

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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Deborah Taylor Tate, Director
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460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

NOTICE OF FILING COMMENTS AND HEARING

DOCKET: 04-00166

IN RE: Generic Docket to Examine Tariffs Setting Rates for Inmate Pay Phone Usage

DATE: July 2, 2004

On July 2, 2004, Chairman Pat Miller, Director Deborah Taylor Tate and Director Ron Jones, the voting panel assigned to the above styled docket, publicly convened to consider promulgating a rule pertaining to rates for inmate pay phone usage and tariffs filed with the TRA by AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc., Global Tel*Link Corporation and ITI Inmate Telephone, Inc. setting such rates. During the meeting counsel for AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc., Global Tel*Link Corporation and Pay-Tel Communications, Inc submitted the attached chart containing data reflecting inmate local collect pay phone call rates in the United States and suggested a rate cap of \$1.50, including operator surcharges, for inmate local collect pay phone calls. At the conclusion of the meeting, the panel voted: (1) to request comments and (2) to reconvene during the regularly scheduled Authority Conference on July 26, 2004 to set an interim inmate pay phone rate cap for local collect calls.

Any interested entity shall file with the Office of the Chairman comments regarding the attached chart and/or proposed rate cap no later than **2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 9, 2004**. The panel will consider setting an interim rate cap for inmate local collect pay phone calls during the Authority Conference on **July 26, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Hearing Room on the Ground Floor of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority at 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee.

Interested persons with disabilities who require special accommodations or alternate communications formats in order to participate in the July 26, 2004 Authority Conference should contact the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ADA-EEO/AA Coordinator/Officer at 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505, 1-800-342-8359 or TDD 741-3930 so that reasonable accommodations can be made.

FOR THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY


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cc interested parties
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Attachment

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Rates for a 12 Minute Inmate Local Collect Call and State-Imposed Rate Ceilings

November 11, 2003

Total Min. Initial Add'l

12

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State	Rate Source	BOC	Init. Min.	Add'l Min.	Applicable Local Call Rate	Notes	Collect Call Surcharge	Total Rate	Rate Cap?	Rate Cap Details
1 Michigan	SBC	SBC	\$ 0.50	N/A	N/A	Provider market based coin rate	\$ 12.51	\$ 13.01	No	Not Capped, but recommended that the OSP caps be followed, which are at 300% of the average of the OSP Provider Capped at \$5.25 for 5 min and A&T's \$0.89 for all add'l mins NJAC
2 New Jersey	Verizon	Verizon	\$ -	\$ 0.89	Capped by PUC		\$ 5.25	\$ 11.48	Yes	14 10-6 3
3 Wisconsin	A&T Local	SBC	\$ 0.50	N/A	AT&T Prison Collect		\$ 3.95	\$ 9.95	Yes	Capped at twice A&T or BOC rate
4 Virginia	A&T Local	Verizon	\$ 0.75	N/A	AT&T Prison Collect		\$ 0.50	\$ 9.50	No	PUC rate cap
5 Texas	SBC	SBC	\$0.2975	\$0.2625	Capped by PUC		\$ 3.75	\$ 7.94	Yes	Capped at LEC average + 50%
6 Montana	Qwest	Qwest	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 5.33	\$ 5.83	Yes	PUC rate cap
7 Illinois	SBC	SBC	\$0.2465	\$0.2176	Capped by PUC		\$ 2.90	\$ 5.54	Yes	PUC rate cap
8 North Dakota	Qwest	Qwest	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 3.75	\$ 4.25	No	No Caps
9 Nebraska	Qwest	Qwest	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 3.75	\$ 4.25	No	Local Inmate Surcharge is in line of LMC + \$1.70 additional Inmate Surcharge
10 Wyoming	Qwest	Qwest	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 3.75	\$ 4.25	No	Capped max rate of LEC or IXC
11 California	A&T Local	SBC	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.08	AT&T Prison Collect		\$ 3.15	\$ 4.11	Yes	Not Inmate Specific PUC has providers register as OSP w/ Waivers
12 Kansas	SBC	SBC	\$ -	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 2.35	\$ 4.05	No	Service charge is in line of LMC
13 Oklahoma	SBC	SBC	\$ 0.50	N/A	Capped at LEC rate		\$ 1.65	\$ 3.85	Yes	Capped at LEC tariff rate
14 Rhode Island	Verizon	Verizon	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	RBOC Rate		\$ 1.75	\$ 3.55	No	Capped at LEC tariff LMC rate \$2.50 Surcharge
15 Indiana	SBC	SBC	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 1.80	\$ 3.50	No	Capped at BOC rate
16 Arkansas	SBC	SBC	\$ -	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 0.86	\$ 3.06	No	Capped at A&T or LEC rates, whichever is higher
17 Missouri	SBC	SBC	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 1.30	\$ 3.02	No	Capped max rate of LEC or IXC
18 Maine	Verizon	Verizon	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.14	AT&T Prison Collect		\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00	Yes	Capped at LEC tariff rate
19 Alabama	A&T Local	SBC	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 2.50	\$ 3.00	Yes	Capped at LEC tariff LMC rate \$2.50 Surcharge
20 Ohio	SBC	SBC	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 2.50	\$ 3.00	Yes	Capped at BOC rate
21 Mississippi	Verizon	Verizon	\$ 0.50	N/A	Capped at BOC rate		\$ 1.75	\$ 2.95	Yes	Capped at A&T or LEC rates, whichever is higher
22 New York	Verizon	Verizon	\$ 0.10	\$ -	Capped at BOC rate		\$ 2.25	\$ 2.75	No	Capped max rate of LEC or IXC
23 Utah	Qwest	Qwest	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 2.20	\$ 2.70	No	Deregulated as of June 6th, 2003
24 Georgia	Verizon	Verizon	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 2.10	\$ 2.60	No	PUC rate cap
25 South Dakota	Qwest	Qwest	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 1.75	\$ 2.59	Yes	Capped at LEC tariff rate
26 Pennsylvania	A&T Local	Verizon	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.07	AT&T Prison Collect		\$ 1.98	\$ 2.48	No	Capped at LEC tariff rate
27 New Mexico	Qwest	Qwest	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 1.85	\$ 2.35	Yes	Capped max rate of LEC or IXC
28 Colorado	Qwest	Qwest	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 1.75	\$ 2.25	Yes	Deregulated as of June 6th, 2003
29 Connecticut	SBC	SBC	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 1.75	\$ 2.25	No	PUC rate cap
30 Florida	Verizon	Verizon	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 1.65	\$ 2.15	Yes	Capped at LEC tariff rate
31 Delaware	Verizon	Verizon	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 1.50	\$ 2.00	Yes	Capped at LEC tariff rate
32 South Carolina	Verizon	Verizon	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 1.45	\$ 1.95	Yes	PUC rate cap (which states that LMC is \$0.35/call)
33 Vermont	Verizon	Verizon	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 1.39	\$ 1.89	No	Capped at LEC tariff rate
34 Kentucky	Verizon	Verizon	\$ 0.50	N/A	Capped at LEC rate		\$ 1.30	\$ 1.80	No	New 50/50 Rules regarding Rate Quoting No Caps
35 Arizona	Qwest	Qwest	\$ 0.50	N/A	Capped by PUC		\$ 1.30	\$ 1.80	Yes	Capped at BOC rate
36 Washington	Qwest	Qwest	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 1.26	\$ 1.76	Yes	Capped at BOC rate No cap for Local Calls
37 Idaho	Qwest	Qwest	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 1.20	\$ 1.70	No	PUC rate cap
38 Minnesota	Qwest	Qwest	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 1.00	\$ 1.69	Yes	PUC rate cap
39 Oregon	Qwest	Qwest	\$ 0.50	N/A	Capped at BOC rate		\$ 0.63	\$ 1.68	Yes	Capped at BOC rate
40 Iowa	Qwest	Qwest	\$ 0.50	N/A	Capped at BOC rate No Local Cap		\$ 1.05	\$ 1.55	No	Capped at BOC rate
41 Hawaii	Verizon	Verizon	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 0.86	\$ 1.36	Yes	Capped at LEC tariff rate
42 Nevada	SBC	SBC	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.05	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 0.60	\$ 1.10	Yes	No Caps
43 Louisiana	Verizon	Verizon	\$ 0.35	See note	PUC cap \$ 35 per 5 min		\$ 0.60	\$ 1.10	Yes	Capped at LEC tariff rate
44 New Hampshire	Verizon	Verizon	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 0.80	\$ 1.04	Yes	Capped at LEC tariff rate
45 Massachusetts	Verizon	Verizon	\$ 0.50	N/A	Capped at BOC rate		\$ 0.50	\$ 1.00	Yes	Capped at LEC tariff rate
46 West Virginia	Verizon	Verizon	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 0.50	\$ 1.00	Yes	N/A
47 Maryland	Verizon	Verizon	\$ 0.50	N/A	Provider market based coin rate		\$ 0.50	\$ 1.00	Yes	N/A
48 North Carolina	Verizon	Verizon	\$0.2427	N/A	Capped at LEC rate		\$ 0.50	\$ 1.00	Yes	N/A
49 Tennessee	Verizon	Verizon	\$ 0.50	N/A	Capped at LEC rate		\$ 0.50	\$ 1.00	Yes	N/A
50 Alaska	Verizon	Verizon	N/A	N/A	Capped at LEC rate		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
National Average							\$ 3.46	\$ 3.46		

AVERAGE RATE