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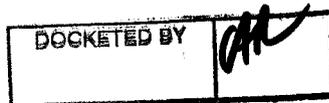
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Brian McNeil, Executive Secretary  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
Telecommunications Division  
1200 West Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007



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RE: IBFA ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC

Dear Mr. McNeil:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission, please find an original and thirteen (13) copies of the above captioned corporation's APPLICATION AND PETITION FOR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE INTRASTATE INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES within the State of Arizona.

In addition, enclosed is a duplicate copy of this letter. Please date-stamp the duplicate and return it to me in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

Should you have any questions concerning this filing, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

EARLY, LENNON, CROCKER & BARTOSIEWICZ, P.L.C.

Patrick D. Crocker

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Application and Petition for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Provide Intrastate Telecommunication Services

Mail original plus 13 copies of completed application to:

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Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2927

Please indicate if you have current applications pending in Arizona as an Interexchange reseller, AOS provider, or as the provider of other telecommunication services.

Type of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Docket No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Docketed: \_\_\_\_\_

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A. Company and Telecommunications Service Information

(A-1) Please indicate the type of telecommunications services that you want to provide in Arizona and answer the appropriate numbered items:

- Resold Long Distance Telecommunications Services (Answer Sections A, B, C).
Resold Local Exchange Telecommunications Services (Answer Sections A, B, C).
Facilities-Based Long Distance Telecommunications Services (Answer Sections A, B, D).
Facilities-Based Local Exchange Telecommunications Services (Answer Sections A, B, D, E).
Alternative Service Provider Telecommunications Services (Answer Sections A, B).
Other (Please attach complete description)

(A-2) The name, address, telephone number (including area code), facsimile number (including area code), email address, and World Wide Web address (if one is available for consumer access) of the Applicant:

IBFA ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC
1850 Howard Street, Unit C
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
Telephone: (847) 685-8600
Facsimile: (847) 685-8687

Web Address:
Toll Free Number: (800) 362-3276

(A-3) If d/b/a ("Doing Business As") name if the Applicant is doing business under a name different from that listed in Item (A-2):

(A-4) The name, address, telephone number (including area code), facsimile number (including area code), and email address of the Applicant's management contact:

Patrick D. Crocker
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**(A-5)** The name, address, telephone number (including area code), facsimile number (including area code), and email address of the Applicant's Attorney and/or Consultant

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**(A-6)** The name, address, telephone number (including area code), facsimile number (including area code), and email address of the Applicant's complaint contact person:

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**(A-7)** What type of legal entity is the applicant?

- Sole proprietorship
- Partnership:     limited             general             Arizona             Foreign
- Limited liability company     Arizona             Foreign
- Corporation:     "S"             "C"             non-profit
- Other, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**(A-8)** Please include "**Attachment A.**"

Attachment A must include the following information:

1. A copy of the Applicant's Certificate of Good Standing as a domestic or foreign corporation, LLC, or other entity in the State of Arizona.
2. A list of the names of all owners, partners, limited liability company managers (or if a member managed LLC, all members), or corporation officers and directors (specify).
3. Indicate percentages of ownership of each person listed in A-8.2.

**(A-9)** Include your Tariff as "**Attachment B.**"

Your Tariff must include the following information:

1. Proposed Rates and Charges for each service offered (reference by Tariff page number).  
*Tariff No. 1 Page(s) No.: 28-36 (Section 3 & 4)*
2. Tariff Maximum Rate and prices to be charged (reference by Tariff page number).  
*Tariff Page(s) No.: Rates provided are actual usage charges.*
3. Terms and Conditions Applicable to provision of service (reference by Tariff page number).  
*Tariff No. 1 Page(s) No.: 16-27 (Section 2)*
4. Deposits, Advances, and/or Prepayments Applicable to provision of service (reference by Tariff page number).  
*Tariff No. 1 Page(s) No.: 25 (2.8.7.)*
5. The proposed fee that will be charged for returned checks (reference by Tariff page number).  
*Tariff No. 1 Page(s) No.: 27 (2.15.)*

**(A-10)** Indicate the geographic market to be served:

- Statewide (Applicant adopts statewide map of Arizona provided with this application).
- Other. Describe and provide a detailed map depicting the area.

**(A-11)** Indicate if the Applicant or any of its officers, directors, partners, or managers has been or is currently involved in any formal or informal complaint proceedings pending before any state or federal regulatory commission, administrative agency, or law enforcement agency:

Describe in detail any such involvement. Please make sure you provide the following information:

1. States in which the Applicant has been or is involved in proceedings.
2. Detailed explanations of the Substance of the Complaints.
3. Commission Orders that resolved any and all Complaints.
4. Actions taken by the Applicant to remedy and/or prevent the Complaints from reoccurring.

*Neither Applicant nor any of its officers, directors, partners, or managers has been or is currently involved in any formal or informal complaint proceedings pending before any State or Federal Regulatory Commission, administrative agency, or law enforcement agency.*

**(A-12)** Indicate if the Applicant or any of its officers, directors, partners, or managers has been or is currently involved in any civil or criminal investigations or had judgments entered in any civil matter or, judgments levied by any administrative or regulatory agency, or been convicted of any criminal acts with the last ten (10) years:

Describe in detail any such judgments or convictions. Please make sure you provide the following information:

1. States involved in the judgments and/or convictions.
2. Reasons for the investigation and/or judgment.
3. Copy of the Court order, if applicable.

*Neither the Applicant nor any of its officers, directors, partners, or managers has been or is currently involved in any civil or criminal investigations, or had judgment entered in any civil matter, judgments levied by any administrative or regulatory agency, or been convicted of any criminal acts within the last ten (10) years.*

**(A-13)** Indicate if the Applicant's customers will be able to access alternative toll service providers or resellers via 1+101XXXX access.

- Yes                       No

**(A-14)** Is Applicant willing to post a Performance Bond? Please check appropriate box(es).

For Long Distance Resellers, a \$10,000 bond will be recommended for those resellers who collect advances, prepayments or deposits.

Yes  No

If "No," continue to question (A-15).

For Local Exchange Resellers, a \$25,000 bond will be recommended.

Yes  No

If "No," continue to question (A-15).

For Facilities-Based Providers of Long Distance, a \$100,000 bond will be recommended.

Yes  No

If "No," continue to question (A-15).

For Facilities-Based Providers of Local Exchange, a \$100,000 bond will be recommended.

Yes  No

If "No," continue to question (A-15).

Note: Amounts are cumulative if the Applicant is applying for more than one type of service.

**(A-15)** If "No" to any of the above, provide the following information: Clarify and explain the Applicant's deposit policy (reference by tariff page number). Provide a detailed explanation of why the Applicant's superior financial position limits any risk to Arizona consumers.

*Tariff No. 1: The Company does not require deposits or advance payments by Customers for Services. See Tariff Section 2.8.7, Page 25*

**(A-16)** Submit copies of affidavits of publication that the Applicant has, as required, published legal notice of the Application in all counties where the services will be provided.

*Applicant will publish legal notice prior to authorization.*

**(A-17)** Indicate if the Applicant is a switchless reseller of the type of telecommunications services that the Applicant will or intends to resell in the State of Arizona:

Yes  No

If "Yes," provide the name of the company or companies whose telecommunications services the Applicant resells:

*Global Crossing, Qwest*

**(A-18)** List the States in which the Applicant has had an application approved or denied to offer telecommunications services similar to those that the Applicant will or intends to offer in the State of Arizona:

*Applicant has authority to provide telephone service in the following jurisdictions: Colorado, District of Columbia, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, New Jersey, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin. Applicant has never been denied authority to provide intrastate telecommunications services.*

**(A-19)** List the States in which the Applicant currently offers telecommunications services similar to those that the Applicant will or intends to offer in the State of Arizona.

*Applicant is currently not providing telecommunication services within any jurisdiction.*

**(A-20)** List the names and addresses of any alternative providers of the service that are also affiliates of the telecommunications company, as defined in R14-2-801.

*Applicant currently has one affiliate providing service in Arizona. American Farm Bureau, Inc., 1850 Howard Street, Suite C, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007 managed by Casimir Wojciechowski.*

## B. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**(B-1)** Indicate if the Applicant has financial statements for the two (2) most recent years.

Yes                       No

If "No," explain why and give the date on which the Applicant began operations.

*Applicant is a company that was organized on May 25, 2004 and amended July 26, 2004.*

**(B-2)** Provide the Applicant's financial information for the two (2) most recent years.

1. A copy of the Applicant's balance sheet.
2. A copy of the Applicant's income statement.
3. A copy of the Applicant's audit report.
4. A copy of the Applicant's retained earnings balance
5. A copy of all related notes to the financial statements and information.

Note: Make sure "most recent years" includes current calendar year or current year reporting period.

*Applicant submits financial statements for 2004 attached hereto as "Attachment C."*

**(B-3)** Indicate if the Applicant will rely on the financial resources of its Parent Company, if applicable.

*N/A*

**(B-4)** The Applicant must provide the following information:

1. Provide the projected total revenue expected to be generated by the provision of telecommunications services to Arizona customers for the first twelve (12) months following certification, adjusted to reflect the maximum rates for which the Applicant requested approval. Adjusted revenues may be calculated as the number of units sold times the maximum charge per minute.

*Applicant's expected revenue for the first 12 months following certification is approximately \$4,000.00.*

2. Provide the operating expenses expected to be incurred during the first twelve months of providing telecommunications services to Arizona customers following certification.

*Applicant's expected operating expenses (i.e., cost of sales) during the first 12 months are approximately \$3,000.00.*

3. Provide the net book value (original cost less accumulated depreciation) of all Arizona jurisdictional assets expected to be used in the provision of telecommunications service to Arizona customers at the end of the first twelve (12) months of operation. Assets are not limited to plant and equipment. Items such as office equipment and office supplies should be included in this list.

*The net book value of all Arizona jurisdictional assets is zero.*

4. If the projected value of all assets is zero, please specifically state this in your response.

*The projected value of all assets is zero.*

5. If the projected fair value of the assets is different than the projected net book value, also provide the corresponding projected fair value amounts.

*The projected fair value is zero.*

**C. RESOLD LONG DISTANCE AND/OR LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

**(C-1)** Indicate if the Applicant has a resale agreement in operation.

Yes  No

If "Yes," please reference the resale agreement by Commission Docket Number of Commission Decision Number.

**D. FACILITIES-BASED LONG DISTANCE AND/OR FACILITIES-BASED LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

**(D-1)** Indicate if the Applicant is currently selling facilities-based long distance telecommunications services AND/OR facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services in the State of Arizona. This item applies to an Applicant requesting a geographic expansion of their CC&N:

Yes  No

If "Yes," provide the following information:

1. The date or approximate date that the Applicant began selling facilities-based long distance telecommunications services AND/OR facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services for the State of Arizona.
2. Identify the types of facilities-based long distance telecommunications services AND/OR facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services that the Applicant sells in the State of Arizona.

If "No," indicate the date when the Applicant will begin to sell facilities-based long distance telecommunications services AND/OR facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services for the State of Arizona:

**(D-2)** Check here if you wish to adopt as your petition a statement that the service has already been classified as competitive by Commission Decision:

- Decision #64178 Resold Long Distance
- Decision #64178 Resold LEC
- Decision #64178 Facilities-Based Long Distance
- Decision #64178 Facilities-Based LEC

**E. FACILITIES-BASED LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES**

**(E-1)** Indicate whether the Applicant will abide by the quality of service standards that were approved by the Commission in Commission Decision Number 59241:

Yes  No

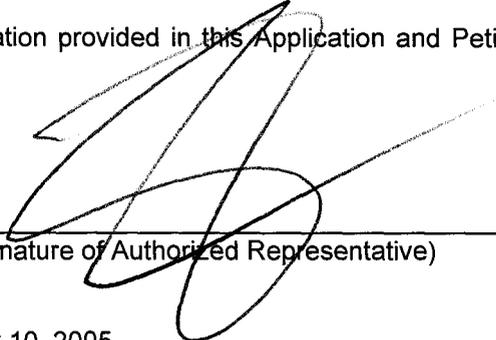
**(E-2)** Indicate whether the Applicant will provide all customers with 911 and E911 service, where available, and will coordinate with incumbent local exchange carriers ("ILECs") and emergency service providers to provide this service:

Yes  No

**(E-3)** Indicate that the Applicant's switch is "full equal access capable" (i.e., would provide equal access to facilities-based long distance companies) pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-111 (A):

Yes  No

I certify that if the applicant is an Arizona company, a current copy of the Articles of Incorporation is on file with the Arizona Corporation Commission and the applicant holds a Certificate of Good Standing from the Commission. If the company is a foreign corporation or partnership, I certify that the company has authority to transact business in Arizona. I certify that all appropriate city, county and/or State agency approvals have been obtained. Upon signing of this application, I attest that I have read the Commission's rules and regulations relating to the regulations of telecommunications services (A.A.C. Title 14, Chapter 2, Article 11) and that the company will abide by Arizona State Law including the Arizona Corporation Commission Rules and Regulations. I agree that the Commission's rules apply in the event there is a conflict between those rules and the company's tariff, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information provided in this Application and Petition is true and correct.



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(Signature of Authorized Representative)

May 10, 2005  
(Date)

Patrick D. Crocker  
(Print Name of Authorized Representative)

Secretary  
(Title)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005.



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NOTARY PUBLIC: Paula A. Schneider  
Kalamazoo County, Michigan  
Acting in Kalamazoo County  
My Commission Expires: June 24, 2011

## ATTACHMENT A

### **(1) Certificate of Good Standing**

### **(2) The Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Each Owner, Officer and/or Director:**

Casimir Wojciechowski, President  
1850 Howard Street, Unit C  
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007  
Telephone: (847) 685-8600

James Grabowski, Vice President  
1850 Howard Street, Unit C  
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007  
Telephone: (847) 685-8600

Patrick D. Crocker, Secretary  
1850 Howard Street, Unit C  
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007  
Telephone: (847) 685-8600

### **(3) Percentage of Ownership of Each Shareholder Listed in (2):**

Casimir Wojciechowski, President	50%
James Grabowski, Vice President	25%
Kathleen Grabowski	25%

# STATE OF ARIZONA



Office of the  
**CORPORATION COMMISSION**

**CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING**

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

I, Brian C. McNeil, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, do hereby certify that

**\*\*\*IBFA ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC\*\*\***

a foreign limited liability company organized under the laws of the jurisdiction of Michigan did obtain a Certificate of Registration in Arizona on the 3rd day of March 2005.

I further certify that according to the records of the Arizona Corporation Commission, as of the date set forth hereunder, the said limited liability company has not had its Certificate of Registration revoked for failure to comply with the provisions of A.R.S. section 29-601 et seq., the Arizona Limited Liability Company Act; and that the said limited liability company has not filed a Certificate of Cancellation as of the date of this certificate.

This certificate relates only to the legal authority of the above named entity as of the date issued. This certificate is not to be construed as an endorsement, recommendation, or notice of approval of the entity's condition or business activities and practices.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Arizona Corporation Commission. Done at Phoenix, the Capital, this 5th Day of May, 2005, A. D.



  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT B**

**Proposed Tariff**

**ARIZONA TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF**

This Tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service and facilities for telecommunications services within the State of Arizona by IBFA ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC ("Company"). This tariff is on file with the Arizona Corporation Commission, and copies may also be inspected, during normal business hours, at the following location: 1850 Howard Street, Unit C, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007.

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Effective:

Issued by: Casimir Wojciechowski, President  
IBFA ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC  
1850 Howard Street, Unit C  
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

CHECK SHEET

The title page and pages 1-36 inclusive of this Tariff are effective as of the date shown. Original and revised sheets, as named below, comprise all changes from the original Tariff in effect on the date indicated.

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CONCURRING, CONNECTING AND OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

CONCURRING CARRIERS:

No Concurring Carriers

CONNECTING CARRIERS:

No Connecting Carriers

OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS:

No Participating Carriers

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APPLICABILITY

This Tariff contains the Service offerings, rates, terms and conditions applicable to the furnishing of intrastate interexchange telecommunications services within the State of Arizona by IBFA ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC ("Company").

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- (D) To signify discontinued material
- (I) To signify a rate or charge increase
- (M) To signify material relocated without change in text or rate
- (N) To signify new material
- (R) To signify a reduction
- (T) To signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation

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1. TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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

Access Coordination

Provides for the design, ordering, installation, coordination, pre-service testing, service turn-up and maintenance on a Company or Customer provided Local Access Channel.

Administrative Change

A change in Customer billing address or contact name.

Alternate Access

Alternate Access is a form of Local Access except that the provider of the Service is an entity, other than the Local Exchange Carrier, authorized or permitted to provide such Service. The charges for Alternate Access may be subject to private agreement rather than published or special tariff if permitted by applicable governmental rules.

Application for Service

A standard Company order form that includes all pertinent billing, technical and other descriptive information that will enable the Company to provide a communication Service as required.

ASR

ASR (Access Service Request) means an order placed with a Local Access Provider for Local Access.

Authorized User

A person, firm, corporation or other entity that either is authorized by the Customer to receive or send communications or is placed in a position by the Customer, either through acts or omissions, to send or receive communications.

Bandwidth

The total frequency band, in hertz, allocated for a channel.

Bill Date

The date on which billing information is compiled and sent to the Customer.

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Call

A completed connection between the Calling and Called Stations.

Called Station

The telephone number called.

Calling Station

The telephone number from which a Call originates.

Cancellation of Order

A Customer initiated request to discontinue processing a Service order, either in part or in its entirety, prior to its completion. Cancellation charges will be assessed for each Circuit-end or Dedicated Access line canceled from an order prior to its completion by the Company, under the following circumstances: (1) if the LEC has confirmed in writing to the Company that the Circuit-end or Dedicated Access line will be installed; or (2) if the Company has already submitted facilities orders to and interconnecting telephone company.

Channel or Circuit

A dedicated communications path between two or more points having a Bandwidth or Transmission Speed specified in this Tariff and selected by a Customer.

Commission

Arizona Corporation Commission

Company

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Company Recognized National Holidays

The following are Company Recognized National Holidays determined at the location of the originator of the Call: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day. The evening rate is used unless a lower rate would normally apply. When a Call begins in one rate period and ends in another, the rate in effect in each rate period applies to the portion of the Call occurring within that rate period. In the event that a minute is split between two rate periods, the rate in effect at the start of that minute applies.

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Customer

The person, firm, corporation or governmental unit which orders Service and which is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with the Company's Tariff regulations. A Customer is considered to be an account for billing purposes. The term Customer also includes an entity that remains presubscribed to the Company Service after its account(s) are removed from the Company's billing system, subsequently continues to use Company's network, and is billed by a local exchange carrier for such use, or otherwise uses Service for which no other Customer is obligated to compensate Company.

Customer Premises/Customer's Premises

Locations designated by a Customer where Service is originated/terminated whether for its own communications needs or for the use of its resale customers.

DCS

DCS means Digital Cross-Connect System.

Dedicated Access/Special Access

Dedicated Local Access between the Customer's Premises or serving wire center and the Company's Point-of-Presence for origination or termination of Calls.

DS-0

DS-0 means Digital Signal Level 0 Service and is a 64 Kbps signal.

DS-1

DS-1 means Digital Signal Level 1 Service and is a 1.544 Mbps signal.

DS-0 with VF Access

DS-0 Service with VF Local Access facilities provides for the transmission of analog voice and/or data within 300 Hz to 3000 Hz frequency range.

DS-0 with DDS Access

DS-0 Service with DDS Access facilities provides for the transmission of digital data at speeds 2.4, 4.8, 9.6 or 56 Kbps.

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Due Date

The Due Date is the date on which payment is due.

Expedite

A Service order initiated at the request of the Customer that is processed in a time period shorter than the Company's standard Service interval.

FCC

Federal Communications Commission

Individual Case Basis (ICB)

Individual Case Basis (ICB) determinations involve situations where complex Customer-specific Company arrangements are required to satisfactorily serve the Customer. The nature of such Service requirements makes it difficult or impossible to establish general tariff provisions for such circumstances. When it becomes possible to determine specific terms and conditions for such offerings, they will be offered pursuant to such terms and conditions.

Installation

The connection of a Circuit, Dedicated Access line, or port for new, changed or an additional Service.

Interexchange Service

Interexchange Service means that portion of a communications channel between a Company-designated Point-of-Presence in one exchange and a Point-of-Presence in another exchange.

Interruption

Interruption shall mean a condition whereby the Service or a portion thereof is inoperative, beginning at the time of notice by the Customer to Company that such Service is inoperative and ending at the time of restoration.

Kbps

Kilobits per second.

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LATA (Local Access Transport Area)

A geographical area established for the provision and administration of communications Service of a local exchange company.

Local Access

Local Access means the Service between a Customer Premises and a Company designated Point-of-Presence.

Local Access Provider

Local Access Provider means an entity providing Local Access.

Local Exchange Carrier (LEC)

The local telephone utility that provides telephone exchange services.

Mbps

Megabits per second.

Multiplexing

Multiplexing is the sequential combining of lower bit rate Private Line Services onto a higher bit rate Private Line Service for more efficient facility capacity usage or vice versa.

N/A

Not available.

Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring Charges are one-time charges.

Payment Method

The manner that the Customer designates as the means of billing charges for Calls using the Company's Service.

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Physical Change

The modification of an existing Circuit, Dedicated Access line or port, at the request of the Customer, requiring some Physical Change or retermination.

Point-of-Presence (POP)

A Company-designated location where a facility is maintained for the purpose of providing access to its Service.

Primary Route

The route that in the absence of Customer-designated routing or temporary re-routing would be used by the Company in the provision of Service.

Private Line

A dedicated transmission channel furnished to a customer without intermediate switching arrangements for full-time customer use.

Private Line Service

A dedicated full-time transmission Service utilizing dedicated access arrangements.

Rate Center

A specified geographical location used for determining mileage measurements.

Requested Service Date

The Requested Service Date is the date requested by the Customer for commencement of Service and agreed to by the Company.

Restore

To make Service operative following an interruption by repair, reassignment, re-routing, substitution of component parts, or otherwise, as determined by the carrier(s) involved.

Route Diversity

Two channels that are furnished partially or entirely over two physically separate routes.

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Service

Service means any or all Service(s) provided pursuant to this Tariff.

Service Commitment Period

The term elected by the Customer and stated on the Service order during which the Company will provide the Services subscribed to by the Customer. The term can be monthly or in the case of Private Line Services for a period of up to 5 years.

Special Promotional Offerings

Special trial offerings, discounts, or modifications of its regular Service offerings that the Company may, from time to time, offer to its Customers for a particular Service. Such offerings may be limited to certain dates, times, and locations.

Start of Service Date

The Requested Service Date or the date Service first is made available by the Company whichever is later.

Tariff

The current Intrastate Services Tariff and effective revisions thereto filed by the Company with the Commission.

Transmission Speed

Data transmission speed or rate, in bits per seconds (bps).

Two-Way Conversation

A Two-Way Conversation is a telephone conversation between or among two or more parties.

VF

VF is voice frequency or voice-grade Service designed for private-line Service. Normal transmission is in the 300 hertz to 3000-hertz frequency band.

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2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1. Description and Limitations of Services

2.1.1. Intrastate Telecommunications Service ("Service") is the furnishing of Company communication Services contained herein between specified locations under the terms of this Tariff.

2.1.2. Any member of the general public (including any natural person or legally organized entity such as a corporation, partnership, or governmental body) is entitled to obtain Service under this Tariff, provided that the Company reserves the right to deny Service: (A) to any Customer that, in the Company's reasonable opinion, presents an undue risk of nonpayment, (B) in circumstances in which the Company has reason to believe that the use of the Service would violate the provisions of this Tariff or any applicable law or if any applicable law restricts or prohibits provision of the Service, or (C) if insufficient facilities are available to provide the Service (in such cases Company shall make best efforts to accommodate the needs of all potential Customers by means of facility improvements or purchases, of capacity, if such efforts will, in the Company's opinion, provide the Company with a reasonable return on its expenditures), but only for so long as such unavailability exists.

2.1.3. Company, when acting at the Customer's request and as its authorized agent, will make reasonable efforts to arrange for Service requirements, such as special routing, Diversity, Alternate Access, or circuit conditioning.

2.1.4. Service is offered in equal access exchanges subject to the availability of facilities and the provisions of this Tariff. Company reserves the right to refuse to provide Service to or from any location where the necessary facilities and/or equipment are not available.

2.1.5. Service may be discontinued after five business days written notice to the Customer if:

2.1.5.A. the Customer is using the Service in violation of this Tariff; or

2.1.5.B. the Customer is using the Service in violation of the law or Commission regulation.

2.1.6. Service begins on the date that billing becomes effective and is provided on the basis of a minimum period of at least one month, 24 hours per day. For the purposes of computing charges in this Tariff, a month is considered to have 30 days.

2.1.7. Service will be provided until canceled, by the Customer on not less than thirty (30) days' written notice from the date of postmark on the letter giving notice of cancellation.

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- 2.1.8. Nothing herein, or in any other provision of this Tariff, or in any marketing materials issued by the Company shall give any person any ownership, interest, or proprietary right in any code or 800 number issued by the Company to its Customers.
- 2.1.9. The Company reserves the right to discontinue furnishing Services or billing options, upon written notice, when necessitated by conditions beyond its control. Conditions beyond the Company's control include, but are not limited to, a Customer's having Call volume or a calling pattern that results, or may result, in network blockage or other Service degradation which adversely affects Service to the calling party, the Customer, or other Customers of the Company.
- 2.1.10. Except as otherwise provided in this Tariff or as specified in writing by the party entitled to receive Service, notice may be given orally or in writing to the persons whose names and business addresses appear on the executed Service order and the effective date of any notice shall be the date of delivery of such notice, not the date of mailing. By written notice, Company or Customer may change the party to receive notice and/or the address to which such notice is to be delivered. In the event no Customer or Company address is provided in the executed Service order, notice shall be given to the last known business address of Customer or, as appropriate.
- 2.2. Other Terms and Conditions
- 2.2.1. The name(s) of the Customer(s) desiring to use the Service must be stipulated in the Application for Service.
- 2.2.2. The Customer agrees to operate the Company provided equipment in accordance with instructions of the Company or the Company's agent. Failure to do so will void the Company liability for interruption of Service and may make Customer responsible for damage to equipment pursuant to Section 2.2.3 below.
- 2.2.3. Customer agrees to return to the Company all Company-provided equipment delivered to Customer within five (5) days of termination of the Service in connection with which the equipment was used. Said equipment shall be in the same condition as when delivered to Customer, normal wear and tear only excepted. Customer shall reimburse the Company, upon demand, for any costs incurred by the Company due to Customer's failure to comply with this provision.
- 2.2.4. A Customer shall not use any service-mark or trademark of the Company or refer to the Company in connection with any product, equipment, promotion, or publication of the Customer without prior written approval of the Company.

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- 2.2.5. In the event suit is brought or any attorney is retained by the Company to enforce the terms of this Tariff, the Company shall be entitled to recover, in addition to any other remedy, reimbursement for reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, costs of investigation and other related expenses incurred in connection therewith.
- 2.2.6. The provision of Service will not create a partnership or joint venture between the Company and the Customer nor result in joint Service offerings to their respective Customers.
- 2.2.7. The rate or volume discount level applicable to a Customer for a particular Service or Services shall be the rate or volume discount level in effect at the beginning of the monthly billing period applicable to the Customer for the particular Service or Services. When a Service is subject to a minimum monthly charge, account charge, port charge or other recurring charge or Nonrecurring Charge for both intrastate and interstate Service, only one such charge shall apply per account and that charge shall be the interstate charge.
- 2.2.8. Service requested by Customer and to be provided pursuant to this Tariff shall be requested on Company Service Order forms in effect from time to time or Customer's forms accepted in writing by an authorized headquarters representative of the Company (collectively referred to as "Service Orders").
- 2.2.9. If an entity other than the company (e.g., another carrier or a supplier) imposes charges on the Company in connection with a Service that entity's charges will be passed through to the Customer also.
- 2.2.10. The Service Commitment Period for any Service shall be established by the Service Order relevant thereto and commence on the Start of Service Date. Upon expiration, each Service Commitment Period for such Service shall automatically be extended subject to written notice of termination by either Company or Customer as of a date not less than thirty (30) days after delivery of said notice to the other. The charges for Interexchange Service during any such extension shall not exceed the then current Company month-to-month charges applicable to such Service.

2.3. Liability

- 2.3.1. Except as provided otherwise in this Tariff, the Company shall not be liable to Customer or any other person, firm or entity for any failure of performance hereunder if such failure is due to any cause or causes beyond the reasonable control of the Company. Such causes shall include, without limitation, acts of God, fire, explosion, vandalism, cable cut, storm or other similar occurrence, any law, order, regulation, direction, action or request of the United States government or of any other government or of any civil or military authority, national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars, strikes, lockouts or work stoppages or other labor difficulties, supplier failures, shortages, breaches or delays, or preemption of existing Services to restore service in compliance with Part 64, Subpart D, Appendix A, of the FCC's Rules and Regulations.

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- 2.3.2. With respect to the Services contained herein and except as otherwise provided herein, the Company's liability shall not exceed an amount equal to the charge applicable to a one minute Call to the Called Station at the time the affected Call was made. If the initial minute rate is higher than the additional minute rate, the higher rate shall apply. For those Services with monthly recurring charges, the Company's liability is limited to an amount equal to the proportionate monthly recurring charges for the period during which Service was affected.
- 2.3.3. The Company is not liable for any act or omission of any other company or companies (including any Company affiliate that is a participating or concurring carrier) furnishing a portion of the Service or facilities, equipment, or Services associated with such Service.
- 2.3.4. The Customer is responsible for taking all necessary legal steps for interconnecting the Customer provided terminal equipment with the Company facilities. The Customer shall ensure that the signals emitted into the Company's network do not damage Company equipment, injure personnel or degrade Service to other Customers. The Customer is responsible for securing all licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and other arrangements necessary for such interconnection. In addition, the customer shall comply with applicable LEC signal power limitations.
- 2.3.5. The Company may rely on Local Exchange Carriers or other third parties for the performance of other Services such as Local Access. Upon Customer request and execution and delivery of appropriate authorizing documents, the Company may act as agent for Customer in obtaining such other Services. Customer's liability for charges hereunder shall not be reduced by untimely Installation or non-operation of Customer provided facilities and equipment.
- 2.3.6. The failure to give notice of default, to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms or conditions herein, the waiver of any term or conditions herein, or the granting of an extension of time for performance by the Company or the Customer shall not constitute the permanent waiver of any term or condition herein. Each of the provisions shall remain at all times in full force and effect until modified in writing.
- 2.3.7. The Company shall not be liable to the Customer or any other person, firm or entity in any respect whatsoever as a result of mistakes, accidents, errors, omissions, interruptions, delays, or defects in Service (collectively "Defects"). Defects caused by or contributed to, directly or indirectly, by any act or omission of Customer or its customers, affiliates, agents, representatives, invitees, licensees, successors or assigns or which arise from or are caused by the use of facilities or equipment of Customer or related parties shall not result in the imposition of any liability whatsoever upon the Company, and Customer shall pay to the Company any reasonable costs, expenses, damages, fees or penalties incurred by the Company as a result thereof, including penalties incurred by the Company as a result thereof, including costs of Local Access Providers' labor and materials. In addition, all or a portion of the Service may be provided over facilities of third parties, or sold by third parties, and the Company shall not be liable to Customer or any other person, firm or entity

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in any respect whatsoever arising out of Defects caused by such third parties. THE COMPANY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL, ACTUAL, PUNITIVE OR ANY OTHER DAMAGES, OR BUSINESS INTERRUPTION, FOR ANY LOST PROFITS OF ANY KIND OR NATURE WHATSOEVER ARISING OUT OF ANY DEFECTS OR ANY OTHER CAUSE. THE COMPANY'S LIABILITY, IF ANY, WITH REGARD TO THE DELAYED INSTALLATION OF THE COMPANY'S FACILITIES OR COMMENCEMENT OF SERVICE SHALL NOT EXCEED \$1,000. THIS WARRANTY AND THESE REMEDIES ARE EXCLUSIVE AND IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES OR REMEDIES, WHETHER EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. IN THE EVENT OF AN INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE OR ANY DEFECT IN THE SERVICE WHATSOEVER, NEITHER COMPANY NOR ANY AFFILIATED OR UNAFFILIATED THIRD PARTY, THIRD PARTY PROVIDER OR OPERATOR OF FACILITIES EMPLOYED IN THE PROVISION OF THE SERVICE SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ANY DIRECT, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL, ACTUAL, PUNITIVE OR ANY OTHER DAMAGES, OR FOR ANY LOST PROFITS OF ANY KIND OR NATURE WHATSOEVER.

- 2.3.8. With respect to the routing of Calls by the Company to public safety answering points or municipal Emergency Service providers, Company liability, if any, will be limited to the lesser of: (a) the actual monetary damages incurred and proved by the Customer as the direct result of the Company's action, or failure to act, in routing the Call, or (b) the sum of \$1,000.00.
- 2.3.9. In the event parties other than Customer (e.g., Customer's customers) shall have use of the Service directly or indirectly through Customer, then Customer agrees to forever indemnify and hold Company and any affiliated or unaffiliated third-party, third-party provider or operator of facilities employed in provision of the Service harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, losses, damages, assessments or payments which may be asserted by said parties arising out of or relating to any Defects.
- 2.3.10. In the event that Company is required to perform a Circuit redesign due to inaccurate information provided by the Customer; or, circumstances in which such costs and expenses are caused by the Customer or reasonably incurred by the Company for the benefit of the Customer, the Customer is responsible for the payment of all such charges.

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2.4. Cancellation of Service by a Customer

2.4.1. If a Customer cancels a Service Order before the Service begins, before completion of the Minimum Period, or before completion of some other period mutually agreed upon by the Customer and the Company, a charge will be levied upon the Customer for the nonrecoverable portions of expenditures or liabilities incurred expressly on behalf of the Customer by the Company and not fully reimbursed by Installation and monthly charges. If, based on a Service order by a Customer, any construction has either begun or been completed, but no Services provided, the nonrecoverable costs of such construction shall be borne by the Customer.

2.4.2. Upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice, either Customer or Company shall have the right, without cancellation charge or other liability, to cancel the affected portion of the Service, if the Company is prohibited by governmental authority from furnishing said portion, or if any material rate or term contained herein and relevant to the affected Service is substantially changed by order of the highest court of competent jurisdiction to which the matter is appeal, the Federal Communications Commission, or other local, state or federal government authority.

2.5. Cancellation for Cause by the Company

2.5.1. Upon nonpayment of any sum owing to the Company, or upon a violation of any of the provisions governing the furnishing of Service under this Tariff, the Company may, upon five business days written notification to the Customer, except in extreme cases, without incurring any liability, immediately discontinue the furnishing of such Service. The written notice may be separate and apart from the regular monthly bill for service. Customer shall be deemed to have canceled Service as of the date of such disconnection and shall be liable for any cancellation charges set forth in this Tariff.

2.5.2. Without incurring any liability, the Company may discontinue the furnishing of Service(s) to a Customer upon five business days written notice if the Company deems that such action is necessary to prevent or to protect against fraud or to otherwise protect its personnel, agents, facilities or Services under the following circumstances, except under extreme cases where the customer may be disconnected immediately and without notice:

2.5.2.A. if the Customer refuses to furnish information to the Company regarding the Customer's credit-worthiness, its past or current use of common carrier communications Services or its planned use of Service(s);

2.5.2.B. if the Customer provides false information to the Company regarding the Customer's identity, address, credit-worthiness, past or current use of Customer communications Services, or its planned use of the Company Service(s);

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- 2.5.2.C. if the Customer states that it will not comply with a request of the Company for reasonable security for the payment for Service(s);
- 2.5.2.D. if the Customer has been given five business days written notice in a separate mailing by the Company of any past due amount (which remains unpaid in whole or in part) for any of the Company's communications Services to which the Customer either subscribes or had subscribed or used;
- 2.5.2.E. in the event of unauthorized use.
- 2.5.2.F. following the disconnection of service for any of these reasons, the Company or the local exchange utility acting as Company agent, will notify the telephone user/customer that service was disconnected and why. The notice will include all reasons for the disconnection and will include a toll-free number where an end user/customer can obtain additional information. Notice shall be deemed given upon deposit, postage prepaid, in the U.S. Mail to the end user's/customer's last known address and in compliance with the Commission's rules.
- 2.5.3. The discontinuance of Service(s) by the Company pursuant to this Section does not relieve the Customer of any obligations to pay the company for charges due and owing for Service(s) furnished up to the time of discontinuance. The remedies set forth herein shall not be exclusive and the Company shall at all times be entitled to all rights available to it under either law or equity.
- 2.6. Credit Allowance
- 2.6.1. Credit allowance for the interruption of Service is subject to the general liability provisions set forth in this Tariff. Customers shall receive no credit allowance for the interruption of service that is due to the Company's testing or adjusting, negligence of the Customer, or to the failure of channels or equipment provided by the Customer. The Customer should notify the Company when the Customer is aware of any interruption in Service for which a credit allowance is desired. Before giving such notice, the Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not being caused by any action or omission within Customer's control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by the Customer in connection with the Company's Services.
- 2.6.2. No credit is allowed in the event service must be interrupted in order to provide routine service quality or related investigations.
- 2.6.3. No credit shall be allowed:
- 2.6.3.A. For failure of services or facilities of Customer; or

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- 2.6.3.B. For failure of services or equipment caused by the negligence or willful acts of Customer.
  - 2.6.4. Credit for an interruption shall commence after Customer notifies Company of the interruption and ceases when services have been restored.
  - 2.6.5. Credits are applicable only to that portion of Service interrupted.
  - 2.6.6. For purposes of credit computation, every month shall be considered to have 720 hours.
  - 2.6.7. No credit shall be allowed for an interruption of a continuous duration of less than two hours.
  - 2.6.8. The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of two hours or more at a rate of 1/720th of the monthly recurring charge for the service affected for each hour or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues. Calculations of the credit shall be made in accordance with the following formula.

Credit Formula:                      Credit =  $\frac{A \times B}{720}$

"A" = outage time in hours

"B" = total monthly charge for affected facility

2.7. Use of Service

- 2.7.1. The Services offered herein may be used for any lawful purpose, including residential, business, governmental, or other use. There are no restrictions on sharing or resale of Services. However, the Customer remains liable for all obligations under this Tariff notwithstanding such sharing or resale and regardless of the Company's knowledge of same. The Company shall have no liability to any person or entity other than the Customer and only as set forth in Section 2.3. The Customer shall not use nor permit others to use the Service in a manner that could interfere with Services provided to others or that could harm the facilities of the Company or others.
- 2.7.2. Service furnished by the Company may be arranged for joint use or authorized use. The joint user or Authorized User shall be permitted to use such Service in the same manner as the Customer, but subject to the following:
  - 2.7.2.A. One joint user or Authorized User must be designated as the Customer.

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- 2.7.2.B. All charges for the Service will be computed as if the Service were to be billed to one Customer. The joint user or Authorized User that has been designated as the Customer will be billed for all components of the Service and will be responsible for all payments to the Company. In the event that the designated Customer fails to pay the Company, each joint user or Authorized User shall be liable to the Company for all charges incurred as a result of its use of the Company's Service.
- 2.7.3. In addition to the other provisions in this Tariff, Customers reselling Company Services shall be responsible for all interaction and interface with their own subscribers or customers. The provision of the Service will not create a partnership or joint venture between Company and Customer nor result in a joint communications Service offering to the Customers of either the Company or the Customer.
- 2.7.4. Service furnished by the Company shall not be used for any unlawful or fraudulent purposes.
- 2.7.5. The Customer will be billed directly by the LEC for certain Dedicated Access arrangements selected by the Customer for the provisioning of direct access arrangements. In those instances where the Company at the Customer's request may act as agent in the ordering of such arrangements, the Company will bill the Customer Local Access charges.
- 2.8. Payment Arrangements
- 2.8.1. The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for Services furnished to the Customer or its joint or Authorized Users. This responsibility is not changed due to any use, misuse, or abuse of the Customer's Service or Customer provided equipment by third parties, the Customer's employees, or the public.
- 2.8.2. The Company's bills are due upon receipt. Amounts not paid within 30 days from the Bill Date of the invoice will be considered past due. Customers will be assessed a late fee on past due amounts in the amount not to exceed the maximum lawful rate under applicable state law. If a Customer presents an undue risk of nonpayment at any time, the Company may require that Customer to pay its bills within a specified number of days and to make such payments in cash or the equivalent of cash.
- 2.8.3. In determining whether a Customer presents an undue risk of nonpayment, the Company shall consider the following factors: (A) the Customer's payment history (if any) with the Company and its affiliates, (B) Customer's ability to demonstrate adequate ability to pay for the Service, (C) credit and related information provided by Customer, lawfully obtained from third parties or publicly available, and (D) information relating to Customer's management, owners and affiliates (if any).

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- 2.8.4. Disputes with respect to charges must be presented to the Company in writing within thirty days from the date the invoice is rendered or such invoice will be deemed to be correct and binding on the Customer.
- 2.8.5. If a LEC has established or establishes a Special Access surcharge, the Company will bill the surcharge beginning on the effective date of such surcharge for Special Access arrangements presently in Service. The Company will cease billing the Special Access surcharge upon receipt of an Exemption Certificate or if the surcharge is removed by the LEC.
- 2.8.6. In the event the Company incurs fees or expenses, including attorney's fees, in collecting, or attempting to collect, any charges owed the Company, the Customer will be liable to the Company for the payment of all such fees and expenses reasonably incurred.
- 2.8.7. Company will not require deposits or advance payments by Customers for Services.
- 2.9. Assignment
- 2.9.1. The obligations set forth in this Tariff shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors or assigns, provided, however, the Customer shall not assign or transfer its rights or obligations without the prior written consent of the Company.
- 2.10. Tax and Fee Adjustments
- 2.10.1. All state and local taxes (i.e., gross receipts tax, sales tax, municipal utilities tax) are listed as separate line items and are not included in the quoted rates.
- 2.10.2. If at any future time a municipality acquires the legal right to impose an occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee or other similar charge upon the Carrier, and imposes the same by ordinance or otherwise, such taxes, fees or charges shall be billed to the end users receiving service within the territorial limits of such municipality. Such billing shall allocate the tax, fee or charge among end users uniformly on the basis of each end user's monthly charges for the types of service made subject to such tax, fee or charge.
- 2.10.3. If at any future time a county or other local taxing authority acquires the legal right to impose an occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee or other similar charge upon the Carrier, and imposes the same by ordinance or otherwise, such taxes, fees or charges shall be billed to the end users receiving service within the territorial limits of such county or other taxing authority. Such billing shall allocate the tax, fee or charge among end users uniformly on the basis of each end user's monthly charges for the types of service made subject to such tax, fee or charge.

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- 2.10.4. When utility or telecommunications assessments, franchise fees, or privilege, license, occupational, excise, or other similar taxes or fees, based on interstate or intrastate receipts are imposed by certain taxing jurisdictions upon the Company or upon local exchange companies and passed on to the Company through or with interstate or intrastate access charges, the amounts of such taxes or fees will be billed to Customers in such a taxing jurisdiction on a prorated basis. The amount of charge that is prorated to each Customer's bill is determined by the interstate or intrastate telecommunications service provided to and billed to an end user/customer service location in such a taxing jurisdiction with the aggregate of such charges equal to the amount of the tax or fee imposed upon or passed on to the Company.
- 2.10.5. When any municipality, or other political subdivision, local agency of government, or department of public utilities imposes upon and collects from the Company a gross receipts tax, occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee or regulatory fee, such taxes and fees shall, insofar as practicable, be billed pro rata to the Company's Customers receiving service within the territorial limits of such municipality, other political subdivision, local agency of government, or public utility commission.
- 2.10.6. The Company may adjust its rates and charges or impose additional rates and charges on its Customers in order to recover amount it is required by governmental or quasi-government authorities to collect from or pay to others in support of statutory or regulatory programs. Examples of such programs include, but are not limited to, the Universal Service Fund, the Primary Interexchange Carrier Charge, and compensation to payphone service providers for use of their payphones to access the Company's services.

2.11. Method for Calculation of Airline Mileage

- 2.11.1. The airline mileage between two cities can be calculated using the Vertical (V) and Horizontal (H) coordinates of the serving wire centers associated with the Company's POP locations. The method for calculating the airline mileage is obtained by reference to AT&T's Tariff F.C.C. No. 10 in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{the square root of: } \frac{(V1-V2)^2 + (H1-H2)^2}{10}$$

where V1 and H1 correspond to the V&H coordinates of City 1 and V2 and H2 correspond to the V&H coordinates of City 2.

Example:	<u>V</u>	<u>H</u>
City 1	5004	1406
City 2	5987	3424

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*the square root of:* 
$$\frac{(5004-5987)^2 + (1406-3424)^2}{10}$$

The result is 709.83 miles. Any fractional miles are rounded to the next higher whole number; therefore, the airline mileage for this example is 710 miles.

2.12. Time of Day Rate Periods

2.12.1. Time of Day Rate Periods are determined by the time of day at the location of the Calling Station.

The rates shown in Section 4 apply as follows:

- DAY: From 8:01 AM to 5:00 PM Monday - Friday
- EVENING: From 5:01 PM to 11:00 PM Monday - Friday and Sunday
- NIGHT/WEEKEND: From 11:01 PM to 8:00 AM Everyday  
From 8:01 AM to 11:00 PM Saturday  
From 8:01 AM to 5:00 PM Sunday

2.13. Special Customer Arrangements

2.13.1. In cases where a Customer requests a special or unique arrangement which may include engineering, conditioning, Installation, construction, facilities, assembly, purchase or lease of facilities and/or other special Services not offered under this Tariff, the Company, at this option, may provide the requested Services. Appropriate recurring charges and/or Nonrecurring Charges and other terms and conditions will be developed for the Customer for the provisioning of such arrangements.

2.14. Inspection

2.14.1. The Company may, upon notice, make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the requirements of this Tariff are being complied with in the Installation, operation or maintenance of Customer or the Company equipment. The Company may interrupt the Service at any time, without penalty to the Company, should Customer violate any provision herein.

2.15. Bad Check Charges

2.15.1. The Company charges Customers \$20.00 for checks that are returned.

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3. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

3.1. Wide Area ("WATS") and Message ("MTS") Toll Services

3.1.1. The Company offers WATS and MTS intrastate interexchange long distance service utilizing switched or dedicated access arrangements between the Customer's Premises and the Company's facilities for call origination. Call termination is completed through a combination of Company facilities and LEC switched access arrangements.

3.2. Switched Inbound Service

3.2.1. Switched inbound service permits inward calling (via 800 codes) to a specific location utilizing premium switched, Feature Group D access on both ends.

3.3. Switched Outbound Service

3.3.1. Switched outbound services permits outward calling utilizing premium switched Feature Group D access on both the originating and terminating ends.

3.4. Dedicated Inbound Service

3.4.1. The Company's Dedicated Inbound 800 Service permits inward calling (via 800 codes) to a specific location featuring the use of a dedicated, special access type connection on the terminating end. Dedicated 800 Service is available to large volume Customers executing a one or two year term commitment agreement with the Company.

3.5. Dedicated Outbound Service

3.5.1. Dedicated outbound service permits outward 1+ calling to stations in diverse service areas. Dedicated outbound service is distinguished from other services by the existence of a dedicated, special access connection on one end. High Volume Customers may elect Dedicated Access 1+ Service. Customer selecting this Service shall commit to utilize the Company's Service for a specified terms, and shall agree to pay any applicable local loop charges.

3.6. Calling Card Service

3.6.1. The Company's Calling Card Service permits Customers to place long distance calls utilizing Company issued Calling Cards for billing purposes.

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3.7. Timing of Calls

3.7.1. Long distance usage charges are based on the actual usage of the Company network. Chargeable time begins when a connection is established between the Calling Station and the Called Station. Chargeable time ends when either party "hangs up" thereby releasing the network connection.

3.7.2. Unless otherwise specified in this Tariff, the minimum call duration for billing purposes is sixty (60) seconds. In addition, unless otherwise specified in this Tariff, usage is measured thereafter in sixty (60) second increments and rounded to the next higher sixty (60) second period.

3.8. Minimum Call Completion Rate

3.8.1. A Customer can expect a call completion rate of not less than 90% during peak use periods for all Feature Group D services.

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4. RATES AND CHARGES

4.1. Usage Rates

- 4.1.1. The following are the per minute usage charges which apply to all calls. Customers shall incur an additional activation fee of \$1.50, along with a monthly recurring charge equal to \$1.50.
- 4.1.2. Customers will incur a \$5.00 monthly service charge. The Company may waive this charge for all Farm Bureau® members.

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4.2. Switched Inbound Usage Rates

**BUSINESS DAY**  
**EVENING/NIGHT/WEEKEND**

<b>Mileage</b>	<b>Initial 18 Seconds</b>	<b>Additional 6 Seconds</b>
All	\$0.0297	\$0.0099

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4.3. Switched Outbound Usage Rates

**BUSINESS DAY**  
**EVENING/NIGHT/WEEKEND**

<b>Mileage</b>	<b>Initial 18 Seconds</b>	<b>Additional 6 Seconds</b>
All	\$0.0390	\$0.0130

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4.4. Dedicated Inbound Usage Rates

4.4.1. (Reserved for future use).

4.5. Dedicated Outbound Usage Rates

4.5.1 (Reserved for future use).

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4.6. Calling Card Usage Rates

**BUSINESS DAY**  
**EVENING/NIGHT/WEEKEND**

<b>Mileage</b>	<b>Initial 60 Seconds</b>	<b>Additional 6 Seconds</b>
All	\$0.1390	\$0.0139

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4.7. Special Promotional Offering

4.7.1. The Company may from time to time engage in Special Promotional Offerings or Trial Service Offerings limited to certain dates, times or locations designed to attract new subscribers or increase subscriber usage when approved by Commission. Company will not have special promotional offerings for more than 90 days in any 12-month period. In all such cases, the rates charged will not exceed those specified in Section 4 hereof.

4.8. Emergency Calls

4.8.1. Customer shall configure its PBX or other switch vehicle from which a customer places a call so that 911 emergency calls, where available, and similar emergency calls will be automatically routed to the emergency answering point for the geographical location where the call originated without the intervention of Company.

4.9. Payphone Use Service Charge

4.9.1. A Payphone Use Service Charge applies to each completed interLATA and intraLATA non-sent paid message made over a pay phone owned by a utility or Customer Owned Pay Telephone (COPT) Service. This includes calling card service, collect calls, calls billed to a third number, completed calls to Directory Assistance and Prepaid Card Service calls. This charge is collected on behalf of the pay phone owner. All Customers will pay the Company a per call service charge of \$0.30.

4.10. Universal Connectivity Charge

4.10.1. Services provided pursuant to this tariff are subject to an undiscountable monthly Universal Connectivity Charge. This monthly service charge is equal to 11% of the Customer's total net intrastate, interstate and international charges, after application of all applicable discounts and credits.

4.10.1.A. The Company will waive the Universal Connectivity Charge with respect to specifically identified Company charges to the extent that the Customer demonstrates to the Company's reasonable satisfaction that:

1. the Customer has filed a Universal Service Worksheet with the Universal Service Administrator covering the twelfth month prior to the month for which the Customer seeks the waiver;
2. the charges with respect to which the waiver is sought are for services purchased by Customer for resale; and

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3. the Customer will file a Universal Service Worksheet with the Universal Service Administrator in which the reported billed revenues will include all billed revenues associated with the Customer's resale of services purchased from the Company.

4.10.1.B. The Universal Connectivity Charge will not be waived with respect to:

1. charges for services purchased by the Customer for its own use as an end user; or
2. charges for which the bill date is on, prior to, or within fifteen days after, the date on which the Customer applies for a waiver with respect to those charges.

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**ATTACHMENT C**

**Financial Information**

ACCOUNTANTS, COMPILATION REPORT

IBFA ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC  
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WE HAVE COMPILED THE ACCOMPANYING BALANCE SHEET AND STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AS LISTED BELOW.

BALANCE SHEET  
STATEMENT OF EARNINGS

FEBRUARY 28, 2005  
FOR THE TWO MONTHS ENDED  
FEBRUARY 28, 2005

A COMPILATION IS LIMITED TO PRESENTING IN THE FORM OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS INFORMATION THAT IS THE REPRESENTATION OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY. WE HAVE NOT AUDITED OR REVIEWED THE ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND, ACCORDINGLY, DO NOT EXPRESS AN OPINION OR ANY OTHER FORM OF ASSURANCE ON THEM. ALL INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IS THE REPRESENTATION OF IBFA ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC.

THE ENTITY HAS ELECTED TO OMIT SOME OF THE DISCLOSURES AND THE STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION REQUIRED BY GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES. IF THE OMITTED DISCLOSURES WERE INCLUDED AND THE STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION WAS PRESENTED, THEY MIGHT INFLUENCE THE USER'S CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL POSITION, RESULTS OF OPERATIONS, AND CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION. ACCORDINGLY, THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE NOT DESIGNED FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT INFORMED ABOUT SUCH MATTERS.

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING SERVICES LTD.  
14N859 ROUTE 25  
EAST DUNDEE, IL 60118  
847-428-5050  
MARCH 28, 2005

IBFA ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC  
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BALANCE SHEET  
February 28, 2005

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

CASH IN BANK – CHECKING	\$	67,936.97
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - USAC		73,837.82
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - TRADE		786,958.50
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - SELLER		<u>8,748.83</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$ 937,482.12

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

EQUIPMENT	\$	<u>214,000.00</u>	\$	214,000.00
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TOTAL PROP & EQUIP \$ 214,000.00

OTHER ASSETS

GOODWILL	\$	<u>1,086,000.00</u>	\$	1,086,000.00
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TOTAL OTHER ASSETS \$ 1,086,000.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 2,237,482.12

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BALANCE SHEET  
February 28, 2005

LIABILITIES AND  
PARTNERS' CAPITAL

CURRENT LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 146,214.49	
ACCRUED USAGE TAX	<u>110,875.10</u>	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$ 257,089.59

NOTES PAYABLE

NOTE PAYABLE - DES PLAINES BANK	\$ 410,000.00	
NOTE PAYABLE - SELLER	890,000.00	
NOTE PAYABLE - J GRABOWSKI	25,500.00	
NOTE PAYABLE - C WOJCIECHOWSKI	<u>25,500.00</u>	
TOTAL NOTES PAYABLE		\$ <u>1,351,000.00</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 1,608,089.59
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PARTNERS' CAPITAL

RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ 629,392.53	
TOTAL PARTNERS' CAPITAL		\$ <u>629,392.53</u>

TOTAL LIAB & PARTNERS' CAPITAL		\$ <u>2,237,482.12</u>
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STATEMENT OF CHMGES IN PARTNERS' CAPITAL

PARTNERS' CAPITAL-February 28, 2005

ADD: NET INCOME / (LOSS)  
PARTNERS' CAPITAL - END

629,392.53  
\$ 629,392.53

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STATEMENT OF EARNINGS

	<u>2 Months Ended</u> <u>Feb. 28, 2005</u>	<u>Pct</u>
<b>INCOME</b>		
SALES – INTERNET	\$ 18,786.15	1.85
SALES – ACCESS FEES	59,143.50	5.81
SALES – LOCAL	79,002.15	7.77
SALES – LD USAGE	601,605.18	59.13
BILLING FEES	56,523.75	5.56
SALES – USAC	91,454.31	8.99
USAGE TAX	<u>110,875.10</u>	<u>10.90</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,017,390.14	100.00
<b>DIRECT COSTS</b>		
USAC EXPENSES	\$ 17,616.49	1.73
CARRIER COSTS	68,818.08	6.76
BILLING EXPENSE	52,677.42	5.18
CHECK PROCESSING	9,778.73	0.96
USAGE TAX	<u>110,875.10</u>	<u>10.90</u>
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	\$ 259,765.82	25.53
GROSS PROFIT	\$ 757,624.32	74.47
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
BANK CHARGES	100.18	0.01
CONSULTING	40,000.00	3.93
FREIGHT AND DELIVERY	581.07	0.06
INSURANCE – HOSPITALIZATION	2,777.41	0.27
OFFICE MAINTENANCE	975.00	0.10
OFFICE SUPPLIES	78.56	0.01
OUTSIDE LABOR	16,894.93	1.66
PAYROLL SERVICE	64.97	0.01
PROFESSIONAL FEES	850.00	0.08
RENT	4,997.51	0.49
REPAIRS	90.20	0.01
SALARY – GENERAL	35,500.38	3.49
SALES EXPENSE	2,681.88	0.26
TECH SUPPORT	38.60	0.00
TAXES – FICA	2,715.83	0.27
TAXES – STATE U/C	1,668.54	0.16
TAXES – FEDERAL U/C	283.98	0.03
TAXES – FRANCHISE	15,696.00	1.54
TELEPHONE	68.74	0.01
TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICES	100.75	0.01
VERIFICATION EXPENSE	386.30	0.04
UTILITIES – ELECTRIC	741.89	0.07
UTILITIES – GAS	<u>939.07</u>	<u>0.09</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>128,231.79</u>	<u>12.60</u>
OPERATING PROFIT OR (LOSS)	\$ 629,392.53	61.86

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DEPRECIATION/AMORTIZATION		
PROFIT /(LOSS) AFTER. DEP/AMORT	\$ 629,392.53	61.86
OTHER INCOME AND (EXPENSE)		
NET PFOFIT OR (LOSS)	<u>\$ 629,392.53</u>	<u>61.86</u>

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