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**RE: ACN Communication Services, Inc.
Replacement Tariff Amendments
Docket T-03835A-15-0364**

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Enclosed for filing please find the original and thirteen (13) copies of the above-referenced amendments for replacement tariffs submitted on behalf of ACN Communication Services, Inc. to notify the Commission of a change in the Company name. This filing is made pursuant to discussions with Ms. Lori Morrison of the Commission Staff. The following amended tariff pages are included with this filing:

Arizona Tariff No. 6 (Interexchange)

Original Page 6
Original Pages 7, 9-14, 19-23, 26-28
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Revises Definition, Deletes Definition
Corrects Typographical Marks
Changes Tariff Reference
Changes Tariff References

Arizona Tariff No. 5 (Local)

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Corrects Late Payment Language
Adds Phone Numbers and Website
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Changes Indentation
Adds "Area Code" for Clarification
Deletes Margin Note

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Sincerely,

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INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

SECTION 1 - TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (CONT'D.)

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

Equal Access - Where the local exchange company central office provides interconnection to interexchange carriers with Feature Group D circuits. In such end offices, Customers can presubscribe their telephone line(s) to their preferred interexchange carrier.

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, or its successor tariff(s).

LEC - Local Exchange Company.

Personal Identification Number (PIN) - See Authorization Code.

Switched Access Origination/Termination - Where access between the Customer and the interexchange carrier is provided on local exchange company Feature Group circuits and the connection to the Customer is a LEC-provided business or residential access line. The cost of switched Feature Group access is billed to the interexchange carrier.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS**2.1 Undertaking of ACN Communication Services, LLC**

The Company provides long distance message telecommunications service to Customers for their direct transmission of voice, data and other types of telecommunications.

Communications originate when the Customer accesses the Company directly or through the facilities of another carrier via one or more access lines, equal access or on a dial-up basis. The Company may act as the Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to the Company's network. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangements.

The Company's services are provided on a monthly basis, unless otherwise stated in this tariff. Services are available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.

2.2 Use

2.2.1 Services provided under this tariff may be used by the Customer for any lawful telecommunications purpose for which the service is technically suited.

2.2.2 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.

2.2.3 The Company may require applicants for service who intend to use the Company's offerings for resale, shared and/or joint use to file a letter with the Company confirming that their use of the Company's offerings complies with relevant laws and the Commission's regulations, policies, orders, and decisions.

2.2.4 A Customer may transmit or receive information or signals via the facilities of the Company. The Company's services are designed primarily for the transmission of voice-grade telephonic signals, except as otherwise stated in this tariff. A user may transmit any form of signal that is compatible with the Company's equipment, but the Company does not guarantee that its services will be suitable for purposes other than voice-grade telephonic communication except as specifically stated in this tariff.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.4 Assignment and Transfer**

- 2.4.1** All facilities provided under this tariff are directly or indirectly controlled by ACN and neither the Customer nor Subscriber may transfer or assign the use of service or facilities without the express written consent of the Company. All regulations and conditions contained in this tariff shall apply to all such permitted assignees or transferees, as well as all conditions of service. Such transfer or assignment, when permitted, shall only apply where there is no interruption of the use or location of the service or facilities.
- 2.4.2** Customer may request Carrier to assign one or more sub-accounts for billing purposes, and to direct sub-account invoices to Customer's affiliates or other designated entities for payment. Such requests shall not affect the liability of the Customer, who shall remain solely liable to the Company for payment of all invoices for service requested and obtained by Customer, whether invoiced by the Company to the Customer, the Customer's affiliates, or other designated entities.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.5 Liability of the Company**

- 2.5.1** ACN's liability for damages arising out of mistakes, interruptions, omissions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission which occur in the course of furnishing service or facilities, in no event shall exceed \$100.00 or an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the Customer, whichever is less, for the period during which the faults in transmission occur. Except as set forth above, the Company shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, special, actual, punitive or any other damages, or business interruption, or for any lost profits of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of any defects or any other cause. In the event of an interruption in service or any defect in the service whatsoever, neither the Company nor any affiliated or unaffiliated 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. Moreover, any such mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission or service, which are caused or contributed to by the negligence or willful act of the Customer, or Authorized User, or joint user, or which arise from the use of Customer provided facilities or equipment shall not result in the imposition of any liability whatsoever upon the Company.
- 2.5.2** The Company shall not be liable for any claim or loss, expense or damage (including indirect, special or consequential damage), for any interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect in any service, facility or transmission provided under this tariff, if caused by any person or entity other than the Company, by any malfunction of any service or facility provided by any other carrier, by an Act of God, fire, war, civil disturbance, or act of government, or by any other cause beyond the Company's direct control.
- 2.5.3** Indemnification - The Company's liability, if any, for its gross negligence or willful misconduct is not limited by this tariff. With respect to any other claim or suit by a Customer or by any others, the Customer indemnifies and saves harmless the Company against claims, losses or suits for injury to or death of any person, or damage to any property which arises from the use, placement or presence of the Company's equipment, facilities and associated wiring of the Customer's premises and further the Customer indemnifies and saves harmless the Company against claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy or the infringement of copyright arising directly or indirectly from the material transmitted over the facilities of the Company or the use thereof by the Customer; against claims for infringement of patents arising from combining with or using in connection with, facilities furnished by the Company and apparatus, equipment and systems provided by the Customer; and against all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the Customer in connection with the services or facilities provided by the Company. No agents or employees of other carriers shall be deemed to be agents or employees of the Company.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.5 Liability of the Company (Cont'd.)**

- 2.5.4** Defacement of premises: No liability shall attach to the Company by reason of any defacement or damage to the Customer's premises resulting from the existence of the Company's equipment or facilities on such premises, or by the installation or removal thereof, when such defacement or damage is not the result of the negligence of the Company or its employees.
- 2.5.5** The Company is not liable for any act or omission of any other entity furnishing a portion of the service or any acts or omission of the Customer.
- 2.5.6** Service furnished by the Company may be interconnected with the services or facilities of other carriers or private systems. However, service furnished is provided solely by the Company and is not a joint undertaking with other parties.
- 2.5.7** The Company shall not be liable for any claim, loss, or refund as a result of loss or theft of Personal Identification Numbers issued for use with the Company's services.
- 2.5.8** The Company shall not be liable for any damages, including usage charges, that the Customer may incur as a result of the unauthorized use of authorization codes of communications equipment. The unauthorized use of communications equipment includes, but is not limited to, the placement of calls from the Customer's premises, and the placement of calls through equipment controlled and/or provided by the Customer that are transmitted over the Company's network without the authorization of the Customer. The Customer shall be fully liable for all such usage charges.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.6 Customer Responsibility**

2.6.1 All Customers assume general responsibilities in connection with the provisions and use of the Company's service. When facilities, equipment, and/or communication systems provided by others are connected to the Company's facilities, the Customer assumes additional responsibilities. All Customers are responsible for the following:

- A.** The Customer is responsible for placing orders for service, paying all charges for service rendered by the Company and complying with all of the Company's regulations governing the service. The Customer is also responsible for assuring that its users comply with regulations.
- B.** When placing an order for service, the Customer must provide:
 - 1. The names and addresses of the persons responsible for the payment of service charges, and
 - 2. The names, telephone numbers, and addresses of the Customer contact persons.
- C.** The Customer must pay the Company for the replacement or repair of the Company's equipment when the damage results from:
 - 1. The negligence or willful act of the Customer or user;
 - 2. Improper use of service; and
 - 3. Any use of equipment or service provided by others.
- D.** After receipt of payment for the damages, the Company will cooperate with the Customer in prosecuting a claim against any third party causing damage.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.6 Customer Responsibility, (Cont'd.)****2.6.2 Billing and Payment For Service****A. Responsibility for Charges**

The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services and equipment furnished to the Customer for transmission of calls via the Company. In particular and without limitation to the foregoing, the Customer is responsible for any and all cost(s) incurred as the result of:

1. any delegation of authority resulting in the use of his or her communications equipment and/or network services which result in the placement of calls via the Company;
2. any and all use of the services provided by the Company, including calls which the Customer did not individually authorize;
3. any calls placed by or through the Customer's equipment via any remote access feature(s);

Charges for installations, service connections, moves and rearrangements are payable upon demand to the Company or its authorized agent. Billing thereafter will include recurring charges and actual usage as defined in this tariff.

B. Disputed Charges

Any objections to billed charges must be reported to the Company or its billing agent in writing within twenty (20) days of the closing date printed on the invoice or statement issued to the Customer. Adjustments to Customers' account shall be made to the extent that circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate.

C. Customer Complaints and/or Billing Disputes

Customers have the right to refer billing disputes and any other complaints to ACN Communication Services, LLC at 1000 Progress Place, Concord, NC 28025, or call 1-877-226-1010.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.6 Customer Responsibility (Cont'd.)****2.6.3 Taxes and Fees**

- A.** All state and local taxes (e.g., gross receipts tax, sales tax, municipal utilities tax) are not included in the rates under this tariff, but shall be listed as separate line items on the Customer's bill.
- B.** To the extent that a municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government, or commission imposes and collects from the Company a gross receipts tax, occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee, or regulatory fee, such taxes and fees shall, as allowed by law, be billed pro rata to the Customer receiving service from the Company within the territorial limits of such municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government.
- C.** Service shall not be subject to taxes for a given taxing jurisdiction if the Customer provides the Company with written verification, acceptable to the Company and to the relevant taxing jurisdiction, that the Customer has been granted a tax exemption.
- D.** The Company may adjust its rates or impose additional rates on its Customer to recover amounts it is required by governmental or quasi-governmental authorities to collect from or pay to others. The Company may also adjust its rates or impose additional rates to cover the administrative cost of collecting such charges or paying compensation to other entities. Examples of such programs include, but are not limited to, the Universal Service Fund (USF), the Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge (PICC), and compensation to pay telephone service providers for the use of their pay telephones to access the Company's services.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.8 Cancellation or Termination of Service by Customer**

2.8.1 Customers of presubscribed long distance services may cancel service at any time by providing ACN with written or verbal notification. The Company shall hold the Customer responsible for payment of all bills for service furnished until the cancellation date specified by the Customer or until the date that the cancellation notice is received, whichever is later.

2.9 Cancellation or Termination of Service by Company

2.9.1 For nonpayment: The Company may terminate service to a Customer or Subscriber for nonpayment of undisputed charges upon five (5) days written notice to the Customer or Subscriber without incurring any liability for damages due to loss of telephone service to the Customer or Subscriber.

2.9.2 ACN may refuse or discontinue service under the following conditions provided that, unless otherwise stated, the Customer shall be given five (5) days notice to comply with any rule or remedy any deficiency:

- A.** For non-compliance with or violation of any State, Municipal, or Federal law, ordinance or regulation pertaining to telephone service.
- B.** For use of telephone service for any purpose other than that described in the application.
- C.** For neglect or refusal to provide reasonable access to ACN or its agents for the purpose of inspection and maintenance of equipment owned by ACN or its agents.
- D.** For noncompliance with or violation of Commission regulation or ACN's rules and regulations on file with the Commission.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)

2.9 Cancellation or Termination of Service by Company (Cont'd.)

2.9.2 Continued

- E.** Without notice in the event of Customer, Subscriber or Authorized User use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect ACN's equipment or service to others.
- F.** Without notice in the event of tampering with the equipment or services owned by ACN or its agents.
- G.** Without notice in the event of unauthorized or fraudulent use of service. Whenever service is discontinued for fraudulent use of service, ACN may, before restoring service, require the Customer or Subscriber to make, at his or her own expense, all changes in facilities or equipment necessary to eliminate illegal use and to pay an amount reasonably estimated as the loss in revenues resulting from such fraudulent use.
- H.** Without notice by reason of any order or decision of a court or other government authority having jurisdiction which prohibits Company from furnishing such services.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.10 Interconnection**

Service furnished by ACN may be connected with the services or facilities of other carriers. Such service or facilities are provided under the terms, rates and conditions of the other carrier. The Customer is responsible for all charges billed by other carriers for use in connection with ACN's service. Any special interface equipment or facilities necessary to achieve compatibility between carriers is the responsibility of the Customer.

2.11 Terminal Equipment

The Company's facilities and service may be used with or terminated in terminal equipment or communications systems such as a PBX, key system, single line telephone, or pay telephone. Such terminal equipment shall be furnished and maintained at the expense of the Customer. The Customer is responsible for all costs at his or her premises, including personnel, wiring, electrical power, and the like, incurred in the use of ACN's service. When such terminal equipment is used, the equipment shall comply with the generally accepted minimum protective criteria standards of the telecommunications industry.

2.12 Inspection, Testing and Adjustment

Upon reasonable notice, the facilities or equipment provided by the Company shall be made available to the Company for such tests and adjustments as may be necessary for their maintenance in a condition satisfactory to the Company. No interruption allowance shall be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made, unless such interruption exceeds twenty-four hours in length and credit for the interruption is requested by the Customer.

2.13 900, 976 and 700 Numbers

The Company does not provide 900, 976 or 700 number services. Customer calls placed to these numbers are routed to the local or long distance carrier providing the service. Customers may contact their local exchange carrier or the carrier providing the service to request blocking of access to these numbers.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.14 Toll Free Services**

- 2.14.1** The Company will make every effort to reserve toll free (i.e., "800/888") vanity numbers for Customers, but makes no guarantee or warranty that the requested number(s) will be available.
- 2.14.2** The Company will participate in porting toll free numbers only when all charges incurred as a result of the toll free number have been paid.
- 2.14.3** Toll free numbers shared by more than one Customer, whereby individual Customers are identified by a unique Personal Identification Number, may not be assigned or transferred for use with service provided by another carrier. Subject to the limitations provided in this tariff, the Company will only honor Customer requests for a change in Responsible Organization or toll free service provider for toll free numbers dedicated to the sole use of that single Customer.
- 2.14.4** If a Customer who has received a toll free number does not subscribe to toll free service within thirty (30) days, the Company reserves the right to make the assigned number available for use by another Customer.

2.15 Other Rules

The Company may temporarily suspend service without notice to the Customer, by blocking traffic to certain cities of NXX exchanges, or by blocking calls using certain Personal Identification Numbers when the Company deems it necessary to take such action to prevent unlawful use of its service. The Company will restore service as soon as service can be provided without undue risk.

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SECTION 3 - SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS AND RATES**3.1 General**

ACN provides direct dialed outbound, inbound, travel card and access to directory assistance for communications originating and terminating within the state. The Company's services are available twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week. Intrastate service is offered in conjunction with interstate service.

Customers are charged individually for each call placed through the Company's network. Charges may vary by service offering, mileage band, class of call, time of day, day of week and/or call duration. Customers are billed based on their use of ACN's services and network.

Customers subscribing to both interstate and intrastate long distance service may be charged interstate fees in addition to the charges listed in this tariff. See the Company's Interstate and International Pricing and Services Guide and Complex Services Pricing Guide located at http://www.acnservices.com/local_long_distance/index.html for an explanation of interstate fees.

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SECTION 3 - SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS AND RATES (CONT'D.)

3.7 Outbound Services

Outbound Service is the direct dialing of a destination telephone number from the Customer's telephone lines automatically presubscribed to the Company. Calls are completed by dialing 1+ the destination telephone number. Unless otherwise indicated, calls are billed in one (1) second increments after an initial period, for billing purposes, of six (6) seconds. Rates are not mileage nor time-of-day sensitive. Intrastate service is an add-on to interstate service.

3.7.1 Plan 1

Plan 1 is available to both commercial and residential Customers who have chosen the Company's interstate Residential 4.9, Residential 8.9* or Residential Choice 30 Plan for outbound calling from lines presubscribed to the Company.

	<u>InterLATA</u>	<u>IntraLATA</u>
Maximum Rate Per Minute:	\$0.20	\$0.20

3.7.2 Commercial 5.9 Plan**

	<u>InterLATA</u>	<u>IntraLATA</u>
Maximum Rate Per Minute:	\$0.30	\$0.30

3.7.3 Small Business Solutions Plans

Small Business Solutions is targeted primarily at business Customers for outbound calling from lines presubscribed to the Company. Calls are billed in six (6) second increments after an initial period, for billing purposes, of thirty (30) seconds. Each Small Business Solutions Plan is based on a Minimum Monthly Usage commitment of combined interstate and intrastate usage. If the Customer's usage does not meet or exceed the Minimum Monthly Usage commitment, the Customer will be charged a make up to the Minimum Monthly Usage commitment for their specific plan.

<u>Minimum Monthly Usage Commitment</u>	<u>Maximum Rate Per Minute</u>
\$10.00	\$0.3000
\$100.00	\$0.3000
\$500.00	\$0.3000

* Residential 8.9 interstate service not available to new customers since August 10, 2002.

** Service available to existing Customers only effective July 4, 2003.

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SECTION 3 - SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS AND RATES (CONT'D.)

3.8 Toll Free Services

Toll Free Service is an inbound telecommunications service which permits calls to be completed to the Customer's location without charge to the calling party.

3.8.1 Residential Toll Free Service

Access to the service is gained by dialing a ten-digit toll-free number and PIN which terminates at the Customer's location. This service permits the Customer to receive incoming calls from all locations within the state of Arizona. Toll Free Services originate via normal shared use facilities and are terminated via the Customer's local exchange service line. Utilization of the PIN number results in the call being routed to a specific termination point.

3.8.2 Commercial Toll Free Service

Access to the service is gained by dialing a ten-digit toll-free number which terminates at the Customer's location. This service permits the Customer to receive incoming calls from all locations within the state of Arizona. Toll Free Services originate via normal shared use facilities and are terminated via the Customer's local exchange service line.

The Company will reserve such numbers on a first-come first-served basis. All requests for Toll Free Service number reservations must be written, dated and signed by the Customer. The Company does not guarantee the availability of numbers until assigned. The requested Inbound Service telephone numbers, if available, will be reserved for and furnished to the Customer.

If a Customer who has received a Toll Service number does not subscribe to Toll Free Service within thirty (30) days, the Company reserves the right to re-assign the number to another Customer.

Rates are not mileage or time-of-day sensitive. Calls are billed in six (6) second increments after a minimum call duration for billing purposes of sixty (60) seconds.

3.8.3 Rates

	<u>InterLATA</u>	<u>IntraLATA</u>
Maximum Rate Per Minute:	\$0.20	\$0.20

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SECTION 3 - SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS AND RATES (CONT'D.)**3.13 Stand -Alone Local Exchange Service**

Toll calling is available to Customers who subscribe to an Optional Data/Fax line with Stand-Alone Local Exchange Service. See Company's Arizona Tariff No. 5

	<u>Maximum</u>
<u>Optional Data/Fax Line</u>	
Intrastate Toll Calling, per minute	\$0.20

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SECTION 3 - SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS AND RATES (CONT'D.)

3.16 ACN Business Advantage Unlimited

Unlimited direct dialed domestic/Canada long distance service is available to subscribers of the Company's ACN Business Advantage Unlimited local exchange offering. This service provides for Data Fax toll calling and toll free calling based on usage per minute. See Company's Arizona Tariff No. 5 for terms and rates.

3.17 ACN Business Advantage Plus

This service provides for toll calling, Data Fax toll calling and toll free calling based on usage per minute to subscribers of the Company's ACN Business Advantage Plus local exchange offering. See Company's Arizona Tariff No. 5 for terms and rates.

3.18 DigitalTalk Data/Fax Line

This service provides for unlimited local minutes and access to long distance calling within the United States and Canada to subscribers of the Company's DigitalTalk Data/Fax Line local exchange offering. See the Company's Arizona Tariff No. 5 for terms and rates.

	<u>Maximum</u>
Per Minute Rate	\$0.10

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SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd.)****2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges (Cont'd.)**

- C.** The Monthly Recurring Charges are billed in advance. Monthly Recurring Charges are accrued in full as of the first day of the billing cycle in which the service is furnished. Therefore, the Monthly Recurring Charges are not subject to pro-rating if service is disconnected prior to the end of a billing period.
- D.** Billing of the Customer by the Company will begin on the Service Commencement Date, which is the first day following the date 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, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Company in funds that are not immediately available, within twenty (20) days of the mail date on the bill, then a late payment penalty shall be due the Company. The late payment penalty shall be that portion of the payment not received by the date due minus any charges billed as local taxes multiplied by 1.5%. If an attorney or collection agency is required to collect any amounts due, the Customer shall pay the Company's reasonable costs.
- F.** The Customer will be assessed a *maximum* charge of thirty-five (\$35.00) for each check submitted by the Customer to the Company that a financial institution refuses to honor. See Section 11.1.6 of this tariff for current charges.
- G.** If service is disconnected by the Company in accordance with Section 2.6 following and later restored, restoration of service will be subject to all applicable installation charges.

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SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd.)****2.5.3 Disputed Bills**

- A.** In the event that a billing dispute occurs concerning any charges billed to the Customer by the Company, the Company shall require the Customer to pay the undisputed portion of the bill to avoid discontinuance of service for non-payment. The Customer must submit a documented claim for the disputed amount. The Customer will submit all documentation as may reasonably be required to support the claim. All claims must be submitted to the Company within 90 days of receipt of billing for those services. If the Customer does not submit a claim as stated above, the Customer waives all rights to filing a claim thereafter.
- B.** Unless disputed the invoice shall be deemed to be correct and payable in full by the Customer. If the Customer is unable to resolve any dispute with the Company, then the Customer may file a complaint with the Arizona Corporation Commission at 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, Telephone: 602-542-4251 or 800-222-7000 (outside Phoenix metro area) or visit website at www.azcc.gov.
- C.** If the dispute is resolved in favor of the Customer and the Customer has withheld the disputed amount, no interest, credits or penalties will apply.

2.5.4 Advance Payments

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

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SECTION 4 – SERVICE CHARGES AND SURCHARGES (CONT'D.)**4.4 Public Telephone Surcharge**

In order to recover the Company's expenses to comply with the FCC's pay telephone compensation plan effective on October 7, 1997 (FCC 97-371), an undiscountable per call charge is applicable to all intrastate calls that originate from any pay telephone, not presubscribed to the Company, used to access Company provided services. This surcharge, which is in addition to standard tariffed usage charges and any applicable service charges and surcharges associated with service, applies for the use of the instrument used to access Company provided service and is unrelated to the service accessed from the pay telephone.

Pay telephones include coin-operated and coinless phones owned by local telephone companies, independent companies and interexchange carriers. The Public Pay Telephone Surcharge applies to the initial completed call and any reoriginated call (e.g., using the “#” symbol). The Public Pay Telephone Surcharge does not apply to calls placed from pay telephones at which the Customer pays for service by inserting coins during the progress of the call.

Whenever possible, the Public Pay Telephone Surcharge will appear on the same invoice containing the usage charges for the surcharged call. In cases where proper pay telephone coding digits are not transmitted to the Company prior to completion of a call, the Public Pay Telephone Surcharge may be billed on a subsequent invoice after the Company has obtained information from a carrier that the originating station is an eligible pay telephone.

Maximum Rate Per Call: \$0.45

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SECTION 5 – LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICES (CONT'D.)

5.1 Residential Bundled Services (Cont'd.)

5.1.2 ACN Advantage Plus VII

ACN Advantage Plus VII is a bundled local and toll service which provides residential Customers with unlimited local calling for a flat monthly recurring charge, specified calling features at no additional charge, an intrastate and interstate toll service plan.

A. Service Features

1. Voice lines include:

- a. Local line and unlimited local calling
- b. Custom Calling Features: Caller ID with Name, Three Way Calling, Call Waiting, Call Waiting ID, Call Forwarding, Call Blocking/Screening, Auto Redial, Automatic Call Back (*69), Speed Calling 8, Anonymous Call Rejection, Distinctive Ring 1, Distinctive Ring 2. Additional features are available on a monthly subscription basis.

2. Voice Line Toll Program

This Toll Program provides for intrastate toll and interstate toll calling based on usage per minute. See Company's Arizona Tariff No. 4 for call timing and rates.

3. Data/Fax lines include:

- a. Unlimited local calling.

B. Non-Recurring Charges

Service connection charges may apply, see Section 4.1 of this tariff. The Service Connection fee is waived for those Customers who retain their existing telephone number when switching their service to ACN.

C. Maximum Monthly and Usage Rates

Local Service, per month

Local Exchange Access Line:	\$75.00
Data/Fax Line:	\$45.00

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SECTION 6 – SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICES (CONT'D.)**6.2 Directory Assistance Services**

A Customer may obtain assistance, for a charge, in determining a telephone number by dialing Directory Assistance Service. A Customer can also receive assistance by writing the Company with a list of names and addresses for which telephone numbers are desired.

6.2.1 Local Directory Assistance

The rates specified following apply when Customers request company assistance in determining telephone numbers of Customers who are located in the same local service area or who are not located in the same local service area but who are located within the same NPA (Area Code).

Charges will not apply for calls placed from hospital services or calls placed from telephones where the Customer or, in the case of residence service, a member of the Customer's household, has been affirmed in writing as unable to use a Company provided directory because of a visual, physical or reading handicap.

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SECTION 12 -GRANDFATHERED SERVICES (CONT'D.)

12.1 Residential Bundled Services (Cont'd.)

12.1.9 ACN Advantage Unlimited VI**

ACN Advantage Unlimited VI provides Customers with a local exchange voice line with unlimited local calling, selected calling features at no additional charge, and unlimited intrastate/interstate toll calling. An optional data/fax line is available as an additional line and includes unlimited local calling.

A. Service Features

ACN Advantage Unlimited VI includes the following features:

1. Local exchange voice line and unlimited local calling
2. Custom Calling Features: Caller ID with Name, Three Way Calling, Call Waiting, Call Waiting Caller ID, Call Forwarding, Auto Redial, Automatic Call Back (*69), Speed Calling 8, Priority Call, Anonymous Call Rejection, Distinctive Ring.
3. Unlimited direct dial outbound intraLATA, interLATA and interstate calling to the United States¹ and Canada. Toll free calling is not included.
4. Optional Data/Fax lines include local exchange line with unlimited local calling.

B. Non-Recurring Charges

Service connection charges may apply; see Section 4.1 of this tariff. The Service Connection fee is waived for those Customers who retain their existing telephone number when switching their service to ACN.

C. Maximum Monthly Recurring Charges and Usage Rates

Monthly Recurring Charge	
Local exchange access line:	\$125.00
Data/Fax line:	\$50.00

¹ United States includes Alaska, Hawaii, US Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam.

**Effective February 13, 2012, this service is grandfathered and available to existing Customers only.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS (CONT'D.)

Central Office - The premises of the Company or another local exchange carrier containing one or more switches where Customer or End User station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to other station loops, trunks or access facilities.

Channel - A communications path between two or more points.

CIC - An interexchange carrier identification code.

Commission - Refers to the Arizona Corporation Commission, unless otherwise indicated.

Company or Carrier - Used throughout this tariff to indicate ACN Communication Services, LLC.

Constructive Order - Delivery of calls to or acceptance of calls from the Customer's End Users over Company-switched local exchange services constitutes a Constructive Order by the Customer to purchase switched access services as described herein. Similarly the selection of the Customer by an End User as the End User's PIC constitutes a Constructive Order for switched access by the Customer.

CPE - Customer Premises Equipment. All Terminal Equipment or other communications equipment and/or systems provided by the Customer for use with the Company's facilities and services.

Customer - Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity which uses service under the terms and conditions of this tariff and is responsible for the payment of charges. In most contexts, the Customer is an Interexchange Carrier utilizing the Company's Switched or Dedicated Access services described in this tariff to reach its End User customer(s).

Customer Premises - The premises specified by the Customer for termination of access services. Typically an Interexchange Carrier's Point of Presence.

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End User Premises - The premises specified by the Customer or End User for termination of access services at the End User's physical location.

Equal Access - Where the local exchange company central office provides interconnection to interexchange carriers with Feature Group D circuits. In such End Offices, Customers can presubscribe their telephone line(s) to their preferred interexchange carrier. A form of dialed access provided by local exchange companies whereby telephone calls dialed by the Customer are automatically routed to the Company's network. Customers may also route calls to the Company's network by dialing an access code provided by the Company.

Exchange - A group of lines in a unit generally smaller than a LATA established by the Company or other local exchange carrier for the administration of communications service in a specified area. An Exchange may consist of one or more central offices together with the associated facilities used in furnishing communications service within that area.

Gbps - Gigabits per second; billions of bits per second.

Host Office - An electronic switching system which provides call processing capabilities for one or more Remote Switching Modules or Remote Switching Systems.

Individual Case Basis or ICB - A process whereby the terms, conditions, rates and/or charges for a service provided under the general provisions of this tariff are developed or modified based on the unique circumstances in each case.

Interstate - For the purpose of this tariff, the term Interstate applies to the regulatory jurisdiction of services used for communications between one or more originating and terminating points located in different states within the United States or between one or more points in the United States and at least one international location.

Intrastate - For the purpose of this tariff, the term Intrastate applies to the regulatory jurisdiction of services used for communications between one or more originating and terminating points, all located within the same state.

Interexchange Carrier (IXC or IC) - A long distance telecommunications services provider that furnishes services between exchange areas.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS**2.1 Undertaking of ACN Communication Services, LLC**

- 2.1.1** The Company undertakes to furnish switched or dedicated access communications service pursuant to the terms of this tariff.
- 2.1.2** The Company's services and facilities are available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.
- 2.1.3** 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.
- 2.1.4** The Company arranges for installation, operation, and maintenance of the communications services provided in this tariff for Customers in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this tariff. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangements.

2.2 Use of the Company's Service

- 2.2.1** Services provided under this tariff may be used by the Customer for any lawful telecommunications purpose for which the service is technically suited.
- 2.2.2** 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.
- 2.2.3** Recording of telephone conversations of service provided by the Company under this tariff is prohibited except as authorized by applicable federal, state and local laws.
- 2.2.4** Any service provided under this tariff may be resold to or shared (jointly used) with other persons at the Customer's option. The Customer remains solely responsible for all use of service ordered by it or billed to its account(s) pursuant to this tariff, for determining who is authorized to use its service, and for promptly notifying the Company of any unauthorized use. The Customer may advise its customers that a portion of its service is provided by the Company, but the Customer shall not represent that the Company jointly participates with the Customer in the provision of the service. The Company may require applicants for service who intend to use the Company's offerings for resale, shared and/or joint use to file a letter with the Company confirming that their use of the Company's offerings complies with relevant laws and the Commission's regulations, policies, orders, and decisions.

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2.7 Liability of the Company (Cont'd.)

- 2.7.6** No liability shall attach to the Company by reason of any defacement or damage to the Customer's premise resulting from the existence of the Company's equipment or facilities on such premise, or by the installation or removal thereof, when such defacement or damage is not the result of the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of the Company or its employees.
- 2.7.7** The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations provided by it for use in an explosive atmosphere.
- 2.7.8** 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.
- 2.7.9** Failure by the Company to assert its rights under a provision of this tariff does not preclude the Company from asserting its rights under other provisions.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.10 Billing and Payment For Service (Cont'd.)****2.10.3 Payment for Service**

- A.** All charges due by the Customer are payable to the Company or any agent duly authorized to receive such payments. The Company shall bill on a current basis all charges incurred by, and credits due to, the Customer under this tariff. Any known unbilled charges for prior periods and any known unbilled adjustments also will be applied to this bill. Terms of payment shall be according to the rules and regulations of the agent and subject to the rules of regulatory bodies having jurisdiction.
- B.** Non-recurring charges for installations, service connections, moves or rearrangements are due and payable upon receipt of the Company's invoice by the Customer. At the Company's discretion, payment of all or a portion of any non-recurring charges may be required prior to commencement of facility or equipment installation or construction required to provide the services requested by the Customer.
- C.** The Company shall present invoices for recurring charges monthly to the Customer, in advance of the month in which service is provided.
- D.** When billing is based upon Customer usage, usage charges will be billed monthly in arrears for service provided in the preceding billing period.
- E.** Customer billing will begin on the service commencement date, which is the day the Company determines in its reasonable sole discretion 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 under this tariff or the service order. Billing accrues through and includes the day that the service, circuit, arrangement or component is discontinued.
- F.** When service does not begin on the first day of the month, or end on 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 30 days.
- G.** Amounts not paid within 30 days after the mailing date of invoice will be considered past due.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.12 Deposits and Advanced Payments****2.12.1 General**

The Company reserves the right to validate the creditworthiness of Customers and billed parties through available verification procedures. Where a Customer's creditworthiness is unacceptable to the Company, Company may refuse to provide service, require a deposit or advance payment, or otherwise restrict or interrupt service to a Customer.

2.12.2 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 under Commission 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. A deposit may be required in addition to an advance payment.
- B.** The maximum amount of any deposit shall not exceed the equivalent of the customer's estimated liability for two months service.
- C.** The Company will pay interest on deposits, to accrue from the date the deposit is made until it has been refunded, or until a reasonable effort has been made to effect refund. The Company will pay interest at the rate prescribed by the Commission or as otherwise permitted by applicable law.
- D.** If the amount of a deposit is proven to be less than required to meet the requirements specified above, the Customer shall be required to pay an additional deposit upon request.
- E.** 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.

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2.12 Deposits and Advanced Payments (Cont'd.)

2.12.3 Advance Payments

To safeguard its interests, the Company may require a Customer to make an advance payment before services and facilities are furnished. The advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to one (1) month's estimated billing. This will be applied against the next month's charges and a new advance payment may be collected for the next month, if necessary. Advance payments do not accrue interest. An advance payment may be required in addition to a deposit.

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2.13 Cancellation by Customer

2.13.1 General

- A. Customers of the Company's service may cancel service by providing the Company with written notification thirty (30) days prior to the requested cancellation date. The Company shall hold the Customer responsible for payment of all bills for service furnished until the cancellation date specified by the Customer or until thirty (30) days after the date that the cancellation notice is received, whichever is later.
- B. Customers seeking to cancel service have an affirmative obligation to block traffic originating from or terminating to the Company's network. By originating traffic from or terminating traffic to the Company's network, the Customer will have constructively ordered the Company's switched access service.

2.13.2 Cancellation of Contract Services

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- 2.14.1** Service continues to be provided until canceled by the Customer pursuant to Section 2.13 or until discontinued by the Company. The Company may render bills subsequent to the termination of service for charges incurred before termination. The Customer shall pay such bills in full in accordance with the payment terms of this tariff.
- 2.14.2** The Company may refuse or discontinue service to a Customer under the following conditions. The Company will give notice to Customers of such refusal or discontinuance at the earliest reasonable opportunity.
- (a) For violation of law: Except as provided elsewhere in this tariff, the Company may refuse, suspend or cancel service, without notice, for any violation of terms of this tariff, for any violation of any law, rule, regulation, order, decree or policy of any government authority of competent jurisdiction, or by reason of any order or decision of a court or other government authority having jurisdiction which prohibits the Company from furnishing such service or prohibits Customer from subscribing to, using, or paying for such service.
 - (b) For the Company to comply with any order or request of any governmental authority having jurisdiction: The Company may refuse, suspend or cancel service, without notice, in order to permit the Company to comply with any order or request of any governmental authority having jurisdiction.
 - (c) In the event of Customer or Authorized User use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's equipment or service to others.
 - (d) In the event of tampering with the equipment or services owned by the Company or its agents in a manner which adversely affects the network or other customers.
 - (e) In the event of unauthorized or fraudulent use of service. Whenever service is discontinued for fraudulent use of service, the Company may, to the extent that Company opts to restore such service, require the Customer to make, at Customer's own expense, all changes in facilities or equipment necessary to eliminate illegal use and to pay an amount reasonably estimated as the loss in revenues resulting from such fraudulent use.
 - (g) If any of the facilities, appliances, or apparatus on Customer's premise are found to be unsafe or causing harm to the Company's facilities, and may refuse to furnish service until the applicant or Customer shall have remedied the condition.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.14 Cancellation by Company (Cont'd.)**

2.14.3 The Company may refuse or discontinue service provided that, unless otherwise stated, the Customer shall be given five (5) business days written notice to comply with any rule or remedy any deficiency:

- (a) For nonpayment: The Company, by written notice to the Customer and in accordance with applicable law, may refuse, suspend or cancel service without incurring any liability when there is an unpaid balance for service that is past due. If any billed amount is in dispute, the customer has the right to appeal to the Commission. Service will not be discontinued while the dispute is under Commission review.
- (b) For returned checks: The Customer whose check or draft is returned unpaid for any reason, after two attempts at collection, may, at the Company's discretion, be subject to refusal, suspension or cancellation of service in the same manner as provided for nonpayment of overdue charges.
- (c) For neglect or refusal to provide reasonable access to the Company or its agents for the purpose of inspection and maintenance of equipment owned by the Company or its agents.
- (d) For Customer use or Customer's permitting use of obscene, profane or grossly abusive language over the Company's facilities, and who, after five (5) days notice, fails, neglects or refuses to cease and refrain from such practice or to prevent the same, and to remove its property from the premise of such person.
- (e) For use of telephone service for any property or purpose other than that described in the application.
- (f) For Customer's breach of any contract for service between the Company and the Customer.

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- 2.17.1** Service furnished by the Company may be interconnected with services or facilities of other authorized communications common carriers and with private systems, subject to technical limitations established by the Company. Service furnished by the Company is not part of a joint undertaking with such other common carriers or systems. Any special interface equipment or facilities necessary to achieve compatibility between the facilities of Company and other participating carriers shall be provided at the Customer's expense.
- 2.17.2** Connection with the facilities or services of other carriers shall be under the applicable terms and conditions of the other carriers' tariffs. The Customer is responsible for taking all necessary legal steps for interconnecting Customer-provided terminal equipment or systems with Company's facilities. Customer shall secure all licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and other arrangements necessary for such interconnection.
- 2.17.3** The Customer shall ensure that the facilities or equipment provided by another carrier are properly interconnected with the facilities or equipment of the Company. If the Customer maintains or operates the interconnected facilities or equipment in a manner which results or may result in harm to the Company's facilities, equipment, personnel, or the quality of service, the Company may, upon five (5) days written notice, require the use of protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this written notice fails to eliminate the actual or potential harm, the Company may, upon additional five (5) days written notice, terminate the existing service of the Customer.
- 2.17.4** If harm to the Company's network, personnel or services is imminent due to interconnection with another carrier's services, the Company reserves the right to shut down Customer's service immediately, with no prior notice required.

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- 2.18.1** The Company's services are designed primarily for the transmission of voice-grade telephonic signals, except as otherwise stated in this tariff. A user may transmit any form of signal that is compatible with the Company's equipment, but the Company does not represent that its services will be suitable for purposes other than voice-grade telephonic communication except as specifically stated in this tariff.
- 2.18.2** Terminal equipment on the user's premise and the electric power consumed by such equipment shall be provided by and maintained at the expense of the Customer. The Customer is responsible for the provision of wiring or cable to connect its terminal equipment to the Company's network.
- 2.18.3** The Customer is responsible for ensuring that Customer-provided equipment connected to Company equipment and facilities is compatible with such equipment and facilities. The magnitude and character of the voltages and currents impressed on Company-provided equipment and wiring by the connection, operation, or maintenance of such equipment and wiring shall be such as not to cause damage to the Company-provided equipment and wiring or injury to the Company's employees or to other persons. Any additional protective equipment required to prevent such damage or injury shall be provided by the Company at the Customer's expense, subject to prior Customer approval of the equipment expense.
- 2.18.4** 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 under this Section 2.18 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.
- 2.18.5** 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 may, upon five (5) days written notice, require the use of additional protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this written notice fails to remedy any protective deficiencies or potential harm, the Company may, upon additional five (5) days written notice, terminate the existing service of the Customer.
- 2.18.6** 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.

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2.20 Allowances for Interruptions in Service (Cont'd.)

2.20.2 Limitations of Allowances (Cont'd.)

- (e) 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) that occurs or continues due to the Customer's failure to authorize replacement of any element of special construction; and
- (g) that was not reported to the Company within 30 days of the date that service was affected.
- (h) Cellular and other wireless transmission is subject to interruptions including but not limited to, dropped calls, interrupted calls, unintelligible calls, one-way audio and other problems created by factors beyond Company's control. Under no circumstances will Company provide credit or payment of any kind for calls which experience problems related to cellular (wireless) transmissions.

2.20.3 Use of Another Means of Communications

- A. 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.

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- A.** Except as provided in Section 2.10.2 A., if a Customer's service is interrupted, and it remains interrupted for eight normal working hours or longer after access to the premises is made available and after being reported to be out of order, appropriate adjustments or refunds shall be made to the Customer, when such adjustment exceeds \$1.00.
- B.** The amount of adjustment or refund shall be determined on the basis of the known period of interruption, generally beginning from the time the service interruption is first reported. The refund to the Customer shall be a pro rata part of the month's flat rate charges (if any) for the period of days and that portion of the service facilities rendered useless or inoperative. The refund may be accomplished by a credit on a subsequent bill for the service.
- C.** For purposes of credit computation every month shall be considered to have seven hundred and twenty (720) hours. For services with a monthly recurring charge, no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of continuous duration of less than eight (8) hours. The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of eight (8) or more hours at the rate of 1/720th of the monthly charge for the services affected for each day that the interruption continues. The formula used for computation of credits is as follows:
- $$\text{Credit} = A/720 \times B$$
- A = outage time in hours (must be 8 or more)
B = total monthly recurring charge for affected service.
- D.** No credits will be provided for usage sensitive services.

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- 2.21.1** 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.
- 2.21.2** 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 bills for service to which the Customer shall mail payment on that bill.
- 2.21.3** Notice of a pending disconnection of a Customer's service may contain the reason for the notice, the date of the notice, a description of any remedies the Customer may make, the time allotted for the Customer to make remedies (if any), and a toll free customer service number the Customer may call to obtain additional information.
- 2.21.4** Except as otherwise stated in this tariff, all other notices or communications required to be given under this tariff will be in writing.
- 2.21.5** 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 second 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.
- 2.21.5** 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.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE**3.1 General**

- 3.1.1** Switched Access Service, which is available to Customers for their use in furnishing their services to End Users, provides a two-point communications path between a Customer's Premises and an End User's Premises. It provides for the use of common terminating, switching and trunking facilities, and for the use of common subscriber plant of the Company. Switched Access Service provides for the ability to originate calls from an End User's Premises to a Customer's Premises and to terminate calls from a Customer's Premises to an End User's Premises in the LATA where it is provided.
- 3.1.2** When a rate as set forth in this tariff is shown to more than two decimal places, the charges will be determined using the rate shown. The resulting amount will then be rounded to the nearest penny (i.e., rounded to two decimal places).
- 3.1.3** In the absence of an ASR as described in Section 3.4, delivery of calls to, or acceptance of calls from, the Customer's End User location(s) via Company-provided switched access services shall constitute a Constructive Order and an agreement by the Customer to purchase the Company's switched access services as described and priced herein.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (CONT'D.)**3.2 Manner of Provision**

- 3.2.1** Switched Feature Group (FG) Access is furnished for originating and terminating calls by the Customer to its End User. FG Access is furnished on a per-line or per trunk basis.
- 3.2.2** Originating traffic type represents access capacity within a LATA for carrying traffic from the End User to the Customer; and Terminating traffic type represents access capacity within a LATA for carrying traffic from the Customer to the End User. When ordering capacity for FG Access, the Customer must at a minimum specify such access capacity in terms of originating traffic type and/or terminating traffic type.
- 3.2.3** Feature Group Access is provisioned, at minimum, at the DS-1 level and provides line-side or trunk-side access to End Office switches, for the Customer's use in originating and terminating communications. Basic FG Access service will be provided with Multi-Frequency In Band Signaling (SS7 is also available, where capabilities exist).
- 3.2.4** Two types of Feature Group Access are available:
- A. Tandem Connect Access:** This option applies when the customer has no direct facilities to the Company. All traffic is routed to and from Company's End Office via the Customer's tandem provider. Delivery of calls to, or acceptance of calls from, the Customer's End User location(s) via Company-provided Tandem Connect Access services shall constitute a Constructive Order and an agreement by the Customer to purchase the Company's switched access services as described and priced herein.
 - B. Direct Connect Access:** The Company will provide facilities between the Customer's premises and a Company End Office. This transmission path is dedicated to the use of a single Customer. The Company requires the Customer to submit an ASR or comparable documentation for Direct Connect Access. Direct Connect Access is provided on an Individual Case Basis as Special Service Arrangements pursuant to Section 6 of this tariff.

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3.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd.)

3.3.2 Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Query

The Toll-Free 8XX Data Base Query Charge, will apply for each Toll-Free 8XX call query received at the Company's (or its provider's) Toll-Free 8XX data base.

3.3.3 Switched Access Optional Features

Various optional features may be available and will be priced on an individual case basis.

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SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (CONT'D.)**3.7 Obligations of the Customer**

3.7.1 The Customer has certain specific obligations pertaining to the use of Switched Access Service. These obligations are in addition to obligations specified in Section 2.9 of this tariff and are as follows:

A. Report Requirements

Customers are responsible for providing the following reports to the Company, when applicable:

(1) Jurisdictional Reports

When a Customer orders Switched Access Service for both interstate and intrastate use, the Customer is responsible for providing reports as set forth in Section 2.9.2(c) preceding. Charges will be apportioned in accordance with those reports.

(2) Code Screening Reports

When a Customer orders service call routing, trunk access limitation or call gapping arrangements, the customer must report the number of trunks and/or the appropriate codes to be instituted in each end office or access tandem switch, for each of the arrangements ordered.

B. On and Off-Hook Supervision

The Customer's facilities shall provide the necessary on and off-hook supervision for accurate timing of calls.

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SECTION 6 - SPECIAL CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, AND CONSTRUCTION**6.1 Special Contract Arrangements**

At the option of the Company, services may be offered on a contract basis to meet specialized pricing requirements of the Customer not contemplated by this tariff. The terms of each contract shall be mutually agreed upon between the Customer and Company and may include discounts off of rates contained herein and waiver of recurring, nonrecurring, or usage charges. The terms of the contract may be based partially or completely on the term and volume commitment, type of access arrangement, mixture of services, or other distinguishing features. Service shall be available to all similarly situated Customers for a fixed period of time following the initial offering to the first contract Customer as specified in each individual contract.

6.2 Special Service Arrangements

6.2.1 If a Customer's requirements cannot be met by services included in this tariff, or pricing for a service is shown in this tariff as "ICB", the Company will provide, where practical, special service arrangements at charges to be determined on an Individual Case Basis. These special service arrangements will be provided if the provision of such arrangements are not detrimental to any other services furnished under the Company's tariffs.

6.2.2 Special service arrangement rates are subject to revision depending on changing costs or operating conditions.

6.2.3 If and when a special service arrangement becomes a generically tariffed offering, the tariffed rate or rates will apply from the date of tariff approval.

6.3 Non-Routine Installation Charges

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 or night hours, additional charges may apply.

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