiple Directory Numbers	\$30.00

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4.6 Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN) – Primary Rate Interface (PRI)

Service to be provided as defined in Section 3.12 of this tariff. Service connection charges under Section 4.2 may also apply.

An ISDN-PRI Voice Customer will be charged applicable Non-Recurring Charges, Recurring Charges, and Usage Charges as specified in Section 4.4. An ISDN-PRI Data Customer will be charged applicable Non-Recurring Charges, Recurring Charges, Change Charges and Usage Charges as specified below. Charges will vary based on whether the Customer chooses the Flat or Measured Rate Service Option below.

<u>ISDN-PRI Data</u>	<u>M-to-M</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>	<u>5 Year</u>
<u>Recurring Rates</u>				
Measured Rate	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Flat Rate	\$2000.00	\$2000.00	\$2000.00	\$2000.00
<u>Non-Recurring Rates</u>				
Measured Rate	\$3500.00	\$3500.00	\$.00	\$.00
Flat Rate	\$3500.00	\$3500.00	\$.00	\$.00

<u>ISDN-PRI Voice</u>	<u>M-to-M</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>	<u>5 Year</u>
<u>Recurring Rates</u>				
Measured Rate	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Flat Rate	\$2000.00	\$2000.00	\$2000.00	\$2000.00
<u>Non-Recurring Rates</u>				
Measured Rate	\$3500.00	\$3500.00	\$.00	\$.00
Flat Rate	\$3500.00	\$3500.00	\$.00	\$.00

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4.6 Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN) – Primary Rate Interface (PRI) (Cont'd)

<u>Optional Features/Recurring Rates</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Non-Facility Associated Signaling	\$150.00
D-Channel Backup	\$150.00
Associated 24 Channel PRI	\$150.00
<u>Optional Features/Non-Recurring Rates</u>	
Non-Facility Associated Signaling	\$150.00
D-Channel Backup	\$150.00
Associated 24 Channel PRI	\$150.00
<u>Changes</u>	
Measured Rate	\$15.00
Flat Rate	\$15.00
<u>Optional Features:</u>	
Non-Facility Associated Signaling	\$100.00
D-Channel Backup	\$100.00
Associated 24 Channel PRI	\$100.00
Usage Charges – ISDN-PRI Data	

ISDN PRI

M-to-M	M-to-M	2 Year	3 Year	5 Year
<u>Minimum Price</u>	<u>Per Minute</u>	<u>Per Minute</u>	<u>Per Minute</u>	<u>Per Minute</u>
\$15.00	\$0.0200	\$0.0200	\$0.0200	\$0.0200

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4.6 Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN) – Primary Rate Interface (PRI) (Cont'd)

Flat Rate Calling Plans

Digital Trunk Flat Rate		MTM	2 year	3 year	5 year
Recurring		Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate
Flat Rate	DS1 Link	\$ 200.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 180.00
	PRI Package	\$ 610.00	\$ 610.00	\$ 610.00	\$ 610.00
Non – Recurring					
Flat Rate	DS1 Link	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
	PRI Package	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Analog Trunk Flat Rate		Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate
Recurring		\$ 54.60	\$ 51.60	\$ 48.60	\$ 45.60
Non – Recurring					
Flat Rate	Analog Trunk			\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
	DID Service Chg			\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
Business Line Flat Rate		MTM	2 year	3 year	5 year
Recurring		Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate
Flat Rate	Business line	\$ 48.60	\$ 45.60	\$ 43.00	\$ 40.00
Non - Recurring					
Flat Rate	Business line	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00

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4.6 Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN) – Primary Rate Interface (PRI) (Cont'd)

Measured Rate Packages	Day		Night	
	Initial Min	Addl Min	Initial Min	Addl Min
Measured Rate 1	\$0.04	\$0.01	\$0.02	\$0.01
Measured Rate 2	\$0.03	\$0.01	\$0.02	\$0.01
Measured Rate 3	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01
Measured Rate 4	\$0.02	\$0.01	\$0.02	\$0.01

Message Rate Packages

	Free Calls	Per Call
Message Rate 1	0	\$0.07
Message Rate 2	100	\$0.07

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4.7 Directory Assistance

Service to be provided as defined in Section 3.8 of this tariff.

Business Call Allowance Per Month/Line: 0
Residential Call Allowance Per Month/Line: 0

After the applicable call allowance per month is met, each call to Directory Assistance will be charged at:

Directory Assistance	<u>Rate</u>
Each Call (Local or Long Distance)	\$1.00

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Directory Assistance Call Completion

	<u>Rate</u>
Rate Per Completed Call	\$.50

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The Customer may request a maximum of two telephone numbers per call to Directory Assistance service.

A credit will be given for calls to Directory Assistance as follows:

- The Customer experiences poor transmission or is cut off during the call, or
- The Customer is given an incorrect telephone number.

To obtain such a credit, the Customer must notify its Customer Service representative.

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4.7.1 DIRECTORY LISTING CHARGES

Directory Listings <u>Residential (Per Listing or Per Number Charge)</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Primary Listing	N/C
Additional Listing	\$5.00
Advanced Listed Telephone Number	\$40.00
Non-Pblished Number	\$5.00
Non-Listed	\$5.00
Alternate Call Listing	\$5.00
Information Listing	\$5.00
900/Third Party/Collect Call Blocking	Free Upon Request
<u>Business (Per Listing or Per Number Charge)</u>	
Primary Listing	N/C
Additional Listing	\$5.00
Non-Published Numbers	\$5.00
Non-Listed	\$5.00
Alternate Call Listing	\$5.00
Information Listing	\$5.00

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4.8 Operator Assistance/Service

4.8.1 Operator Assistance Surcharges

Non-regulated surcharges will be applied on a per call basis to the following services:
(plus applicable toll charges)

<u>Operator Assisted Surcharges</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Third Number Billing	\$5.00
Collect Calling	\$5.00
Person-to-Person	\$5.00
Station-to-Station	\$5.00
General Assistance	\$5.00
Calling Card	\$5.00
<u>Busy Line Verification And Interrupt Service</u>	
Busy Line Verification (Per Request)	\$3.50
Busy Line Interrupt (Per Request)	\$4.50

4.8.2 Operator Assistance Measured Usage Charges

<u>Usage Rates for Local Business Line Calls</u>	
Measured Rate	
First Minute	\$.07
Each Additional Second	\$.00042
Message Rate (Per Call)	\$.11

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4.8 Operator Assistance/Service (Cont'd)

4.8.1 Operator Assistance Surcharges (Cont'd)

Residential Basic Line Service

<u>Recurring Monthly Charge</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Flat Rate	\$30.00
Message/Measured Rate	\$5.00
Usage Rates for Message Line Calls (Per Call)	\$.10
Life Line Service (See Section 4.12 following)*	*

<u>Operator-Assisted Surcharges(non regulated)</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Third Number	\$4.25
Collect Calls	\$4.25
Calling Card	\$0.50
Person-to-Person	\$5.95
Station-to-Station	\$5.95
General Assistance	N/A
<u>Directory Assistance, Per Call</u>	
Local	\$1.25
National	\$1.99
Long Distance	\$0.95
<u>Directory Assistance Call Completion</u>	
Per Call	\$0.50
<u>Busy Line Verification And Interrupt Service</u>	
Busy Line Verification (Per Request)	\$2.00
Busy Line Interrupt (Per Request)	\$3.00

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4.9 Lifeline Program

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4.10 Emergency Services

Allows Customers to reach appropriate emergency services including police, fire and medical services. The 911 Service includes lines and central office features necessary to provide the capability to answer, transfer and dispatch public emergency telephone calls originated by persons within the telephone central office areas arranged for 911 calling. If 911 Service is not available in an area, the Company shall make arrangements for the Customer to reach the appropriate emergency services through dialing "0".

Customers will be charged a Current Monthly E911 Subscriber Charge as set forth monthly in the "Michigan 9-1-1 Surcharges" prepared by the Commission.

Billing Element	County	Current Monthly Charge Per Line
Emergency Services Charge	Monroe	\$0.15
Emergency Services Charge	Lenawee	\$0.14
E-911	Monroe	\$0.80
E-911	Lenawee	\$2.52

4.11 Telecommunications Relay Service

Please see Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.'s Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 1-R

4.12 Promotional Offerings

The Company, from time to time, may make promotional offerings of its services which may include waiving or reducing the applicable charges for the promoted service. The promotional offerings will not exceed 90 days in a calendar year, but may be limited as to the date and times of the offerings and the locations where the offerings are made.

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4.13 Telephone Directory

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4.14 Call Blocking Service

Call Blocking Service is a Service which provides Customers with the capability to block originating calls to the 1-900 calling networks or 976 services or such other services or entities authorized to be blocked by the M.P.S.C. When Call Blocking Service is requested, all originating calls to 900 numbers nationwide will be blocked. Calls to a 976 service will also be blocked. Customers with Call Blocking Service attempting to dial a 900 number from a restricted line will reach a Company-provided or intercept announcement. Call Blocking of a specific service or entity and an appropriate blocking charge, if authorized by the M.P.S.C., may apply. Generally, 900 and 976 blocking is provided without charge.

Call Blocking

1. Sponsor/IXCs-Requested Call Blocking

<u>Non-Recurring</u>	<u>Rates</u>
Residence Service Call Blocking, per line or trunk	\$25.00
Business Service Call Blocking, per line or trunk	\$30.00
Interexchange Carrier Blocking	30.00

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4.14 Call Blocking Service (Cont'd)

2. Residence and Business Customer-Requested Call Blocking

Non-Recurring	Rates
Call Blocking, per first time request, Per line or trunk	\$0.00
Call Blocking, per first time request at a new location, per line or trunk	\$0.00
Call Blocking, per subsequent request, same location, per line or trunk	\$10.00
Removal of Call Blocking	\$0.00
Interexchange Carrier Blocking	\$0.00

4.15 Federal Communications Authorized Fees

Federal Communications Commission authorized fees and/or Michigan Public Service Commission fees (e.g. end user-subscriber line charge; universal service; number portability) may be billed to customers as a part of local statements.

4.16 Customer-Owned Coin Operated Telephone Service

Business Measured Rate COCOT Line	\$ICB
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4.17 Custom Calling Services

Custom Calling Prices

Rate Element	Non-Recurring	M-T-M	2 Year	3 Year
Standard System Features (See Sec. 3.20.1)	\$250.00	\$48.00	\$44.00	\$43.00
Advanced System Features (See Sec. 3.20.2)	\$500.00	\$34.00	\$34.00	\$34.00
Optional System Features				
Access Circuits (DS-O)	\$50.00	\$22.00	\$20.00	\$18.50
Voice Mail SMDI Link (DS-0)	\$50.00	\$22.00	\$20.00	\$18.50
Voice Mail Access Trunks (DS-1)	\$50.00	\$643.30	\$576.60	\$556.20
Shared Access Facility	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$185.00	\$180.00
6-way Conference	\$100.00	\$35.00	\$34.00	\$32.00
Network Access Circuits	\$0.00	\$22.00	\$20.00	\$18.50
Station Line Standard	\$20.00	\$17.00	\$16.00	\$15.00
ISDN Station Lines (BRI)	\$100.00	\$26.60	\$50.00	\$50.00
Optional Station Features				
Automatic Callback – Outside	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Automatic Recall – Outside	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Caller ID – Outside	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Call Trace	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Selective Call Acceptance – Outside	\$20.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Selective Call Rejection – Outside	\$20.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Selective Call Forwarding – Outside	\$20.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00
Screen List Editing	\$20.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$7.00

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4.18 Intra-LATA Pre-subscription Service

Non-Recurring Charge: See Section 4.2.4.2 Above

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SECTION 5 – Message Toll Service (MTS)

5.1 General

IntraLATA and state InterLATA MTS is a communication service which is available for use by Buckeye TeleSystem Customers twenty-four (24) hours a day. It enables a user of an exchange access line or trunk to place calls to any station on the public switched telecommunications network bearing an NPA-NXX designation associated with points outside the Customer's Local Calling Area, but within the boundaries of the state where the Customer (or the Customer's end user) is located. The MTS charges specified in this section are in payment for all service furnished between the calling station and called station, except as otherwise provided in this Tariff. Local service also provides access to interstate and international calling points.

5.2 Timing of Messages

Unless otherwise specified in this Tariff, all calls are timed and billed in increments of one-second.

MTS usage charges are based on the actual usage of the Company's network. For station-to-station calls, call timing begins when a connection is established between the calling station and the called station.

For person-to-person calls, call timing begins when connection is established between the calling person and the particular person, station, or mobile unit specified or an agreed alternative.

Call timing ends when the calling and/or called station "hangs up," thereby releasing the network connection.

When a call originates in one time period and terminates in another, the rate in effect at the time the connection is established applies to the entire call duration

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5.3 Time Periods Defined

Unless otherwise noted, the following rate periods are applicable to all Company products in this tariff:

Day:	8:00 AM-5:00 PM (Monday thru Friday).
Non-Day:	All other times.

5.4 Description of Services and Rates

Long Distance Business Service (Customer Dialed)

A service for which the person originating the call from other than a public coin telephone dials the telephone number desired and the call is completed without the assistance of a Company operator and the call is not billed to a number other than the originating number
 Rate Schedule:

<u>DAY RATES</u>				
<u>Usage Minimums</u>	<u>M-to-M</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>	<u>5 Year</u>
\$0.00 - \$9.99	\$.15	\$.15	\$.15	\$.15
\$10.00 - \$100	\$.15	\$.15	\$.15	\$.15
\$101 - \$250	\$.15	\$.15	\$.15	\$.15
\$251+	\$.15	\$.10	\$.15	\$.15
<u>NON-DAY RATES</u>				
<u>Usage Minimums</u>				
\$0.00 - \$9.99	\$.15	\$.15	\$.15	\$.15
\$10 - \$100	\$.15	\$.15	\$.15	\$.15
\$101 - \$250	\$.15	\$.15	\$.15	\$.15
\$251+	\$.15	\$.10	\$.15	\$.15

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SECTION 5 – Message Toll Service (MTS) (Cont'd)

5.4 Description of Services and Rates cont'd.

Operator-Assisted Message Toll Calls

Customer may obtain the assistance of an operator to complete tolltelephone calls in the following manner:

- Third Number Billing: Provides the Customer with the capability to charge a call to a third number which is different from the called or calling party. The party answering at the third number has the option to refuse acceptance of the charges in advance or when queried by the operator.
- Collect Calls: Provides the Customer with the capability to charge a call to the called party. On the operator announcement of a collect call, the called party has the option to refuse acceptance of charges in advance or when queried by the operator.
- Calling Cards: Provides the Customer with the capability to place a call using a calling card of an Interexchange Carrier with or without the assistance of an operator.
- Person-to-Person: Calls completed with the assistance of an operator to a particular Station and person specified by the caller. The call may be billed to the called party.

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5.4 Description of Services and Rates cont'd.

- Station-to-Station: Calls completed with the assistance of an operator to a particular Station. The call may be billed to the called party.
- General Assistance: The Customer has the option to request general information from the operator, such as dialing instructions, country or city codes, area code information, and Customer Service 800 telephone numbers, but does not request the operator to complete the call.

<u>Operator-Assisted Surcharges</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Third Number	\$5.00
Collect Calls	\$5.00
Calling Card	\$5.00
Person-to-Person	\$5.00
Station-to-Station	\$5.00
General Assistance	\$5.00
<u>Directory Assistance</u>	
Per Call	\$1.00
<u>Directory Assistance Call Completion</u>	
Per Call	\$.50
<u>Busy Line Verification And Interrupt Service</u>	
Busy Line Verification (Per Request)	\$2.00
Busy Line Interrupt (Per Request)	\$3.00

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SECTION 6 – SERVICE AREAS

6.1 Local Calling Area

Please see Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.'s Tariff No. M.P.S.C. No. 1 – R.

6.2 Description of Service Area

Please see Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.'s Tariff No. M.P.S.C. No. 1 – R.

6.3 Map of Service Area

Please see Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.'s Tariff No. M.P.S.C. No. 1 – R.

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