# Tariff Schedule Applicable to Resold Local Exchange Telecommunications Services

Telecommunications Services Furnished by

inContact, Inc. d/b/a United Carrier Networks

Between Points Within the State of Maryland

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#### 1 GENERAL

#### 1.1 Explanation of Symbols

- (C) To signify a changed regulation
- (D) To signify a discontinued rate or regulation
- (I) To signify an increase in a rate
- (M) To signify text or rates relocated without change
- (N) To signify a new rate or regulation or other text
- (R) To signify a reduction in a rate
- (S) To signify reissued regulations
- (T) To signify a change in text but no change in rate
- (Z) To signify a correction

#### 1.2 Application of the Tariff

- 1.2.1 This tariff governs the Carrier's services that originate and terminate in Maryland. Specific services and rates are described elsewhere in this tariff.
- 1.2.2 The Company's services are available to business customers.
- 1.2.3 The Company's service territory is consistent with the calling areas set forth in Verizon Maryland, Inc.'s local exchange tariff as filed with the Commission.

## 1 GENERAL (Cont'd)

#### 1.3 Definitions

- 1.3.1 "Carrier," "Company" or "Utility" refers to inContact, Inc.
- 1.3.2 "Commission" means the Maryland Public Service Commission.
- 1.3.3 "Completed call" is a call which the Company's network has determined has been answered by a person, answering machine, fax machine, computer modem device, or other answering device.
- 1.3.4 "Customer" means any person, firm, corporation, or governmental entity who has applied for and is granted service or who is responsible for payment of service.
- 1.3.5 "Residential" customer is a customer who has telephone service at a dwelling and who uses the service primarily for domestic or social purposes. All other customers are non-residential customers.
- 1.3.6 "Service" means any telecommunications service(s) provided by the Carrier under this tariff.
- 1.3.7 "Station" means a telephone instrument consisting of a connected transmitter, receiver, and associated apparatus to permit sending or receiving telephone messages.

#### 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### 2.1 Undertaking of the Company

The Company undertakes to furnish communications service to business customers pursuant to the terms of this tariff in connection with one-way and/or two-way information transmission between points within the State of Maryland.

#### 2.2 Obligations of the Customer

- 2.2.1 The customer shall be responsible for:
  - 2.2.1.1 The payment of all applicable charges pursuant to this tariff;
  - 2.2.1.2 Reimbursing the Company for 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's premises unless caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the employees or agents of the Company.
  - 2.2.1.3 Providing at no charge, as specified from time to time by the Company, any needed space and power to operate the Company's facilities and equipment installed on the customer's premises.
  - 2.2.1.4 Complying with all laws and regulations regarding the working conditions on the premises at which the Company's employees and agents shall be installing or maintaining the Company's facilities and equipment. The customer may be required to install and maintain the Company's 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 prior to any construction or installation work.

- 2.2 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)
  - 2.2.1.5 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 the Company's facilities and equipment in any customer premises for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining, repairing, or upon termination of service as stated herein, removing the facilities or equipment of the Company.
  - 2.2.1.6 Making Company facilities and equipment available periodically for maintenance purposes at a time agreeable to both the Company and the customer. No allowance for interruptions in service will be made for the period during which service is interrupted for such purposes.
  - 2.2.2 With respect to any service or facility provided by the Company, the customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses for:
    - 2.2.2.1 Any loss, destruction or damage to property of the Company or any third party, or injury to persons, including, but not limited to, employees or invitees of either the Company or the customer, 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
    - 2.2.2.2 Any claim, loss, damage, expense or liability for infringement of any copyright, patent, trade secret, or any proprietary 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.

- 2.2 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)
  - 2.2.3 The customer is responsible for ensuring that customer-provided equipment connected to Company equipment and facilities is compatible with such equipment and facilities. The connection, operation, testing, or maintenance of such equipment shall be such as not to cause damage to the Company–provided equipment and facilities or injury to the Company's employees or other persons. Any additional protective equipment required to prevent such damage or injury shall be provided by the Company at the customer's expense.
  - 2.2.4 The Company's services (as detailed in this tariff) may be connected to the services or facilities or other communications carriers only when authorized by, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions of the tariffs or contracts which are applicable to such connections.
  - 2.2.5 Upon reasonable notification to the customer, and at a reasonable time, the Company may make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the customer is complying with the requirements set forth in this tariff for the installation, operation, and maintenance of customer-provided facilities and equipment that is connected to Companyowned facilities and equipment.

#### 2.3 Liability of the Company

2.3.1 In view of the fact that the customer has exclusive control over the use of service and facilities furnished by the Company, and because certain errors incident to the services and to the use of such facilities of the Company are unavoidable, services and facilities are furnished by the Company subject to the terms, conditions and limitations herein specified:

#### 2.3.2 Service Irregularities

- 2.3.2.1 The liability of the Company for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission, or failures or defects in facilities furnished by the Company, occurring in the course of furnishing service or other facilities and not caused by the negligence of the customer, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the customer for the service or facilities affected during the period such mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error or defect in transmission, or failure or defect in facilities continues after notice and demand to Company.
- 2.3.2.2 The Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any connecting carrier, underlying carrier or local exchange Company except where Company contracts the other carrier; for acts or omission of any other providers of connections, facilities, or service; or for culpable conduct of the customer or failure of equipment, facilities or connection provided by the customer.

#### 2.3 Liability of the Company (Cont'd)

#### 2.3.3 Claims of Misuse of Service

- 2.3.3.1 The Company shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the customer against claims for libel, slander, fraudulent or misleading advertisements or infringement of copyright arising directly or indirectly from material transmitted over its facilities or the use thereof; against claims for infringement of patents arising from combining or using apparatus and systems of the customer with facilities of the Company; and against all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in connection with the services and facilities provided by the Company.
- 2.3.3.2 The Company does not require indemnification from the customer where the action for which it is seeking indemnification is based on a claim of negligence by the Company.

#### 2.3.4 Defacement of Premises

2.3.4.1 The Company is not liable for any defacement of, or damage to, the customer's premises resulting from the furnishing of service or the attachment of equipment and facilities furnished by the Company on such premises or by the installation or removal thereof, when such defacement or damage is not the result of negligence of the Company. For the purpose of this paragraph, no agents or employees of the other participating carriers shall be deemed to be agents or employees of the Company except where contracted by the Company.

- 2.3 Liability of the Company (Cont'd)
  - 2.3.5 Facilities and Equipment in Explosive Atmosphere, Hazardous or Inaccessible Locations
    - 2.3.5.1 The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations provided by it for use in an explosive atmosphere. Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the customer from and against any and all claims, loss, demands, suits, or other action, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the customer or by any other party, for any personal injury to or death of any person or persons, and for any loss, damage or destruction of any property, including environmental contamination, whether owned by the customer or by any other party, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, presence, condition, location, use or removal of any equipment or facilities or the service and not due to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Company.
  - 2.3.6 Service at Outdoor Locations
    - 2.3.6.1 The Company reserves the right to refuse to provide, maintain or restore service at outdoor locations unless the customer agrees in writing to indemnify and save the Company harmless from and against any and all loss or damage that may result to equipment and facilities furnished by the Company at such locations. The customer shall likewise indemnify and save the Company harmless from and against injury to or death of any person which may result from the location and use of such equipment and facilities.

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#### 2.3 Liability of the Company (Cont'd)

#### 2.3.7 Warranties

- 2.3.7.1 THE COMPANY MAKES NO WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATON OF LAW, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE, EXCEPT THOSE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN.
- 2.3.7.2 Acceptance of the provisions of Section 2.3 by the Commission does not constitute its determination that any disclaimer of warrantees or representations imposed by the Company should be upheld in a court of law.

## 2.3.8 Limitation of Liability

2.3.8.1 Nothing in this tariff shall be construed to limit the Company's liability in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

#### 2.4 Application for Service

#### 2.4.1 Minimum Contract Period

- 2.4.1.1 Except as otherwise provided, the minimum contract period is one month for all services furnished. However, if a new residential or single line business customer notifies the Company within twenty days after receipt of the first bill that certain services or equipment are not desired, the Company will delete such services or equipment from the customer's account without a record keeping or service ordering charge. The customer nonetheless shall be responsible for all monthly usage and installation charges incurred for the use of such service and equipment.
- 2.4.1.2 Except as provided in 2.4.2.1, the length of minimum contract period for directory listings, and for joint user service where the listing actually appears in the directory, is the directory period. The directory period is from the day on which the directory is first distributed to customers to the day the succeeding directory is first distributed to customers.
- 2.4.1.3 The Company may require a minimum contract period longer than one month in connection with special, non-standard types or arrangements of equipment, or for unusual construction, necessary to meet special demands for service.

- 2.4 Application for Service (Cont'd)
  - 2.4.2 Cancellation of Service
    - 2.4.2.1 Where the applicant cancels an order for service prior to the start of the installation or special construction of facilities, no charge shall apply, except to the extent the Company incurs a service order or similar charge from a supplying carrier, if any, prior to the construction.
    - 2.4.2.2 Where the installation of facilities, other than those provided by special construction, has been started prior to cancellation, the lower of the following charge applies;
      - 2.4.2.2.A The total costs of installing and removing such facilities; or
      - 2.4.2.2.B The monthly charges for the entire initial contract period of the service ordered by the customer as provided in this tariff plus the full amount of any applicable installation and termination charges.
    - 2.4.2.3 Where special construction of facilities has been started prior to the cancellation, and the Company has another requirement for the specially constructed facilities, no charge applies.

#### 2.5 Payment for Service

- 2.5.1 Service will be billed directly by the Company on a monthly basis and is due and payable upon receipt or as specified on the customer's bill. Service will continue to be provided until canceled by the customer or discontinued by the Company as set forth in Section 2.14 of this tariff.
- 2.5.2 The customer is responsible for payment of all charges for service furnished to the customer. Charges based on actual usage during a month will be billed monthly in the month following the month in which the service was used. All fixed monthly and nonrecurring charges for services ordered will be billed monthly in advance.
- 2.5.3 The Company reserves the right to require from an applicant for service advance payments of fixed charges and nonrecurring charges. The advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to the nonrecurring charge(s) and one month's charges for the service or facility. In addition, where special construction is involved, the advance payment may also include an amount equal to the estimated nonrecurring charges for the special construction. The advance payment will be applied to any indebtedness for the service and facilities for which the advance payment is made on the customer's initial bill.

Advanced payments for installation costs or special construction will be credited on the first bill in their entirety.

#### 2.5 Payment for Service

2.5.4 If the Company provides service under a term plan (1,3,5 years, etc.) and (1) automatically renews the contract, and (2) imposes a penalty for early cancellation by the customer, then the customer shall be notified 60 days in advance of the customer's current contract expiration date.

## 2.6 Customer Deposits

2.6.1 inContact, Inc. does not collect customer deposits.

#### 2.7 Late Payment Charges

- 2.7.1 The Carrier agrees to abide by the regulations governing late payment charges as specified by COMAR 20.30.03. as amended from time to time.
- 2.7.2 Any charges that are disputed by a customer shall not be subject to late payment charges regardless of the outcome of the dispute.
- 2.7.3 The Company will consider delinquent and apply late payment charges on bills not paid within 20 days of the billing invoice date in the case of residential customers and within 15 days of the billing invoice date in the case of all non-residential customers in accordance with COMAR Sections 20.30.03.01A and 20.30.03.01B, respectively.
- 2.7.4 Late payment fees will be computed at a rate not to exceed 1.5% per month, for the two nominal billing intervals and may not exceed 5% of the total original unpaid charges in compliance with COMAR 20.30.03.01.A(1).

- 2.8 Customer Complaints and Billing Disputes
  - 2.8.1 Customers may notify the carrier of billing or other disputes either orally or in writing. There is no time limit for submitting disputes.
  - 2.8.2 Customer complaints and billing disputes that are not satisfactorily resolved may be presented by the customer to:

Office of External Relations Maryland Public Service Commission 6 St. Paul Street Baltimore, MD 21202

410-767-8028 (Office of External Relations) 410-767-8000 (Main PSC number) 1-800-492-0474 (Toll-free PSC number)

- 2.8.3 The Company provides the following toll free number 1-800-826-2344 for customers to contact the carrier in accordance with COMAR 20.45.04.02.B.
- 2.8.4 The Company will not collect attorney fees or court costs from customers.

- 2.9 Allowance for Interruptions in Service
  - 2.9.1 Credit for failure of service or equipment will be allowed only when failure is caused by or occurs in equipment owned, provided, or billed for, by the Company. The Carrier agrees to abide by the regulations associated with interruptions in service as specified by Code of Maryland Regulations 20.45.05.09 as amended from time to time.
  - 2.9.2 Interruptions in service that are not due to the negligence of, or noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff by, the Customer or the operation or malfunction of the facilities, power or equipment provided by the Customer, will be credited to the Customer as set forth in 2.6.1 for the part of the service that the interruption affects.

2.9 Allowance for Interruptions in Service (Cont'd)

#### 2.9.3 General

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

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## 2.9 Allowance for Interruptions in Service (Cont'd)

#### 2.9.4 Limitations of Allowances

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

- A. Due to the negligence of or noncompliance with the provisions of this rate sheet by any person or entity other than the Company, including, but not limited to, the Customer;
- B. Due to the failure of power, equipment, systems, connections or services not provided by the Company;
- C. Due to circumstances or causes beyond the reasonable control of the Company;
- D. During any period in which the Company is not given full and free access to its facilities and equipment for the purposes of investigating and correcting interruptions;
- E. A service will not be deemed to be interrupted if a Customer continues to voluntarily make use of such service. If the service is interrupted, the Customer can get a service credit, use another means of communications provided by the Company (pursuant to Section 2.6.3), or utilize another service provider;
- F. During any period when the Customer has released service to the Company for maintenance purposes or for implementation of a Customer order for a change in service arrangements;
- G. That occurs or continues due to the Customer's failure to authorize replacement of any element of special construction; and
- H. That was not reported to the Company within thirty (30) days of the date that service was affected.

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## 2.9 Allowance for Interruptions in Service (Cont'd)

## 2.9.5 Use of Another Means of Communication

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

#### 2.9.6 Application for Credits for Interruptions in Service

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

#### 2.9 Allowance for Interruptions in Service (Cont'd)

## 2.9.6 Application for Credits for Interruptions in Service (Cont'd)

#### D. Interruptions of 24 Hours or Less

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

#### E. Interruptions Over 24 Hours and Less Than 72 Hours

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

## F. Interruptions Over 72 Hours

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

#### 2.9.7 Cancellation for Service Interruption

Cancellation or termination for 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.

#### 2.10 Taxes and Fees

- 2.10.1 All state and local taxes and fees shall be listed as separate line items on the customer's bill.
- 2.10.2 If a municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government, or the Commission imposes and collects from the Company a gross receipts tax, occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee, or regulatory fee, such taxes and fees shall, as allowed by law, be billed pro rata to the customer receiving service from the Company within the territorial limits of such municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government.
- 2.10.3 Service shall not be subject to taxes for a given taxing jurisdiction if the customer provides the Company with written verification, acceptable to the Company and to the relevant taxing jurisdiction, that the customer has been granted a tax exemption.

## 2.11 Returned Check Charge

The charge for a returned check is \$25.00.

#### 2.12 Directory Assistance Call Allowance

Residential customers shall receive four free directory assistance calls per month with two requests per call. Charges will not be levied for Directory Assistance on an individual who suffers from a physical or visual disability that precludes the use of a telephone directory.

#### 2.13 Special Customer Arrangements

In cases where a customer requests special or unique arrangements which may include but are not limited to engineering, conditioning, installation, construction, facilities, assembly, purchase or lease of facilities and/or other special services not offered under this tariff, the Company, may provide the requested services. Appropriate recurring charges and/or nonrecurring charges and other terms and conditions will be developed for the customer for the provisioning of such arrangements.

#### 2.14 Termination of Service:

#### 2.14.1 Denial of Service Without Notice

The Company may discontinue service without notice for any of the following reasons:

- 2.14.1.1 Hazardous Condition. For a condition on the customer's premises determined by the Company to be hazardous.
- 2.14.1.2 Adverse Effect on Service. Customer's use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's equipment or the Company's service to others.
- 2.14.1.3 Tampering With Company Property. Customer's tampering with equipment furnished and owned by the Company.
- 2.14.1.4 Unauthorized Use of Service. Customer's unauthorized use of service by any method which causes hazardous signals over the Company's network.
- 2.14.1.5. Illegal use of Service. Customer's use of service or equipment in a manner to violate the law.

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- 2.14 Termination of Service (Cont'd)
  - 2.14.2. Denial of Service Requiring Notice
    - 2.14.2.1 The Company may deny service for any of the following reasons provided it has notified the customer of its intent, in writing, to deny service and has allowed the customer a reasonable time of not less than 10 days in which to remove the cause for denial:
      - 2.14.2.1.A Non-compliance with Regulations. For violation of or non-compliance with regulations contained in Code of Maryland Regulations 20.45.04, or for violation of or non-compliance with the Company's tariffs on file with the Commission.
      - 2.14.2.1.B Failure on Contractual Obligations. For failure of the customer to fulfill his contractual obligations for service or facilities subject to regulation by the Maryland Public Service Commission.
      - 2.14.2.1.C Refusal of Access. For failure of the customer to permit the Company to have reasonable access to its equipment.
      - 2.14.2.1.D Non-payment of Bill.
        - 2.14.2.1.D.1 For non-payment of a bill for service, provided that the Company has made a reasonable attempt to effect collection and has given the customer written notice of its intent to deny service if settlement of his account is not made and provided the customer has at least 5 days, excluding Sundays and holidays in which to make settlement before his service is denied.

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#### 2.14 Termination of Service (Cont'd)

- 2.14.2.1.D.2 In cases of bankruptcy, receivership, abandonment of service, or abnormal toll usage not covered adequately by a security deposit, less than 5 days notice may be given if necessary to protect the Company's revenues.
- 2.14.2.1.D.3 Except in cases where a prior promise to pay has not been kept or bankruptcy, receivership, abandoned service, or abnormal toll usage is involved, the Company may not deny service on the day preceding any day on which it is not prepared to accept payment of the amount due and to reconnect service.
- 2.14.2.1.D.4 Failure to Comply with Service Conditions. For failure of the customer to furnish the service equipment, permits, certificates, or rights-of-way, specified by the Company as a condition to obtaining service, or if the equipment or permissions are withdrawn or terminated.
- 2.14.2.1.D.5 Failure to Comply with Municipal Ordinances. For failure to comply with municipal ordinances or other laws pertaining to telephone service.
- 2.14.2.1.D.6 Failure to Pay Increased Deposit Required. For failure of the customer to pay an increased security deposit when warranted by the Company to protect its revenue in accordance with Code of Maryland Regulations 20.45.04.

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- 2.14 Termination of Service (Cont'd)
  - 2.14.3. Insufficient Reasons for Denial of Service
    - 2.14.3.1 The following may not constitute cause for refusal of service to a present or prospective customer:
      - 2.14.3.1.A Failure of a prior customer to pay for service at the premises to be serviced:
      - 2.14.3.1.B Failure to pay for a different class of service for a different entity;
      - 2.14.3.1.C Failure to pay the bill of another customer as guarantor of that bill:
      - 2.14.3.1.D Failure to pay directory advertising charges;
      - 2.14.3.1.E Failure to pay an undercharge as described in the Code of Maryland Regulations 20.45.04.01.D.(2); or

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- 2.14 Termination of Service (Cont'd)
  - 2.14.3. Insufficient Reasons for Denial of Service
    - 2.14.3.1.F Failure to pay an outstanding bill that is over 7 years old, unless the:
      - 2.14.3.1.F.1 Customer signed an agreement to pay the outstanding bill before the expiration of this period;
      - 2.14.3.1.F.2 Outstanding bill is for service obtained by the customer by means of tampering with equipment furnished and owned by the Company or by unauthorized use of service by any method; or
      - 2.14.3.1.F.3 Outstanding bill is for service obtained by the customer by means of an application made:
        - (i) In a fictitious name,
        - (ii) In the name of an individual who is not an occupant of the dwelling unit, without disclosure of the individual's actual address.
        - (iii) In the name of a third party without disclosing that fact or without bonafide authority from the third party, or
        - (iv) Without disclosure of a material fact or by misrepresentations of a material fact.
    - 2.14.3.2 This regulation applies to both residential and nonresidential classes of service.

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#### 2.15 Unlawful Use of Service

- 2.15.1 Service shall not be used for any purpose in violation of law or for any use as to which the customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents, and permits. The Company shall refuse to furnish service to an applicant or shall disconnect the service without notice of a customer when:
  - 2.15.1.1 An order shall be issued, signed by a judge finding that probable cause exists to believe that the use made or to be made of the service is prohibited by law, or
  - 2.15.1.2 The Company is notified in writing by a law enforcement agency acting within its jurisdiction that any facility furnished by the Company is being used or will be used for the purpose of transmitting or receiving gambling information in interstate or foreign commerce in violation of the law.
- 2.15.2 If service has been physically disconnected by law enforcement officials at the customer's premises and if there is not presented to the Company the written finding of a judge, then upon written or verbal request of the subscriber, and agreement to pay restoral of service charges and other applicable service charges, the Company shall promptly restore such service.

#### 2.16 Interference with or Impairment of Service

Service shall not be used in any manner that interferes with other persons in the use of their service, prevents other persons from using their service, or otherwise impairs the quality of service to other customers. The Company may require a customer to immediately shut down its transmission of signals if said transmission is causing interference to others or impairing the service of others.

#### 2.17 Telephone Solicitation by Use of Recorded Messages

2.17.1 Service shall not be used for the purpose of solicitation by recorded messages when such solicitation occurs as a result of unrequested or unsolicited calls initiated by the solicitor by means of automatic dialing devices. Such devices, with storage capability of numbers to be called or a random or sequential number generator that produces numbers to be called and having the capability, working alone or in conjunction with other equipment, of disseminating a prerecorded message to the number called and which are calling party or called party controlled, are expressly prohibited.

## 2.18 Incomplete Calls

2.18.1 There shall be no charge for incomplete calls. No charge will be levied for unanswered calls. Customers will receive credit for calls placed to a wrong number if the customer notifies the Company of the error.

#### 2.19 Overcharge/Undercharge

- 2.19.1 Overcharge/undercharge provisions will be in accordance with COMAR 20.45.04.01.
- 2.19.2 When a customer has been overcharged, the amount shall be refunded or credited to the customer.

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#### 3 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

#### 3.1 Trial Services

3.1.1 The Company may offer new services, not otherwise tariffed, from time to time on a trial basis subject to Commission approval. Such trials are limited to a maximum of six months at which time the trial offering must be either withdrawn or made available on permanent basis.

## 3.2 Promotional Offerings

3.2.1 The Company may offer existing services on a promotional basis, subject to Commission approval, that provides special rates, terms, or conditions of service. Promotional offerings are limited to a maximum of six months at which time the promotional offering must be either withdrawn or made available on a permanent basis. All promotions, regardless of whether services are given away for free, are subject to Commission approval. The Company may file a promotional offering on one days notice to the Commission.

## 3.3 Individual Case Basis ("ICB") Offerings

3.3.1 The tariff may not specify the price of a service in the tariff as ICB. The Company may or may not have an equivalent service in its tariff on file with the Commission, and the quoted ICB rates may be different than the tariffed rates. An ICB must be provided under contract to a customer and the contract filed (can be under seal) with the Commission. All customers have non-discriminatory access to requesting the service under an ICB rate.

## 3.4 Customized Pricing Arrangements ("CPAs") Offerings

3.4.1 The Company may offer CPAs to eligible customers. Each CPA is customized to meet the specific needs of a customer. Rates quoted are different from the tariffed rates. CPA rates must be provided under contract to a customer and the contract filed (can be under seal) with the Commission.

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#### 4 RATES AND CHARGES

4.1 Call Timing for Usage Sensitive Services

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:

- 4.1.1 Calls are measured in durational increments identified for each service.

  All calls which are fractions of a measurement increment are rounded up to the next whole unit.
- 4.1.2 Timing on completed calls begins when the call is answered by the called party. Answering is determined by hardware answer supervision in all cases where this signaling is provided by the terminating local carrier and any intermediate carrier(s).
- 4.1.3 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.
- 4.2 Distance Calculations

The Company does not offer distance sensitive services.

4.3 Rate Periods for Time of Day Sensitive Services

The Company does not offer time of day sensitive services.

# 4 RATES AND CHARGES (Cont'd)

4.4 Reserved for Future Use.

## 4 RATES AND CHARGES (Cont'd)

#### 4.5 Local Service Provider Freeze

- 4.5.1 The Company will make available a local service provider freeze to all residence and business customers on a nondiscriminatory basis at no charge to the end user. This freeze prevents a change in the end user's local service provider unless the end user gives the carrier from whom the freeze was requested his or her express consent.
- 4.5.2 End users may request a freeze on their local service provider as a means of protection from unauthorized changes. In establishing a freeze, carriers must follow the verification procedures for preferred carrier freezes of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") (e.g., independent 3rd party verification, written letter of agency from customers, electronic authorization).
- 4.5.3 The Company will accept a customer's written or oral authorization, including a three-way call with the customer, the Company and the new local service provider selected by the customer, to lift a freeze previously imposed by the customer on his or her choice of local service provider. In accordance with federal regulations, when engaged in oral authorization to lift a local service provider freeze, the Company must confirm appropriate customer identification data and the customer's intent to lift the freeze. Carriers will impose and lift the freeze in accordance with the then applicable provisions of the federal regulations, the current provisions of which appear at Title 47, Part 64 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 47 C.F.R. 64.1190. Carriers must still follow the verification procedures of the FCC for changing preferred carriers (e.g., independent 3rd party verification, written letter of agency from customers, electronic authorization).

#### 4.6 Reserved for Future Use

### 4.7 inContact™ Services

#### 4.7.1 Local Inbound Service

### A. Description

Local Inbound service is offered to business customers in conjunction with the Company's inContact™ call center solution. Local Inbound service transports local calls originated on the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) and terminates them to IP endpoints.

Local Inbound calls can be placed into the Company's network via Company-assigned (native) or customer-ported local telephone numbers. Once a call is placed, it is converted to Internet Protocol (IP). IP media is transported over the Company's network to a customer's IP Voice application and results in a handoff via Session Initiated Protocol (SIP) over Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) or User Datagram Protocol (UDP) to Edge Proxy Server(s) or Softswitch(s).

### B. Regulations and Limitations

Local Inbound Service is intended for use as an inbound-only service, and does not support any outbound calling capability, including, but not limited to, calls to 911.

Customer is strictly prohibited from using (or reconfiguring to support such use) either the service or any telephone numbers (TNs) obtained through purchase of the service in connection with any outbound calls placed by Customer or Customer's end users.

Local Inbound Service is available to customers in Flat-rate or Metered plans, as set forth below.

Local Inbound Service is available in the exchange areas listed in Section C, below, at tiered pricing as set forth in Section D, below.

## 4.7 inContact Services (Cont'd)

### 4.7.1 Local Inbound Service (Cont'd)

## C. Availability

Local Inbound Service is available to customers in Exchange Areas within the Company's local service footprint. For customers purchasing Metered service, Exchange Areas are divided into three (3) tiers for purposes of applying usage rates. Tiered pricing reflects the Company's costs of providing services in the respective Exchange Area.

Local Inbound Service is available to customers in the following Exchange Areas:

### (1) TIER 1

**ABERDEEN ANNAPOLIS ARBUTUS ARGRGBSNIS ASHTON BALTIMORE BEL AIR BRANDYWINE BRYNPKLNCM CARDIFF CATONSVL** CHASE COCKEYSVL COLUMBIA **CROFTON DAMASCUS DUNDALK** 

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- 4.7 inContact Services (Cont'd)
  - 4.7.1 Local Inbound Service (Cont'd)
    - C. Availability (Cont'd)
      - (1) TIER 1 (Cont'd)

**EDGEWOOD** ELKRIDGE **ELLICOTTCY ESSEX FORK GAITHERSBG GLENBURNIE HUGHESVL JARRETTSVL** LA PLATA LAUREL LXTNPKGRML **MILLERSVL NORTH EAST** NORTHBEACH ODENTON **PARKVILLE PIKESVILLE PRINCEFRCK RANDALLSTN** REISTERSTN

SEVERN SEVERNA PK SYKESVILLE TOWSON

- 4.7 inContact Services (Cont'd)
  - 4.7.1 Local Inbound Service (Cont'd)
    - C. Availability (Cont'd)
      - (1) TIER 1 (Cont'd)

WALDORF **WATERLOO** WEST RIVER WESTMINSTR **WOODLAWN** WSHNGTNZN2 WSHNGTNZN3 WSHNGTNZN4 WSHNGTNZN5 WSHNGTNZN6 WSNGTNZN10 WSNGTNZN11 WSNGTNZN12 WSNGTNZN13 WSNGTNZN14 WSNGTNZN15 WSNGTNZN16

(2) TIER 2

None

- 4.7 inContact Services (Cont'd)
  - 4.7.1 Local Inbound Service (Cont'd)
    - C. Availability (Cont'd)
      - (3) TIER 3

CAMBRIDGE
CUMBERLAND
EASTON
FREDERICK
FROSTBURG
HAGERSTOWN
MILLINGTON
MOUNT AIRY
MYERSVILLE
OAKLAND
OCEAN CITY
SALISBURY
STEVENSVL

- 4.7 inContact Services (Cont'd)
  - 4.7.1 Local Inbound Service (Cont'd)
    - D. Rates and Charges

(1) Initial service installation charge:

Per Customer/Non-Recurring

Flat-rate service plan: \$100.00 Metered service plan: \$100.00

(2) Telephone Number charges:

Per TN/Non-Recurring

Native/Non-Ported ANI

Flat-rate service plan: \$1.50 Metered service plan: \$0.00

Ported ANI

Flat-rate service plan: \$30.00 Metered service plan: \$30.00

(3) Monthly Line charge:

Monthly Charge per TN

Flat-rate service plan: \$30.00 Metered service plan: \$1.00

(4) Usage charges applicable to Metered service plan:

TIER	PER MINUTE CHARGE
1	\$0.0143
2	\$0.0274
3	\$0.0524

### 4.7 inContact Services (Cont'd)

### 4.7.2 Local Two-Way Service

### A. Description

Local Two-Way Service is offered to business customers in conjunction with the Company's inContact™ call center solution. Local Two-Way service provides a customer with a single, voice-grade telephonic communications channel which can be used to place and/or receive calls. Local Two-Way lines are provided for connection of customer-provided single station sets or facsimile machines to the Public Switched Telephone Network.

Local Two-Way Service calls can be placed into the Company's network via Company-assigned (native) or customer-ported local telephone numbers.

Local Two-Way Service is available at flat monthly rates and allows customers to make unlimited calls within their local calling area, as defined herein.

#### B. Optional Features

Local Two-Way Service has the following calling features available at the customer's option –

Caller ID
Call Waiting
Call Waiting ID (deluxe)
Call Forwarding
3-Way Calling
Call Rejection
Last Call Return (\*69)

Directory Assistance and Operator Service charges apply as set forth in Section 5.6 of this tariff.

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- 4.7 inContact Services (Cont'd)
  - 4.7.2 Local Two-Way Service
    - C. Rates and Charges

(1)	Initial service installation charge	Per Customer/Non-Recurring \$100.00
(2)	Telephone Number charges:	Per TN/Non-Recurring
	Native/Non-Ported ANI Ported ANI	\$1.50 \$30.00
(3)	Monthly service charge	Monthly Charge per TN \$45.00

(4) Local calling feature charges

FEATURE		ADDITIONAL CHARGES
Caller ID	-	\$7.95 per TN, per month
Call Waiting	-	\$4.50 per TN, per month
Call Waiting ID	-	\$12.95 per TN, per month
(deluxe)		
Call Forwarding	-	\$3.50 per TN, per month
3-Way Calling	-	\$4.25 per TN, per month and
	-	\$0.75 per use
Call Rejection	-	\$0.85 per use
Last Call Return (*69)	-	\$4.40 per TN, per month and
, ,	-	\$0.75 per use

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#### 5.1 Service Change Charges

Non-recurring charges apply to processing Service Orders for new service, for changes in service, and for changes in the Customer's primary interexchange carrier (PIC) code.

#### 5.1.1 Service Order Charges

<u>Transfer of Service Charge, Primary Line</u> – applies to the first line of a Transfer of Service Order (TOS), when a customer requests a move or change in physical location. This charge applies whether a customer changes telephone number or not. If, in addition, the Customer requests the telephone number be changed, a separate charge may apply.

<u>Transfer of Service Charge, Secondary Line</u> – applies to the second, or third, etc., line of a Transfer of Service Order (TOS), when a customer requests a move or change in physical location. This charge applies whether a customer changes telephone number or not. If, in addition, the Customer requests the telephone number be changed, a separate charge may apply.

<u>Technician Dispatch Charge</u> – A separate Technician Dispatch Charge applies, in addition to all other charges for the visit, when a visit to the Customer's premises is necessary to isolate a problem reported to the Company but identified by the Company's technician as attributable to Customer-provided equipment or inside wire. This charge also applies for visits by the Company's agents or employees, at the Customer's request, to the Premises of the Customer, when the Customer fails to meet the Company's agent or employees for the prearranged appointment as requested.

## 5.1 Service Order and Change Charges (Cont'd)

#### 5.1.2 Change Order Charges

Change Order Charges apply to work associated with providing exchange line service or customer-requested changes to existing services. One charge applies for each change order requested by the customer. If multiple changes listed below are requested by the Customer and occur on the same order/request one charge only applies. A Change Order Service Charge applies to the following customer-initiated changes:

<u>Custom Calling Feature Change Order</u> – applies when a Customer requests a change, adding or removing a custom calling feature.

<u>Toll Restriction Fee Order</u> – applies when a Customer requests a change, adding or removing Toll Restriction Service.

<u>Telephone Number Change Order</u> – applies to each telephone number change request/order.

<u>Listing Change Charge</u> – applies when a Customer requests/orders a change to add or delete a white pages listing or requests a change to add/delete listings. This charge also applies to request for Non-Published or Non-Listed numbers.

## 5.1 Service Order and Change Charges (Cont'd)

#### 5.1.3 Rates

Service Order Charges Primary Service Connection Charge	Charge *
Secondary Service Connection Charge	*
Transfer of Service Charge, Primary Line	\$40.00
Transfer of Service Charge, Secondary Line	\$20.00
Technician Dispatch Charge	\$75.00
Service Order Charge	N/A
Change Order Service Charges	
Custom Calling Feature Change Order	\$15.00
Toll Restriction Fee Order	\$5.00
Telephone Number Change Order	\$5.00
Listing Change Charge	\$5.00

<sup>\*</sup>Service Connection charges are listed with the rates for each specific service tariffed.

### 5.2 Restoration of Service

A restoration charge applies to the restoration of suspended service and facilities because of nonpayment of bills and is payable at the time that the restoration of the suspended service and facilities is arranged. The restoration charge does not apply when, after disconnection of service, service is later re-installed.

Charge Per occasion \$25.00

5.3 Reserved for Future Use

5.4 Reserved for Future Use.

#### 5.5 Custom Calling Features

The features in this section are made available to Residential Customers on a per use basis. All features are provided subject to availability. Customers may utilize each feature by dialing the appropriate access code. The Customer will be billed the per feature activation charge shown in the table below each time a feature is used by the Customer. Transmission levels for calls forwarded or calls placed or received using optional calling features may not be acceptable for all or some uses in some cases.

#### 5.5.1 Feature Descriptions

<u>Call Forwarding – Fixed, Busy Line No Answer</u> – This feature, when activated, redirects attempted terminating calls to another Customer-specified line. Call originating ability is not affected by Call Forwarding – Fixed, Busy Line No Answer. The calling party is billed for the call to the called number. If the forwarded leg of the call is chargeable, the Customer with the Call Forwarding – Fixed, Busy Line No Answer is billed for the forwarded leg of the call. Calls cannot be transferred to an International Direct Distance Dialing number.

<u>Speed Calling</u> – This feature allows a user to dial selected numbers by means of an abbreviated code. This feature is available in either an 8 number or a 30 number capacity. The Speed Calling list can only accommodate a number consisting of 15 digits or less.

<u>Caller ID</u> - Allows a Customer to see a caller's telephone number previewed on a display screen before the call is answered. Caller ID requires the use of specialized CPE not provided by the Company

<u>Caller ID with Name</u> – Allows a Customer to see a caller's name and number previewed on a display screen before the call is answered. Caller ID with Name requires the use of specialized CPE not provided by the Company.

<u>Call Forwarding</u> – A Customer activated feature that automatically transfers all incoming calls from the Customer's telephone number to another dialable telephone number until the Customer deactivates the feature. If forwarded to a long distance number the Subscriber will incur the long distance charges.

<u>Call Trace</u> – Allows a called party to initiate an automatic trace of the last call received. Call Trace is available on a usage basis only.

<u>Call Blocking</u> – Allows Customer to block calls from different telephone numbers. A screening list is created by Customer either by adding the last number associated with the line (incoming or outgoing) or by pre-selecting the telephone number to be blocked. Callers from such numbers hear an announcement that the calling party is not accepting calls and Customer's phone will not ring.

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### 5.5 Custom Calling Features

#### 5.5.1 Feature Descriptions (Cont'd)

<u>Call Waiting</u> - Call Waiting provides a tone signal to indicate to a Customer already engaged in a telephone call that a second caller is attempting to dial in. This feature permits the Customer to place the first call on hold, answer the second call and then alternate between both calls.

<u>Call Waiting with Caller ID with Name</u> – Call Waiting with Caller ID with Name provides a tone signal to indicate to a Customer already engaged in a telephone call that a second caller is attempting to dial in and allows a Customer to see a caller's name and number previewed on a display screen. This feature permits the Customer to place the first call on hold, answer the second call and then alternate between both calls.

<u>Three Way Calling</u> – Permits the Customer to add a third party to an established connection. When the third party answers, a two-way conversation can be held before adding the original party for a three-way conference.

<u>Call Return</u> - Allows Customer to automatically dial the number of last incoming call, whether or not Customer answered phone.

<u>Anonymous Call Rejection</u> - Allows you to refuse calls from those who have blocked their numbers.

<u>Selective Call Rejection</u> – Allows you to refuse calls from selected list of numbers.

Repeat/Auto Dial – A feature that, when activated, automatically checks a busy number and when the line is free, rings the Customer back and completes the call.

<u>Caller Identification Blocking</u>: Allows the name and number of the calling party to be blocked from being transmitted when placing outbound calls.

<u>Per Call Blocking</u>: To activate per-call blocking, a Customer dials a special code prior to placing a call. Blocking will be activated for that outgoing call only. There is no charge for using per call blocking, and it is provided on an unlimited basis.

<u>Per Line Blocking</u>: When blocking is established on the line, it can be deactivated by dialing a code before each call. This one call unblock allows the name and/or number to be sent for that one call only. There is no charge for per line blocking.

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# 5.5 Custom Calling Features

## 5.5.2 Rates

FEATURE	RATE	BILLED
Call Forwarding	\$3.50	MRC
Speed Calling	\$3.50	MRC
Caller ID	\$7.95	MRC
Caller ID with Name	\$10.95	MRC
Call Trace	\$0.50	Per use
Call Blocking	\$2.50	MRC
Call Waiting	\$4.50	MRC
Call Waiting with Caller ID with Name	\$12.95	MRC
Three Way Calling	\$4.25 \$0.75	MRC Per use
Last Call Return (*69)	\$4.40 \$0.75	MRC Per use
Anonymous Call Rejection	\$2.50	MRC
Manual Call Rejection	\$0.85	Per use
Repeat/Auto Dial	\$0.50	Per use
Caller Identification Blocking	\$0.50	Per use
Per Call Blocking	No charge	
Per Line Blocking	No charge	

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### 5.6 Directory Assistance and Operator Services

A Customer may obtain assistance, for a charge, in determining a telephone number by dialing Directory Assistance Service.

### 5.6.1 Basic Directory Assistance

The rates specified following apply when Customers request Company assistance in determining telephone numbers of Customers who are located within the State.

A maximum of two (2) requested telephone numbers are allowed per call.

#### A. Exemptions

A business or residence main telephone exchange line may be registered for exemption from Directory Assistance charges where one of the users of the line is considered to be legally blind, visually or physically handicapped, or where the user's handicap prevents the dialing of a telephone in a conventional manner or permits only the dialing of "0." Requests for exemption must be accompanied by certification of the handicap. Acceptable certifications include those signed by a physician, issued by a state agency qualified to certify such handicaps or pre-existing certifications establishing visual or physical inability to use a directory such as those which qualify the handicapped person for an income tax exemption or social security benefits on the basis of blindness or physical disability or for use of the facilities of any agency for the blind.

#### B. Allowances

There are no call allowances for Directory Assistance Service.

- 5.6 Directory Assistance and Operator Services (Cont'd)
  - 5.6.2 Directory Assistance Rates

Per Use Charge

\$0.85

\$0.85

Direct dialed, local

5.6.3 Operator Service Rates

The Company provides operator services to its customers pursuant to agreement with a third-party operator services provider. The following per call surcharges apply to all calls requesting Company's operator services assistance.

Per Use Surcharge

Station-to-station, local

Person-to-person, local \$2.50

### 5.7 Busy Line Verification and Emergency Interrupt Service

Upon request of a calling party, the Company will verify a busy condition on a designated local service line. The operator will determine if the line is clear or in use and report to the calling party. At the request of the Customer, the operator will interrupt the call on the busy line. Emergency Interruption is only permitted in cases where the calling party indicates an emergency exists and requests interruption and is performed once the line status has been determined through the Busy Line Verification process.

If the Customer has the operator interrupt a call, both the Busy Line Verification and the Emergency Interrupt charge will apply.

No charge will apply when the calling party advises that the call is to or from an official public emergency agency. Busy Verification and Interrupt Service is furnished where and to the extent that facilities permit.

The Customer shall indemnify and save the Company harmless against all claims that may arise from either party to the interrupted call or any person.

Busy Line Verification, each occasion	<u>Per Call</u> \$2.00
Emergency Interruption	\$2.50

### 5.8 Directory Listing Service

#### 5.8.1 General

The following rates and regulations apply to standard listings in light face type in the white pages (alphabetical section) of the telephone directory and to the Directory Assistance records of the Company.

Directory listings are limited to such information as is essential to the identification of the listed party. The listing of a service, commodity, or trade name is not permitted unless it is the name, or an integral part of the name, under which the Customer does business.

A listing is limited to one line in the directory, except where in the judgment of the Company, more than one line is required to identify the Customer properly. In such cases, the additional lines required are provided at no extra charge.

Dual name listings are permitted as a regular directory listing for residential service.

Listing services are available with all classes of main telephone exchange service.

### 5.8.2 Listings

### A. Primary Listing

One listing, termed the primary listing, is included with each exchange access line and each joint user.

## 5.8 Directory Listing Service (Cont'd)

### 5.8.2 Listings (Cont'd)

#### B. Additional Listings

Additional listings may be the listings of individual names of the Customer and members of the Customer's household, tenants of residential Customers who lease the Customer's premises for less than one year and do not occupy the premises at the same time as the Customer, members of a firm, officers of a corporation, employees of the Customer or other persons associated in business with the Customer, a business which the Customer owns and cross reference and alternate number listings.

Ordinarily, all additional listings are of the same address and telephone number as the primary listings, except as provided for joint user and alternate number listings.

Special Types of Additional Listings include:

Duplicate Listings – A listing of another name by which the customer is known, such as a nickname, abbreviated name, a name commonly spelled in more than one way, and a name consisting of several words which the public commonly rearranges. The listing may be complete or in a cross-reference form.

Alternate Telephone Numbers – A listing which refers calling parties to another telephone number at certain hours or on certain days or in case no answer is received on the call to the primary number.

### 5.8 Directory Listing Service (Cont'd)

#### 5.8.2 Listings (Cont'd)

#### C. Nonpublished Service

The telephone numbers of nonpublished service are not listed in either the Company's alphabetical directory or Directory Assistance records available to the general public.

Incoming calls to nonpublished service will be completed by the Company only when the calling party places the call by number, and no exception will be made, nor will the Customer be called to determine whether he/she wishes to receive the call, even though it appears that the calling party desires the connection because of an emergency.

The Company is not responsible for any claims made or liability arising from failure to receive calls because of this arrangement.

The Subscriber indemnifies (i.e., promises to reimburse the Company for any amount the Company must pay as a result of) and save the Company harmless against any and all claims for damages caused or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by the publication of a non-published service or the disclosing of said number to any person.

#### D. Nonlisted Service

Nonlisted service means the Customer's telephone number is not listed in the directory, but it does appear in the Company's Directory Assistance Records.

The Company is not responsible for any claims made or liability arising from failure to receive calls because of this arrangement.

The Subscriber indemnifies (i.e., promises to reimburse the Company for any amount the Company must pay as a result of) and save the Company harmless against any and all claims for damages caused or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by the publication of a nonlisted service.

# 5.8 Directory Listing Service (Cont'd)

# 5.8.3 Rates and Charges

	Per Month
Primary Listings	\$0.00
Additional Listings	\$0.75
Nonpublished Service	\$1.50
Nonlisted Service	\$1.00
Alternate Listings	\$0.75

5.9 Reserved for Future Use.

#### 5.10 Toll Restriction Service

Provides for Exchange Access lines or trunks to be restricted from dialing billable toll calls. Directly dialed calls to 700/900 services and operator dialed calls billed to the line are not allowed. This arrangement does allow Calling Card calls, Collect calls, Third Number calls, and direct dialed calls to 911, Directory Assistance and Toll Free services. This service is available where facilities permit.

5.10.1 Rates

Nonrecurring charge, per line \*
Monthly, per line \$8.50

<sup>\*</sup>For nonrecurring charges associated with Toll Restriction Service, see Section 5.1 of this tariff.

#### 6 INTRALATA TOLL PRESUBSCRIPTION

#### 6.1 General

IntraLATA toll presubscription is a procedure whereby an end user may select and designate an IntraLATA Toll Provider ("ITP") to access IntraLATA toll calls without dialing an access code. The end user may designate an ITP for IntraLATA toll, a different carrier for InterLATA toll, or the same carrier for both. This ITP is referred to as the end user preferred IntraLATA toll provider.

Each carrier will have one or more access codes assigned to it for various types of service. When an end user selects a carrier as its preferred IntraLATA toll provider, only one access code of that carrier may be incorporated into the switching system of the Company permitting access to that carrier by the end user without dialing an access code. Should the same end user wish to use other services of the same carrier, it will be necessary for the end user to dial the necessary access code(s) to reach that carrier's other service(s).

An ITP must use Feature Group D ("FGD") Switched Access Service to qualify as an IntraLATA toll provider. All ITPs must submit a Letter of Intent ("LOI") to the Company at least twenty days prior to the IntraLATA toll-presubscription-conversion date or, if later, forty-five days prior to the date on which the carrier proposed to begin participating in IntraLATA toll presubscription.

Selection of an ITP by an end user is subject to the terms and conditions in Section 6.2.

## 6.2 Presubscription Charge Application

## 6.2.1 Initial Free Presubscription Choice for New Users

New end users (including an existing customer who orders an additional line) who subscribe to service will be asked to select a primary ITP when they place an order for Company Exchange Service. If a customer cannot decide upon an IntraLATA toll carrier at the time, the customer will have thirty days following completion of the service request to make an IntraLATA PIC choice without charge. In the interim, the customer will be assigned a "No-PIC" and will have to dial an access code to make IntraLATA toll calls. The free selection period available to new end users is the period within thirty days of installation of the new service.

Initial free selections available to new end user are:

- 1. Designating an ITP as their primary carrier, thereby requiring no access code to access that ITP's service. Other carriers are accessed by dialing 101-XXXX or other required codes.
- Choosing no carrier as a primary carrier, thus requiring 101-XXXX code dialing to access all ITPs. This choice can be made by directly contacting the Company.
- 3. Following a new end user's or Pay Telephone Service Provider's free selections, any change made more than 30-days after presubscription is implemented is subject to a nonrecurring charge, as set forth in 5.7.1 following.

## 6.2 Presubscription Charge Application (Cont'd)

## 6.2.2 Charge for IntraLATA Toll Presubscription

After expiration of the initial free presubscription choice period for new customers, as specified above, or existing customers, the end user or ITP will be assessed an IntraLATA Toll presubscription charge as specified in 6.7.1.

## 6.2.3 Cancellation of IntraLATA Toll Presubscription by an ITP

If an ITP elects to discontinue Feature Group D service after implementation of the IntraLATA toll presubscription option, the ITP is obligated to contact, in writing, all end users who have selected the canceling ITP as their preferred IntraLATA toll provider. The ITP must inform the end users that it is canceling its Feature Group D service, request that the end user select a new ITP and state that the canceling ITP will pay the PIC change charge. The ITP must provide written notification to COMPANY that this activity has taken place.

- 6.3 End User/Pay Telephone Service Provider Charge Discrepancy ("Anti-Slamming Measure")
  - 6.3.1 When a discrepancy is determined regarding an end user's designation of a preferred IntraLATA toll carrier, the following applies depending upon the situation described:

A signed letter of authorization takes precedence over any order other than subsequent, direct customer contact with the Company.

When two or more orders are received for an end user line generated by telemarketing, the date field on the mechanized record used to transmit PIC change information will be used as the PIC authorization date. The order with the latest application date determines customer choice.

- 6.3 End User/Pay Telephone Service Provider Charge Discrepancy ("Anti-Slamming Measure")
  - 6.3.2 Verification of Orders for Telemarketing

No ITP shall submit to the Company a PIC change order generated by outbound telemarketing unless, and until, the order has first been conformed in accordance with the following procedures:

- 6.3.2.1 The ITP has obtained the customer's written authorization to submit the order that explains what occurs when a PIC is changed and confirms:
  - 6.3.2.1.A The customer's billing name and address and each telephone number to be covered by the PIC change order;
  - 6.3.2.1.B The decision to change the PIC to the ITP; and
  - 6.3.2.1.C The customer's understanding of the PIC change fee; or
- 6.3.2.2 The ITP has obtained the customer's electronic authorization, placed from the telephone number(s) on which the PIC is to be changed, to submit the order that confirms the information described in 6.3.2.1 preceding to confirm the authorization; or
- 6.3.2.3 An appropriately qualified and independent third party operating in a location physically separate from the outbound telemarketing representative has obtained the customer's oral authorization to submit the PIC change order that confirms and includes appropriate verification date (e.g., the customer's date of birth or social security number).

- 6.3 End User/Pay Telephone Service Provider Charge Discrepancy ("Anti-Slamming Measure")
  - 6.3.3 The Company will follow the Federal Communications Commission's and the Maryland Public Service Commission's regulations regarding slamming. The Company will not impose a penalty or charge for unauthorized IntraLATA toll provider changes.
  - 6.3.4 The customer owns the exclusive right to select the PIC of their choice, and may choose to migrate from one carrier to another at any time. There is no reason a carrier may refuse to release a customer who has stated their intent to select a different carrier.

## 6.4 PIC Switchback Options

6.4.1 Customer denies requesting change of ITP.

When the Company is contacted by an end user who denies requesting a change in ITP primary IC, the end user will be credited the charge assessed for the disputed change in carrier, and will be switched back to the previous ITP at no charge.

The ITP is in no way relieved of the FCC requirements for:

- 6.4.1.1 Verifying all PIC orders obtained by outbound telemarketing prior to submitting those orders, or
- 6.4.1.2 Instituting steps to obtain verification of orders submitted to the Company. In addition, the end user has the option of initiating a complaint to the FCC or the Maryland Public Service Commission concerning unauthorized changes in carrier. The complaint may be issued in writing to the Maryland Public Service Commission, 16th Floor, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, or by calling toll free on 1-800-492-0474 or by calling the office of External Relations on 410-767-8028.
- 6.4.2 Customer requests Switchback to Previous ITP PIC.

When the Company is notified via a call from the customer, where the end user is not denying the authenticity of the most recent change to the current PIC, the Company will change the customers ITP to the previous PIC. The customer will be billed the PIC charge as specified in 6.7.2.

#### 6.5 IntraLATA Preferred Carrier Freeze Selection

The Company will offer a preferred carrier freeze option to all customers on a nondiscriminatory basis regardless of the customer's carrier selection at no charge to the end user. The preferred carrier freeze option prevents a change in the end-user's IntraLATA toll provider unless the end users request a change in carrier.

End users may request a preferred carrier freeze on their IntraLATA toll service as a means of protection from unauthorized IntraLATA PIC changes. The Company will only accept preferred carriers freezes either orally or in writing from end users. The preferred carrier freeze will be offered on a per line basis.

The Federal Communications Commission and the Maryland Public Service Commission accepted the use of three-way calls to remove PIC freezes when the customer's IntraLATA toll presubscription choice has been frozen. Carriers must still follow the verification procedures for PIC changes of the Federal Communications Commission (e.g., independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party verification, written letter of agency from customer, electronic authorization) and the Maryland Public Service Commission. The carriers will impose and/or lift preferred carrier freeze request in accordance with Chapter 1 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulation, Section 64.1190.

The customer owns the exclusive right to select the PIC freeze option on a per line basis, and may choose to unfreeze their PIC at any time in order to migrate form one carrier to another at any time. There is no reason a carrier may refuse to remove a PIC freeze from the line of a customer who has stated their intent to select a different carrier.

### Marketing of PIC Freeze Option

The Company will not market the PIC freeze option to Customers within a 90-day period after implementation, i.e., 90 days following the Effective Date of this tariff. However, the freeze option is available during that period on Customer request.

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### 6.6 Informational Notice to Customers

The Company will provide written notification to customers of their IntraLATA presubscription options and rights within 30 days of subscribing for service.

## 6.7 Rates and Charges

- 6.7.1 Charge for ITP Carrier Change \$5.00
- 6.7.2 Charge for Switchback Carrier Change \$5.00