NOS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

4380 Boulder Highway Las Vegas, Nevada 89121

LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TARIFF

This tariff contains the description, regulations and rates for the furnishing of services and facilities for resold and facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services provided by NOS Communications, Inc. with principal offices at 4380 Boulder Highway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121. This tariff applies for intrastate local exchange service furnished within the State of Georgia. This tariff is on file with the Georgia Public Service Commission, and copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the Company's principal place of business in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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APPLICATION OF TARIFF

This tariff sets forth the service offerings, rates and terms and conditions of service applicable to the furnishing of local exchange telecommunications services by NOS Communications, Inc. ("NOS" or "Company") to Customers within the State of Georgia.

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1.1 Definitions

Authorized User – A person, firm or corporation which is authorized by the Customer or joint user to be connected to the Service of the Customer or joint user, respectively.

Automatic Numbering Identification – A type of signaling provided by a local exchange telephone company, which automatically identifies the local exchange line from which a call originates.

Business Day – The period of time from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, as measured by local time at the location from which the Call is originated.

Busy Hour – The two consecutive half hours during which the greatest volume of traffic is handled in the central office.

Call – A completed connection between the Calling and Called parties.

Calling Station – The telephone number from which a Call originates.

Called Station – The telephone number called.

Carrier – An entity, other than the Company, that provides telecommunications service.

Commission – Georgia Public Service Commission.

Company – NOS Communications, Inc., unless specifically stated otherwise.

Customer – A person, association, firm, corporation, partnership, governmental agency or other entity, including affiliates or divisions of the Customer, in whose name the telephone number of the Calling Station is registered with the underlying local exchange company. The Customer is responsible for payment of charges to the Company and compliance with all terms and conditions of this tariff.

Disconnect – To render inoperable or to disable circuitry thereby preventing outgoing and incoming telecommunications service.

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1.1 Definitions (Cont'd)

Exchange – The geographical area that has been established to administer and furnish communications in that area.

Exchange Service – Service that involves furnishing central office facilities to provide users with the ability to make calls within the local service calling area on a measured or unlimited use bases.

Foreign Exchange Service – Service that involves furnishing central office line facilities to provide users with the ability to make calls within the local calling area on a measured or unlimited use bases.

Incomplete – Any Call where voice transmission between the Calling and Called station is not established.

Interruption – The inability to complete calls due to equipment malfunctions or human errors. Interruptions shall not include, and no allowance shall be given for service difficulties such as slow dialtone, circuits, busy or other network and/or switching capacity shortages. Nor shall interruptions include the failure of service or facilities provided within this Tariff by the Company shall not apply where service is interrupted by the negligence or willful act of the Customer, or where the Company, pursuant to the terms of this Tariff, terminates service because of non-payment of bills, unlawful or improper use of the Company's facilities or service, or any other reason covered by this Tariff or by applicable law.

Holiday – For the purposes of this tariff recognized holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

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. 82-01102; or any other geographic area designated as a LATA in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

Measured Charge – A charge assessed on a per-minute basis in calculating a portion of the charges due for a completed interexchange or local call.

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Message – A completed telephone call by a Customer or User.

Message Toll Service – A service involving facilities for telecommunications between local calling service areas.

Non-Business Day – The period of time from 4:01 p.m. to 8:59 a.m., Monday through Friday, and all Saturday and Sunday, as measured by local time at the location from which the Call is originated.

Normal Business Hours – The hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Premises – The space occupied by an individual Customer in a building, in adjoining buildings occupied entirely by that Customer, or on contiguous property occupied by the Customer separated only by a public thoroughfare, a railroad right of way, or a natural barrier.

Rate – Money, charge, fee or other recurring assessment billed to Customers for services or equipment.

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

Service – The Company's intrastate regulated telecommunications service.

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

Service Order – The written request for network Services executed by the Customer and the Company in the format devised by the Company. The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company initiates the respective obligations of the parties as set forth herein and pursuant to the tariffs of the Company, but the duration of the service is calculated from the Service Commencement Date.

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1.1 Definitions (Cont'd)

Shared – A facility of equipment system that can be used simultaneously by several customers.

State – State of Georgia, unless otherwise noted.

Telecommunications – The transmission of voice communications or subject to the transmission capabilities of the Service, the transmission of data, signaling, metering, or other similar communications.

Terminal Equipment – Telephone instruments, including pay telephone equipment, the common equipment of large and small key and PBX systems and other devices and apparatus, and associated wiring, which are intended to be connected electrically, acoustically, or inductively to the telecommunication system.

User or End User – Customer or any authorized person or entity that utilizes the Company's services.

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1.2 Abbreviations

BLV – Busy Line Verification

CPE – Customer Premises Device

FCC - Federal Communications Commission

ILEC – Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier

IXC – Interexchange Carrier

PBX – Private Branch Exchange

PIC – Primary Interexchange Carrier

PICC – Primary Interexchange Carrier Charge

POP – Point of Presence

PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point

V&H – Vertical and Horizontal Coordinates

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of the Company

- 2.1.1 The Company provides facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunications service to Customers for the direct transmission of voice, data and other types of telecommunications.
- 2.1.2 The Company is responsible for the services provided under this tariff and for unregulated services provided pursuant to contract, and it assumes no responsibility for any service (whether regulated or not) provided by any other Carrier to the End User or to any carrier that purchases access to the Company network.
- 2.1.3 The Company installs, operates and maintains the communications services provided herein in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this tariff. When authorized by the Customer, the Company may act as the Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities 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.
- 2.1.4 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.
- 2.1.5 The Company's customer service representatives for billing and service inquiries may be reached, toll-free, at 800-772-4667. Customers wishing to communicate with the Company in writing may send correspondence to: 4380 Boulder Highway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89121.

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2.2 <u>Limitations of Service</u>

- 2.2.1 Service is offered subject to the availability of facilities and provisions of this tariff.
- 2.2.2 Service is furnished to the User for any lawful purpose. Service shall not be used for any unlawful purpose, nor used in such a manner as to interfere unreasonably with the use of service by any other Users.
- 2.2.3 The use of the Company's services without payment for service or attempting to avoid payment for service by fraudulent means or devices, false or invalid numbers, or false calling or credit cards is prohibited.
- 2.2.4 The Company's services may be denied for nonpayment of charges. Additionally, the Company's services may be denied for noncompliance with any of the Commission's regulations, or for other violations of the terms and conditions set forth in this tariff.
- 2.2.5 The use of the Company's services to make calls which might reasonably be expected to frighten, abuse, torment, or harass another is prohibited.
- 2.2.6 Service temporarily may be refused or limited because of system capacity limitations.
- 2.2.7 Service is subject to transmission limitations caused by natural (including atmospheric, geographic or topographic) or artificial conditions adversely affecting transmission.
- 2.2.8 Service to any or all Customers may be temporarily interrupted or curtailed due to equipment modifications, upgrades, relocations, repairs and similar activities necessary for proper or improved operations.

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2.3 <u>Limitations of Liability</u>

- 2.3.1 Because the Company has no control of communications content transmitted over its system, and because of the possibility of errors incident to the provision and use of its service, service furnished by the Company is subject to the terms, conditions and limitations herein specified.
- 2.3.2 The Company is not liable to Users for interruptions in service except as set forth in Section 2.5 of this tariff.
- 2.3.3 The liability of the Company for errors in billing that result in overpayment by the Customer shall be limited, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, to a credit equal to the dollar amount erroneously billed or, in the event that payment has been made and service has been discontinued, to a refund of the amount erroneously billed.
- 2.3.4 The Company shall not be liable for and the User shall indemnify and hold the Company harmless against any claims for loss or damages involving:
 - 2.3.4.A Any act or omission of: (i) the User; or (ii) any other entity furnishing service, equipment or facilities for use in conjunction with services or facilities provided by the Company;
 - 2.3.4.B Interruptions or delays in transmission, or errors or defects in transmission, or failure to transmit when caused by or as a result of acts of God, fire, flood or other catastrophes, war, riots, national emergencies, government or military authorities, strikes, lock-outs, work stoppages or other labor difficulties, or causes beyond the Company's control;
 - 2.3.4.C Any unlawful or unauthorized use of the Company's facilities and services;
 - 2.3.4.D Libel, slander or infringement of copyright or trademark arising directly or indirectly from content transmitted over facilities provided by the Company;
 - 2.3.4.E Infringement of patents arising from combining apparatus and systems of the User with facilities provided by the Company;

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2.3 <u>Limitations of Liability</u> (Cont'd)

2.3.4	(Cont'd)	
	2.3.4.F	Claims arising out of any act or omission of the User in connection with service provided by the Company;
	2.3.4.G	Breach in the privacy or security of communications transmitted over the Company's facilities;
	2.3.4.H	Changes in any of the facilities, operations or procedures of the Company that: (1) render any equipment, facilities or services provided or utilized by the User obsolete; (2) require modification or alteration of such equipment, facilities or services; or (3) otherwise affect use or performance of such equipment, facilities or services except where reasonable notice is required by the Company and is not provided to the Customer;
	2.3.4.I	Defacement of or damage to the Customer's Premises or personal property resulting from the furnishing of services or equipment on such Premises or the installation or removal thereof;
	2.3.4.J	Any wrongful act of a Company employee where such act is not authorized by the Company and is not within the scope of the employee's responsibilities for the Company;
	2.3.4.K	Any non-completed calls due to network busy conditions; and
	2.3.4.L	Any calls not actually attempted to be completed during any period that service is unavailable.

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2.3 <u>Limitations of Liability</u> (Cont'd)

- 2.3.5 The User shall reimburse the Company for all costs, expenses and fees, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the Company in its defense against claims set forth in Section 2.3.4.
- 2.3.6 The Company assumes no responsibility for the availability or performance of any facilities under the control of other entities that are used to provide service to the User, even if the Company has acted as the User's agent in arranging for such facilities or services.
- 2.3.7 With the exception of billing disputes, any claim against the Company shall be deemed waived unless presented to the Company within thirty (30) days after the date of the occurrence that gave rise to the claim.
- 2.3.8 With respect to the services provided pursuant to this tariff, the Company makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, either in fact or by operation of law, statutory or otherwise, including, but not limited to, warranties of title or implied warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, except those expressly set forth in this tariff. The Company does not authorize anyone to make a warranty or representation of any kind on its behalf and the User should not rely on any such statement.
- 2.3.9 Any liability of the Company for loss or damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in the service, the transmission of the service, or failures or defects in facilities furnished by the Company, occurring in the course of furnishing service, in no event shall exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate fixed monthly charge assessed on the Customer for the time period in which the service giving rise to the claim occurred.

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2.4 Responsibilities of the Customer

- 2.4.1 Customers may be required to enter into a written service order which shall contain or reference a specific description of the service ordered, the rates to be charged, the duration of the services and the terms and conditions in the tariffs of the Company. Customer also may be required to execute any other documents or provide information pertaining to past accounts for similar services as may be reasonably requested by the Company.
- 2.4.2 The Customer is responsible for placing any necessary orders, complying with tariff regulations and assuring that Users comply with tariff regulations. The Customer shall ensure compliance with any applicable laws, regulations, orders or other requirements of any governmental entity relating to services provided by the Company to the Customer or made available by the Customer to another User. The Customer also is responsible for the payment of charges for all Calls originated at the Customer's numbers which are not collect, third party, calling card, or credit card calls.
- 2.4.3 At the expiration of the initial term specified in each Service Order, or any extension thereof, service shall continue on a month to month basis at the then current rates unless terminated by either party. Any termination shall not relieve Customer of its obligation to pay any charges incurred under the service order and the tariffs of the Company prior to termination. The rights and obligations which by their nature extend beyond the termination of the service shall survive such termination.
- 2.4.4 The Customer is responsible for charges incurred for special construction and/or special facilities which the Customer requests and which are ordered by the Company on the Customer's behalf.
- 2.4.5 If required for the provisioning of the Company's services, the Customer must provide the Company, free of charge, with any necessary equipment space, supporting structure, conduit and electrical power.
- 2.4.6 The Customer is responsible for arranging access to its Premises at times mutually agreeable to the Company and the Customer when required for Company personnel to install, repair, maintain, program, inspect or remove equipment associated with the provision of the Company's services.

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Responsibilities of the Customer (Cont'd)

- 2.4.7 The Customer must pay the Company for replacement or repair of damage to the Company's equipment or facilities caused by negligent or improper use on the part of the Customer, Users, or others.
- 2.4.8 The Customer must indemnify the Company for the theft of any Company equipment or facilities installed at the Customer's Premises.
- 2.4.9 The Customer agrees to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Company against any and all loss, claims, demands, suits or other action or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the Customer or by any other party or person, for any personal injury to or death of any person or persons, or for any loss of or damage to any property, whether owned by the Customer or others. The Customer shall reimburse the Company for all costs, expenses and fees, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the Company in its defense against such actions.

2.5 Allowances for Interruptions in Service

2.5.1 General

- 2.5.1.A A service is interrupted when it becomes unusable to the User, *e.g.*, the User is unable to transmit or receive communications due to the failure of a component furnished by the Company under this tariff.
- 2.5.1.B An interruption period begins when the User reports a service, facility or circuit to be inoperative and releases it for testing and repair. An interruption period ends when the service, facility or circuit is operative.
- 2.5.1.C If the User reports a service, facility or circuit to be inoperative but declines to release it for testing and repair, the service, facility or circuit is considered to be impaired but not interrupted. No credit allowances will be made for a service facility or circuit considered by the Company to be impaired.

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2.5 Allowances for Interruptions in Service (Cont'd)

2.5.1 General (Cont'd)

- 2.5.1.D The Company will normally clear all trouble of an emergency nature at all hours, consistent with the needs of Customers and the personal safety of Company personnel.
- 2.5.1.E The Company normally will clear all other trouble calls not requiring unusual repair, such as cable failures, within 24 hours of the report received by the utility, excluding Sundays and holidays unless the Customer agrees to another arrangement.

2.5.2 Application of Credits for Interrupted Services

- 2.5.2.A At the Customer's request, a credit allowance will be given for a continuous interruption of service for a period of twenty-four (24) hours or more after being found or reported.
- 2.5.2.B Any such interruption will be measured from the time it is reported to or detected by the Company, whichever occurs first.
- 2.5.2.C In the event the User is affected by such interruption for a period of less than twenty-four (24) hours, no adjustment will be made. No adjustments will be earned by accumulating non-continuous periods of interruption.

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2.5 Allowances for Interruptions in Service (Cont'd)

2.5.3 Limitations on Allowances

- 2.5.3.A No credit allowance will be made for any interruption of service:
 - 2.5.3.A.1 due to the negligence of, or noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff by, any person or entity other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer or other entities or carriers connected to the service of the Company;
 - 2.5.3.A.2 due to the failure of power, equipment, systems or services not provided by the Company;
 - 2.5.3.A.3 due to circumstances or causes beyond the control of the Company;
 - 2.5.3.A.4 during any period in which the Company is not given full and free access to the Customer's or Company's facilities and equipment for the purpose of investigating and correcting the interruption;
 - 2.5.3.A.5 during any period in which the User continues to use the service on an impaired basis;
 - 2.5.3.A.6 during any period in which the Customer has released service to the Company for maintenance purposes or for implementation of a Customer order for a change in service arrangements;
 - 2.5.3.A.7 that occurs or continues due to the Customer's failure to authorize replacement of any element of special construction; and
 - 2.5.3.A.8 that was not reported to the Company within thirty (30) days of the date that service was affected.

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2.6 <u>Termination of Service</u>

- 2.6.1 A Customer may terminate service, with or without cause, by giving the Company notice, either verbal or written, except where cause must be provided pursuant to the Customer's contract or Service Order. If a Customer orders services requiring special equipment and/or facilities dedicated to the Customer's use and then cancels the order before the service begins, a charge will be made to the Customer for the non-recoverable portions of expenditures or liabilities incurred expressly on behalf of the Customer by the Company.
- 2.6.2 Upon five (5) business days written notice to the Customer, the Company may discontinue service or cancel an application for service without incurring any liability for any of the following reasons:
 - 2.6.2.A Failure of the Customer to pay a non-disputed delinquent account; 2.6.2.B Failure of the Customer to make satisfactory arrangements to pay arrearages or meet the requirements of a payment agreement; 2.6.2.C Failure of the Customer to permit the Company to have reasonable access to its equipment, facilities, service connections or other property; 2.6.2.D Failure of the Customer to provide the Company with adequate assurances that an unauthorized use or practice will cease; 2.6.2.E Customer violation of any regulation governing the service under this tariff, or a violation of any law, rule, or regulation of any government authority having jurisdiction over the service; 2.6.2.F Company is prohibited from furnishing services by order of a court or other government authority having jurisdiction; 2.6.2.G Customer fraud or material misrepresentation of identity for purpose of obtaining telephone service; or 2.6.2.H Failure of the Customer to adhere to contractual obligations with the Company.

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2.6 Termination of Service (Cont'd)

- 2.6.3 The Company may terminate service *without notice* to the Customer for any of the following occurrences:
 - 2.6.3.A Customer's maintenance or operation of its equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's equipment or service to others;
 2.6.3.B Customer non-compliance with any provision of this tariff which results in threatening the safety of a person or the integrity of the service delivery system of the Company;
 2.6.3.C The existence of a condition on the Customer's premises determined by the Company to be hazardous;
 2.6.3.D Customer tampering with the Company's equipment or service;
 2.6.3.E Customer's unauthorized or illegal use of the Company's service or
- 2.6.4 The Customer is responsible for all charges incurred to the Calling Station regardless of which party terminates the service. The Customer shall reimburse the Company for all costs, expenses and fees (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred by the Company in collecting such charges.

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2.7 Payment of Charges

- 2.7.1 The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for service furnished by the Company to the Customer and Users, regardless of whether those services are used by the Customer itself or are resold to or shared with other persons.
- 2.7.2 Recurring monthly charges may be invoiced one month in advance. Invoicing cycles are approximately thirty (30) days in length, and payment is due upon receipt. Payment will be considered timely if paid within twenty (20) days of the billing date. After twenty (20) days, payment will be considered late.
- 2.7.3 The Company reserves the right to assess late payment charges for Customers whose account(s) carries principal owing from the prior billing period. Any charges not paid in full by the due date indicated on the billing statement may be subject to a late fee of 1.5% per month.
- 2.7.4 Customers must notify the Company either verbally or in writing of any disputed charges within thirty (30) days of the billing date, otherwise all charges on the invoice will be deemed accepted. All charges remain due and payable at the due date, although a Customer is not required to pay any disputed charges during the time period in which the Company conducts its investigation into the matter.
- 2.7.5 In the event of a dispute concerning a bill, Customers must pay a sum equal to the amount of the undisputed portion of the bill and proceed with the complaint procedures set forth in this tariff.

2.8 Deposits

The Company will not require deposits from Customers.

2.9 Advance Payments

The Company will not require advance payments from Customers.

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2.10 <u>Contested Charges</u>

All bills are presumed accurate, and shall be binding on the Customer unless objection is received by the Company within thirty (30) days of the billing date, either verbally or in writing. In the event that a billing dispute between the Customer and the Company for service furnished to the Customer cannot be settled with mutual satisfaction, the Customer may take the following course of action:

- 2.10.1 First, the Customer may request, and the Company will provide, an in-depth review of the disputed amount. (The undisputed portion and subsequent bills must be paid on a timely basis or the service may be subject to disconnection.)
- 2.10.2 Second, if there is still a disagreement about the disputed amount after investigation and review by the Company, the Customer may file an appropriate complaint with the Georgia Public Service Commission. The address of the Commission is:

Georgia Public Service Commission 47 Trinity Avenue Atlanta, GA 30334 (404) 656-4501 800-282-5813 (Georgia Only)

2.11 Taxes

The Customer is responsible for the payment of Federal excise taxes, state and local sales and use taxes, fees and other exactions imposed on the Company or its services by governmental jurisdictions, other than taxes imposed generally on corporation. All such taxes, fees and charges shall be billed separately as separate items and are not included in the quoted rates for local exchange service.

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2.12 Transfers and Assignments

Neither the Company nor the Customer may assign or transfer its rights or duties in connection with the Services and facilities provided by the Company without the written consent of the other party, except that the Company may assign its rights and duties (a) to any subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company, (b) pursuant to any sale or transfer of substantially all the assets of the Company, or (c) pursuant to any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company.

2.13 Temporary Promotional Programs

The Company may establish temporary promotional programs under which it may waive or reduce non-recurring or recurring charges, to introduce present or potential Customers to a Service not previously received by the Customers. The specific terms of each promotional program shall be filed with the Commission within 30 days of its effective date.

2.14 **Application of Rates**

2.14.1 Introduction

The regulations set forth in this Section govern the application of rates for services contained in Section 4 of the tariffs of the Company.

2.14.2 Rates Based on Duration of Use

Where charges for a service are specified based on the duration of use, such as the duration of a telephone call, the following rules apply:

- a. Unless otherwise specified, calls are timed in one minute increments. All calls which are fractions of a measurement increment are rounded-up to the next whole unit.
- b. Timing on completed calls begins when the call is answered by the called party. Answering is determined by hardware answer supervision in all cases where this signaling is provided by the terminating local carrier and any intermediate carrier(s).

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2.14 Application of Rates (Cont'd)

2.14.2 Rates Based on Duration of Use (Cont'd)

c. Timing terminates on all calls when the calling party hangs up or the Company's network receives an on-hook signal from the terminating carrier.

2.14.3 Rates Based Upon Distance

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

- a. Distance between two points is measured as airline distance between the Rate Centers of the originating and terminating telephone lines. The Rate Center is a set of geographic coordinates, as referenced in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 4, associated with each NPA-NXX combination (where NPA is the area code and NXX is the first three digits of a seven-digit telephone number). Where there is no telephone number associated with an access line on the Company's network (such as a dedicated access line), the Company will apply the Rate Center of the Customer's main billing telephone number.
- b. The airline distance between any two Rate Centers is determined as follows:
 - 1) Obtain the "V" (vertical) and "H" (horizontal) coordinates for each Rate Center from the above-referenced NECA tariff.
 - 2) Compute the difference between the "V" coordinates of the two rate centers; and the difference between the two "H" coordinates.
 - 3) Square each difference obtained in step (2) above.
 - 4) Add the square of the "V" difference and the square of the difference obtained in step (3) above.
 - 5) Divide the sum of the squares by 10. Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction is obtained.

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2.15 Timing of Calls

- 2.15.1 The Customer's monthly usage charges for the Company service are based upon the total number of minutes the Customer uses and the service options to which the Customer subscribes. Chargeable time begins at the time the called party answers (*i.e.* when two-way communications is possible), and ends when either party hangs up.
- 2.15.2 No charges apply if a Call is not completed.
- 2.15.3 For billing purposes, all Calls are rounded up to the nearest minute and billed in increments of one minute. The minimum Call duration is one (1) minute for a connected Call.
- 2.15.4 Where applicable, charges will be rounded up to the nearest penny.
- 2.15.5 Usage begins when the called party picks up the receiver (*i.e.* when two-way communication is possible). A Call is terminated when the calling or called party hangs up. The Company utilizes software answer supervision, which permits up to sixty (60) seconds of ringing before the Call becomes billed usage. Where answer supervision is not available, any Call for which the duration exceeds sixty (60) seconds shall be presumed to have been answered and becomes billed usage.
- 2.15.6 The Company will not knowingly charge for Incomplete or unanswered Calls. Upon the Customer's request and proper verification, the Company shall promptly adjust or credit the Customer's account for charges or payments for any Incomplete or unanswered Call inadvertently billed due to the unavailability of Feature Group D or due to another carrier's failure to provide answer supervision. Upon the Customer's request and proper verification, the Company also shall promptly adjust or credit the Customer's account for charges or payments for Calls placed to a wrong number.

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2.16 Start of Billing

For billing purposes, the start of service is the day following acceptance by the Customer of the Company's service or equipment, or another date mutually agreed-upon by the Customer and the Company. The end of service date is the last day of the minimum notification of cancellation or any portion of the last day, after receipt by the Company of notification of cancellation, or another date mutually agreed-upon by the Customer and the Company.

2.17 Minimum Call Completion Rate

The Customer may expect a Call completion rate of at least ninety-percent (90%) of dialed, local interoffice calls attempted during peak use periods or the busy hour.

2.18 County Wide Calling

Pursuant to GA Code Ann. § 46-5-25.1, all toll Calls originating and terminating within the same county are toll-free.

2.19 0-22 Mile Band Restriction

Pursuant to GA Code Ann. § 46-2-25.2, all toll Calls originating and terminating between central offices that are within 22 miles of each other are toll-free.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

3.1 **General Service Information**

The Company offers local exchange telecommunications services to Customers throughout the State of Georgia. The following Company Services for business and residential Customer and for carriers certificated by the Commission are covered in this Section:

Local Exchange Service Offerings

--Standard Access Line --Local Residential Line --Local Business Line

-- Extended and Expanded Area Calling

Services

-- Private Branch Exchange --Direct Inward Dialing Service

--Centrex Services --Hunting Service

--Foreign Exchange Service

-- Telecommunications Relay Services

--Re-Call Services

Local Calling Plans ISDN Services Channel Services Operator Services

Message Telecommunications Services/Toll

Services

911 and E911 Emergency Services Miscellaneous Local Features

Busy Line Verification and Interrupt Service

Call Blocking Features Calling Card Services

Directory Assistance **Directory Listings** Local Number Portability Personalized Telephone Number

Custom Calling Features

Maintenance and Installation Charges

Maintenance Visit

Installation/Non-Routine Installation

Reconnection Bad Check Charge

Promotional Service Offerings

3.1.1 **Customer Calling Plans**

3.1.1.A NOS Local Customers in service after September 30, 2002 shall receive services pursuant to Rate Plan A as set forth in Section 4, *infra*.

3.1.1.B NOS Local Customers in service on or before September 30, 2002, whose services are not part of an unexpired term plan or usage rate guarantee shall receive services pursuant to Rate Plan B in Section 4, infra.

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3.2 <u>Local Exchange Services</u>

3.2.1 Standard Access Line

The Standard Residential or Business Line provides a Customer with a single, analog, voice-grade telephonic communications channel which can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Standard Lines are provided for the connection of Customer-provided wiring and single station sets or facsimile machines. A multi-line subscriber is a Business customer with more than one Line provided by Company. Standard Access Lines enable the customer to:

- (a) place or receive calls to any station in the local calling area, as defined herein;
- (b) access enhanced 911 Emergency Service where available;
- (c) access the interexchange carrier selected by the Customer for interLATA, intraLATA, interstate or international calling;
- (d) access Operator Services;
- (e) access Directory Assistance;
- (f) place or receive calls to 800 numbers;
- (g) access Telecommunications Relay Service.

The Company's service will automatically block originating calls to other telephone companies' caller-paid information services (e.g., 900, 976) at no charge. Calls to those numbers and other numbers used for caller-paid information services will be unblocked on a per directory number basis only. Subsequent blocking of 900-type numbers will incur a charge listed in Section 4.

3.2.1.A Off Premise Extension

Extension service is an extension of lines at locations in addition to the location of the main line. Exension service is connected to an individual, auxillary two party or four party line for the same subscriber and with the same telephone number.

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3.2 Local Exchange Services (Cont'd)

3.2.2 Local Calling Services

3.2.2.A Local Residential Line Service

Local Residential Line Service provides Residential Customers with the ability to originate calls from a Company-provided access line to all other stations on the public switched telephone network bearing the designation of any central office exchanges, areas, and zones included in the Customer's local calling area. Service is provided on a flat or measured use basis and may be provided in conjunction with other services and products included in this Section.

3.2.2.B <u>Local Business Line Service</u>

Local Business Line Service provides a Business Customer with the ability to originate calls from Company-provided access lines to all other stations on the public switched telephone network bearing the designation of any central office exchanges, areas, and zones included in the Customer's local calling area. Service is provided on a flat or measured use basis and may be provided in conjunction with other services and products included in this Section.

3.2.2.B.1 Business Service Plan (BSP)

The Business Service Plan is an individual business line service, offered with touch tone service at no additional charge, that allows Customers to choose between two LATA wide calling options. Customers may choose either (a) a flat rated plan with unlimited intra-LATA calling or (b) a combination rated plan with unlimited usage within the basic service area for a flat rate and single per minute rate for all other intra-LATA calling. Also, the service may include Caller ID and be offered as BSP Plus.

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3.2 Local Exchange Services (Cont'd)

3.2.2 <u>Local Calling Services</u> (Cont'd)

3.2.2.B Local Business Line Business (Cont'd)

3.2.2.B.2 Fall Back Line

Fall Back Line is an optional service which provides individual line business subscribers with an additional line for inward and outward calling.

3.2.2.C <u>Extended and Expanded Area Calling Services</u>

Extended and Expanded Area Calling Service allows the Customer to make calls to specific NXX codes within designated exchanges outside the Customer's Local Calling area without paying intraLATA toll rates. The Customer is billed per call according to the duration of the call. Company will mirror all existing extended and expanded calling areas the ILEC currently has in place for facilities-based or resold services.

3.2.2.D Private Branch Exchange (PBX)

The Company's PBX Service uses PBX trunks to connect a customer PBX system or other similar equipment to the Company Central Office. Company treats these trunks similar to individual exchange lines and supports multi-line hunting over a group of trunks.

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3.2.2 Local Calling Services (Cont'd)

3.2.2.E Direct Inward Dialing Service

Direct Inward Dialing ("DID") Service is an optional feature provided in conjunction with Company-provided PBX Trunks. DID Service permits incoming calls from the exchange network to reach a specific station line without the assistance of an attendant through the use of a seven digit number. DID service transmits the dialed digits for all incoming calls allowing the Customer's PBX to route incoming calls directly to individual stations corresponding to each individual DID number. DID is furnished upon the condition that the customer contract for adequate facilities, e.g., dial tone lines, circuit packs or equivalent, etc, to permit the use of the service without injurious effect on general telephone service. Certain conditions, such as transmission limitations, may require the provision of additional switching equipment on the customer's premises in order to furnish DID service. The Company offers DID services to Customers in minimum blocks of twenty (20) telephone numbers.

3.2.2.E.1 Ring Control Service

This service provides additional overflow paths on the same line. In addition, this service may be offered in conjunction with a distinctive ring feature.

3.2.2.F Centrex Services

Centrex Service provides the Customer with multiple individual voice-grade telephone communications channels, each of which can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Centrex Station Lines are provided for connection of Centrex-compatible Customer-provided station sets to the public switched telecommunications network. Each Centrex Station Line may be provided in combination with other Company-provided services including PBX and ISDN.

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3.2.2 <u>Local Calling Services</u> (Cont'd)

3.2.2.F Centrex Services (Cont'd)

3.2.2.F.1 Call Pickup

This is a Centrex feature that allows for one phone set to answer another by entering a code on the phone.

3.2.2.G <u>Hunting Service</u>

Hunting Services are optional arrangement available to Customers with two or more line services at the same location, same system. Where facilities permit, lines are arranged so that incoming calls to a busy line overflow to another line in the hunting arrangement. The Company may also offer a hunting service that is activated by the end user.

3.2.2.H Foreign Exchange Service

Foreign Exchange (FX) Service provides for the connection of a Customer's location to a central office serving an exchange area, within the Customer's LATA, other than the exchange area in which the Customer is located.

3.2.2.I Re-Call Service

This service is a central office based multiple application platform which provides voice and/or voice-fax messaging service for business customers, residential customers, education and government markets.

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3.2.3 <u>Local Calling Plans</u>

3.2.3.A Total Choice Plan

The Total Choice Plan offers a basic touch-tone residential line with unlimited local calling and a choice of calling features for a single monthly rate.

3.2.3.B <u>Expanded Area Total Choice Plan</u>

The Expanded Area Total Choice Plan, at a flat rate, offers customers a touch-tone residential line, unlimited local calling, a choice of calling features and an expanded local calling area, 7 digit dialing to the expanded local calling area with the same NPA, and 10 digit dialing to the expanded area if it crosses the NPA boundary.

3.2.3.C Discounted Calling Plan to Augusta

The Discounted Calling Plan to Augusta provides business customers with a discount for calls from Waynesboro to Augusta.

3.2.3.D <u>Discounted Calling Plan – Saver Service</u>

The Discounted Calling Plan - Saver Service provides a discount for business customers in conjunction with providing customers with an extended metro Atlanta calling area.

3.2.3.E <u>Lifeline Service</u>

Service restricted to low income residential customers that provides a full waiver of the monthly federal subscriber line charge plus a credit for monthly recurring local service charges as set forth by the GeorgiaPublic Service Commission.

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3.2.3 <u>Local Calling Plans</u> (Cont'd)

3.2.3.F <u>Loyalty Rewards Program I</u>

The Loyalty Rewards Program I provides Customers with basic local service and custom calling features for a flat fee. Loyalty Rewards Program I Customers receive unlimited local calling and all local vertical features such as Caller ID, Call Waiting and Call Forwarding. The Program or accompanying fee does not include or apply to local usage, intraLATA toll charges, Remote Call Forwarding, Off Premises Extensions, WIRE-PRO, PBX, ISDN, Foreign Exchange Number and federal and local fees, taxes or surcharges, including local number portability.

3.2.3.G <u>Loyalty Rewards Program II</u>

The Loyalty Rewards Program II provides Customers with basic local service and custom calling features for a flat fee. Loyalty Rewards Program II Customers receive metered local calling and all local vertical features such as Caller ID, Call Waiting and Call Forwarding. The Program and accompanying fee do not include or apply to local usage, intraLATA charges, Remote Call Forwarding, Off Premises Extensions, WIRE-PRO, PBX, ISDN, Foreign Exchange Number and federal and local fees, taxes or surcharges, including local number portability. Customers must have at least \$200.00 in long distance services from the most recent invoice to qualify for the Loyalty Rewards Program II service offering.

3.2.3.H Loyalty Rewards Program III

The Loyalty Rewards Program III provides Customers with basic local service and custom calling features for a flat fee. Loyalty Rewards Program III Customers receive metered local calling and all local vertical features such as Caller ID, Call Waiting and Call Forwarding. The Program and accompanying fee does not include or apply to local usage, intraLATA charges, Remote Call Forwarding, Off Premises Extensions, WIRE-PRO, PBX, ISDN, Foreign Exchange Number and federal and local fees, taxes or surcharges, including local number portability.

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3.3 ISDN Services

National Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Direct is a telecommunications service that provides an integrated voice/data communications capability for the transmission of circuit switched voice and data and packet switched data signals on an incoming and outgoing basis utilizing Integrated Services Digital network architecture.

3.3.1 ISDN Primary Rate Interface (PRI)

Service provides the Business Customer with a direct digital connection, via switched access, to one or more public and/or private services. The service arranges the 64 Kbps channels of a DS1 into 23 B (Bearer) channels and 1 D (Delta) channel or 24 B channels under control of a D channel residing on a separate PRI facility. The B channels carry voice and data traffic at speeds up to 64 Kbps. The D channel carries the out-of-band signaling required to control its associated B channels.

3.3.2 Individual Line Business ISDN Basic Rate Interface (BRI)

Service is an optional service arrangement which can be used in conjunction with a customer's Individual Line Business service. It uses the ISDN architecture to provide the customer with the capabilities of simultaneous access, transmission and switching of voice, data and imaging services via channelized transport. Service provides two bearer B-channels at 64 Kbps per second and a data D-channel at 16 Kbps per second. The bearer B-channels are designed for PCM voice, video conferencing, group 4 facsimile machines, etc. The data D-channel is for bringing in information about incoming calls and taking out information about outgoing calls.

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3.4 Channel Services

3.4.1 General Description

Channel Service consists of two-point or multi-point communications service offerings usually dedicated solely to the use of a particular Customer. Channels are electrical path utilized for transmitting signals, voice, or data communications. Channels are derived in such a manner as the Company may elect and are suitable for the purposes for which they are furnished. While it is contemplated that the Customer may provide the terminal apparatus and wiring (exclusive of the equipment necessary to derive and terminate the channel which is provided by the Company), at the request of the Customer and provided that request is reasonable, termination equipment will be provided by the Company subject to the rates and regulations set forth herein.

Facilities, consisting of channels, termination and arrangements are classified by Series and further classified within each Series by Type. The various Series and Types are described in terms of characteristics and use.

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3.5 Operator Services

Local calls may be completed or billed with the live or mechanical assistance by the Company's operator center. Calls may be billed collect to the called party, to an authorized 3rd party number, to the originating line, or to a valid authorized calling card. Local calls may be placed an a station to station basis or to a specified party (see Person to Person), or designated alternate. Usage charges for local operator assisted calls are those usage charges that would normally apply to the calling party's service.

Provides for live or automated operator treatment when Customer dials "0". Services include, but are not limited to, bill to originating telephone number, calling card, collect or to a third party:

- 3.5.1 <u>Collect Calls</u> Calls where the called person agrees to pay for the call. Company offers two types of collect calls.
- 3.5.2 <u>Person-to-Person</u> Calls completed with the assistance of a Company operator to a particular person, station, department or PBX extension specified by the calling party.
- 3.5.3 <u>Station-to-Station</u> Operator assisted calls other than Person-to-Person billed to either the Business Customer's phone number, or the end user's calling card. Calls may be dialed with or without assistance of a Company operator.
- 3.5.4 <u>Third Party Billed Cards</u> Calls where the customer requests that the phone call be charged to a third party's phone number. If the originating caller is calling from a payphone, the third party number is called. The third party has to answer the phone and accept the charges before the operator completes the call.

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3.6 Message Telecommunications Service/Toll Services

Message Telecommunications Service or Toll Service is a communications service which is available for use by Customers twenty-four (24) hours a day. MTS enables a User of an exchange access line to place calls to any station on the public switched telephone network bearing an NPS-NXX designation associated with points outside the Customer's Local Calling Area, but within the boundaries of home LATA.

3.6.1 Select Call Service

This service provides customers with an interstate toll option plan.

3.6.2 Restriction – Operator Screening

A service that provides for the operator to deny the toll call whenever 0 is dialed by the end user.

3.6.3 Toll Free Service

A call to a staion outside the subscribers local calling area for which the called party pays instead of the calling party.

3.7 911 and E911 Emergency Services

Emergency Telephone Services allow Customers to reach appropriate emergency services, including: police, fire, and hospital medical services. Enhanced 911 Service has the ability to selectively route an emergency Call to the primary 911 provider so that it reaches the correct emergency service located closest to the Caller. In addition, Enhanced 911 Service enables the Customer's address and telephone information to be displayed to the person handling the 911 call.

The Company will provide access to 911 and E911 services either directly or through an arrangement with other telephone carriers. The Company will impose a surcharge to all customers at a level determined by the Commisson.

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3.8 Miscellaneous Local Features

3.8.1 Busy Line Verification and Interrupt Service

Busy Line Verification and Interrupt Service, furnished to the extent facilities permit, provides the customer with the following options:

- 3.8.1.A <u>Busy Line Verification</u>: Upon request of the calling party, the Company will determine if the line is clear or in use and report to the calling party.
- 3.8.1.B <u>Busy Line Verification and Interrupt</u>: The operator will interrupt the call on the called line only if the calling party indicates and emergency and requests interruption.

3.8.2 Call Blocking Features

A calling party may block their telephone number, associated main listed name and voiceback of calling identification information to users or subscribers to customer calling features utilizing SS7 technology. Blocking will also prevent call completion through the use of Return Call service. Customers have three blocking options: (1) Per Call Blocking, (2) Per Line Blocking, or (3) Class Call Blocking. These features allow the end-user to automatically block incoming calls from up to six Customer pre-selected telephone numbers (including numbers from which a Customer has just received a call. The list of numbers can be changed at any time. Callers whose numbers have been blocked will hear a recorded message and no usage charges will apply. The calling party's number will not be delivered or announced to the call recipient under any circumstances.

3.8.3 Calling Card Services

The Company's Calling Card Services are offered to Customers of its local exchange and long distance services. The Company's Calling Card Services are accessed by dialing a toll-free number and entering the Calling Card Number (area code, phone number, and PIN).

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3.8 Miscellaneous Local Features (Cont'd)

3.8.4 Touch Dial Calling Service

Touch dial calling service provides for the origination of telephone calls through the use of pushbuttons transmitting alternating currents in lieu of rotary dial or push buttons transmitting direct current. The service is furnished for use with individual and two-party central office lines, and with residential exchange service lines. It may be furnished to either one or both subscribers on a two party line. Touch dial calling service requires special central office equipment and will be provided only from central offices where facilities are available.

3.8.5 Directory Assistance

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

3.8.6 <u>Directory Assistance Call Completion</u>

Directory Assistance Call Completion Service provides the Customer with the ability to use a directory assistance operator to provide listing information and to automatically dial the number requested.

3.8.7 Directory Listings

For each Customer of Company-provided Exchange Service(s), the Company shall arrange for the listing of the Customer's main billing telephone number in the directory(ies) published by the dominant Local Exchange Carrier in the area at no additional charge. Directory listings are provided in connection with each Customer service as specified herein. The Company reserves the right to limit the length of any listing in the directory by the use of abbreviations when, in its judgment, the clearness of the listing or the identification of the Customer is not impaired thereby. When more than one line is required to properly list the Customer, no additional charge is made. The following types of listings will be made available: (1) primary; (2) additional; (3) non-published; (4) non-listed; (5) alternate call; and (6) reference.

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3.8.8 Local Number Portability

Local Number Portability is a service that enable the End User to retain use of the existing local exchange Carrier's number after choosing the Company as its local exchange carrier, provided that the Customer's location remains within the existing rate center after the switch. Where applicable, the Company will assess on End User Customers a monthly fee or fees to recover the Company's costs of porting the Customer's number/s from its existing Carrier to the Company.

3.8.9 Personalized Telephone Number

Personalized Telephone Number is an optional feature by which a new Customer may request a specific or unique telephone number and fax number for use with the Company provided Exchange Services. This service provides for the assignment of a Customer requested telephone number other than the next available number from the assignment control list. Personalized Telephone Number is furnished subject to the availability of facilities and the requirements of Exchange Service as defined by the Company. The Company reserves all rights to the Personalized Telephone Numbers assigned to Customer's and may, therefore, change them if required.

3.8.10 Telecommunications Relay Services

Telecommunications Relay Service ("TRS") enables deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech impaired persons who use a Text Telephone ("TT) or similar device to communication freely with the hearing population not using TTs and vise versa. The Company will provide access to TRS through arrangements with other telecommunications carriers to enable Customers to access the TRS state provider to complete TRS Calls. The Company will impose a surcharge to all Customers at a level determined by the Commission.

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3.9 Custom Calling Features

- 3.9.1 <u>Automatic Call Return/*69</u>: Enables a Customer to automatically return the last incoming Call. To return the call, the Customer dials a feature Code and the number is dialed automatically. If the called line is busy, a 30-minute queuing process begins. The Customer is then given an indication that the network will attempt to set up the Call when the called line is idle.
- 3.9.2 <u>Call Forwarding</u>: Permits the Customer to forward calls to any telephone number or station in the Customer Group that their station is allowed to call, including voicemail and attendant. This feature may also include the ability to activate from a remote location.
- 3.9.3 <u>Call Forwarding/Three Way/Waiting</u>: This package allows end users to combine the folloswing three features call forwarding, call waiting and three way calling.
- 3.9.4 <u>Caller ID with Name</u>: This feature provides the originating telephone number and also the name associated with the line. The information is displayed on a Customer provided display device attached to the Customer's telephone line.
- 3.9.5 <u>Caller ID Intercept</u>: This feature is an enhancement to Caller ID with Name. It allows users to request callers identify themselveds prior to answering the incoming call, even when callers are calling from blocked numbers or from numbers that do not send identifying information.
- 3.9.6 <u>Call Selector</u>: This feature allows a Customer to have up to six separate telephone numbers which consists of the main telephone number and five additional telephone numbers, associated with one exchange access line. Each telephone number will have a distinctive ring on incoming calls to allow the Customer to identify the incoming call line. All telephone lines must be served by the same Central Office.
- 3.9.7 <u>Call Trace/*57:</u> Allows a called party to initiate an automatic trace of the last call received. Call Trace is available on a usage base only. After receiving the call which is to be traced, the customer dials a code and the traced telephone number is automatically sent to the Company. The customer using Call Trace is required to contact the Company for further action and will not receive the traced telephone number. The results of a trace will be furnished only to legally constituted authorities upon proper request by them.

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- 3.9.8 <u>Call Transfer</u>: Allows the User to transfer a Call to another station within the Customer Group or to an outside telephone number.
- 3.9.9 <u>Call Waiting</u>: Permits the end-user engaged in a call to receive a tone signal indicating a second call is waiting; and, by operation of the switch hook, to place the first call on hold and answer the waiting call. The Customer may alternate between the two calls by operation of the switch hook, but a three-way conference call cannot be established. Feature may be used in conjunction with Caller ID (Caller ID Intercept).
- 3.9.10 Enhanced Caller ID w/Anonymous Call Rejection: A service that block calls from callers who have prevented their name and telephone number from being displayed on a Caller ID display device. A recording instructs callers how to unblock their call.
- 3.9.11 <u>Internet Call Waiting</u>: This feature provides residential customers, while accessing the internet, with an incoming calling party's name and telephone number information, as well as options for call disposition.
- 3.9.12 <u>Message Waiting Indication</u>: This feature enables end users to receive an indication on their line that a message is waiting. The indication may be a tone of some kind, or a stutter.
- 3.9.13 <u>Remote Call Forwarding</u>: This is a service whereby a call is placed from a station to a cutomer's telephone number is automatically forwarded by the Company's central office equipment to another station designated by the Customer.
- 3.9.14 <u>Repeat Dialing/*66</u>: Automatically redials the last outgoing telephone number dialed by the Customer.
- 3.9.15 <u>Selective Call Rejection</u>: This feature allows the Customer to have originating 1+, 101XXXX1+, 10XXX1+, 976 and 900 number service calls blocked by a central office. In addition, specific screening information is sent to the entity conducting operator services to prevent operator assisted connection to the Customer's blocked line.

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- 3.9.16 Speed Calling (8 or 30): Permits the Customer to place calls to other telephone numbers by dialing a one- or two-digit code rather than complete telephone numbers. The feature is available as an eight code list or a thirty code list. Either code list may include local and/or toll telephone numbers. To establish or change a telephone number in a code list, the Customer dials an activating code, receives a second dial tone and dials either a one-or two-digit code (for the eight code and thirty code lists, respectively) plus the telephone number.
- 3.9.17 <u>Surrogate Client Number</u>: This feature provides for a telephone number in the subscribers serving wire center from which calls will be forwarded on an intra-office basis to the subsriber's exchange service.
- 3.9.18 Three Way Calling: Permits the end-user to add a third party to an established connection. When the third party answers, a two-way conversation can be held before adding the original party for a three-way conference. The end-user initiating the conference controls the call and may disconnect the third party to reestablish the original connection or establish a connection to a different third party. The feature may be used on both outgoing and incoming calls.
- 3.9.19 Three Way Calling with Transfer: Permits the end-user to add a third party to an established connection. When the third party answers, a two-way conversation can be held before adding the original party for a three-way conference. The end-user initiating the conference controls the call and may disconnect the third party to reestablish the original connection or establish a connection to a different third party. The feature may be used on both outgoing and incoming calls. In addition, this feature allows the calling party to disconnect without termingating the connection between the two called parties.
- 3.9.20 <u>Voice Mail</u>: Provides an audio mailbox to record, store, retrieve, review, save and handle audio messages for Customers. The service will greet incoming customers with a personal or standard greeting, and provide audio prompts and personal security codes for Customers and Users of Service. Additional message capacity for the voice mail box may be purchased.
- 3.9.21 <u>Voice Mail Companion Package</u>: For Customers with Voice Mail, this service provides call forwarding and a message waiting indicator for use in conjunction with Voice Mail.

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3.10 Maintenance and Installation Charges

3.10.1 Maintenance Visit Charges

Maintenance Visit Charges apply when the Company dispatches personnel to a Customer's premises to perform work necessary for resolving troubles reported by the Customer and the trouble is found to be caused by the Customer's facilities. The time period for which the Maintenance Visit Charges is applied will commence when Company personnel are dispatched at the Customer premises and end when work is completed. The rates for Maintenance of Service vary by time per Customer request.

3.10.2 Telephone Maintenance Plan

Provides the Customer with protection and full coverage at no additional charge in the event of damage to the Customer's inside wiring or customer premises equipment.

3.10.3 <u>Service/Installation Ordering Charge</u>

This charge applies to receiving, recording and processing Customer requests for work to be done in connection with the same service at the same time at one or more locations of that service. It has three possible application: (1) connection new or additional exchange access lines; (2) move or change existing service and equipment or add new or additional service and equipment other than exchange access; (3) record type only change.

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3.10.4 Non-Routine Installation

At the Customer's request, installation and/or maintenance may be performed outside the Company's regular business hours or in unusual locations. In such cases, charges based on cost of the actual labor, material, or other costs incurred by or charged to the Company will apply. If installation is started during regular business hours but, at the Customer's request, extends beyond regular business hours into time periods including, but not limited to weekends, holidays, and/or night hours, additional charges may apply.

3.10.5 Central Office Exchange Access Line Charge

This covers work associated with the line extending from the serving central office up to and including the Rate demarcation Point on the customer's premises. Major work functions are central office cross-connect work, work done with distribution facilities outside of the central office, and connection of drop wire to the protector at the Customer's premises.

3.10.6 Element Service Charges

Element Service Charges for work activities performed in connection with Channel Service are charged fro at business rates except for orders for residence foreign central office district and foreign exchange services.

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3.11 Miscellaneous Services Charges

3.11.1 Reconnection

Reconnection charges occur where service to an existing Customer has been disconnected for proper cause, and the Customer desires to resume service with the Company. If service has been discontinued for proper cause and where a Customer desires reconnection, the Customer will be charged a fee to defray the cost of providing service.

3.11.2 Missed Appointment Charge

When the Company and the Customer have agreed to an installation date and time, and the Customer is not available at the premises to allow for installation of service at the appointed time, a Missed Appointment Charge will apply. Customers may not cancel or change installation dates or times on less than 48 hours notice to the Company unless otherwise agreed to by the Company.

3.11.3 <u>IntraLATA Toll Presubscription</u>

IntraLATA Toll Presubscription is a procedure whereby a Customer designates to the Company the Carrier that the Customer wishes to use as its primary interexchange carrier ("PIC") for intraLATA toll calls. Such calls are automatically designated to the intraLATA PIC, without the need to use carrier access codes or additional dialing to direct the Call to the designated Carrier. IntraLATA Toll Presubscription does not prevent a Customer who has presubscribed to an IntraLATA toll Carrier from using carrier access codes or additional dialing to direct Calls to an alternative intraLATA toll Carrier on a per Call basis. All new Customer' initial requests for intraLATA toll service presubscription will be provided free of charge.

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3.11.4 Bad Check Charge

If payment for Service is made by a check, draft, or similar instrument (collectively "Check") that is returned to the Company unpaid by a bank or other financial institution for any reason, the Company may bill the Customer a returned check charge in the amount of twenty (20) dollars. In addition, the Customer may be required to replace the returned Check with a payment in cash or equivalent to cash, such as cashier's check, certified check or money order.

3.11.5 Late Payment Fee

A late payment fee of 1.5% will be applied to service charges not paid by the due date of the bill. The late payment fee will not be applied to previous late payment charges that have been assessed but remain unpaid, but will apply to the accumulated amount for which the Customer is in arrears.

3.12 **Equipment**

The Company may make available various types of physical equipment for lease and/or purchase by its customers in the course of conducing its business and providing local exchange telecommunications services to its customers.

3.13 Promotional Service Offerings

From time to time, the Company may offer services or waive or vary service rates for promotional, market research or other similar business purposes.

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Local	Exchange Service Offerings	Plan A	<u>Plan B</u>	
4.1.1	Standard Access Line			
	Initial Residential Service Order, per line:	\$53.77	\$67.21	(I)
	Initial Business Service Order, per line:	\$73.69	\$92.10	Ī
	Monthly recurring charge, per line:	\$22.08	\$27.59	(I)
4.1.2	Local Residential Service			
	Flat Rate Service, per line, per month	\$22.08	\$27.59	(I)
	Additional Line, per month	\$21.19	\$26.49	
	Measured Rate Service per line, per month:	\$19.55	\$24.43	
	Additional Line, per month	\$13.60	\$17.01	(I)
4.1.3	Local Business Line Service			
	Flat Rate Service,			
	Per line, per month	\$48.66	\$60.83	(I)
	Business Line w/touch tone	\$66.64	\$83.30	
	Business Line, with BSP	\$102.22	\$127.78	
	Business Line, with BSP Plus	\$88.50	\$110.63	
	Measured Rate Service:			
	Monthly recurring charge, per line:	\$47.98	\$59.97	
	Business Line w/touch tone	\$59.96	\$74.95	
	Business Line, with BSP Plus	\$46.73	\$81.19	
	Fall Back/Additional Line	\$19.91	\$24.89	(I)
4.1.4	Extended and Expanded Area Calling Service	<u>s</u>		
	Message Rate Service Expanded	\$11.10	\$13.86	(I)

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4.1	Local	Exchange Service Offerings (Cont'd)	<u>Plan A</u>	<u>Plan B</u>	
	4.1.5	Private Branch Exchange (PBX)			
		Trunk	\$57.38	\$71.73	(I)
	4.1.6	Direct Inward Dial Service			
		Ring Control Ring Control w/Distinctive Ring	\$12.28 \$14.11	\$15.35 \$17.64	(I) (I)
	4.1.7	Centrex Services			
		Call Pickup	\$1.23	\$1.53	(I)
	4.1.8	Hunting Service			
		Community Caller Rollover Service	\$11.95 \$29.40	\$14.93 \$36.75	(I) (I)
	4.1.9	Foreign Exchange Service			
		FX Local/Primary Channel FX Business Line FX Mileage FX Directory Listing	\$30.69 \$59.27 \$3.61 \$2.67	\$38.37 \$74.07 \$4.50 \$3.34	(I) (I)

4.1.10 <u>Telecommunications Relay Services</u>

The Company will impose a surcharge to all Customers at a level determined by the Commission.

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SECTION 4 – <u>RATES AND CHARGES</u> (Cont'd)

Local	Exchange Service Offerings (Cont'd)	<u>Plan A</u>	<u>Plan B</u>	
4.1.11	Re-Call Services			
	Re-Call Local Usage	\$5.23	\$6.52	(I)
	Re-Call Answering Service	\$11.80	\$14.75	
	Re-Call Answering Service w/addl msg time	\$16.25	\$20.31	
	Re-Call Enhanced Answering – 25 Msgs	\$11.80	\$14.75	
	Re-Call Enhanced Answering – 45 Msgs	\$16.25	\$20.31	
	Re-Call Voicemail	\$19.22	\$24.02	
	Re-Call Enhanced Voicemail	\$19.22	\$24.02	
	*98 Abbreviated Access	\$5.64	\$7.06	(I)

4.1.12 **RESIDENTIAL UNLIMITED CALLING PROGRAM**

This service is for use by residential customers who select 011 Communications or International Plus service. Customers who subscribe to this voice service must select and designate NOS Communications, Inc. as its Local Exchange Carrier (LEC), and NOS Communications, Inc. d.b.a. 011 Communications or International Plus as its Interexchange Carrier (IXC) for interstate, International and intrastate calling, and as its intraLATA toll provider for intraLATA toll calling. Concurrent with enrollment in this plan, customers must also enroll in any companion unlimited traffic plans for all domestic traffic.

A monthly recurring charge will apply to this service as outlined below. This charge is identical to and shall not be in addition to the monthly recurring charge as outlined in any tariffs or service guides as applicable to companion Federal Service or to companion State Residential Unlimited Calling Program Services.

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Monthly charge:	\$69.56	\$69.56	(I)

The following is included in the monthly recurring charge: Unlimited domestic state-to-state (Interstate) long distance, unlimited instate (Intrastate) long distance, and unlimited local toll calls, directly dialed from home; Basic line charges and features, and voicemail.

The following are not included in the monthly recurring charge: toll-free calling, international calling, calling card calls, cellular telephone platform calls, remote call forwarding, off premise extensions, WIRE-PRO, PBX, ISDN, Foreign Exchange Numbers, Local Number Portability, non-recurring charges, operator assistance, directory assistance, directory listing options, taxes, surcharges, per use charges and custom calling features. Customers will be charged at the rates contained within the Mobile Progressive Calling plan for international calls, or at the appropriate basic rate for all services not included within the monthly recurring charge.

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4.1	Local Exchange Ser	rvice Offerings (Cont'd)	Plan A	<u>Plan B</u>	
	4.1.13 Local Calling	g Plans			
	4.1.13.A	Total Choice Plan			
		Per monthly charge	\$20.10	\$25.12	(I)
	4.1.13.B	Expanded Area Total Choice Plan			
		Per monthly charge	\$34.30	\$42.87	ļ
	4.1.13.C	Discount Calling Plan to Augusta			
		Per monthly charge	\$5.81	\$7.26	İ
	4.1.13.D	Discounted Calling Plan – Saver Service	•		
		Per monthly charge	\$2.45	\$3.07	
	4.1.13.E	LifeLine Service			
		Per monthly charge	\$0.23	\$0.29	
	4.1.13.F	Loyalty Rewards Program I	\$12.65	\$25.30	į
	4.1.13.G	Loyalty Rewards Program II	\$12.65	\$25.30	
	4.1.13.E	Loyalty Reward Program III	\$37.95	\$50.60	(I)

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4.2	ISDN Services	Plan A	<u>Plan B</u>	
	Business Single Line ISDN PRI Business Single Line ISDN BRI, per month	\$608.91 \$16.01	\$761.13 \$20.00	(I) (I)
4.3	Channel Services			
	Mileage-PVT Channel Tie Between Bldgs Mileage Extension Line	\$3.63 \$2.02	\$4.54 \$2.53	(I) (I)
4.4	Operator Services			
	Per Call	\$1.40	\$1.75	(I)
4.5	Message Telecommunications Service/Toll Services			
	Custom Toll Restriction	\$6.75	\$8.45	(I)

4.6 911 and E911Emergency Services

Customers may be assessed a recurring monthly line item fee to compensate the County 911 Public Safety Board for the provision of 911 and/or E911 services. This fee may vary, depending on the vicinity in which the Customer is located. Where applicable, the Company will remit this fee to the appropriate 911 authority.

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4.7 <u>Miscellaneous Local Feature Charges</u>

4.7.1	Busy Verification and Service Interrupt	<u>Plan A</u>	<u>Plan B</u>	
	BLV, Per Call Emergency Interrupt, Per Call *Requires BLV	\$8.16 \$8.16	\$10.20 \$10.20*	(I) (I)
4.7.2	Call Blocking Features			
	Call Blocking, Per Line	\$3.54	\$4.43	(I)
4.7.3	Calling Card Services			
	Call surcharge	\$1.14	\$1.43	(I)
4.7.4	Directory Assistance			
	Per call (2 listings)	\$1.58	\$1.97	(I)
4.7.5	Directory Listings			
	Per Additional Listing, Cross Reference Per Additional Listing, per month Non-listed, per month	\$2.59 \$2.59 \$4.29	\$3.22 \$3.22 \$5.37	(I) (I)
4.7.6	Local Number Portability			
	Service Charge, per month, per line:	\$0.52	\$0.65	(I)

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4.8	Custom Calling Features	<u>Plan A</u>	<u>Plan B</u>	
	Automatic Call Return/*69	\$7.99	\$9.98	(I)
	Call Forwarding	\$6.75	\$8.45	
	Call Forwarding/Three Way/ Waiting	\$9.83	\$12.29	
	Caller ID Intercept	\$2.30	\$2.88	
	Caller ID w/Name	\$12.41	\$15.51	
	Call Selector/*61	\$6.75	\$8.45	
	Call Trace	\$8.59	\$10.74	
	Call Transfer	\$8.86	\$11.07	İ
	Call Waiting	\$8.59	\$10.74	
	Enhanced Caller ID w/Anonymous Call Rejection	\$20.86	\$26.07	
	Internet Call Waiting	\$5.85	\$7.33	
	Message Waiting Indication	\$1.84	\$2.29	
	Remote Call Forwarding	\$12.28	\$15.35	
	Repeat Dialing	\$7.36	\$9.21	
	Selective Call Rejection	\$5.67	\$7.08	
	Speed Calling (8)	\$6.14	\$7.67	
	Speed Calling (30)	\$6.27	\$7.84	
	Surrogate Client Number	\$3.69	\$4.61	
	Three Way Calling	\$7.36	\$9.21	
	Three Way Calling w/Transfer	\$8.25	\$10.31	İ
	Voice Mail (Business)	\$50.60	\$63.25	
	Voice Mail (Home)	\$31.63	\$39.53	İ
	Voice Mail Companion Package	\$1.10	\$1.38	(I)

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4.9	<u>Maint</u>	tenance and Installation Charges	Plan A	<u>Plan B</u>	
	4.9.1	Maintenance Visit Charge			
		First 15 Minute Increment Recurring charge, per 15 Minute Increment	\$26.25 \$10.44	\$32.81 \$13.05	(I) (I)
	4.9.2	<u>Installation</u>			
		Connect new or addl' exchange access lines Move, change or add service/equipment	\$53.77 \$25.30	\$67.21 \$31.63	(I) (I)
	4.9.3	Non-routine Installation			
		Per installation	ICB		

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4.10	Miscell	aneous Service Charges	Plan A	Plan B	
	4.10.1	IntraLATA Toll Presubscription			
		Per change:	\$6.33	\$6.33	(I)
		(after initial selection)			
	4.10.2	Bad Check Charge			
		Per returned check:	\$25.30	\$25.30	(I)
	4.10.3	FCC Subscriber Line Charge			
		Monthly fee	\$10.63	\$13.29	(I)
	4.10.4	<u>Universal Service Fee</u>			
		Monthly fee	\$0.67	\$0.84	(I)
	4.10.5	Hunting Group Add/Change Order	\$18.98 per group	\$18.98 per group	(I)
	4.10.6	Suspend for Non-payment Restoral Order:	\$12.65 per line	\$12.65 per line	(I)
	4.10.7	Feature Add/Change Order:	\$12.65 per order	\$12.65 per order	(I)
	4.10.8	Remote Call Forwarding Add/Change Order:	\$12.65 per path	\$12.65 per path	(I)
	4.10.9	Listed/Unlisted Designation Add/Change Order:	\$6.33 per order	\$6.33 per order	(I)
	4.10.10	Inside Wire or other Installation Orders:	ICB	ICB	(I)

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SECTION 5 - LOCAL CALLING AREAS

5.1 Service Areas and Rate Groups

The Company's exchange areas and local calling areas are identical to those defined in the tariffs of the incumbent local exchange company serving each exchange area. To that end, the Company provides service in the exchange areas served by the following local exchange companies and concurs in their filed exchange areas, exchange rate classification criteria and exchange maps:

BellSouth

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SECTION 6 - PROMOTIONAL, SPECIAL SERVICES AND TELECOMPETITIVE SERVICE OFFERINGS

6.1 General Description

From time to time, Company shall tariff rates or select tariffed rates, the purpose of and/or design for which is to retain Company's competitive position by offering rates which are necessitated by competing offers received by or available to existing or potential customers, which, if not matched or bettered, would result in the loss of an existing or potential customer and/or in the reduction of traffic volume of the customer. Company either shall require customer confirmation of the competitive offer in writing or shall confirm the availability of a more favorable competitive rate from published tariffs, marketing materials, or other public sources to establish a customer's right to obtain a Promotional, Special Service and/or Telecompetitive Service offering.

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SECTION 6 PROMOTIONAL, SPECIAL SERVICES AND TELECOMPETITIVE SERVICE OFFERINGS (Cont'd)

6.2 Customer Loyalty Plan

Customers who qualify as either a "save" or a "winback" and who meet the eligibility requirements set forth herein will receive a credit on either their 4, 6th or 9th invoice as selected by Customer upon service initiation and as provided following.

- 6.2.1 For each three, five or eight invoices (for credit months 4, 6 and 9, respectively) of consecutive uninterrupted service, a credit shall be calculated equal to the lower of either (i) the average of the Customer's monthly charges excluding fees, taxes, surcharges, assessments, and similar charges ("eligible charges"), for the preceding consecutive eight-month period; or (ii) a credit which equals the eligible charges on the invoice in which the credit is applied.
- 6.2.2 To be eligible for the 4th, 6th or 9th invoice free bonus, each Customer must:

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6.2.2.A	have initiated	service:

- 6.2.2.B have no record of nonpayment in any of the preceding consecutive twelve-month period of service;
- 6.2.2.C have received eight consecutive and uninterrupted invoices over the preceding eight-month period;
- 6.2.2.D have selected the 9th invoice free bonus incentive prior to the first day in the period of service covered by Customer's ninth invoice; and
- 6.2.2.E pay all charges rendered in Customer's ninth invoice in excess of the amount of the applicable credit as calculated preceding.
- 6.2.3 Beginning August 1, 2006, customers receiving a credit under the "Every Fourth Invoice Free" Customer Loyalty Plan, will have the "Every Fourth Invoice Free" Customer Loyalty Plan removed from their accounts, and will have the "Every Ninth Invoice Free" Customer Loyalty Plan added to their accounts in substitution. For purposes of calculating when a customer will receive a credit under the newly substituted "Every Ninth Invoice Free" Customer Loyalty Plan, the Company will begin the calculation with the customer's first invoice following the last credit invoice under the "Every Fourth Invoice Free" Customer Loyalty Plan.

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