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Honorable Jones, Chairman Attn: Sharla Dillon, Dockets Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-9021 (615) 741-3939

filed electronically in docket office on 08/07/07

Docket No. 07-00187

Re: Touchtone Communications Inc.

Dear Ms. Dillon:

Enclosed please find for filing an original and four (4) copies of Touchtone Communications Inc.' Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Competing Local Exchange Services in Tennessee. I have also enclosed a check in the amount of \$25.00 payable to the "Tennessee Regulatory Authority" for the filing fee and a CD-ROM containing an electronic copy of this filing.

APPLICANT HAS ALSO ENCLOSED ONE COPY OF ITS FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN A SEPARATE ENVELOPE AND HEREBY RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF THE ENCLOSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION THAT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION. APPLICANT EXPECTS THAT THIS INFORMATION WILL BE RESTRICTED TO COUNSEL, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES WHO ARE SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNED TO THIS APPLICATION BY THE COMMISSION.

I have also enclosed an extra copy of this letter to be date stamped and returned to me in the enclosed, self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope. If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Landa JA. Steinhart

Morney for Touchtone Communications Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Marcello Anzalone (w/enc)

H. LaDon Baltimore/Local Counsel

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STATE OF TENNESSEE BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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APPLICATION OF TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE COMPETING LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

Touchtone Communications Inc. ("TCI" or "Applicant"), pursuant to T.C.A. § § 65-2-103, 65-2-102 and 65-4-201; Section 253 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996; and Section 1220-4-8-.04 of the Rules of the Tennessee Public Service Commission Division of Public Utilities, respectfully submits this Application for Authority to Provide Competing Local Exchange Telecommunications Services, including exchange access telecommunications services within the State of Tennessee.

TCI intends to offer local exchange service to both business and residential customers throughout the state. Applicant intends to provide local exchange service to customers located in non-rural local exchange carriers' service areas of Tennessee. Should its Application be granted, TCI plans to commence offering service after the establishment of the appropriate and necessary resale and interconnection arrangements with the incumbent Local Exchange Carriers ("LECs"). Initially, Applicant will be negotiating an interconnection/resale agreement with BellSouth to provide local service.

In support of its Application, TCI submits the following:

I. Introduction

The full name and address of the Applicant are:
 Touchtone Communications Inc.
 16 South Jefferson Road

Whippany, New Jersey 07981

The following is a list of applicant's corporate officers and directors:

Officers

Giuseppe Bio

President

Gregory Glodek

Vice President/Secretary

Marcello Anzalone

Treasurer

Directors

Gary Glodek

The above-named individuals can be reached at:

Touchtone Communications Inc.

16 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, New Jersey 07981

Telephone: (973) 739-9300

Applicant is authorized to, and is providing, long distance service in Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Applicant is authorized to, and is providing local exchange service in Maine, Missouri, New Jersey and New York.

Applicant has not been denied authority for any of the services for which it seeks authority in this Application.

The name, address and telephone number of a Tennessee contact person responsible for and knowledgeable about Applicant's operations are:

Gary Glodek, Director, Retail Operations Touchtone Communications Inc. 16 South Jefferson Road Whippany, New Jersey 07981 (973) 739-9300

The name, address and telephone number of a person responsible for repair and maintenance (customer service) are:

Neil DeRiggi, Customer Service Manager Touchtone Communications Inc. 16 South Jefferson Road Whippany, New Jersey 07981 (973) 739-9300 (800) 266-4006 (toll-free customer service) E-mail: cbentley@touchtone.net 2. All correspondence, notices, inquiries and other communications regarding this Application should be directed to:

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- 3. In support of this Application, the following exhibits are attached hereto:
 - a. Exhibit A TCI's Certificate of Incorporation, as amended filed with the Secretary of State for the State of Delaware and Bylaws;
 - b. Exhibit B TCI's Certificate of Authority to Operate in Tennessee as a Foreign Corporation;
 - c. Exhibit C TCI's Income Statement and Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Equity for the year ended December 31, 2006, which are being filed in a separate sealed envelope as "Confidential"
 - d. Exhibit D Biographies of selected TCI management.
 - e. Exhibit E Corporate Organization Chart
 - f. Exhibit F IntraLATA Presubscription Implementation Plan
 - g. Exhibit G Small and Minority-Owned Telecommunications Business Participation Plan
 - h. Exhibit H Pre-Filed Testimony
 - i. Exhibit I Numbering Issues & Tennessee Specific Operational Issues
 - j. Exhibit J Bond or Letter of Credit
 - k. Exhibit K Tariff

II. <u>Description of the Applicant</u>

1. General Information

Applicant is a Delaware Corporation, which was formed on January 30, 2002. The company is headquartered at 16 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, New Jersey 07981. The company is authorized to transact business in the State of Tennessee. There are no offices in Tennessee.

2. Customer Service

Registrant's customer service department may be contacted via a toll-free number, (800) 266-4006, or a local number. The Company will maintain a Customer Service Department exclusively for Customer's questions, requests for service, complaints and trouble handling. The Company's Customer Service address and toll free number(s) will be printed on the Customer's bill. The Customer Service Department will be located at 16 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, New Jersey 07981. The toll free number will be available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Office Hours- Excluding holidays, Customer Service Representatives will be available 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM standard time Monday through Friday. After hours, Sundays and on holidays, Customers will be automatically forwarded to an answering service for messaging and paging.

Complaint Procedures- The Customer shall pose any inquiries or disputes directly to the Company for resolution. Written communications should be directed to the Company's Customer Service department. All undisputed portions of any outstanding balance due are to be paid while resolution of the inquiry or dispute is pending. The Company will investigate a Customer inquiry or dispute and report the findings to the Customer. If the Company finds its actions to be consistent with its Tariff, the Company will inform the Customer of its no fault finding and require full payment of any outstanding balance due. If the Customer is not satisfied with the Company's resolution of an inquiry or dispute, the Customer may refer the matter to the Commission for determination.

III. TCI Possesses the Technical, Managerial and Financial Expertise Necessary to Provide Local Exchange Service

TCI possesses the requisite technical, financial and managerial capabilities to operate as a competitive telecommunications provider. These capabilities are explained in detail below.

1. Financial Qualifications

TCI is financially able to provide the services proposed in its tariff as evidenced by its Income Statement and Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Equity for the year ended December 31, 2006.

2. Managerial Qualifications

TCI's senior management team is highly skilled, and has had extensive experience in the telecommunications industry. Using this expertise, TCI's management team has developed innovative marketing and customer care programs, and provides its customers with high quality advanced services at competitive rates. TCI has extensive experience in the technical, managerial, and financial aspects of the telecommunications industry.

3. Technical Qualifications

Applicant's key management personnel have significant business and telecommunications experience. Applicant is authorized to provide local exchange services in Maine, Missouri, New Jersey and New York. Applicant is in the process of applying for authorization to provide competitive local exchange services throughout the United States. Applicant has not been denied authority for any of the services for which it seeks authority in this Application. No formal complaints have been filed against Applicant or any of its affiliates by any state or federal agency.

TCI will initially resell services and provide service using unbundled network elements utilizing the facilities of the existing LECs or underlying carriers that presently serve Tennessee.

The company has no plans to install facilities in the State of Tennessee.

The Applicant proposes to offer its services throughout the State of Tennessee in non-rural areas, specifically targeting Nashville, Knoxville, Memphis and Chattanooga. These areas are currently being served by Bellsouth/AT&T and Sprint/United, which are designated open to competition.

As the foregoing illustrates, TCI possesses considerable telecommunications expertise.

. Applicant will also rely upon the technical expertise and telecommunications experience of its underlying carriers. Thus, TCI is technically qualified to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in Tennessee. Applicant also is willing to adhere to all applicable Commission policies, rules and orders.

IV. Approval of TCI's Application is in the Public Interest

Granting TCI's Application is consistent with the public interest, and, in that regard Applicant makes the following representations to the Commission:

- a. Applicant possesses the technical, financial, and managerial resources sufficient to provide the services requested;
- b. Applicant's services will meet the service standards required by the Commission;
- c. The provision services by Applicant will not adversely impact the availability of affordable local exchange service;
- d. Applicant, to the extent it is required to do so by the Commission, will participate in the support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates; and,
- e. The provision of local exchange services by Applicant will not adversely impact the public interest.

The demands of a competitive market are a better means to achieve affordability and quality of service than a monopoly environment. As competitors vie for market share, they will compete based upon price, innovation and customer service.

Those providers that offer consumers the most cost effective products will gain market share. In contrast, providers whose products do not meet the needs of consumers will lose market share and may ultimately, be eliminated from the industry.

Additionally, TCI's entry into the local exchange markets will not unreasonably prejudice or disadvantage any telephone service providers. Incumbent local exchange carriers presently serve a large majority of the local exchange customers in Tennessee. The major advantages of incumbency (i.e., ownership of the existing local network as well as access to, and long-standing relationships with, every local customer) constitute a substantial obstacle to new entrants. Moreover, exchange services competition will stimulate the demand for the services supplied by all local service carriers, including those of the incumbent LECs. Thus, in a competitive market, there will be increased potential for such LECs to generate higher revenues. Additionally, in a competitive market, incumbent providers will have market incentives to improve the efficiency of their operations, thereby reducing their costs and ultimately their profit margins.

In this regard, approval of this Application is clearly in the public interest.

V. <u>Description of Services Offered and Service Territory</u>

TCI expects to offer a full array of local exchange services, including the following:

Local Exchange:

- A. Local Exchange Services for business and residence customers that will enable customers to originate and terminate local calls in the local calling area served by other LECs, including custom calling features.
- B. Switched local exchange services, including basic service, trunks, carrier access, and any other switched local services that currently exist or will exist in the future.
- C. Non-switched local services (e.g., private line) that currently exist or will exist in the future.
- D. Centrex and/or Centrex-like services that currently exist or will exist in the future.
- E. Digital subscriber line, ISDN, and other high capacity services.

In addition to the services listed above, TCI, through interconnection with other carriers, will offer dual-party relay services, 9-1-1 Emergency Services, directory assistance and operator assisted calls, lifeline, and toll-free calling.

Prior to providing local exchange services to the public in Tennessee, TCI will file a complete Final Tariff and/or Price List with the Commission, which will contain a description of services to be provided, all rules and regulations applicable to such services, and proposed rates for such services. The Applicant's IntraLATA Presubscription Implementation Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit F. Applicant's proposed tariff is attached hereto as Exhibit K.

VI. Waivers and Regulatory Compliance

TCI requests that the Commission grant it a waiver of those regulatory requirements inapplicable to competitive local service resellers such as Financial Record-Keeping System and Local Exchange Directory pursuant to Tennessee Rules and Regulation 1220-4-1-.11(1). Such rules are not appropriate or necessary for competitive providers and constitute an economic barrier to entry into the local exchange market.

1. Financial Record-Keeping System

- a. TCI requests that it be exempt from any record-keeping rules or regulations that might require a carrier to maintain its financial records in conformance with the Uniform System of Accounts ("USOA"). The USOA was developed by the FCC as a means of regulating telecommunications companies subject to rate base regulation, and as a competitive carrier, TCI does not maintain its financial records in this manner.
- b. As a competitive carrier, TCI maintains its book of accounts in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). Neither the FCC, nor the Commission, has required TCI to maintain its records under the USOA for purposes of TCI's local exchange operations. Thus, TCI does not possess the detailed cost data required by USOA, nor does it maintain detailed records on a state-specific basis. As a competitive provider, TCI's network operations are integrated to achieve maximum efficiency. Having to maintain records pertaining specifically to its Tennessee local service operations would place an extreme burden on TCI.
- c. Moreover, TCI asserts that because it utilizes GAAP, the Commission will have a reliable means by which to evaluate TCI's operations. Therefore, TCI hereby respectfully requests to be exempted from the any USOA requirements of the Commission.
- d. The Applicant does agree that it will provide wire line activity reports as required by Commission rules and regulations.

2. Local Exchange Directories

TCI requests that it not be required to publish local exchange directories. TCI will make arrangements with the incumbent LECs whereby the names of TCI's customers will be included in the directories published by the incumbent LECs. LEC directories will also be modified to include TCI's customer service number. These directories will be distributed to TCI's customers. This approach is entirely reasonable and will have a direct benefit to the customers of both TCI and the incumbent LEC since they need only refer to one directory for a universal listing of customer information. It would be an unnecessary burden on TCI to require that it publish and distribute its own directory to all customers located within each exchange area, particularly since nearly all of these customers will be customers of the incumbent LECs. It is more efficient for TCI to simply include its limited customer list in the existing directories of the incumbent LECs.

VII. Regulatory Obligations

Applicant shall provide, either directly or indirectly or through arrangements with other carriers or companies, to the extent required by law or regulation:

- 1. Provide access to 911 and E 911 emergency service;
- 2. Provide white page directory listings and directory assistance;
- 3. Provide consumer access to and support for the Tennessee Relay Center in the same manner as incumbent local exchange telephone companies;
- 4. Provide free blocking service for 900, 976 type services in accordance with Commission policy;
- 5. Provide Lifeline and Link-up services to qualifying citizens of this state;
- 6. Provide educational discounts in existence as of June 6, 1995

Applicant shall also:

- 1. Provide support for universal service in a manner determined by the Commission. This requirement shall not be construed as prohibiting the granting of a certificate before the universal service issues are determined by the Commission;
- 2. Provide interconnection with other certificated carriers or Commission authorized carriers on a nondiscriminatory basis under reasonable terms and conditions;
- 3. Comply with Commission basic service standards as defined in any applicable rules and decisions of the Commission;
- 4. Provide equal access to authorized inter-and intraLATA long distance providers, unless otherwise exempted by the Commission.

VIII. Conclusion

This Application demonstrates that Touchtone Communications Inc., possesses the technical, financial and managerial resources to provide resold and facilities-based/UNE local exchange service in the State of Tennessee. Furthermore, granting this Application will promote the public interest by increasing the level of competition in the Tennessee telecommunications market. Ultimately, competition will compel all exchange telecommunications service providers to operate more efficiently and with resulting reduced prices for consumers. In addition, as a result of competition, the overall quality of local exchange service will improve. As stated above, Applicant does not intend to provide local service, by its own facilities or otherwise, to any customer located in a rural incumbent LEC's service area, until Applicant provides such LECs notice of intent at least 30 days prior to the date of the intended service, or as otherwise required by law.

Wherefore, Touchtone Communications Inc., respectfully petitions this Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Competing local exchange telecommunications services in the State of Tennessee in accordance with this Application and for such other relief as it deems necessary and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

Touchtone Communications Inc.

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Attorney for Applicant

July 26, 2007

VERIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I, Giuseppe Bio, President of Touchtone Communications Inc., a Delaware Corporation, the applicant for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the Public Service Commission of the State of Tennessee, verify that based on information and belief, I have knowledge of the statements in the foregoing Application, and I declare that they are true and correct.

Giuseppe Bio President

Touchtone Communications Inc.

Sworn to me, the undersigned Notary Public on this

21 St day of June, 2007.

State of New Jersey
County of Morris

Deniso Di Dongenico Notary Public

> Denise DiDomenico Notary Public My Commission Expires: May 16, 2008

EXHIBIT "A" CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION & BYLAWS

The First State

I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED ARE TRUE AND CORRECT COPIES OF ALL DOCUMENTS ON FILE OF "TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC." AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE.

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED:

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION, FILED THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 2002, AT 9 O'CLOCK A.M.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE AFORESAID CERTIFICATES ARE THE ONLY CERTIFICATES ON RECORD OF THE AFORESAID CORPORATION.



AUTHENTICATION: 1966199

DATE: 09-04-02

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC.

THE UNDERSIGNED, in order to form a corporation for the purposes hereinafter stated, under and pursuant to the provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, does hereby certify as follows:

1. The name of the corporation is:

TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC.

- 2. The address of the registered office of the corporation in the State of Delaware is 2 West Loockerman Street, P.O. Box 1298, Dover, Kent County, De 19903 and the registered agent in charge thereof is Registered Office Service Company.
- 3. The purpose of the corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law of Delaware.
- 4. The corporation is authorized to issue capital stock to the extent of:

One Thousand (1,000) Shares Without Par Value

- 5. The Board of Directors is authorized and empowered to make, alter, amend and rescind the By-Laws of the corporation, but By-Laws made by the Board may be altered or repealed, and new By-Laws made, by the stockholders.
- 6. Election of directors need not be by written ballot unless so provided in the By-Laws of the corporation.
- or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a Director, provided that this provision shall not eliminate the liability of a Director (i) for any breach of the Director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under section 174 of the General Corporation Law or (iv) for any transaction from which the Director derived an improper personal benefit.
- 8. Except as otherwise required by statute, the books and records of the corporation may be kept outside of the State of Delaware at such place or places as provided in the By-Laws of the corporation or from time to time designated by the Board of Directors.

9. The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:
NAME ADDRESS

R. W. Worthington, Jr.

2021 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporator has hereunder set his hand and seal this 30th day of January, 2002.

R. W. Worthington, Jr.

EXHIBIT "B" FOREIGN CORPORATION QUALIFICATION

Secretary of State Division of Business Services 312 Eighth Avenue North 6th Floor, William R. Snodgrass Tower Nashville, Tennessee 37243

DATE: 09/06/02 REQUEST NUMBER: 4594-0464 TELEPHONE CONTACT: (615) 741-2286 FILE DATE/TIME: 09/06/02 0944 EFFECTIVE DATE/TIME: 09/06/02 0944 CONTROL NUMBER: 0432940

TO: LANCE J M STEINHART PC 1720 WINDWARD CONCOURSE/SUITE-250 ALPHARETTA, GA 30005

TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC. APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY -FOR PROFIT

WELCOME TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY HAS BEEN FILED WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE AS INDICATED ABOVE.

A CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT MUST BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DATE OF THE FOURTH MONTH FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THE CORPORATION'S FISCAL YEAR. PLEASE PROVIDE THIS OFFICE WITH WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF THE CORPORATION'S FISCAL YEAR. THIS OFFICE WILL MAIL THE REPORT DURING THE LAST MONTH OF SAID FISCAL YEAR TO THE CORPORATION AT THE ADDRESS OF ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICE OR TO A MAILING ADDRESS PROVIDED TO THIS OFFICE IN WRITING. FAILURE TO FILE THIS REPORT OR TO MAINTAIN A REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE WILL SUBJECT THE CORPORATION TO ADMINISTRATIVE REVOCATION OF ITS CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY.

WHEN CORRESPONDING WITH THIS OFFICE OR SUBMITTING DOCUMENTS FOR FILING, PLEASE REFER TO THE CORPORATION CONTROL NUMBER GIVEN ABOVE.

FOR: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY - FOR PROFIT

ON DATE: 09/06/02 \

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EXHIBIT "C" FINANCIAL INFORMATION

EXHIBIT "D" BIOGRAPHY INFORMATION

Gregory Glodek Vice President

TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC.

1994 - 2002

TouchTone Communications of NJ, Inc.

Whippany, NJ

Vice President

- Responsible for managing and overseeing specific aspects of company operations pertaining to sales and marketing, carrier reconciliation, account receivables, and various other facets of operations.
- Work with officers and directors to ensure that all departments are implementing procedures that maintain profitability, growth, and customer satisfaction.
- Deal directly with underlying carriers in order to audit vendor's invoice and insure accuracy
 of each billed invoice.
- Evaluate internal structure in order to create the most efficient and effective methods of operation.
- Monitor industry changes to provide effective sales and marketing campaigns that generate the highest percentage of response possible based upon expenditures.
- Oversee and implement collection procedures for all past due account receivables.

1992 - 1994

Cellular Warehouse

Union, NJ.

Vice President

- Responsible for managing and overseeing specific aspects of company operations pertaining to sales and marketing, inventory control, account receivables, and various other facets of operations.
- Developed new sales and marketing strategies to increase company recognition and promote company growth.
- Worked with underlying cellular providers to insure proper customer turn up and billing as well as monitor payments and financial reporting of monies due from these carriers.
- Maintained proper inventory levels and tracked all inventory movement in and out to insure proper inventory flow.
- Worked directly on billing procedures and accounts receivables to insure proper cash flow.
- Worked directly with customers to provide them with the most cost effective products and plans to implement into their company structure.

Giuseppe M. Bio

TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC.

1994 - 2002

TouchTone Communications of NJ, Inc.

Whippany, NJ

President

* Responsible for managing and overseeing all aspects of company operations.

Work with officers and directors to ensure that all departments are implementing procedures that maintain profitability, growth, and customer satisfaction.

Deal directly with underlying carriers to obtain the most competitive pricing and highest quality of service.

Evaluate industry changes and trends that may bring about the necessity for company wide changes regarding rates, products, services, quality, etc.

Evaluate internal structure in order to create the most efficient and effective methods of operation.

Monitor call traffic and call quality in conjunction with internal quality control teams.

Negotiate with carriers for installation of new circuits and new hardware.

Integrate call records from carriers with internal billing systems to ensure proper reporting of call information and proper rating of calls.

❖ Work with technical teams to prevent outages or loss of service of any kind to the end customer.

1992 - 1994

Cellular Warehouse

Union, NJ

President

Responsible for managing and overseeing all aspects of company operations.

Developed new strategies to increase sales and promote company growth.

Worked with underlying cellular providers to insure proper customer turn up and billing as well as monitor payments and financial reporting of monies due from these carriers.

Maintained proper inventory levels to handle growing demand for products.

Worked directly with company officers and employees to ensure that all departments are implementing procedures that maintain profitability, growth, and customer satisfaction.

Worked directly with customers to provide them with the most cost effective products and plans to implement into their company structure.

1988 - 1992

Montclair State College

Montclair, N

Degree

Major, Finance

Minor, Italian

Gary C. Glodek

Director, Retail Operations

TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Experience: 1998 - 2002

TouchTone Communications of NJ, Inc.

Whippany, NJ

Director, Retail Operations

- > Manage the retail division including sales, customer support, provisioning, and all other aspects pertaining to the day to day operations of the company as well as identifying and making necessary decisions to ensure growth and profitability.
- > Work directly with Sales Manager and Support Representatives to ensure a constant flow of new business and monitor salesman and customer needs.
- > . Work directly with Customer Service Manager, Provisioning Manager and Support Representatives to maintain the highest level of customer satisfaction as well as the most effective and efficient methods for provisioning,
- > Work directly with Business Development Manager to monitor changes in the industry environment and identify new products and rates to maintain a competitive advantage.
- > Maintain a consistent line of communication with underlying providers to ensure that customers are properly connected, serviced, and billed.
- > Regularly address concerns associated with the above functions with the President, Vice President, and Financial Officer of the company to ensure that the company has the ability to stay competitive within the industry while maintaining profitability.
- > Create and work within budgets set for marketing, sales, support, and operations.
- > Previously held positions of Customer Service Manager, Provisioning Manager, and Sales Manager which includes hands on training with all internal systems and operations as well as communicating with internal personnel, end customers, independent salesmen, underlying carriers, suppliers, etc.

1996 - 1998

William Scott & Co. LLC, Investment Banking

Union, NJ

Senior Account Executive

- Licensed Series 7 Representative as per the requirements of the SEC and NASD.
- > Worked directly with clients to determine long-term and short-term financial goals and helped clients choose the appropriate investments to achieve these goals based upon performance and risk factors.
- > Managed a small team of Junior Account Executives which required teaching and assisting them with managing client accounts and determining proper investment strategies for each individual investor.
- > Monitored market fluctuations utilizing technical and fundamental analysis to determine possible future market movements in order to provide advise to clients and Junior Account Executives.

Education:

1992 – 1996

Rutgers University

New Brunswick, NJ

1994 - 1996

Rutgers University School of Business

New Brunswick, NJ

Degree

- Major, Finance
- > Minor, Psychology

Related Courses of Study

Business Management, Accounting, Marketing, Management Information Systems

Organizations and Activities

- Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity Founding Father, Fundraising Chairman
- > Toastmasters International President, Rutgers University Chapter, Public Speaking Organization
- > LIBOR Member, Model Investment Banking Organization

MARCELLO ANZALONE

Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer

May 2002-present

TouchTone Communications, Inc., Whippany, NJ

- Responsible for managing the financial affairs of TouchTone Communications, which includes dealing with budgets, investments and development of new business.
- Oversee the day-to-day reporting of financial information to insure quality of financial reporting.
- Review all contractual agreements between TouchTone and vendors/customers.
- Evaluate credit worthiness of all current and prospective customers.

Vice President, Senior Dealer

September 2000-May 2002

Banca Nationale Del Lavoro, New York, NY

- Evaluate trading opportunities by monitoring global macro economic conditions and support trade ideas through technical analysis.
- Take proprietary positions on an outright or relative value basis utilizing interest rate futures, swaps, Treasuries, foreign
 exchange spot and forwards.
- Establish the bank's presence in the foreign exchange swap and non-dollar interest rate markets.
- Develop relationships with numerous counterparts to enhance the bank's liquidity.
- Develop risk management models to assist in monitoring cash flows and interest rate exposures.
- Assist the sales force in marketing the bank to corporate customers.

Assistant Vice President, Capital Markets Dealer

1998 - September 2000

KBC Bank, New York, NY (formerly Kredlet Bank)

- Initiated proprietary positions on an outright or relative value basis utilizing futures, options, agencies and the sovereign debt of G-7 countries.
- Made markets in interest rate products including, non-dollar interest rate swaps, cross currency swaps, caps, and floors for corporate clients and inter-bank counterparts.
- Created structures and provided pricing for the Project Finance group utilizing treasury locks and basis swaps up to thirty years.
- Developed trading models using @ analyst to assist in pricing swaps and TED spreads.
- Performed due diligence on investment grade bonds for inclusion in money market portfolio.
- + Trained the sales force giving them the necessary tools to market fixed income derivatives to a diverse group of clients.

Assistant Vice President, Foreign Exchange Dealer

1993 - 1998

Bank Brussels Lambert, New York, NY

- Traded all major forward currency swaps on a proprietary basis.
- Market maker in G-20 currency pairs for customers and inter-bank counterparts in swaps up to ten years.
- Utilized foreign exchange futures as well as Euro-currency interest rate futures to manage position risk and to initiate proprietary positions to augment trading revenue.
- Extensive experience in all European currency forwards in both market making and proprietary position taking.
- Provided substantial liquidity for the inter-bank market in most European currency pairs during New York trading hours with an emphasis of forward Belgian, and ECU.
- Developed a number of spreadsheets to help trading and sales-staff better understand risk within portfolios.
- Achieved two to three times budget in each of the years worked.

Dealer, Money Markets

1990 - 1993

National Bank of Canada, New York, NY

- Traded short-term US Government securities book on a proprietary basis.
- Hedged the Bank's interest rate exposure using futures and interest rate swaps.
- Arbitrage currency deposits through foreign exchange spot and forward markets.
- Implemented system based program to track profitability for each trading center.

EDUCATION

Level III CFA Candidate, Association for Investment Management and Research, 2002.

Bachelor of Science, Finance - Cum Laude and Dean's List

Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey

EXHIBIT "E" CORPORATE ORGANIZATION CHART

Touchtone Communications Inc. has no affiliates.

EXHIBIT "F" INTRALATA PRESUBSCRIPTION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC. (TCI) IntraLATA Presubscription Implementation Plan

I. Purpose

The intent of this Plan is to provide a proposal that, upon implementation, would provide customers the ability to select the telecommunications carrier of their choice for routing their intraLATA toll calls. TCI proposes to implement intraLATA toll dialing parity from the date it receives authority to provide local exchange services in Tennessee and has entered into interconnection arrangements with the ILECs. TCI proposes to provide toll dialing parity to the Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis and Nashville LATAs. Attached hereto are the exchange areas that TCI proposes to provide intraLATA toll dialing parity.

II. Carrier Selection Procedures

TCI will implement the full 2-PIC (Primary Local Exchange Carrier) carrier selection methodology. With the full 2-PIC methodology, customers will be able to presubscribe to one telecommunications carrier for interLATA toll calls and presubscribe to the same or a different participating telecommunications carrier, including their existing local exchange company, for all intraLATA toll calls. Orders for changes will be accepted and processed beginning on the implementation date.

TCI employees who communicate with the public, accept customer orders, and serve in customer service capacities will be trained to explain the process to customers for making PIC changes for intraLATA toll calls. Business Office personnel will be prepared to make changes in customer records based upon requests from customers or carriers and direct customers to their chosen intraLATA carriers. Processes will be in place to provide new customers with an opportunity to choose their intraLATA toll carrier from a list of available carriers. TCI will implement a PIC change charge waiver period of 90 days.

New Customers

Customers who contact TCI requesting new telephone exchange service will be provided a list of telecommunications carriers available to provide interLATA toll service. Upon implementation of intraLATA toll presubscription, the customer will be provided a second list of carriers, including TCI, that provides intraLATA toll service in their exchange. The list of intraLATA toll carriers will be presented in a competitively neutral manner. Customers who do not make a positive choice for an intraLATA toll carrier will be identified within TCI's system as a "no-PIC" and will not be automatically defaulted to a carrier. Customers identified as "no-PIC" within TCI's systems will be required to dial 101XXXXX to place intraLATA toll calls until they make an affirmative choice for an intraLATA toll carrier.

III. Customer Education/Notification

Customers will receive information explaining their opportunity to select an intraLATA carrier a minimum of 30 days in advance of the offering of intraLATA toll dialing parity via a bill message. In addition, during the 30 days following implementation of intraLATA Dialing Party, customers will receive a bill insert also explaining their opportunity to select an intraLATA carrier. TCI anticipates that promotional strategies by carriers will contribute to customer awareness of intraLATA toll dialing parity. Customer telephone directories will be updated as new editions are published to reflect the opportunity for customers to choose an intraLATA toll carrier.

IV. Carrier Notification

Current interexchange carriers will be notified of TCI's intraLATA toll dialing parity implementation via letter approximately 90 days in advance of the proposed implementation date. Carriers should provide a list of exchanges in which they plan to offer intraLATA toll service at least 60 days in advance of TCI's implementation date. TCI needs notification in advance to include the carrier on the list of participating carriers in each TCI exchange. Certified carriers who enter the market after implementation will be added to the list of participating carriers within 30 days of notifying TCI.

TCI will provide subscriber listing information to carriers in "readily accessible" tape or electronic formats in at timely manner as requested through the processes that currently exist for the interLATA market. The process includes subscriber listing updates to carriers for new customers who choose that carrier or of existing customers of a carrier who revise their subscriber listing information. In addition, carriers can obtain complete subscriber listings in several formats. The provision of this information is in compliance with FCC Order No. 96-333, Paragraph 389.

TCI will comply with Part 51, Sections, 305, 307, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333 and 335 of the FCC Order in providing the required information and notice to the public of network changes. TCI plans to file a public notice with the FCC, with possible migration of the notice to the Internet process as described in Section 329. The notice will include network information as outlined in Section 327. The notice will be provided within the timeframes described in Sections 331-333. TCI will comply with all rules of the FCC and the TRA.

V. Non-Discriminatory Access

TCI will provide:

non-discriminatory access to emergency services and services for the hearing and speech impaired;

non-discriminatory access to local and long distance directory assistance and provision of local telephone directories to end users;

non-discriminatory access to operator services;

non-discriminatory access using standard dialing patterns to all interLATA and intraLATA long distance carriers, including 1+ and 0+ access to the customer's carrier of choice for interLATA calls; and

non-discriminatory access to telephone numbers and number portability where technically and economically feasible.

VI. Slamming Policy

Verification of orders

TCI will not submit a change order for local exchange or intrastate toll service until the change order is confirmed in accordance with one of the following procedures:

- (a) TCI has obtained the customer's written authorization to submit the order which includes the following information from the customer:
- (1) The customer billing name, billing telephone number and billing address and each telephone number to be covered by the change order;
- (2) The decision to change; and
- (3) The customer's understanding of the change fee.
- (b) TCI has obtained the customer's authorization, as described in (a) of this subsection, electronically.

Calls to the number(s) shall connect a customer to a voice response unit, or similar, that records the required information regarding the change, including automatically recording the originating automatic number identification (ANI).

(c) An appropriately qualified and independent third party operating in a location physically separate from the telemarketing representative has obtained the customer's oral authorization to submit the change order that confirms and includes appropriate verification data in (a) of this subsection.

Implementing order changes

- (a) Telemarketing orders. Within three business days of any telemarketing order for a change, TCI will send each new customer an information package by first class mail containing at least the following information concerning the requested change:
- (1) The information is being sent to confirm a telemarketing order placed by the customer.
- (2) The name of the customer's current telecommunications company.
- (3) A description of any terms, conditions or charges that will be incurred.

- (4) The name of the newly requested telecommunications company.
- (5) The name of the person ordering the change.
- (6) The name, address and telephone number of both the customer and TCI.
- (7) A postpaid postcard which the customer can use to deny, cancel or confirm a service order.
- (8) A clear statement that if the customer does not return the postcard, the customer's service will be switched fourteen days after the date the information package was mailed. If customers have cancelled their orders during the waiting period, TCI cannot submit the customer's order.
- (9) The name, address and telephone number of a contact point for consumer complaints.
- (b) The documentation of the order shall be retained by TCI, at a minimum, for twelve months to serve as verification of the customer's authorization to change its telecommunications company. The documentation will be made available to the customer upon request.
- (c) Customer initiated orders. TCI when receiving the customer initiated request for a change of local exchange and/or intrastate toll shall keep an internal memorandum or record generated at the time of the request. Such internal record shall be maintained by TCI for a minimum of twelve months to serve as verification of the customer's authorization to change telecommunications companies. The internal record will be made available to the customer upon request. Within three business days of the order, TCI will send each new customer an information package by first class mail containing at least the following information concerning the request to change.

List of Exchanges

Ashland City Athens Arlington Adams-Cedar Hill Bent Creek Benton Bells Bean Station Blanche Bolivar Bethel Springs Big Sandy Carthage Camden Bulls Gap Brownsville Charlotte Centerville Charleston Cedar Grove Cleveland Clarksville Chestnut Hill Chattanooga Copper Basin Collierville Columbia Clinton Cumberland City Culleoka Cross Plains Covington Dayton Cumberland Gap Cunningham Dandridge Dover Dyer Dickson Decatur Elkton East Sango Eagleville Dyersburg Fayetteville Flintville Fairview Etowah Gatlinburg Gallatin Fredonia Franklin Goodlettsville Gleason Gibson Georgetown Greenfield Greenbrier **Grand Junction** Greenback Hartsville Hampshire Harriman Halls Hohenwald Henning Hendersonville Henderson Huntington Huntland Humboldt Hornbeak Jefferson City Jellico Jasper Jackson Knoxville **Kingston Springs** Kenton Kingston Lake City Lawrenceburg LaGrange LaFollette Lewisburg Lexington Lebanon Lenoir City Lynnville Lynchburg Lyles Loudon Maryville Mascot Manchester Madisonville McKenzie Medina McEwen Maynardville Morristown Milan Memphis Middleton Nashville Murfreesboro Mt. Pleasant Moscow Norris Normandy Newport Newbern Oliver Springs Old Hickory N. Spring Hill Oak Ridge Petersburg Pleasant View Paris Palmyra Ripley Ridgely Portland Pulaski Santa Fe Rogersville Sango Rockwood Sewanee Sevierville Selmer Savannah Soddy-Daisy Sneedville Smyrna Shelbyville S. Fredonia Somerville S. Cunningham Solway Springfield Spencer Mill Spring City S. Pittsburgh Sweetwater Surgoinsville Spring Hill Summertown Triune Troy Tiptonville Trenton Vanleer Wartrace Union City Tullahoma W. Sweetwater W. Whiteville Watertown Waverly White Pine Whiteville White House White Bluff Winchester Whitewell Williamsport

EXHIBIT "G" SMALL & MINORITY OWNED TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PLAN

TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC.

SMALL & MINORITY OWNED TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PLAN

Pursuant to T.C.A. §65-5-212, as amended, Touchtone Communications Inc. ("TCI") submits this small and minority-owned Telecommunications business participation plan (the "Plan") along with its Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide competing intrastate and local exchange services in Tennessee.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of §65-5-212 is to provide opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses to provide goods and services to Telecommunications service providers. TCI is committed to the goals of §65-5-212 and to taking steps to support the participation of small and minority-owned Telecommunications businesses in the Telecommunications industry. TCI will endeavor to provide opportunities for small and minority-owned Telecommunications businesses to compete for contracts and subcontracts for goods and services. As part of its procurement process, TCI will make efforts to identify and inform minority-owned and small businesses that are qualified and capable of providing goods and services to TCI of such opportunities. TCI's representatives have already contacted the Department of Economic and Community Development, the administrator of the small and minority-owned Telecommunications assistance program, to obtain a list of qualified vendors. Moreover, TCI will seek to increase awareness of such opportunities so that companies not otherwise identified will have sufficient information to participate in the procurement process.

II. DEFINITIONS

As defined in §65-5-212.

Minority-Owned Business. Minority-owned business shall mean a business which is solely owned, or at lease fifty-one percent (51%) of the assets or outstanding stock of which is owned, by an individual who personally manages and controls daily operations of such business, and who is impeded from normal entry into the economic mainstream because of race, religion, sex or national origin and such business has annual gross receipts of less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000).

Small Business. Small Business shall mean a business with annual gross receipts of less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000).

III. ADMINISTRATION

TCI's Plan will be overseen and administered by the individual named below, hereinafter referred to as the Administrator, who will be responsible for carrying out and promoting TCI's full efforts to provide equal opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses. The Administrator of the Plan will be:

Gary Glodek, Director, Retail Operations Touchtone Communications Inc. 16 South Jefferson Road Whippany, New Jersey 07981 Telephone: (973) 739-9300 Facsimile: (973) 739-9366

The Administrator's responsibilities will include:

(1) Maintaining an updated Plan in full compliance with §65-5-212 and the rules and orders of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

- (2) Establishing and developing policies and procedures necessary for the successful implementation of the Plan.
- (3) Preparing and submitting such forms as may be required by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, including the filing of required annual updates.
- (4) Serving as the primary liaison to and cooperate with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, other agencies of the State of Tennessee, and small and minority-owned businesses to locate and use qualified small and minority-owned businesses as defined in §65-5-212.
- (5) Searching for and developing opportunities to use small and minority-owned businesses and encouraging such businesses to participate in and bid on contracts and subcontracts.
- (6) Providing records and reports and cooperate in any authorized surveys as required by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.
- (7) Establishing a record-keeping system to track qualified small and minority-owned businesses and efforts to use such businesses.
- (8) Providing information and educational activities to persons within TCI and training such persons to seek out, encourage, and promote the use of small and minority-owned businesses.

 In performance of these duties, the Administrator will utilize a number of resources, including:

Chambers of Commerce
The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development
The United States Department of Commerce
Small Business Administration
Office of Minority Business

The National Minority Supplier Development Counsel The National Association of Women Business Owners The National Association of Minority Contractors

Historically Black Colleges, Universities, and Minority Institutions

The efforts to promote and ensure equal opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses are primarily spelled out in the Administrator's duties above. Additional efforts to provide opportunities to small and minority-owned businesses will include offering, where appropriate and feasible, small and minority-owned businesses assistance with technical, insurance, bonding, licensing, production, and deadline requirements.

IV. RECORDS AND COMPLIANCE REPORTS

TCI will maintain records of qualified small and minority-owned business and efforts to use the goods and services of such businesses. In addition, TCI will maintain records of educational and training activities conducted or attended and of the internal procurement procedures adopted to support this plan.

TCI will submit records and reports required by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority concerning the Plan. Moreover, TCI will cooperate fully with any surveys and studies required by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

Touchtone Communications Inc.

Giuseppe Bio

President

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EXHIBIT "H" PRE-FILED TESTIMONY

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF GIUSEPPE BIO

I. Introduction

Please state your name and business address. 1. Q. 1 My name is Giuseppe Bio. My business address is 16 South Jefferson Road, A. 2 Whippany, New Jersey 07981. 3 By whom are you employed and in what capacity? 2. Q. 4 I am President for Touchtone Communications Inc. ("TCI"). A. 5 Please give a brief description of your background and experience in business and 6 3. Q. telecommunications. 7 My background and experience, as well as other members of the management team 8 A. 9 of TCI, are set forth in Exhibit D to our application.

- What is the purpose of your testimony? Q. 1 4. The purpose of my testimony is to describe the nature of TCI's proposed service A. 2 offering within the State of Tennessee, and to demonstrate its financial, managerial, 3 and technical ability to provide the telecommunications services for which authority 4 is sought herein. 5 Do you wish to incorporate by reference any documents into your testimony? 5. Q. 6 Yes. I wish to incorporate by reference the underlying Application filed in this A. 7 proceeding and its associated attachments. 8
- II. The Business of TCI 9 Has TCI registered to do business in Tennessee?

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Yes. TCI is a Delaware Corporation that has received authorization to transact A. 11 A copy of TCI's Certificate of business within the State of Tennessee. 12 Incorporation, as amended, and bylaws, are attached to the Application as Exhibit A 13 and a copy of the document of authorization from the State of Tennessee is attached 14 to that Application as Exhibit B. 15

7.	Q.	Please describe the services TCI intends to provide within the State of Tennessee.
	A.	TCI expects to offer a full array of local exchange services to both business and
		residential customers, including the following:
		Local Exchange:
		A. Local Exchange Services for business and residence customers that will enable customers to originate and terminate local calls in the local calling area
		served by other LECs, including custom calling features.
		B. Switched local exchange services, including basic service, trunks, carried
		access, and any other switched local services that currently exist or will exist in the
		future.
		C. Non-switched local services (e.g., private line) that currently exist or wil
		exist in the future. D. Centrex and/or Centrex-like services that currently exist or will exist in the
		future.
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		E. Digital subscriber line, ISDN, and other high capacity services.
		In addition to the services listed above, TCI, through interconnection with other
		carriers, will offer dual-party relay services, 9-1-1 Emergency Services, directory
		assistance and operator assisted calls, lifeline, and toll-free calling.
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How does TCI intend to provide service in the State of Tennessee? Q. TCI will initially resell services and use unbundled network elements and services purchased from BellSouth and other incumbent local exchange providers. TCI has no plans at this time to install facilities to provide local exchange services in Tennessee. TCI installs facilities in Tennessee, it may use the following or a similar configuration of TCI will provide voice, high speed data and internet access services through equipment: a combination of the latest technology switching and transport media comprised of the Lucent Technology 5 ESS Generic 13 switch module, ADSL/SDSL transport and Internet service equipment and the latest Optical multiplexer DAC's configurations. The switching system consists of a central processing and control complex capable of interconnection as a peer to the incumbent as well as competitive local exchange companies. The hub portion of the switch will interconnect with the public switched network on Signaling System 7 ("SS7") or Feature Group D ("FGD") facilities. The system's remote module capability will allow properties to be served in a manner that provides the exchange of appropriate signaling, control and calling/caller information to the network in accordance with network standards and specifications. Additionally, these services will be delivered over a combination of delivery mechanisms through incumbent local carriers' unbundled loop network, both copper and fiber and transport networks, as well as via TCI constructed facilities.

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- 9. Q. Does TCI have authorization to provide intrastate telecommunications services in any other state?
- A. Yes. Applicant is authorized to provide local exchange services in Maine,
 Missouri, New Jersey and New York. Applicant is in the process of applying for
 authorization to provide competitive local exchange services throughout the
 United States. Applicant has not been denied authority for any of the services for
 which it seeks authority in this Application.
- 10 10. Q. Has TCI ever had an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity denied?
- 12 A. No.

- 11. Q. Does TCI intend to file a tariff with the Commission?
 - A. Yes. TCI will file its tariff subsequent to certification and prior to commencing operations as required by Commission rules.
- 12. Q. Is Applicant is willing and able to adhere to all applicable TRA policies, rules and orders?
 - A. Yes. Applicant is willing and able to adhere to all applicable TRA policies, rules and orders. In addition, TCI at all times will provide interstate services in compliance with all FCC rules and regulations. TCI will at all times provide and market services in accordance with current Commission policies and will attempt to comply with the terms of that order in every respect possible.

- 13. Q. Has TCI provided any intrastate telecommunications services within the State of Tennessee?
 - A. Yes, TCI is currently providing long distance services in Tennessee per authority granted in Docket Nos. 02-01181.
- 14. Q. What rates will TCI charge upon receipt of certification?
 - A. TCI will charge the tariffed rates approved by the Commission.
- 15. Q. How will TCI market services in Tennessee?
 - A. TCI intends to market its services via direct sales by TCI's employees.

III. Managerial, Technical and Financial Qualifications

- 16. Q. Does TCI have sufficient managerial, technical, and financial resources and ability to provide the telecommunications services proposed in its Application?
 - A. Yes. TCI has sufficient technical, financial, and managerial resources and ability to provide the telecommunications services for which authority is sought herein. TCI's personnel represent a broad spectrum of business and technical disciplines, possessing many years of individual and aggregate telecommunications experience. My qualifications and experience, as well as members of TCI's current management team, are discussed on Exhibit D that is attached to our Application in support of Applicant's managerial and technical ability to provide the services for which authority is sought herein. See also Exhibit C.

- 17. Q. How does TCI handle customer service requests?
 - A. Registrant's customer service department may be contacted nationwide via a local or toll-free number. The Company will maintain a Customer Service Department exclusively for Customer's questions, requests for service, complaints and trouble handling. The Company's Customer Service address and applicable local or toll free number(s) will be printed on the Customer's bill. The Customer Service Department will be located at 16 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, New Jersey 07981. The Company also intends to have a locally staffed office at one or more hub site locations and will provide its customers with a local Customer Service number which will be available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Office Hours- Excluding holidays, Customer Service Representatives will be available 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM standard time Monday through Friday. After hours, Sundays and on holidays, Customers will automatically forwarded to an answering service for messaging and paging.

Complaint Procedures- The Customer shall pose any inquiries or disputes directly to the Company for resolution. Written communications should be directed to the Company's Customer Service department. All undisputed portions of any outstanding balance due are to be paid while resolution of the inquiry or dispute is pending. The Company will investigate a Customer inquiry or dispute and report the findings to the Customer. If the Company finds its actions to be consistent with its Tariff, the Company will inform the Customer of its no fault finding and

require full payment of any outstanding balance due. If the Customer is not satisfied with the Company's resolution of an inquiry or dispute, the Customer may refer the matter to the Commission for final determination.

- 18. Q. Please describe the financial condition of TCI.
 - A. In support of TCI's financial ability to provide the services sought herein, copies of TCI's Income Statement and Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Equity for the year ended December 31, 2006, were submitted as Exhibit C to its Application.

IV. Public Interest

19. Q. How will residents of Tennessee benefit from TCI's services and presence in Tennessee?

The Commission's grant of this certificate is in the public interest because residential and business consumers of telecommunications services within TCI's service territory will receive increased choice, improved quality of service, and heightened opportunities to obtain improved technology in the homes and businesses. Market incentives for new and old telecommunications providers in Tennessee will be improved greatly through an increase in the diversity of suppliers and competition within the local exchange telecommunications market. Consistent with the Commission's intent to aid in the development of a competitive telecommunications environment in Tennessee, the granting of a certificate of authority to provide local exchange service will offer increased efficiency to the State's telecommunications infrastructure through greater reliability of services and an increase in competitive choices.

- 20. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
 - A. Yes. I would like to thank the Commission for this opportunity to provide information relevant to TCI's Application and am ready to provide any additional information that the Commission may need in making its decision.

VERIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I, Giuseppe Bio, President of Touchtone Communications Inc., a Delaware Corporation, the applicant for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the Public Service Commission of the State of Tennessee, verify that based on information and belief, I have knowledge of the statements in the foregoing

Pre-Filed Testimony, and I declare that they are true and correct.

Giuseppe Bio President

Touchtone Communications Inc.

Sworn to me, the undersigned Notary Public on this 21 ⊈day of <u>Jull</u>, 2007.

State of <u>New Jersey</u> County of <u>Morris</u>

Notary Public

Denise DiDomenico Notary Public My Commission Expirest May 16, 2003

EXHIBIT "I" NUMBERING ISSUES & TENNESSEE SPECIFIC OPERATION ISSUES

Numbering Issues

- 1. Applicant's expected demand for NXXs within a year of approval of our application is 60 to 80 NXXs per NPA.
- 2. Applicant estimates it will request 60 NXXs from NANPA when we establish our service footprint.
- 3. We expect to establish our initial service footprint in the 615 and 931 NPAs within 6 months of certification.
- 4. The company will sequentially assign numbers within NXXs if it is required by Commission rules and regulations. In other jurisdictions customer requirements have dictated the non-sequential assignment of telephone numbers.
- 5. The company will follow NANPA guidelines and Commission regulations and assign numbers accordingly.
- 6. When ordering NXXs for growth, we follow the forecasting guidelines set by NANPA and the state regulatory body. We intend to apply a 6 or 12 month forecast, depending on the jeopardy situation in a given NXX.

Tennessee Specific Operation Issues

- 1. Our current billing system will allow us to bill the calling plan in compliance with TCA Section 65-21-114.
- 2. At this time, the company is not aware of the Tennessee County Wide Calling database maintained by BellSouth and the procedures to enter your telephone numbers on the database. The company intends to address all interconnection requirements and procedures with Bell South during the negotiation process and prior to the provision of local exchange service.
- 3. The company initially intends to provide service in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, and Nashville. It is the Company's usual practice to mirror the calling pattern on the incumbent LEC, therefore this is how the company will provide metro area toll-free calling around Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville & Chattanooga.

- 4. At this time, the company is not aware of the MAC database maintained by BellSouth and the procedures to enter your telephone number on the database. The company intends to address all interconnection requirements and procedures with Bell South during the negotiation process and prior to the provision of local exchange service.
- 5. Employee responsible to work with the TRA on resolving customer complaints:

Regulatory contact:

Gary Glodek (973) 739-9300

Customer Service contact: Neil DeRiggi

(800) 266-4006

6. The company intends to use telesales by its own employees. The company is aware of the telemarketing statutes and limitations found in TCA Section 65-4-401 and Chapter 1220-4-11 and will make every effort to comply with these regulations.

EXHIBIT "J" BOND OR LETTER OF CREDIT

The company has already filed a \$20,000 letter of credit in connection with its long distance authority. See Bond No. 41048165.

EXHIBIT "K" PROPOSED TARIFF

RULES, REGULATIONS, AND SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES APPLICABLE TO END USERS

LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

FURNISHED BY
TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC.
WITHIN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

Issued: July 27, 2007 Effective: August 27, 2007

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

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

- (C) To signify changed regulation.
- (D) To signify discontinued rate and regulation.
- (I) To signify increased rate.
- (M) To signify a move in the location of text.
- (N) To signify new rate or regulation.
- (R) To signify reduced rate.
- (S) To signify reissued matter.
- (T) To signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation.

APPLICATION OF TARIFF

This tariff sets forth the service offerings, rates, terms and conditions applicable to the local exchange telecommunications services provided by Touchtone Communications Inc., to customers within the state of Tennessee.

SECTION 1.0 - DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this tariff, the following definitions will apply:

Access Line - An arrangement which connects the Customer's location to a switching center or point of presence.

Account Codes - Optional, Customer-defined digits that allow the Customer to identify the individual user, department or client associated with a call. Account Codes appear on the Customer bill.

Advance Payment - Part or all of a payment required before the start of service.

Authorized User - A person, firm, corporation, or any other entity authorized by the Customer to communicate utilizing the Company's service.

Business - A class of service provided to individuals engaged in business, firms, partnerships, corporations, agencies, shops, works, tenants of office buildings, and individuals practicing a profession or operating a business who have no offices other than their residences and where the use of the service is primarily or substantially of a business, professional or occupational nature.

Commission - Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

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Company or Carrier - Touchtone Communications Inc., unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context.

Customer - The person, firm, corporation or other entity which orders, cancels, amends or uses service and is responsible for payment of charges and compliance with the Company's tariff.

Deposit - Refers to a cash or equivalent of cash security held as a guarantee for payment of the charges.

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DID Trunk - A form of local switched access that provides the ability for an outside party to call an internal extension directly without the intervention of the Company operator.

Dial Pulse (or "DP") - The pulse type employed by rotary dial station sets.

Dual Tone Multi-Frequency (or "DTMF") - The pulse type employed by tone dial station sets.

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 for by another Customer.

End Office - With respect to each NPA-NXX code prefix assigned to the Company, the location of the Company's "end office" for purposes of this tariff shall be the point of interconnection associated with that NPA-NXX code in the Local Exchange Routing Guide ("LERG"), issued by Bellcore.

Hearing Impaired - Those persons with communication impairments, including those hearing impaired, deaf, deaf/blind, and speech impaired persons who have an impairment that prevents them from communicating over the telephone without the aid of a telecommunications device for the deaf.

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

In-Only - A service attribute that restricts outward dial access and routes incoming calls to a designated answer point.

IXC or Interexchange Carrier - A long distance telecommunications services provider.

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LATA - A Local Access and Transport Area established pursuant to the Modification of Final Judgment entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192; or any other geographic area designated as a LATA in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

LEC - Local Exchange Company

Minimum Point of Presence ("MPOP") - The main telephone closet in the Customer's building.

Monthly Recurring Charges - The monthly charges to the Customer for services, facilities and equipment, which continue for the agreed upon duration of the service.

Multi-Frequency or ("MF") - An inter-machine pulse type used for signaling between telephone switches, or between telephone switches and PBX/key systems.

Non-Recurring Charge ("NRC") - The initial charge, usually assessed on a one-time basis, to initiate and establish service.

Other Telephone Company - An Exchange Telephone Company, other than the Company.

PBX - Private Branch Exchange

Premises - A building or buildings on contiguous property.

Recurring Charges - The monthly charges to the Customer for services, facilities and equipment which continue for the agreed upon duration of the service.

Residence or Residential - A class of service furnished to a Customer at a place of dwelling where the actual or obvious use is for domestic purposes.

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Service Commencement Date - The first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the requested service is available for use, unless extended by the Customer's refusal to accept service which does not conform to standards set forth in the Service Order and this tariff, in which case the Service Commencement Date is the date of the Customer's acceptance. The Company and Customer may mutually agree on a substitute Service Commencement Date.

Service Order - The written request for services executed by the Customer and the Company in the format devised by the Company. The signing of an Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company initiates the respective obligations of the parties as set forth therein and pursuant to this tariff, but the duration of the service is calculated from the Service Commencement Date.

Telephone Company - Used throughout this tariff to mean Touchtone Communications Inc., unless clearly indicated otherwise by the text.

Two Way - A service attribute that includes outward dial capabilities for outbound calls and can also be used to carry inbound calls to a central point for further processing.

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

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

SECTION 2.0 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of the Company

2.1.1 Scope

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

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

2.1.2 Shortage of Equipment or Facilities

- (A) The Company reserves the right to limit or to allocate the use of existing facilities, or of additional facilities offered by the Company, when necessary because of lack of facilities, or due to some other cause beyond 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.

SECTION 2.0 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D)

2.1 Undertaking of the Company, (Cont'd.)

2.1.3 Terms and Conditions

- (A) Service is provided on the basis of a minimum period of at least one month, 24 hours per day. For the purpose of computing charges in this tariff, a month is considered to have thirty (30) days.
- (B) Customers may be required to enter into written service orders which shall contain or reference a specific description of the service ordered, the rates to be charged, the duration of the services, and the terms and conditions in this tariff. Customers will also be required to execute any other documents as may be reasonably requested by the Company.
- (C) Except as otherwise stated in the tariff, 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 thirty (30) days written notice. Any termination shall not relieve the Customer of its obligation to pay any charges incurred under the service order and this tariff prior to termination. The rights and obligations which by their nature extend beyond the termination of the term of the service order shall survive such termination.
- (D) 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.
- (E) This tariff shall be interpreted and governed by the laws of the State of Tennessee without regard for its choice of laws provision.

SECTION 2.0 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D)

2.1 Undertaking of the Company, (Cont'd.)

2.1.3 Terms and Conditions, (cont'd.)

- Any Other Telephone Company may not interfere with the right of any person or **(F)** 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.
- (G) 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 jointly attempt to obtain from the owner of the property access for the other party to serve a person or entity.
- (H) The Company hereby reserves its rights to establish service packages specific to a particular Customer. These contracts may or may not be associated with volume and/or term discounts.

2.1 Undertaking of the Company, (Cont'd.)

2.1.4 Limitations on Liability

- (A) Except as otherwise stated in this section, the liability of the Company for damages arising out of either: (1) the furnishing of its services, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, or errors, or other defects, representations, or use of these services or (2) the failure to furnish its service, whether caused by acts or omission, shall be limited to the extension of allowances to the Customer for interruptions in service as set forth in Section 2.7.
- (B) Except for the extension of allowances to the Customer for interruptions in service as set forth in Section 2.7, the Company shall not be liable to a Customer or third party for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, reliance, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages, including, but not limited to, loss of revenue or profits, for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to, any act or omission, failure to perform, delay, interruption, failure to provide any service or any failure in or breakdown of facilities associated with the service.
- (C) The liability of the Company for errors in billing that result in overpayment by the Customer shall be limited to a credit equal to the dollar amount erroneously billed or, in the event that payment has been made and service has been discontinued, to a refund of the amount erroneously billed.

2.1 Undertaking of the Company, (Cont'd.)

2.1.4 Limitations on Liability (Cont'd.)

- (D) The Company shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the Customer from and against all loss, liability, damage and expense, including reasonable counsel fees, due to:
 - (1) Any act or omission of: (a) the Customer, (b) any other entity furnishing service, equipment or facilities for use in conjunction with services or facilities provided by the Company; or (c) common carriers or warehousemen, except as contracted by the Company;
 - (2) Any delay or failure of performance or equipment due to causes beyond the Company's control, including but not limited to, acts of God, fires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, or other catastrophes; national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars or other civil commotions; strikes, lockouts, work stoppages or other labor difficulties; criminal actions taken against the Company; unavailability, failure or malfunction of equipment or facilities provided by the Customer or third parties; and any law, order, regulation or other action of any governing authority or agency thereof;
 - (3) Any unlawful or unauthorized use of the Company's facilities and services;
 - (4) Libel, slander, invasion of privacy or infringement of patents, trade secrets, or copyrights arising from or in connection with the material transmitted by means of Company-provided facilities or services; or by means of the combination of company-provided facilities or services;
 - (5) Breach in the privacy or security of communications transmitted over the Company's facilities;

2.1 Undertaking of the Company, (Cont'd.)

2.1.4 Limitations on Liability (Cont'd.)

(D) (cont'd)

- (6) Changes in any of the facilities, operations or procedures of the Company that render any equipment, facilities or services provided by the Customer obsolete, or require modification or alteration of such equipment, facilities or services, or otherwise affect their use or performance, except where reasonable notice is required by the Company and is not provided to the Customer, in which event the Company's liability is limited as set forth in paragraph (A) of this Subsection 2.1.4.
- (7) Defacement of or damage to Customer premises resulting from the furnishing of services or equipment on such premises or the installation or removal thereof;
- (8) Injury to property or injury or death to persons, including claims for payments made under Workers' Compensation law or under any plan for employee disability or death benefits, arising out of, or caused by, any act or omission of the Customer, or the construction, installation, maintenance, presence, use or removal of the Customer's facilities or equipment connected, or to be connected to the Company's facilities;
- (9) Any non-completion of calls due to network busy conditions;
- (10) Any calls not actually attempted to be completed during any period that service is unavailable;
- (11) And any other claim resulting from any act or omission of the Customer or patron(s) of the Customer relating to the use of the Company's services or facilities.

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2.1 Undertaking of the Company, (Cont'd.)

2.1.4 Limitations on Liability (Cont'd.)

- (E) The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations provided for use in an explosive atmosphere.
- **(F)** The Company makes no warranties or representations, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, either in fact or by operation of law, statutory or otherwise, including warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular use, except those expressly set forth herein.
- (G) Failure by the Company to assert its rights pursuant to one provision of this tariff does not preclude the Company from asserting its rights under other provisions.

2.1.5 Notification of Service-Affecting Activities

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. Generally, such activities are not specific to an individual Customer but affect may Customers' services. No specific advance notification period is applicable to all service activities. The Company will work cooperatively with the Customer to determine the reasonable notification requirements. With some emergency or unplanned service-affecting conditions, such as an outage resulting from cable damage, notification to the Customer may not be possible.

2.1 Undertaking of the Company, (Cont'd.)

2.1.6 Provision of Equipment and Facilities

- (A) 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.
- (B) The Company may substitute, change or rearrange any equipment or facility at any time and from time to time, but shall not thereby alter the technical parameters of the service provided by the Customer.
- (C) 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 the equipment is provided.
- (D) Except as otherwise indicated, Customer provided station equipment at the Customer's premises for use in connection with the service shall be so constructed, maintained and operated as to work satisfactorily with the facilities of the Company.
- (E) 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 through 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; or
 - (3) network control signaling where such signaling is performed by Customer-provided network control signaling equipment.

2.1 Undertaking of the Company, (Cont'd.)

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.

2.1.8 Special Construction

Subject to the agreement of the Company and to all of the regulations contained in this tariff, special construction or facilities may be undertaken on a reasonable efforts basis at the request of the Customer. Special construction is 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 Undertaking of the Company, (Cont'd.)

2.1.9 **Ownership of Facilities**

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

2.2 **Prohibited Uses**

- 2.2.1 The services the Company offers shall not be used for any unlawful purpose or for any use as to which the Customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents and permits.
- 2.2.2 The Company may require applicants for service who intend to use 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 the Tennessee Regulatory Authority's regulations, policies, orders, and decisions.
- 2.2.3 The Company may block any signals being transmitted over its Network by Customers which cause interference to the Company or other users. Customer shall be relieved of all obligations to make payments for charges relating to any blocked Service and shall indemnify the Company for any claim, judgment or liability resulting from such blockage.
- 2.2.4 A Customer, joint user, or authorized user may not assign, or transfer in any manner, the service or any rights associated with the service without the written consent of the Company. The Company will permit a Customer to transfer its existing service to another entity if the existing Customer has paid all charges owed to the Company for regulated communications services. Such a transfer will be treated as a disconnection of existing service and installation of new service, and non-recurring installation charges as stated in this tariff will apply.

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 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 conduit necessary for installation of fiber optic cable and associated equipment used to provide Communications Services to the Customer from the cable building entrance or property line to the location of the equipment space described in Section 2.3.1(C). Any and all costs associated with the 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.

2.3 **Obligations of the Customer**

General (cont'd.) 2.3.1

- providing a safe place to work and complying with all laws and regulations **(E)** 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 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 an Customer premises or the rights-of-way for which Customer is responsible under Section 2.3.1(D); and granting or obtaining permission for Company agents or employees to enter the premises of the Customer at any time for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining, repairing, or upon termination of service as stated herein, removing the facilities or equipment of the Company;
- (G) not creating or allowing to be placed any liens or other encumbrances on 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.

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd.)

2.3.2 Liability of the Customer

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

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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 designated 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 communication except as specifically stated in this tariff.

2.4.2 Station Equipment

- (A) Terminal equipment of 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 MPOP.
- (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 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, subject to prior Customer approval of the equipment expense.

2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels (Cont'd.)

2.4.3 Interconnection of Facilities

- (A) Local Traffic Exchange provides the ability for another local exchange provider to terminate local traffic on the Company's network. In order to qualify for Local Traffic Exchange the call must: (a) be originated by an end user of a company that is authorized by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to provide local exchange service; (b) originate and terminate within a local calling area of the Company.
- (B) Any special interface equipment necessary to achieve compatibility between the facilities and equipment of the Company used for furnishing Communications Services and the channels, facilities, or equipment of others shall be provided at the Customer's expense.
- (C) Communications 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 which are applicable to such connections.
- (D) Facilities furnished under this tariff may be connected to Customer provided terminal equipment in accordance with the provisions of this tariff. All such terminal equipment shall be registered by the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to Part 68 of Title 47, Code of Federal Regulations; and all user-provided wiring shall be installed and maintained in compliance with those regulations.

2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels (Cont'd.)

2.4.4 Inspections

- (A) Upon suitable notification to the Customer, and at a reasonable time, the Company may make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the Customer is complying with the requirements set forth in Section 2.4.2(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 Customer promptly if there is any need for further corrective action. Within ten days of receiving this notice, the Customer must take this corrective action and notify the Company of the action taken. If the Customer fails to do this, the Company may take whatever additional action is deemed necessary, including the suspension of service, to protect its facilities, equipment and personnel from harm.
- (C) If harm to the Company's network, personnel or services is imminent, the Company reserves the right to shut down Customer's service immediately, with no prior notice required.

2.5 Customer Deposits and Advance Payments

2.5.1 Advance Payments

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

2.5 Customer Deposits and Advance Payments (Cont'd.)

2.5.2 Deposits

- (A) To safeguard its interests, the Company may require the Customer to make a deposit to be held as a guarantee for the payment of charges in accordance with Tennessee Regulatory Authority Rules. A deposit may be required if the Customer's financial condition is not acceptable to the Company or is not a matter of general knowledge. A deposit does not relieve the Customer of the responsibility for the prompt payment of bills on presentation. The deposit will not exceed an amount equal to two and one-half twelfths of the estimated charge for the service for the ensuing twelve months. A deposit may be required in addition to an advance payment.
- (B) Upon discontinuance of service, the Company shall promptly and automatically refund the Customer's deposit plus accrued interest, or the balance, if any, in excess of the unpaid bills including any penalties assessed for service furnished by the Company.
- (C) Deposits will accrue interest annually at the rate per annum in accordance with Tennessee Regulatory Authority Rules. Upon request of the Customer, accrued interest shall be annually credited to the Customer by deducting such interest from the amount of the next bill for service following the accrual date.
- (D) The Company shall annually and automatically refund the deposits of Customers who have paid bills for twelve consecutive months without having had service discontinued for nonpayment or had more than one occasion on which a bill was not paid within the period prescribed and are not then delinquent in payment.

2.6 Payment Arrangements

2.6.1 Payment for Services

The Customer is responsible for the payment of all charges for facilities and services furnished by the Company to the Customer.

The Customer is responsible for the payment of federal excise taxes, state and local sales and use taxes and similar taxes imposed by governmental jurisdictions, all of which shall be separately designated on the Company's invoices. The Company will not separately charge for the Tennessee gross receipts tax on the Company's invoice for local services. Any taxes imposed by a local jurisdiction (e.g., county and municipal) will only be recovered from those Customers residing in the affected jurisdictions.

Certain telecommunications services, as defined in the Tennessee Revised Code, are subject to state sales tax at the prevailing tax rates, if the services originate, or terminate in Tennessee, or both, and are charged to a subscriber's telephone number or account in Tennessee.

2.6.2 Billing and Collection of Charges

The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges incurred by the Customer or other users for services and facilities furnished to the Customer by the Company.

- (A) Non-recurring charges are due and payable within thirty (30) days after the date the invoice is mailed to the Customer by the Company.
- (B) The Company shall present invoices for recurring charges monthly to the Customer, in advance of the month in which service is provided, and recurring charges shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days after the date the invoice is mailed to the Customer by the Company. When billing is based upon Customer usage, usage charges will be billed monthly for the preceding billing period.
- (C) When service does not begin on the first day of the month, or end of the last day of the month, 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 thirty (30) days.

2.6 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd.)

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

- (D) Billing of the Customer by the Company will begin on the Service Commencement Date, which is the 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 and includes the day that the service, circuit, arrangement or component is discontinued.
- (E) If any portion of the payment is not received by the Company within 30 days of receipt of this bill, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Company in funds which are not immediately available upon presentment, then a late payment charge of 1.5% per month shall be due to the Company. A late payment charge is not applicable to subsequent rebilling of any amount to which a late payment charge has already been applied. Late payment charges are to be applied without discrimination.
- (F) the Customer should notify the Company of any disputed items on an invoice within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice. If the Customer and the Company are unable to resolve the dispute to their mutual satisfaction, the Customer may file a complaint with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority in accordance with the Commission's rules and procedure. The address of the Commission is as follows:

Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243

(G) If service is disconnected by the Company (in accordance with Section 2.6.3 following) and later re-installed, re-installation of service will be subject to all applicable installation charges. If service is suspended by the Company (in accordance with Section 2.6.3 following) and later restored, restoration of service will be subject to the rates in Section 4.3.

2.6 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd.)

2.6.3 Discontinuance of Service for Cause

The Company may discontinue service for the following reasons provided in this Section 2.6.3. Customers will be provided five (5) days written notice prior to discontinuance unless otherwise indicated.

Upon the Company's discontinuance of service to the Customer under Section 2.6.3(A) or 2.6.3(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 which 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 (discounted to present value at six percent).

- (A) Upon nonpayment of any amounts owing to the Company, the Company may discontinue or suspend service without incurring any liability. No basic residential service shall be disconnected for nonpayment until at lease 29 days from the date of the bill and only following proper written notification.
- (B) Upon violation of any of the other material terms or conditions for furnishing service the Company may, 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 Customer or if a casualty renders all or any material portion of such facilities inoperable beyond feasible repair, the Company, by notice to the Customer, may discontinue or suspend service without incurring any liability.
- (D) Upon the 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 governmental required alteration of the services to be provided or any violation of an applicable law or regulation, the Company may immediately discontinue service without incurring any liability.

2.6 Payment Arrangements, (Continued)

2.6.3 Discontinuance of Service for Cause

- **(F)** Without notice in the event of fraudulent use of the Company's network. The Customer will be liable for all related costs. The Customer will also be responsible for payment of any reconnection charges.
- **(G)** Without notice in the event of Customer use of equipment or services in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's service to others.
- **(H)** Without notice in the event of tampering with the equipment or services furnished by the Company.

2.6 Payment Arrangements, (Continued)

2.6.4 Notice to Company for Cancellation of Service

Customers desiring to terminate service shall provide the Company thirty (30) days notice of desire to terminate service. If special construction is involved, the required notice shall be written.

2.6.5 Cancellation of Application for Service

- (A) Where the Company permits the Customer to cancel an application for service prior to the start of service or prior to any special construction, no charges will be imposed except for those specified below.
- (B) Where, prior to cancellation by the Customer, the Company incurs any expenses in installing the service or in preparing to install the service that it otherwise would not have incurred, a charge equal to the costs the Company incurred, less net salvage, shall apply, but in no case shall this charge exceed the sum of the charge for the minimum period of services ordered, including installation charges, and all charges others levy against the Company that would have been chargeable to the Customer had service begun.
- (C) Where the Company incurs any expense in connection with special construction, or where special arrangements of facilities or equipment have begun, before the Company receives a cancellation notice, a charge equal to the costs incurred, less net salvage, may apply. In such cases, the charge will be based on such elements as the cost of the equipment, facilities, and material, the cost of installation, engineering, labor, and supervision, general and administrative expense, other disbursements, depreciation, maintenance, taxes, provision for return on investment, and any other costs associated with the special construction or arrangements.
- **(D)** The special charges described in 2.6.5(A) through 2.6.5(C) will be calculated and applied on a case-by-case basis.

2.6 Payment Arrangements, (Continued)

2.6.6 Changes in Services 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.

2.6.7 Bad Check Charge

A service charge equal to \$20.00 will be assessed for all checks returned by a bank or other financial institution for: Insufficient or uncollected funds, closed account, apparent tampering, missing signature or endorsement, or any other insufficiency or discrepancy necessitating return of the instrument at the discretion of the drawee bank or other financial institution.

2.7 Allowances for Interruptions in Service

2.7.1 General

- (A) A credit allowance will be given when service is interrupted, except as specified in Section 2.7.2 following. A service is interrupted when it becomes inoperative to the Customer, e.g., the Customer is unable to transmit or receive, because of a failure of a component furnished by the Company under this tariff.
- **(B)** An interruption period begins when the Customer reports a service, facility or circuit to be inoperative and, if necessary, releases it for testing and repair. An interruption period ends when the service, facility or circuit is operative.

2.7 Allowances for Interruptions in Service, (Continued)

2.7.1 General (Continued)

- (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.

2.7.2 Limitations of Allowances

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

- (A) Due to the negligence of or noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff by any person or entity other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer;
- **(B)** Due to the failure of power, equipment, systems, connections or services not provided by the Company;
- (C) Due to circumstances or causes beyond the reasonable control of the Company;
- **(D)** During any period in which the Company is not given full and free access to its facilities and equipment for the purposes of investigating and correcting interruptions;

2.7 Allowances for Interruptions in Service, (Continued)

2.7.2 Limitations of Allowances

- **(E)** A service will not be deemed to be interrupted if a Customer continues voluntarily make use of the service. If the service is interrupted, the Customer can get a service credit, use another means of communications provided by the Company (pursuant to Section 2.7.3), or utilize another service provider:
- **(F)** During any period when the Customer has released service to the Company for maintenance purposes or for implementation of a Customer order for a change in service arrangements;
- (G) That occurs or continues due to the Customer's failure to authorize replacement of any element of special construction; and
- **(H)** That was not reported to the Company within thirty (30) days of the date that service was affected.

2.7.3 Use of Another Means of Communications

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

2.7 Allowances for Interruption in Service, (Continued)

2.7.4 Application of Credits for Interruptions in Service

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

2.7 Allowances for Interruption in Service, (Continued)

2.7.4 Application of Credits for Interruptions in Service, (Continued)

(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	1/10 Day
including 3 hours	•
3 hours up to but not	1/5 Day
including 6 hours	•
6 hours up to but not	2/5 Day
including 9 hours	
9 hours up to but not	3/5 Day
including 12 hours	
12 hours up to but not	4/5 Day
including 15 hours	
15 hours up to but not	One Day
including 24 hours	•
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(E) Interruptions Over 24 Hours and Less Than 72 Hours

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

(F) Interruptions Over 72 Hours

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

2.7 Allowances for Interruption in Service, (Continued)

2.7.5 Limitations on Allowances

No credit allowance will be made for:

- (A) interruptions due to the negligence of or noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff by the Customer, authorized user or joint user;
- **(B)** interruptions due to the negligence of any person other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer;
- **(C)** interruptions of service during any period in which the Company is not given full access to its facilities and equipment for the purpose of investigating and correcting interruptions;
- **(D)** interruptions of service during a period in which the Customer continues to use the service on an impaired basis;
- (E) 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;
- **(F)** interruption of service due to circumstances or causes beyond the reasonable control of Company; and
- **(G)** that occur or continue due to the Customer's failure to authorize replacement of any element of special construction.

2.7.6 Cancellation For Service Interruption

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

2.8 Cancellation of Service/Termination Liability

If a Customer cancels a service order or terminates services before the completion of the term for any reason other than a service interruption (as defined in Section 2.7.1) or where the Company breaches the terms in the service contract, Customer may be requested by the Company to pay to Company termination liability charges, which are 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 2.6.2.

2.8.1 Termination Liability

Customer's termination liability for cancellation of service shall be equal to:

- (A) all unpaid non-recurring charges reasonably expended by Company to establish service to Customer, plus;
- (B) any disconnection, early cancellation or termination charges reasonably incurred and paid to third parties by Company on behalf of Customer, plus;
- (C) all recurring charges specified in the applicable Service Order for the balance of the then current term discounted at the prime rate announced in the *Wall Street Journal* on the third business day following the date of cancellation;
- **(D)** minus a reasonable allowance for costs avoided by the Company as a direct result of Customer's cancellation.

2.9 Lifeline Program

The lifeline program provides assistance for eligible Residential customers. The Federal Lifeline Program reduces the subscriber's monthly telephone bill by \$13.50.

2.9.1 Eligibility

Customers are eligible if they participate in at least one of the following programs:

Medicaid, Food Stamps, Federal Public Housing, Supplemental Security Income, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), or National School Lunch's fee lunch program (NSL). Additionally, a customer with total gross annual income that does not exceed 125% of the federal poverty income guidelines may apply directly to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) for Lifeline eligibility certification.

2.9.2 Regulations

- 1. Regulations specified elsewhere in the Company's tariffs apply to the Lifeline Service.
- 2. Lifeline Service is available only with residence services. Lifeline Service is limited to one line per household at the customer's primary residence.
- 3. A non-recurring service charge does not apply when Lifeline Service is added or discontinued to existing service when that is the only work being done.
- 4. The Lifeline plan will apply after receipt and processing of a completed Lifeline application, including documentation providing eligibility.
- 5. Customers of Lifeline Service must notify the Company of any changes that would affect qualification. Reverification of eligibility will take place on an ongoing basis. When the customer is no longer eligible for Lifeline service, the Lifeline discount will be discontinued and regular tariffed rates and charges will apply.
- 6. As a participant in Lifeline Service, customers are eligible to receive toll blocking service at no charge. This service will only be provided at the customer's request.

Toll blocking service is defined as a central office service that restricts access to the network. Toll blocking is provided where facilities permit and will not allow 1+, 0+, 0-, 101XXXX, 900, or interzone calls to be completed. Toll blocking does not restrict local calls, calls to intraNPA directory assistance, telephone repair service, 911, or calls to 800 or 950 numbers.

2.9.3 Link-Up

Link up is offered to Customers who meet the eligibility requirements for Lifeline. A federal credit amount of fifty percent (50%) of the non-recurring charges for connection of service, up to a maximum of thirty dollars (\$30.00), is available to be passed through to the subscriber.

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 an duties to a) any subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company; 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.

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2.12 Notices and Communications

- 2.12.2 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 Customer may also designate a separate address to which the Company's bills for service shall be mailed.
- **2.12.3** The Company shall designate on the service order an address to which the Customer shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that Company may designate a separate address on each bill for service to which the Customer shall mail payment on that bill.
- 2.12.4 Except as otherwise stated in this tariff, all notices or other communications required to be given pursuant to this tariff will be in writing. Notices and other communications of either party, and all bills mailed by the Company, shall be presumed to have been delivered to the other party on the third business day following placement of the notice, communication or bill with the U.S. Mail or a private delivery service, prepaid and properly addressed, or when actually received or refused by the addressee, whichever occurs first.
- **2.12.5** 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.

SECTION 3.0 - SERVICE AREAS

3.1 Exchange Service Areas

Local exchange services are provided, subject to availability of facilities and equipment, in areas currently served by the following Incumbent LECs: 1) BellSouth

3.2 Rate Classes

Charges for local services provided by the Company may be based, in part, on the Rate Class associated with the Customers End Office. The Rate Class is determined by the total access lines and PBX trunks in the local calling area which can be reached from each End Office.

In the event that an Incumbent LEC or the Tennessee Regulatory Authority reclassifies an exchange from one Rate Class to another, the reclassification will also apply to customers who purchase services under this tariff. Local calling areas and Rate Class assignments are equivalent to those areas and groups specified in BellSouth's Tennessee General Local Exchange Service Tariff.

3.3 Reserved for Future Use

SECTION 4.0 - SERVICE CHARGES AND SURCHARGES

4.1 Service Order and 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.

	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Business</u>
Line Connection Charge		
First Line	\$41.50	\$58.50
Each Additional Line	\$18.00	\$31.00
Line Change Charge		
First Line	\$28.00	\$47.00
Each Additional Line	\$15.00	\$15.00
Record Order Charge	\$9.95	\$24.00

4.2 Maintenance Visit Charges

Maintenance Visit Charges apply when the Company dispatches personnel to a Customer's premises to perform work necessary for installing new service, effecting changes in service or resolving troubles reported by the Customer when the trouble is found to be caused by the Customer's facilities.

Maintenance Visit Charges will be credited to the Customer's account in the event trouble is not found in the Company facilities, but the trouble is later determined to be in those facilities.

The time period for which the Maintenance Visit Charges is applied will commence when Company personnel are dispatched at the Customer premises and end when work is completed. The rates for Maintenance of Service vary by time per Customer request.

Duration of time, per technician	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Business</u>
Initial 15 minute increment	\$28.00	\$28.00
Each Additional 15 minute increment	\$11.00	\$11.00

4.3 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.

	Residence	Business
Per occasion	\$15.00	\$35.00

SECTION 5.0 - NETWORK SERVICES DESCRIPTIONS

5.1 General

5.1.1 Services Offered

The following Network Services are available to residence/business Customers and for resale by other carriers certificated by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority:

Standard Residence Line Service Standard Business Line Service PBX Trunk Service Direct Inward Dial (DID) Service Optional Calling Features

The following services are available to residence/business Customers and are not offered on a resale basis as of the effective date of this page.

Listing Services (including Non Published and Non Listed Services)
Directory Assistance
Miscellaneous Services (including Vanity Numbers and Number Portability)

5.1.2 Application of Rates and Charges

All services offered in this tariff are subject to service order and change charges where the Customer requests new services or changes in existing services, as well as indicated Non-Recurring and Monthly Recurring Charges. Charges for local calling services may be assessed on a measured rate basis and are additional to monthly recurring charges shown for Business or Residence lines, PBX Trunks, DID Trunks and Digital/DS1 service.

SECTION 5.0 - NETWORK SERVICES DESCRIPTIONS, (CONT'D)

5.1 General (Continued)

5.1.3 Emergency Services Calling Plan

Access (at no additional charge) to the local operator or emergency services bureau by dialing 0- or 9-1-1 is offered at no charge to the Customer.

Message toll telephone calls, to governmental emergency service agencies as set forth in (A) following, having primary or principal responsibility with respect to the provision of emergency services to persons and property in the area from which the call is made, meeting the definition and criteria of an emergency call as set forth in (B) following are offered at no charge to Customers:

Governmental fire fighting, Tennessee State Highway Patrol, police, and emergency squad service (as designated by the appropriate governmental agency) qualify as governmental emergency service agencies provided they answer emergency service calls on a personally attended (live) twenty-four (24) hour basis, three hundred sixty-five (365) days a year, including holidays.

An emergency is an occurrence or set of circumstances in which conditions pose immediate threat to human life, property, or both and necessitate that prompt action be taken. An emergency call is an originated call of short duration to a governmental emergency services agency in order to seek assistance for such an emergency.

<u>SECTION 5.0 - NETWORK SERVICES DESCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)</u>

5.2 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:

- **5.2.1** 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.
- 5.2.2 Timing on completed calls begins when the call is answered by the called party. Answering is determined by hardware answer supervision in all cases where this signaling is provided by the terminating local carrier and any intermediate carrier(s).
- **5.2.3** 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.
- **5.2.4** Calls originating in one time period and terminating in another will be billed in proportion to the rates in effect during different segments of the call.
- **5.2.5** All times refer to local time.

SECTION 5. 0 - NETWORK SERVICES DESCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)

5.3 Distance Calculations

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

- 5.3.1 Distance between two points is measured as airline distance between the rate centers of the originating and terminating telephone lines. The rate center is a set of geographic coordinates, as referenced in Local Exchange Routing Guide issued by Bellcore, associated with each NPA-NXX combination (where NPA is the area code and NXX is the first three digits of a seven-digit telephone number). Where there is not 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 rate center of the Customer's main billing telephone number.
- **5.3.2** The airline distance between any two rate centers is determined as follows:
 - Step 1: Obtain the "V" (vertical) and "H" (horizontal) coordinates for each Rate Center from the above-referenced Bellcore document.
 - Step 2: Computer the difference between he "V" coordinate of the two rate centers; and the difference between the two "H" coordinates.
 - Step 3: Square each difference obtained in step (b) above.
 - Step 4: Add the square of the "V" difference and the square of the "H" difference obtained in step C) above.
 - Step 5: Divide the sum of the squares by 10. Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction is obtained.
 - Step 6: Obtain the square root of the whole number result obtained above. Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction is obtained. This is the airline mileage.
- **5.3.3** The formula for distance calculations is:

$$(V_1 - V_2)^2 + (H_1 - H_2)^2$$

SECTION 5.0 - NETWORK SERVICES DESCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)

5.4 Rate Periods for Time of Day Sensitive Services

5.4.1 For time of day, usage sensitive services, the following rate periods apply unless otherwise specified in this tariff.

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
8:00 AM TO							
5:00 PM*	DAYTIME RATE PERIOD						
5:00 PM							
TO		EVENI	NG RATE F	PERIOD			EVE
11:00 PM*							
11:00 PM TO			NIICI IT /IAT	CELCENID DA	EE DEDIOD		
8:00 AM*			NIC ₇ H I / VV	EEKEND RA'	LEPERIOD		

^{*}Up to but not including.

- 5.4.2 Calls are billed based on the rate in effect for the actual time period(s) during which the call occurs. Calls that cross rate period boundaries are billed the rates in effect in that boundary for each portion of the call, based on the time of day at the Customer location.
- **5.4.3** For services subject to holiday discounts, the following are Company recognized national holidays, determined at the location of the calling station. The evening rate is used on national holidays, unless a lower rate normally would apply.

New Year's Day January 1

Memorial Day As Federally Observed

Independence Day July 4

Thanksgiving Day As Federally Observed

Christmas Day December 25

5.5 Standard Residence Line

A Standard Residence Line provides the Customer with a single, analog, voice-grade telephonic communications channel, which can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Standard Residence Lines are provided for the connection of Customer-provided wiring and single station sets or facsimile machines. An optional per line Hunting feature is available for multi-line Customers which routes a call to an idle station line in a prearranged group when the called station line is busy.

5.6 Standard Business Line

The Standard Business Line provides a Customer with a single, analog, voice-grade telephonic communications channel, which can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Standard Business Lines are provided for the connection of Customer-provided wiring and single station sets or facsimile machines. An optional per line Hunting feature is available for multi-line Customers which routes a call to an idle station line in a prearranged group when the called station line is busy.

5.7 PBX Trunk Service

Basic PBX Trunk Service provides a Customer with a single, voice-grade telephonic communications channel, which can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Basic Trunks are provided for connection of Customer-provided private branch exchanges (PBX) to the public switched telecommunications network. Each Basic PBX Trunk is provided with touch-tone signaling and may be configured into a hunt group at no additional charge with other Company-provided Basic PBX Trunks. The signal is an analog signal at the DS0 level.

5.8 Direct Inward Dialing (DID) Service

Direct Inward Dialing ("DID") permits calls incoming to a PBX system or other Customer Premises Equipment to be routed to a specific station without the assistance of an attendant. DID calls are routed directly to the station associated with the called number. DID service as offered by the Company provides the necessary trunks, telephone numbers, and out-pulsing of digits to enables DID service at a Customer's location. DID service requires special PBX software and hardware not provided by the Company. Such hardware and software is the responsibility of the Customer.

5.9 Reserved for Future Use

5.10 Reserved for Future Use

5.11 Optional Calling Features

The features listed in Section 5.11.1 are offered by the Company to Residential and Business Customers. Refer to Price Lists in Sections 6 and 7 of this tariff for specific features offered with each type of local exchange service.

5.11.1 Features Descriptions

(A) Flexible Call Forwarding: Provides end-user control for call forwarding capabilities via dial-accessed voice prompt menus. Customers may forward calls to a primary local or long distance. The end-user may specify a secondary location for routing of go unanswered at the forward-to location or reach a busy signal. This secondary location may be another telephone number, pager or voice messaging service. Other capabilities included with this feature include:

Speed Forwarding; Priority Screening; Ring Control; and Timed Forwarding.

It is the responsibility of the Customer to subscribe to the telephone number, pager or voice messaging service used as the secondary location.

- **(B) Flexible Call Forwarding with Audio Calling Name:** Provides all of the functionality of Enhanced Call Forwarding. Also permits the end-user to receive the Directory Name of the party's whose call was forwarded to primary number. In some situations, the end-user may hear the calling party's city and state or telephone number, depending on available call data.
- **(C) Flexible Call Forwarding Plus:** Provides all of the functionality of Enhanced Call Forwarding. Also includes an additional telephone number with directory listing and distinctive ringing for calls placed to the additional number. Enhanced Call Forwarding Plus allows parties to reach the end-user's location when FCF is active and all calls to the end-users main telephone number would normally forward. Calls to the additional number do not forward even when Enhanced Call Forwarding is active.

5.11 Optional Calling Features, (continued)

5.11.1 Feature Descriptions, (continued)

- **(D) Flexible Call Forwarding Plus with Audio Calling Name:** Provides all of the functionality of Enhanced Call Forwarding Plus including the additional telephone number with listing and distinctive ringing. Also permits the end-user to receive the Directory Name of the party's whose call was forwarded to primary number. In some situations, the end-user may hear the calling party's city and state or telephone number, depending on available call data.
- **(E)** Call Forwarding Variable: Permits the end-user to automatically forward (transfer) all incoming calls to another telephone number, and to restore it to normal operation at their discretion. The end-user must dial an activation code from his/her exchange line along with the forward-to number in order to turn the feature on. A separate code is dialed by the end-user to deactivate the feature.
- (F) Call Forwarding Variable, Remote Access: Permits the end-user to automatically forward (transfer) all incoming calls to another telephone number, and to restore it to normal operation at their discretion. The end-user must dial an activation code along with the forward-to number in order to turn the feature on. A separate code is dialed by the end-user to deactivate the feature. Feature activation may be performed from the end-user's exchange line or remotely from some other line. Remote access requires the end-user to (1) dial a special access number 2) enter their seven-digit telephone number and 3) enter a personal identification number prior to forwarding their calls.
- **(G)** Call Forwarding Don't Answer, Basic: Permits the forwarding of incoming calls when the end-user's line remains unanswered after a pre-designated ringing interval. The ringing interval before forwarding and the forward-to number are fixed by the service order.
- **(H)** Call Forwarding Don't Answer w/Ring Control: Permits the forwarding of incoming calls when the end-user's line remains unanswered after a pre-designated ringing interval. The forward-to number is fixed by the service order. However, the end-user has the ability to change the time interval before forwarding occurs at his/her discretion.

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5.11 Optional Calling Features, (continued)

5.11.1 Feature Descriptions, (continued)

- (I) Call Forwarding Don't Answer w/Customer Control: Permits the forwarding of incoming calls when the end-user's line remains unanswered after a pre-designated ringing interval. The ringing interval before forwarding and the forward-to number are fixed by the service order. However, the end-user has the ability to turn the feature on or off at his/her discretion.
- (J) Call Forwarding Busy Line, Basic: Permits the forwarding of incoming calls when the end-user's line is busy. The forwarded number is fixed by the end-user service order.
- **(K)** Call Forwarding Busy Line w/Customer Control: Permits the forwarding of incoming calls when the end-user's line is busy. The forwarded number is fixed by the end-user service order. However, the end-user has the ability to turn the feature on or off at his/her discretion.
- (L) Call Waiting Basic: 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. It permits the Customer to place the first call on hold, answer the second call and then alternate between both callers. Cancel Call Waiting is provided with the feature and allows a Call Waiting end-user to disable the Call Waiting feature for the duration of a single outgoing telephone call. Cancel Call Waiting is activate by dialing a special code prior to placing a call, and is automatically deactivated when the Customer disconnects from the call.

5.11 Optional Calling Features, (continued)

5.11.1 Feature Descriptions, (continued)

(M) Call Waiting -- Deluxe: Allows the end-user to control the treatment applied to incoming calls while the Customer is off-hook on an existing call. This feature includes the capabilities of Call Waiting Basic plus additional call treatment options. Treatment options offered with Call Waiting Deluxe include:

Answer the waiting call and placing the first party on hold; Answer the waiting call and disconnecting from the first party; Direct the waiting caller to hold via a recording Forward the waiting caller to another location (e.g., voice mailbox or telephone answering service)

Full utilization of Call Waiting Deluxe requires specialized CPE not provided by the Company. It is the responsibility of the Customer to provide the necessary CPE. The end-user must have Caller ID Basic or Deluxe for display of calling party identification information for waiting calls. The end-user must have a Call Forwarding don't Answer feature active in order to forward a waiting call to another location.

- **(N) Call Waiting Deluxe with Conferencing:** Provides all of the functionality of Call Waiting Deluxe. Also permits the end-user to conference a waiting call with an existing call (first party) and, if desired, subsequently drop either leg of the conferenced call.
- **(O) Caller ID Basic:** Permits the end-user to view a Directory Number of the calling party on incoming telephone calls. Information is displayed on a specialized CPE not provided by the Company. The feature also provides the date and time of each incoming call. It is the responsibility of the Customer to provide the necessary CPE.

5.11 Optional Calling Features, (continued)

5.11.1 Feature Descriptions, (continued)

- **(P) Caller ID Deluxe:** Permits the end-user to view a Directory Name and Directory Number of the calling party on incoming telephone calls. Information is displayed on a specialized CPE not provided by the Company. The feature also provides the date and time of each incoming call. It is the responsibility of the Customer to provide the necessary CPE. In some situations, the calling party's city and state may be displayed rather than a Directory Name, depending on available call data.
- **(Q) Anonymous Call Rejection:** Permits the end-user to automatically reject incoming calls when the call originates from a telephone number which has blocked delivery of its calling number (see Calling Number Delivery Blocking). When active, calls from private numbers will be routed to a special announcement then terminated. The feature may be turned on or off by the end-user by dialing the appropriate feature control code. Anonymous Call Rejection is offered as a stand-alone feature or as an add-on to Caller ID Deluxe.
- **(R) Call Block:** Allows the end-user to automatically block incoming calls from up to six end-user pre-selected telephone numbers programmed into the feature's screening list. Callers whose numbers have been blocked will hear a recorded message stating that their call has been blocked. The end-user controls when the feature is active, and can add or remove calling numbers from the feature's screening list.
- **(S) Call Return:** Allows the Customer to return a call to the last incoming call whether answered or not. Upon activation, it will redial the number automatically and continue to check the number every 45 seconds for up to 30 minutes if the number is busy. The Customer is alerted with a distinctive ringing pattern when the busy number is free. When the Customer answers the ring, the call is then completed. The calling party's number will not be delivered or announced to the call recipient under any circumstances.

5.11 Optional Calling Features, (continued)

5.11.1 Feature Descriptions, (continued)

- **(T) Call Selector:** Allows a Customer to assign a maximum of 15 telephone numbers to a special list. The Customer will hear a distinctive ring when calls are received from telephone numbers on that list.
- **(U) Call Tracing:** Allows the tracing of nuisance calls to a specified telephone number suspected of originating from a given local office. The tracing is activated upon entering the specified dial code. The originating telephone number, outgoing trunk number or terminating number, and the time and date are generated for every call to the specified telephone number can then be identified.
- (V) Calling Number Delivery Blocking: Prevents the delivery, display and announcement of the end-user's Directory Number and Directory Name on all calls dialed from an exchange service equipped with this option. When active, the end-user's telephone name and number will not appear on the called party's Caller ID CPE or be disclosed in another way. The feature is available on a per call or per line basis. With per call Calling Number Delivery Blocking, it is necessary for the end-user to dial an activation code prior to placing the call. With the per line version of the feature, all calls are placed with the end-user's number blocked. Per line end-users must dial an activation code prior to utilization.
- (W) Message Waiting Indication: Provides the end-user with an audible (stutter dial tone) or visual (lamp or other CPE display) indication that messages are waiting to be retrieved. Message Waiting Indication can only be activated/deactivated by a voice mailbox or other voice messaging service provided by the Company or third party. It is the responsibility of the Customer to subscribe to a compatible voice messaging service. Visual Message Waiting Indication requires specialized CPE not provided by the Company. It is the responsibility of the Customer to provide the necessary CPE.

5.11 Optional Calling Features, (continued)

5.11.1 Feature Descriptions, (continued)

- (X) Multiple Directory Number Distinctive Ringing: This feature allows an end user to determine the source of an incoming call from a distinctive ring. The end user may have up to two additional numbers assigned to a single line (i.e. Distinctive Ringing First Number and Distinctive Ringing Second Number). The designated primary number will receive a normal ringing pattern; other numbers will receive distinctive ringing patterns. The pattern is based on the telephone number that the calling party dials.
- **(Y) Preferred Call Forwarding:** Permits the end-user to automatically forward to another number calls received from up to six end-user pre-selected telephone numbers programmed into the features screening list. The end-user controls when the feature is active, the forward-to-number and can add or remove calling numbers from the feature's screening list.
- **(Z) Repeat Dialing:** Permits the end-user to have calls automatically redialed when the first attempt reaches a busy number. The line is checked every 45 seconds for up to 30 minutes and alerts the Customer with a distinctive ringing pattern when the busy number and the Customer's line are free. The Customer can continue to make and receive calls while the feature is activated. The following types of calls cannot be reached using Repeat Dialing:

Calls to 800 Service numbers
Calls to 900 Service numbers
Calls preceded by an interexchange carrier access code
International Direct Distance Dialed calls
Calls to Directory Assistance
Calls to 911

5.11 Optional Calling Features, (continued)

5.11.1 Feature Descriptions, (continued)

- (AA) Speed Calling: Permits the Customer to place calls to other telephone numbers by dialing a one or two digit code rather than the complete telephone number. The feature is available as either an eight (8) code list or a thirty (30) code list. Code lists may include local and/or toll telephone numbers. The Customer has the ability to add or remove telephone numbers and codes to/from the speed calling list without assistance from the Company.
- **(AB) Three Way Calling:** Permits the end-user 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. The end-user initiating the conference controls the call and may disconnect the third party to reestablish the original connection or establish a connection to a different third party. The feature may be used on both outgoing and incoming.

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5.12 Listing Services

For each Customer of Company-provided Exchange Service(s), the Company shall arrange for the listing of the Customer's main billing telephone number in the directory(ies) published by the dominant Local Exchange Carrier in the area at no additional charge. At a Customer's option, the Company will arrange for additional listings for an additional charge.

5.12.1 Non-Published Service

This optional service provides for suppression of printed and recorded directory listings. A Customer's name and number do not appear in printed directories or Directory Assistance Bureau records.

5.12.2 Non-Listed Service

This optional service provides for suppression of printed directory listings only. Parties may still obtain the Customer's number by calling the Directory Assistance Bureau.

5.13 Directory Assistance

Provides for identification of telephone directory numbers, via an operator or automated platform. Customers are provided with a maximum of 2 listings per each call to Directory Assistance.

5.14 Miscellaneous Services

5.14.1 Pay Per Call Blocking/Unblocking

This service provides the option of blocking, or subsequent unblocking, all 900 and 976 calls on a per line basis. The Company will provide for per-line blocking where the Company's switching facilities permit.

5.14.2 Presubscription Services

This service provides for the Presubscription of local exchange lines provided by the Company to the intraLATA and interLATA long distance carrier(s) selected by the Customer.

SECTION 6.0 - RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

SECTION 7.0 - LOCAL RESALE SERVICES PRICE LIST

7.1 General

Services provided in this tariff section are available on a Resale Service basis. Local Resale Services are provided through the use of resold switching and transport facilities obtained from Other Telephone Companies.

The rates, terms and conditions set forth in the section are applicable where the Company provides specified local exchange services to Customers through resale of local exchange services.

All rates set forth in this Section are subject to change and may be changed by the Company pursuant to notice requirements established by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. The rates, terms and conditions set forth in this Section are applicable as of the effective date hereof and will not apply to any Customer whose services may have been provisioned through resale of 's local exchange services, in whole or in part, prior to the effective date hereof.

7.2 Standard Residence Local Exchange Service

Standard Residence Local Exchange Service provides the Customer with a single, analog, voice-grade telephonic communications channel, which can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Standard Residence Local Exchange Service lines are provided for the connection of Customer-provided wiring, telephones, facsimile machines or other station equipment. An optional per line Hunting feature is available for multi-line Customers, which routes a call to the next idle line in a prearranged group when the called line is busy.

Local exchange service lines and trunks are provided on a single party (individual) basis only. No multi-party lines are provided. Service is available on a flat rate, measured rate or message rate basis depending on the service plan selected by the Customer. Not all service plans will be available in all areas.

Recurring charges for Standard Residence Local Exchange Service are billed monthly in advance. Usage charges if applicable are billed in arrears. Usage charges may apply for calls placed from the Customer's line. No usage charges will apply to calls received by the Customer. Non-recurring charges for installation or rearrangement of service are billed on the next month's bill immediately following work performed by the Company.

7.2 Standard Residence Local Exchange Service (Continued)

7.2.1 Monthly Recurring Charges

The following charges apply to Standard Residence Local Exchange Service lines per month. Rates and charges do not include Touch-tone Service. The rates and charges below apply to service provided on a month-to-month basis.

BellSouth Area RATE CLASS	.	SERVICE TYPE	D
	Flat Rate	Measured	RegionServ
		Rate	
Rate Class 1	\$7.78	\$5.46	\$4.50
Rate Class 2	\$8.74	\$6.13	\$4.50
Rate Class 3	\$9.32	\$6.54	\$4.50
Rate Class 4	\$12.21	\$8.55	\$5.50
Rate Class 5	\$12.52	\$8.75	\$5.50
Rate Class 1C	\$10.61	\$7.41	N/A
Rate Class 2B	\$9.27	\$6.49	N/A
Rate Class 2C	\$10.25	\$7.16	N/A
Rate Class 2D	\$9.32	\$6.54	N/A
Rate Class 3B	\$9.63	\$6.74	N/A

7.2 Standard Residence Local Exchange Service (Continued)

7.2.2 Usage Sensitive Charges and Allowances

(A) Flat Rate Service

No measured or message charges apply to calls placed or received from Flat Rate service lines. Customers receive unlimited calling within their local calling area.

(B) Measured Service

Customers subscribing to Measured Service will be charged a monthly recurring charge and will be charged a per minute rate for all local outgoing calls. Local usage is billed in arrears.

BellSouth Area

	First Minute	Add'l Minute
Day Period	\$0.040	\$0.020
Evening Period	\$0.026	\$0.013
Night Period	\$0.016	\$0.008

7.2 Standard Residence Local Exchange Service, (Continued)

7.2.2 Usage Sensitive Charges and Allowances, (Continued)

(C) RegionServ Service

RegionServ is an enhanced form of measured service for measured calling to the standard local calling area and all wire centers within 40 miles. Customers subscribing to RegionServ Service will be charged a monthly recurring charge and a per minute charge is applied to local calls placed from the Customer's line. Local usage will be billed in arrears. Peak time is Monday to Friday from 7:00am to 6:59pm. Off-Peak time is all day Saturday and Sunday and Monday to Friday 7:00pm to 6:59am.

BellSouth Area

BAND	PEAK MINUTE	OFF-PEAK MINUTE
Band A (Local Calling)	\$0.02	\$0.01
Band B (17-30 miles)	\$0.05	\$0.025
Band C (31-40 miles)	\$0.10	\$0.05

7.2 Standard Residence Local Exchange Service, (Continued)

7.2.3 Non-Recurring Charges

Non-recurring charges apply to each line installed for the Customer. Non-recurring charges are in addition to applicable service order charges contained in Section 4 of this tariff. All such charges will appear on the next bill following installation of the service.

Non-recurring charges for installation of Residential lines are:

BellSouth Area

First Line \$41.50 Each Additional Line \$18.00

7.3 Standard Business Local Exchange Service

Standard Business Local Exchange Service provides the Customer with a single, analog, voice-grade telephonic communications channel, which can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Standard Business Local Exchange Service lines are provided for the connection of Customer-provided wiring, telephones, facsimile machines or other station equipment. An optional per line Hunting feature is available for multi-line Customers which routes a call to the next idle line in a prearranged group when the called line is busy.

Local exchange service lines and trunks are provided on a single party (individual) basis only. No multi-party lines are provided. Service is available on a flat rate, measured rate or message rate basis depending on the service plan selected by the Customer. Not all service plans will be available in all areas.

Recurring charges for Standard Business Local Exchange Service are billed monthly in advance. Usage charges, if applicable are billed in arrears. Usage charges may apply for calls placed from the Customer's line. No usage charges will apply to calls received by the Customer. Non-recurring charges for installation or rearrangement of service are billed on the next month's bill immediately following work performed by the Company.

7.3 Standard Business Local Exchange Service, (Continued)

7.3.1 Monthly Recurring Charges

The following charges apply to Standard Business Local Exchange Service lines per month. Rates and charges do not include Touchtone Service. The rates and charges below apply to service provided on a month-to-month basis.

BellSouth Area

RATE CLASS		SERVICE TYPE	
	Flat Rate	Measured	RegionServ
		Rate	
Rate Class 1	\$27.05	\$18.95	\$24.50
Rate Class 2	\$30.80	\$21.55	\$24.50
Rate Class 3	\$32.75	\$22.95	\$24.50
Rate Class 4	\$39.05	\$27.35	\$27.50
Rate Class 5	\$39.70	\$27.80	\$27.50
Rate Class 1C	\$29.80	\$20.85	N/A
Rate Class 2B	\$32.70	\$22.90	N/A
Rate Class 2C	\$31.75	\$22.25	N/A
Rate Class 2D	\$32.75	\$22.95	N/A
Rate Class 3B	\$33.75	\$23.65	N/A

7.3 Standard Business Local Exchange Service, (Continued)

7.3.2 Other Monthly Recurring Charges

Hunting (a/k/a Rotary or Grouping)

The following charges apply to Standard Business Local Exchange lines equipped with Hunting. Rates vary based on Rate Group.

Rate Class	Hunting Per Line
Rate Class 1	\$20.29
Rate Class 2	\$23.10
Rate Class 3	\$24.56
Rate Class 4	\$29.29
Rate Class 5	\$16.90
Rate Class 1C	\$22.35
Rate Class 2B	\$24.53
Rate Class 2C	\$23.81
Rate Class 2D	\$22.35
Rate Class 3B	\$25.31

7.3 Standard Business Local Exchange Service, (Continued)

7.3.3 Usage Sensitive Charges and Allowances

(A) Flat Rate Service

No measured or message charges apply to calls placed or received from Flat Rate service lines. Customers receive unlimited calling within their local calling area.

(B) Measured Service

Customers subscribing to Measured Service will be charged a monthly recurring charge and will be charged a per minute rate for all local outgoing calls. Local usage is billed in arrears.

BellSouth Area

	First Minute	Add'l Minute
Day Period	\$0.04	\$0.02
Evening Period	\$0.026	\$0.013
Night Period	\$0.016	\$0.008

(C) RegionServ Service

RegionServ is an enhanced form of measured service for measured calling to the standard local calling area and all wire centers within 40 miles. Customers subscribing to RegionServ Service will be charged a monthly recurring charge and a per minute charge is applied to local calls placed from the Customer's line. Local usage will be billed in arrears. Peak time is Monday to Friday from 7:00am to 6:59pm. Off-Peak time is all day Saturday and Sunday and Monday to Friday 7:00pm to 6:59am.

BellSouth Area

BAND	PEAK MINUTE	OFF-PEAK MINUTE
Band A (Local Calling)	\$0.02	\$0.01
Band B (17-30 miles)	\$0.05	\$0.025
Band C (31-40 miles)	\$0.10	\$0.05

7.3 Standard Business Local Exchange Service, (Continued)

7.3.4 Non-Recurring Charges

Non-recurring charges apply to each line installed for the Customer. Non-recurring charges are in addition to applicable service order charges contained in Section 4 of this tariff. All such charges will appear on the next bill following installation of the service.

Non-recurring charges for installation of Business lines are:

BellSouth Area

First Line \$58.50 Each Additional Line \$31.00

7.5 Business PBX Trunk Service

PBX Trunk service provides a Customer with a single, voice-grade telephonic communications channel which can be used to place one call at a time. Trunks are provided for connection of Customer-provided private branch exchanges (PBX) or other station equipment to the public switched telecommunications network.

PBX Trunks are available to Business Customers as Inward, Outward or Two-Way combination trunks where services and facilities permit.

An optional per trunk Hunting feature is available for Customers which routes a call to the next idle trunk in a prearranged group (see Sections 7.2 and 7.3). Rates are in Section 7.3.1.

PBX Trunks may also be equipped with Direct Inward Dialing (DID) capability and DID number blocks for additional charges (see Section 7.6).

BellSouth Area RATE CLASS		SERVICE TY	PE
	Flat Rate	RegionServ	Measured Rate
Class 1	\$27.05	\$24.50	\$20.29
Class 2	\$30.80	\$24.50	\$23.10
Class 3	\$32.75	\$24.50	\$24.56
Class 4	\$39.05	\$27.50	\$29.29
Class 5	\$39.70	\$27.50	\$29.78
Class 1C	\$29.80	N/A	\$22.35
Class 2B	\$32.70	N/A	\$24.53
Class 2C	\$31.75	N/A	\$23.81
Class 2D	\$32.75	N/A	\$22.35
Class 3B	\$33.75	N/A	\$25.31

7.6 Direct Inward Dialing (DID) Service

Direct Inward Dialing ("DID") permits calls incoming to a PBX system or other Customer Premises Equipment to be routed to a specific station without the assistance of an attendant. DID calls are route directly to the station associated with the called number. DID service as offered by the Company provides the necessary trunks, telephone numbers, and out-pulsing of digits to enable DID service at a Customer's location. DID service requires special PBX software and hardware not provided by the Company. Such hardware and software is the responsibility of the Customer.

The following charges apply to Customers subscribing to DID service provided by the Company. These charges are in addition to recurring and non-recurring charges for PBX Trunks as shown in Section 7.5 of this tariff. The Customer will be charged for the number of DID numbers utilized out of the available 20 numbers.

	Installation <u>Charge</u>	Monthly <u>Recurring</u>
Establish Trunk Group and Provide 1st Block of 20 DID Numbers	\$480.00	\$4.80
Each Additional Block of 20 DID Numbers	\$0.00	\$4.80
DID Trunk Termination: Per Inward Only Trunk	\$50.00	\$35.00
Dual Tone Multifrequency Pulsing Option, Per Trunk	N/A	\$10.00

7.7 Reserved For Future Use

7.8 Optional Calling Features

The features in this section are made available on an individual basis or as part of multiple feature packages. All features are provided subject to availability. Certain features may not be available with all classes of service. Transmission levels for calls forwarded or calls placed or received using optional calling features may not be acceptable for all some uses in some cases.

7.8.1 Features Offered on a Usage Sensitive Basis

The following features are available to all local exchange Business and Residence line Customers where facilities and services permit. Customers may utilize each feature by dialing the appropriate access code. The Customer will be billed the Per Feature Activation Charge shown in the following table each time a feature is used by the Customer. Customers may subscribe to these features on a monthly basis at their option to obtain unlimited use of these features for a fixed monthly charge.

Optional Calling Features	Residence	Business
Three-Way Calling	\$0.90	\$0.90
Call Return	\$0.90	\$0.90
Repeat Dialing	\$0.90	\$0.90
Busy Connect	\$0.90	\$0.90

Denial of per call activation for Three-Way Calling, Call Return and Repeat Dialing from any line or trunk is available to Customers upon request at no additional charge.

7.8 Optional Calling Features, (Continued)

7.8.2 Features Offered on a Monthly Basis

The following optional calling features are offered to Customers on a monthly basis. Customers are allowed unlimited use of each feature. No usage sensitive charges apply. Multiline Customers must order the appropriate number of features based on the number of lines which will have access to the feature.

Optional Calling Feature	Residence	Business
Call Forwarding Variable	\$5.50	\$5.50
Call Forwarding Variable with Remote Access	\$6.00	\$10.00
Call Forwarding Don't Answer - Basic	\$1.00	\$4.50
Call Forwarding Don't Answer w/Ring Control	\$1.00	\$5.00
Call Forwarding Don't Answer Multipath	\$2.00	\$5.00
Call Forwarding Busy Line - Basic	\$1.00	\$4.50
Call Forwarding Busy Line Multipath	\$2.00	\$5.00
Call Forwarding Variable Multipath	\$3.00	\$5.00
Call Waiting - Basic	\$5.50	\$7.00
Caller ID - Basic	\$8.00	\$11.00
Caller ID - Deluxe with ACR	\$9.00	\$11.00
Caller ID - Deluxe without ACR	\$9.00	\$11.00
Caller ID - Enhanced with ACR & Call Manage	N/A	\$18.00
Caller ID - Enhanced with all features	N/A	\$18.00
Caller ID - Deluxe without ACR	N/A	\$11.00
Anonymous Call Rejection	\$3.00	\$3.50
Call Block	\$4.00	\$5.50
Call Return	\$5.00	\$6.50
Call Selector	\$4.00	\$5.50
Call Tracing	\$4.00	\$7.00
Distinctive Ring - Two Numbers	\$7.00	\$12.00
Distinctive Ring - One Number	\$5.00	\$10.00
Repeat Dialing	\$4.00	\$6.00
Speed Calling (30 codes)	\$4.50	\$6.50
Speed Calling (8 codes)	\$4.00	\$6.00
Three Way Calling	\$5.50	\$6.00
Touch Tone (per line)	\$0.60	\$3.00

8.1 Directory Listings

8.1.1 General

The following rules 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.

Only information necessary to identify the Customer is included in these listings. The Company use abbreviations in listings. The Company may reject a residence listing, which is judged to be advertising. It may also reject a listing it judges to be objectionable. A name made up by adding a term such as Company, Shop, Agency, Works, etc. to the name of a commodity or service willing to be accepted as a listing unless the subscriber is legally doing business under that name.

A name may be repeated in the white pages only when a different address or telephone number is used.

8.1 Directory Listings, (Continued)

8.1.2 Composition of Listings

(A) Names

The following names may be included in business service listings:

- (1) The name of subscriber or joint user.
- (2) The name of each business enterprise which the subscriber or joint user conducts.
- (3) The name by which the business of a subscriber or joint user is known to the public. Only one such name representing the same general line of business will be accepted.
- (4) The name of any person associated with the subscriber or joint user in the same business.
- (5) The name of any person, firm or organization which subscriber or joint user is authorized to represent, or the name of an authorized representative of the subscriber or joint user.
- (6) Alternative spelling of an individual name or alternative arrangement of a business name, provided the listing in the judgment of the Company, is not for advertising purposes. The name of a publication issued periodically by the subscriber or joint user.
- (7) The name of an inactive business organization in a cross-reference listing when authorized by such business or organization.
- (8) The name of a member of subscriber's domestic establishment when business service is furnished in the subscriber's residence.
- (9) The name of a corporation which is the parent or a subsidiary of the subscriber.
- (10) The name of a resident of a hotel, apartment house, boarding house or club which is furnished PBX service, may be included in a residence type listing with the telephone number of the PBX service.
- (11) The name of the subscriber to a sharing arrangement.

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8.1 Directory Listings, (Continued)

8.1.2 Composition of Listings, (Continued)

(B) <u>Designation</u>

The purpose of a business designation is to identify the listed party and not to advertise the business. No designation of the nature of the business is included if this is sufficiently indicated by the name. Where a listed party is engaged in more than one general line of business, one additional business designation may be included in the listing when necessary to identify the listed party. When a listed party has two or more listed telephone number or two or more business addresses, designations indicating the branches of the organization may be included where necessary to assist the public in calling.

A designation may include a title to indicate a listed party's official position, but not the name of the firm or corporation with which the individual is connected. Individual names or titles are not shown following the name of a firm or corporation. A term such as "renting agent" may be included in a listing indented under the name of a building, provided the agent maintains a renting office in such a building.

A designation is not ordinarily provided in a residence type listing except for residential service as permitted under the terms of this tariff. A professional designation is permitted on residence service in the case of a physician, surgeon, dentist, osteopath, chiropodist, podiatrist, optometrist, chiropractor, physiotherapist, Christian Science practitioner, veterinary surgeon, registered nurse or licensed practical nurse, provided that the same name and designation is also listed on business service of that subscriber or another subscriber in the same or different directory.

The listing of service in the residence of a clergyman may include the designation "parsonage," "rectory," "parish house," or "manse," and any such listing may be indented under a listing in the name of the church. Where residence service is furnished in a church study, the listing may include the designation "study."

8.1 Directory Listings, (Continued)

8.1.2 Composition of Listings, (Continued)

(C) <u>Address</u>

Each residence or non-profit listing may, but does not have to, include the house number and street name of the residence where the telephone service is provided. Other information, such as a building name or a locality designation, may be included to help identify the Customer.

(D) Telephone Number

Each listing may include only one telephone number, except in an alternate telephone number listing where each number listed is considered a line for rate purposes.

A listing may include only the telephone number of the first line of a PBX system or incoming service group, except that a trunk not included in the incoming service group of a PBX system, or the first trunk of a separate incoming service group of a PBX system may be listed to meet special conditions where a corporation and its subsidiaries use the same PBX system.

8.1 Directory Listings, (Continued)

8.1.3 Types of Listings

(A) Standard Listing

A standard listing includes a name, designation, address and telephone number of the Customer. It appears in the White Pages of the telephone directory and in the Company's Directory Assistance records. The designation in the listing will be provided according to the rules in paragraph 5.13.2.2 above.

(B) Indented Listing

An indented listing appears under a standard listing and may include only a designation, address and telephone number. An indented listing is allowed only when a Customer is entitled to two or more listings of the same name with different addresses or different telephone numbers. For example:

Smith, John MD
Office 125 Portland
Residence 9 Glenway
555-8345

Such listing may be furnished as an indented listing or as a sub-caption. The telephone number in such a listing may be that of another service furnished the same subscriber or one of the subscriber's PBX trunks not included in the incoming service group, or the service furnished a different subscriber.

8.1 Directory Listings, (Continued)

8.1.3 Types of Listings, (Continued)

(C) Alternate Telephone Number Listing and Night Listing

Any listed party who has made the necessary arrangements for receiving telephone calls during his or her absence may have an alternate telephone number listing or a night listing, such as the following.

If no answer call (telephone number)
Night calls (telephone number)
Night calls after ___PM (telephone number)
Nights, Sundays and holidays (telephone number)
5PM to 9AM weekdays, Saturday until 9AM, Monday and holidays (telephone number)

Such listing may be furnished as an indented listing or as a sub-caption. The telephone number in such a listing may be that of another service furnished the same subscriber or one of the subscriber's PBX trunks not included in the incoming service group, or the service furnished a different subscriber.

(D) Duplicate Listing

Any listing may be duplicated in a different directory or under a separate geographical heading in the same directory. Such listing may be duplicated in indented form.

(E) Reference Listing

A subscriber having exchange services listed under different geographical headings may have an indented listing in reference form in lieu of a duplicate listing.

(F) Cross Reference Listing

A cross reference listing may be furnished in the same alphabetical group with the related listing when required for identification of the listed party and not designated for advertising purposes.

8.1 Directory Listings, (Cont'd.)

8.1.4 Free Listings

The following listings are provided at no additional charge to the Customer: one listing for each individual line service, auxiliary line or PBX system.

8.1.5 Rates for Additional Listings - Business Customers

The following rates and charges apply to additional listings requested by the Customer over and above those free listings provided for in Section 8.1.4.

Type of Listing	Residential Charge	Business Charge
Reference/Cross Reference:		•
- Each Listing	\$1.20	\$2.10
Alternate Telephone Number/Night Listin	g:	
- Night, Sundays & Holidays	\$1.80	\$2.10
- First Line	\$1.80	\$2.10
Additional Listing	\$1.20	\$2.10
Foreign Listing	\$1.20	\$2.10
Dual Name Liking - Non Recurring	\$5.50	\$5.50

8.2 Non-Published Service

8.2.1 General

Non-published service means that the Customer's telephone number is not listed in the directory, not does it appear in the Company's Directory Assistance Records.

8.2.2 Regulations

This service is subject to the rules and regulations for E911 service, where applicable.

The Company will complete calls to a non-published number only when the caller dials direct or gives the operator number. No exceptions will be made, even if the caller says it is an emergency.

When the Company agrees to keep a number unlisted, it does so without any obligation. Except for cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct, the Company is not liable for any damages that might arise from publishing a non-published number in the directory or disclosing it to some. If, in error, the telephone number is published in the directory, the Company's only obligation is to credit or refund any monthly charges the Customer paid for non-published service.

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.

8.2.3 Rates and Charges

There is a monthly charge for each non-published service. This charge does not apply is the Customer has other listed service at the same location; if the Customer lives in a hotel, boarding house or club with listed service; or if the service is installed for a temporary period.

Non-published service charge, per month \$4.00

8.3 Non-Listed Service

8.3.1 General

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

8.3.2 Regulations

This service is subject to the rules and regulations for E911 service, where applicable.

The Company will complete calls to a non-listed number.

When the Company agrees to keep a number unlisted, it does so without any obligation. Except for cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct, the Company is not liable for any damages that might arise from publishing a non-listed number in the directory or disclosing it to someone. If, in error, the telephone number is listed in the directory, the Company's only obligation is to credit or refund any monthly charges the Customer paid for non-listed service.

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-listed service or the disclosing of said number to any person.

8.3.3 Rates and Charges

There is a monthly charge for each non-listed service. This charge applies if the Customer has other listed service at the same location; if the Customer lives in a hotel, boarding house or club with listed service; or in the service is installed for a temporary period.

Non-listed service charge, per month: \$1.30

8.4 Directory Assistance Services

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8.4.1 Directory Assistance

A Directory Assistance charge applies per local directory assistance call. The Customer may make two (2) requests for a telephone number per call. The Directory Assistance Charge applies regardless of whether the Directory Assistance operator is able to supply the requested number. No charge applies for the first call per month per residence line.

Each Local Directory Assistance Call

\$0.59

SECTION 9.0 - ADVANCED SERVICES

9.1 ISDN PRI Service with Unlimited Local Calling

ISDN PRI offers an array of value-added features, such as calling number identification and call-by-call selection that enhance productivity. ISDN PRI is configured with 23 64 Kbps bi-directional B (Bearer) channels and one 64 Kbps D (Data) channel. Unique to ISDN PRI is its ability to designate the D channel to handle all of the signaling and call control requirements and leave the remaining 23 B channels free for any mix of circuit-switched voice and data.

Each of these products is offered under a 12, 24 or 36 month term agreement. Rates include unlimited local calling for sent-paid, directly dialed calls. Rates do not include calling card calls, information type calls to Time and Weather, 555, 700, 900, 976 Services, Directory Assistance or any other type of Operator Handled call.

ISDN PRI includes the following non-optional Feature Package: Inbound Calling Line ID-Name & Number and Call by Call Selection.

Regional Toll and Long Distance Services must be PIC'd to the Company. These rates are in addition to ISDN PRI and DS1 rates below.

Recurring Charges

	Monthly Recurring Charge			
	12 Months	24 Months	36 Months	
Bellsouth Area	ICB	ICB	ICB	

9.1 ISDN PRI Service with Unlimited Local Calling (Continued

Non-Recurring Charges

	12 Months	Non-Recurring Charge 24 Months	36 Months
Bellsouth Area First Line	ICB	ICB	ICB
Each Add'l Line	ICB	ICB	ICB
Expedite Service Charge ¹ Bellsouth	Per PRI ICB		
Order Supplement Charge ² Bellsouth	First Change ICB	Subsequent Change ICB	
Order Cancellation Charge Error! Bookmark not defined.	Per PRI		
Bellsouth	ICB		

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¹ Expedite Service Charges apply when customer requests installation of service in less time than normal installation interval of 30 business days.

² Order Supplement Charges apply when a change of the Requested Service Date is requested by customer. A change of requested service date must be within 30 days of the previous requested service date. In no event will the Company be obligated to accept more than three (3) changes to a requested service date. The service will be deemed canceled upon the fourth (4) such request and applicable Order Cancellation Charges will apply.

9.2 Digital DS-1 PBX Service with Unlimited Local Calling

This service provides a trunk side DS1 electrical interface from the customer's digital PBX system to a digital port on a local Company switch for the origination and termination of calls. Traffic to and from the digital PBX can be received or dialed directly from any PBX station without the need for an attendant.

These digital trunks deliver a high-speed DS1 (T1) connection between your PBX and the Company network. There are up to 24 channels on one facility, each of which can be used to place or receive calls. This multi-channel capability dramatically reduces the need for additional PBX circuit cards.

Each of these products is offered under a 12, 24 or 36 month term agreement. Rates include unlimited local calling for sent-paid, directly dialed calls. Rates do not include calling card calls, information type calls to Time and Weather, 555, 700, 900, 976 Services, Directory Assistance or any other type of Operator Handled call.

Regional Toll and Long Distance Services must be PIC'd to the Company. These rates are in addition to ISDN PRI and DS1 rates below.

Monthly Recurring Charges

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		Monthly Recurring	Charge
	12 Months	24 Months	36 Months
Bellsouth Bell Area	ICB	ICB	ICB

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9.2 Digital DS-1 PBX Service with Unlimited Local Calling (Continued)

Non-Recurring Charges

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Bellsouth Area First Line Each Add'l Line	ICB ICB	ICB ICB	ICB ICB
Expedite Service Charge ¹ Bellsouth	Per DS1 ICB		
Order Supplement Charge ² Bellsouth	First Change ICB	Subsequent Change ICB	
Order Cancellation Charge Error! Bookmark not defined.	Per DS1		
Bellsouth	ICB		

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9.3 ISDN PRI Service with Unlimited Local Calling and Bundled Toll/LD Service

ISDN PRI offers an array of value-added features, such as calling number identification and call-by-call selection that enhance productivity. ISDN PRI is configured with 23 64 Kbps bi-directional B (Bearer) channels and one 64 Kbps D (Data) channel. Unique to ISDN PRI is its ability to designate the D channel to handle all of the signaling and call control requirements and leave the remaining 23 B channels free for any mix of circuit-switched voice and data.

This product is offered under a 12, 24 or 36 month term agreement. Rates include unlimited local calling for sent-paid, directly dialed calls. Rates do not include calling card calls, information type calls to Time and Weather, 555, 700, 900, 976 Services, Directory Assistance or any other type of Operator Handled call.

The Unlimited Local Calling and Bundled Toll/LD Service Products are offered with six different increments of Toll/LD Minutes of Use: 5,000, 10,000, 15,000, 30,000, 50,000 and 100,000. Installation charges are included in the monthly recurring charges. Regional Toll and Long Distance Services must be PIC'd to the Company.

ISDN PRI with Unlimited Local and Bundled 5,000 Long Distance MOU

This package includes unlimited local and 5,000 long distance minutes of use. Also included is Inbound Calling Line ID-Name & Number & Call-by-Call Selection (ISDN PRI) long distance usage @ 5,000 MOUs (including regional toll). Usage over the selected LD package will be billed at \$0.049 per minute.

	Monthly Recurring Charge			
	12 Months	24 Months	36 Months	
Bellsouth Area	ICB	ICB	ICB	

ISDN PRI with Unlimited Local and Bundled 10,000 Long Distance MOU

This package includes unlimited local and 10,000 long distance minutes of use. Also included is Inbound Calling Line ID-Name & Number & Call-by-Call Selection (ISDN PRI) long distance usage @ 10,000 MOUs (including regional toll). Usage over the selected LD package will be billed at \$0.049 per minute.

	Monthly Recurring Charge			
	12 Months	24 Months	36 Months	
Bellsouth Area	ICB	ICB	ICB	

Bellsouth Area

SECTION 9.0 - ADVANCED SERVICES (CONTINUED)

9.3 ISDN PRI Service with Unlimited Local Calling and Bundled Toll/LD Service (Continued)

ISDN PRI with Unlimited Local and Bundled 15,000 Long Distance MOU

This package includes unlimited local and 15,000 long distance minutes of use. Also included is Inbound Calling Line ID-Name & Number & Call-by-Call Selection (ISDN PRI) long distance usage @ 15,000 MOUs (including regional toll). Usage over the selected LD package will be billed at \$0.049 per minute.

Monthly Recurring Charge

12 Months 24 Months 36 Months ICB ICB ICB

ISDN PRI with Unlimited Local and Bundled 30,000 Long Distance MOU

This package includes unlimited local and 30000 long distance minutes of use. Also included is Inbound Calling Line ID-Name & Number & Call-by-Call Selection (ISDN PRI) long distance usage @ 30,000 MOUs (including regional toll). Usage over the selected LD package will be billed at \$0.049 per minute.

Monthly Recurring Charge

12 Months 24 Months 36 Months
Bellsouth Area ICB ICB ICB

ISDN PRI with Unlimited Local and Bundled 50,000 Long Distance MOU

This package includes unlimited local and 50,000 long distance minutes of use. Also included is Inbound Calling Line ID-Name & Number & Call-by-Call Selection (ISDN PRI) long distance usage @ 50,000 MOUs (including regional toll). Usage over the selected LD package will be billed at \$0.049 per minute.

Monthly Recurring Charge

12 Months 24 Months 36 Months
Bellsouth Area ICB ICB ICB

ISDN PRI with Unlimited Local and Bundled 100,000 Long Distance MOU

This package includes unlimited local and 100,000 long distance minutes of use. Also included is Inbound Calling Line ID-Name & Number & Call-by-Call Selection (ISDN PRI) long distance usage @ 100,000 MOUs (including regional toll). Usage over the selected LD package will be billed at \$0.049 per minute.

Monthly Recurring Charge

Bellsouth Area ICB ICB ICB ICB

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These digital trunks deliver a high-speed DS1 (T1) connection between your PBX and the Company network. There are up to 24 channels on one facility, each of which can be used to place or receive calls. This multi-channel capability dramatically reduces the need for additional PBX circuit cards.

Each of these products is offered under a 12, 24 or 36 month term agreement. Rates include unlimited local calling for sent-paid, directly dialed calls. Rates do not include calling card calls, information type calls to Time and Weather, 555, 700, 900, 976 Services, Directory Assistance or any other type of Operator Handled call.

The Digital DS-1 PBX Service with Unlimited Local Calling and Bundled Toll/LD Service Products are offered with six different increments of Toll/LD Minutes of Use: 5,000, 10,000, 15,000, 30,000, 50,000 and 100,000. Installation charges are included in the monthly recurring charges. Regional Toll and Long Distance Services must be PIC'd to the Company.

ISDN DS1 with Unlimited Local and Bundled 5,000 Long Distance MOU

This package includes unlimited local and 5,000 long distance minutes of use. Also included is Inbound Calling Line ID-Name & Number and long distance usage @ 5,000 MOUs (including regional toll). Usage over the selected LD package will be billed at \$0.049 per minute.

	Monthly Recurring Charge		
	12 Months	24 Months	36 Months
Bellsouth Area	ICB	ICB	ICB
Verizon Area	ICB	ICB	ICB

ISDN DS1 with Unlimited Local and Bundled 10,000 Long Distance MOU

This package includes unlimited local and 10,000 long distance minutes of use. Also included is Inbound Calling Line ID-Name & Number and long distance usage @ 10,000 MOUs (including regional toll). Usage over the selected LD package will be billed at \$0.049 per minute.

	Monthly Recurring Charge			
	12 Months	24 Months	36 Months	
Bellsouth Area	ICB	ICB	ICB	

9.4 Digital DS-1 PBX Service with Unlimited Local Calling and Bundled Toll/LD Service (Continued)

ISDN DS1 with Unlimited Local and Bundled 15,000 Long Distance MOU

This package includes unlimited local and 15,000 long distance minutes of use. Also included is Inbound Calling Line ID-Name & Number and long distance usage @ 15,000 MOUs (including regional toll). Usage over the selected LD package will be billed at \$0.049 per minute.

Monthly Recurring Charge

12 Months 24 Months 36 Months
Bellsouth Area ICB ICB ICB

ISDN DS1 with Unlimited Local and Bundled 30,000 Long Distance MOU

This package includes unlimited local and 30000 long distance minutes of use. Also included is Inbound Calling Line ID-Name & Number and long distance usage @ 30,000 MOUs (including regional toll). Usage over the selected LD package will be billed at \$0.049 per minute.

Monthly Recurring Charge

12 Months 24 Months 36 Months
Bellsouth Area ICB ICB ICB

ISDN DS1 with Unlimited Local and Bundled 50,000 Long Distance MOU

This package includes unlimited local and 50,000 long distance minutes of use. Also included is Inbound Calling Line ID-Name & Number and long distance usage @ 50,000 MOUs (including regional toll). Usage over the selected LD package will be billed at \$0.049 per minute.

Monthly Recurring Charge

12 Months 24 Months 36 Months
Bellsouth Area ICB ICB ICB

ISDN DS1 with Unlimited Local and Bundled 100,000 Long Distance MOU

This package includes unlimited local and 100,000 long distance minutes of use. Also included is Inbound Calling Line ID-Name & Number and long distance usage @ 100,000 MOUs (including regional toll). Usage over the selected LD package will be billed at \$0.049 per minute.

Monthly Recurring Charge

12 Months 24 Months 36 Months
Bellsouth Area ICB ICB ICB

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9.5 ISDN BRI Service

ISDN BRI (Basic Rate Interface) uses standard "twisted pair" cables and is nearly three times faster than a 56K dial up line. ISDN PRI (Primary Rate Interface) uses a 1.544 Mbps digital transport facility (T1). Both services provide the superior clarity of digital transmission, a high-speed data interface and sufficient bandwidth capacity to fulfill your current and future communication needs.

ISDN BRI consists of two 64 Kbps B (Bearer) channels and one 16 Kbps D (Data) channel. Each B channel has the ability to integrate voice, data, image and video. The B channels may be kept separate or bonded together to deliver 128 Kbps.

Monthly Recurring Charges

	Monthly Recurring
	Charge ¹
ISDN Basic Exchange Digital Line, each	\$10.00
ISDN Basic Exchange Circuit Switched Voice	
First Line	n/a
Second Line	2.00
ISDN Basic Exchange Circuit Switched Data, each	2.00
ISDN Basic Exchange Alternate Circuit Switched	2.00
Voice/Data,each	

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¹ These ISDN BRI rates are a supplement to individual Message Rate Service.

9.6 Digital Centrex Service

Digital Centrex Service delivers superior performance, PBX-like functionality including abbreviated dialing, and is compatible with many telephone sets. Each user has a unique sevendigit direct telephone number and customized features. The service is affordable, power failure safe and provides a scalable platform for future growth and technology.

Monthly Recurring Charges	
Contract Length	Monthly Recurring Charge
12 months – Assume Dial 9	26.61
12 months	23.15
24 months	21.05
36 months	17.59
60 months	16.51
84 months	15.80

NOTES FOR ALL: Availability of services must be verified with the Company based on customer address and NPA-NXX. Rates do not included FCC End User Charge, FCC Port Charge, or other surcharges and taxes. Minimum service period is 12 months. If service is cancelled prior to the end of the contract, a termination charge will be calculated as follows: a. The average of the sum of all line charges on three previous Company invoices to the customer (excluding taxes) multiplied by the number of months remaining in the term agreement.

SECTION 10.0 - RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

10.1 Exchange Areas

Adams-Cdr.Hl. Bean Station BethelSprings Brownsville Cedar Grove Chattanooga Clinton Covington Cumberld. Gap Decatur	RC 5 4 1 1 1C 4 5 2	Chestnut Hill Collierville Cross Plains Cunningham Dickson	5 5 3 5	Ashland City Bent Creek Blanche Camden Charleston Clarksville Columbia Culleoka Dandridge Dover	RC 5 4 2 1 4 3 2 2 4 1	Benton Bolivar Carthage Charlotte Cleveland Copper Basin Cumberld. City Dayton Dyer	2 3 1 5 4 1 1 4 2
Dyersburg Etowah	2	Eagleville Fairview	5 5	East Sango Fayetteville	5 1		1 1
Franklin	5	Fredonia	3	Gallatin	5		4
Georgetown	4	Gibson	2	Gleason	1		5
GrandJunction	1	Greenback	4	Greenbrier	5	Greenfield :	1
Halls	1	Hampshire	2	Harriman	4		1
Henderson	1	Hendersonvl.	5	Henning	1		1
Hornbeak	1	Humboldt	2	Huntington	1		1
Jackson	3	Jasper	4	JeffersonCity			3
Kenton	2	Kingston	4	Kingston Spgs			4
LaFollette	2	LaGrange	5	Lake City	4		2
Lebanon	5	Lenoir City	4	Lewisburg	1	- J	1
Loudon	4	Lyles	2B	Lynchburg	1		1
Madisonville	1 4	Manchester	2 1	Maryville	4 1		4 2
Maynardville	4 5	McEwen Middleton	1	McKenzie Milan	2		2 2
Memphis* Moscow	5 5	Mt. Pleasant	_	Murfreesboro	5		<u> </u>
Newbern	2	Newport	1	Normandy	2		3 4
N.Spring Hill	5	Oak Ridge	4	Old Hickory	5		4
Palmyra	3	Paris	2	Petersburg	1		5
Portland	5	Pulaski	1	Ridgely	1		1
Rockwood	4	Rogersville	1	Sango	3		2
Savannah	1	Selmer	1	Sevierville	4		1
Shelbyville	1	Smyrna	5	Sneedville	1	Soddy-Daisy	4
Solway	4	Somerville	5	S. Cunningham	5		5
S. Pittsburg	4	Spencer Mill	5	Spring City	4	Springfield !	5
Spring Hill	2	Summertown	2D	Surgoinsville	1	Sweetwater	1
Tiptonville	1	Trenton	2	Triune	5		1
Tullahoma	2	Union City	1	Vanleer	5		1
Watertown	5	Waverly	1	W. Sweetwater	4		5
White Bluff	5	White House	5	White Pine	4	Whiteville 1	1
Whitwell	4	Williamsport	2	Winchester	1		

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SECTION 11.0 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

11.1 Carrier Presubscription

11.1.1 General

Carrier Presubscription is a procedure whereby a Customer designates to the Company the carrier which the Customer wishes to be the carrier of choice for intraLATA and interLATA toll calls, Such calls are automatically directed to the designated carrier, without the need to use carrier access codes or additional dialing to direct the call to the designated carrier. Presubscription does not prevent a Customer who has presubscribed to an IntraLATA or InterLATA toll carrier from using carrier access codes or additional dialing to direct calls to an alternative long distance carrier on a per call basis.

- **11.1.2 Presubscription Options** Customers may select the same carrier or separate carriers for intraLATA and interLATA long distance. The following options for long distance Presubscription are available:
 - **Option A:** Customer select the Company as the presubscribed carrier for IntraLATA and InterLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.
 - **Option B:** Customer may select the Company as the presubscribed carrier for IntraLATA calls subject to presubscription and some other carrier as the presubscribed carrier for interLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.
 - Option C: Customer may select a carrier other than the Company for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription and the Company for interLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.
 - **Option D:** Customer may select the carrier other than the Company for both intraLATA and interLATA toll calls subject to presubscription.
 - Option E: Customer may select two different carriers, neither being the Company for intraLATA and interLATA toll calls. One carrier to be the Customers' primary intraLATA interexchange carrier. The other carrier to be the Customer's primary interLATA interexchange carrier.
 - Option F: Customer may select a carrier other than the Company for no presubscribed carrier for intraLATA toll calls subject to presubscription which will require the Customer to dial a carrier access code to route all intraLATA toll calls to the carrier of choice for each call.

SECTION 11.0 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES (CONTINUED)

11.1 Carrier Presubscription, (Continued)

11.1.3 Rules and Regulations

Customers of record will retain their primary interexchange carrier(s) until they request that their dialing arrangements be changed.

Customers of record or new Customers may select either Options A, B, C, D, E or F for intraLATA Presubscription.

Customers may change their selected Option and/or presubscribed toll carrier at any time subject to charges specified in 11.4.5 below:

11.1.4 Presubscription Procedures

A new Customer will be asked to select intraLATA and interLATA toll carriers at the time the Customer places an order to establish local exchange service with the Company. The Company will process the Customer's order for service. All new Customers initial requests for intraLATA toll service presubscription shall be provided free of charge.

If a new Customer is unable to make selection at the time the new Customer places an order to establish local exchange service, the Company will read a random listing of all available intraLATA and interLATA carriers to aid the Customer in selection. If selection is still not possible, the Company will inform the Customer that he/she will be given 90 calendar days in which to inform the Company of his/her choice for primary toll carrier(s) free of charge. Until the Customer informs the Company of his/her choice of primary toll carrier, the Customer will not have access to long distance services on a presubscribed basis, but rather will be required to dial a carrier access code to route all toll calls to the carrier(s) of choice. Customers who inform the Company of a choice for toll carrier presubscription within the 90-day period will not be assessed a service charge for the initial Customer request.

Customers of record may initiate an intraLATA or interLATA presubscription change at any time, subject to the charges specified in 11.4.5 below. If a Customer of record inquires of the Company of the carriers available for toll presubscription, the Company will read a random listing of all available intraLATA carriers to aid the Customer in selection.

SECTION 11.0 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES (CONTINUED)

11.1 Carrier Presubscription, (Continued)

11.1.5 Presubscription Charges

(A) Application of Charges

After a Customer's initial selection for a presubscribed toll carrier and as detailed in Paragraph 11.4.4 above, for any change thereafter, a Presubscription Change Charge, as set forth below will apply. Customers who request a change in intraLATA and interLATA carriers with the same order will be assessed a single charge per line.

(B) Nonrecurring Charges

Per business or residence line, trunk, or port

Initial Line, or Trunk or Port \$5.00 Additional Line, Trunk or Port \$5.00

SECTION 12.0 - PROMOTIONAL OFFERINGS

12.1 Special Promotions

The Company may from time to time engage in special promotional trial service offerings of limited duration (not to exceed ninety days on a per Customer basis for non-optional, recurring charges) designed to attract new subscribers or to increase subscriber awareness of a particular tariff offering. Requests for promotional offerings will be presented to the Commission for its review in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Commission, and will be included in the Carrier's tariff as an addendum to the Carrier's price lists.

12.2 Discounts

The Company may, from time to time as reflected in the price list, offer discounts based on monthly volume (or, when appropriate, "monthly revenue commitment" and/or "time of day" may also be included).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached APPLICATION OF TOUCHTONE COMMUNICATIONS INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY was served upon the following parties of record by depositing a copy of same in the United States Mail, First Class, Postage Prepaid, to their last known address as follows:

Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.

P.O. Box 549 517 Ardmore Avenue Ardmore, TN 38449 (205) 423-2131 (205) 423-2208 (Fax)

BellSouth

333 Commerce Street Nashville, TN 37201-3300 (615) 214-3800 (615) 214-8820 (Fax)

Century Telephone of Adamsville

P.O. Box 405 116 N. Oak Street Adamsville, TN 38310 (901) 632-3311 (901) 632-0232 (Fax)

Century Telephone of Claiborne

P.O. Box 100 507 Main Street New Tazewell, TN 37825 (423) 626-4242 (423) 626-5224 (Fax)

Century Telephone of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc.

P.O. Box 782 5616 Main Street Ooltewah, TN 37363 (423) 238-4102 (423) 238-5699 (Fax)

Citizens Communications Company of Tennessee

P.O. Box 770 300 Bland Street Bluefield, WV 24701

Citizens Communications Company Of The Volunteer State

P.O. Box 770 300 Bland Street Bluefield, WV 24701

<u>Company, Inc.</u>

P.O. Box 130 Loretto, TN 38469 (931) 853-4351 (931) 853-4329 (Fax)

Millington Telephone Company, Inc.

4880 Navy Road Millington, TN 38053 (901) 872-3311 (901) 873-0022 (Fax)

Sprint-United

112 Sixth Street Bristol, TN 37620 (423) 968-8161 (423) 968-3148 (Fax)

TDS Telecom-Concord Telephone Exchange, Inc.

P.O. Box 22610 701 Concord Road Knoxville, TN 37933-0610 (423) 966-5828 (423) 966-9000 (Fax)

TDS Telecom-Humphreys County Telephone Company

P.O. Box 552 203 Long Street New Johnsonville, TN 37134-0552

(931) 535-2200 (931) 535-3309 (Fax)

TDS Telecom-Tellico Telephone Company, Inc.

P.O. Box 9 102 Spence Street Tellico Plains, TN 37385-0009

(423) 671-4600 (423) 253-7080 (Fax

TDS Telecom-Tennessee Telephone Company

P.O. Box 18139 Knoxville, TN 37928-2139 (423) 922-3535 (423) 922-9515 (Fax)

TEC-Crockett Telephone Company, Inc.

P.O. Box 7 Friendship, TN 38034 (901) 677-8181

TEC-People's Telephone Company, Inc.

P.O. Box 310 Erin, TN 37061

(931) 289-4221 (931) 289-4220 (Fax)

<u>TEC-West Tennessee</u> Telephone Company, Inc.

P.O. Box 10 244 E. Main Street Bradford, TN 38316

(901) 742-2211 (901) 742-2212 (Fax)

United Telephone Company

P.O. Box 38 120 Taylor Street Chapel Hill, TN 37034

(931) 364-2289 (931) 364-7202 (Fax)

This the 26 day of $\frac{\text{July}}{\text{day}}$, 2007.

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