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 Walter D'Haeseleer, Director of Communications *wdh*  
**RE:** Docket No. 970393-T1; Application for certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications service by Nations Telecom, LLC

Attached is a request from Mr. Lance J.M. Steinhart, Counsel for the above subject utilities, requesting the above subject application be withdrawn.

Pursuant to Section 2.07, Administrative Procedures Manual, staff considers this a request by the applicant to have their application withdrawn and the docket closed.

Therefore, since no action is needed from this Commission, please close this docket.

cc: Williams, CMU  
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Re: Nations Telecom, LLC  
Docket No. 970393-TI

Dear Tom:

On behalf of Nations Telecom, LLC, I hereby withdraw its application since the company will no longer operate as a telecommunications provider.

Please return a stamped copy of the extra copy of this letter in the enclosed preaddressed prepaid envelope.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call me. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Lance J.M. Steinhart, Esq.  
Attorney for Nations Telecom, LLC

Enclosures  
cc: Mr. Zelman Ashkenazi

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**Public Service Commission**

March 28, 1997

Lance J.M. Steinhart  
Attorney At Law  
6455 East Johns Crossing, Suite 285  
Duluth, Georgia 30155

Re: Docket No. 970393-T1

Dear Mr. Steinhart:

This will acknowledge receipt of an application for certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications service by Nations Telecom, L.L.C., which was filed in this office on March 28, 1997 and assigned the above-referenced docket number. Appropriate staff members will be advised.

Mediation may be available to resolve any dispute in this docket. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to an administrative hearing. For more information, contact the Office of General Counsel at (904) 413-6078 or FAX (904) 413-6079.

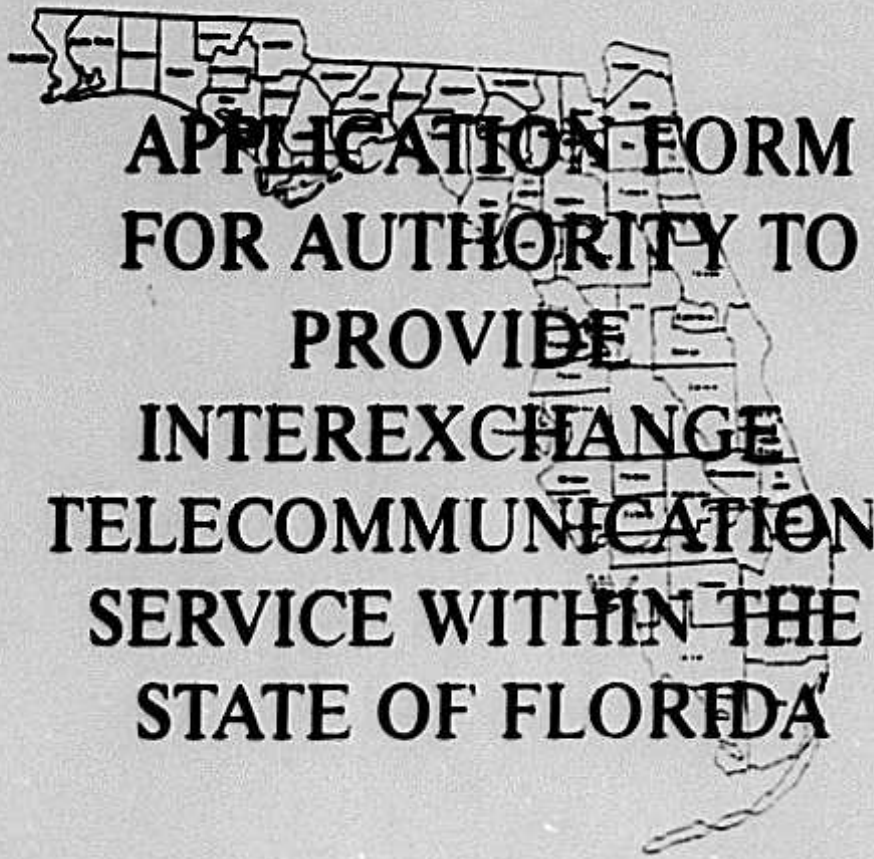
Please make note as well that Commission Rule 25-22.005(7), F.A.C., requires certificated companies to notify the Commission of any changes in name, telephone, address, or contact person. Should your application be granted by the Commission, you will be expected to comply with this rule by advising us of any changes as they occur.

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**APPLICATION FORM  
FOR AUTHORITY TO  
PROVIDE  
INTEREXCHANGE  
TELECOMMUNICATION  
SERVICE WITHIN THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA**

•• **FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION** ••

**DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS  
BUREAU OF SERVICE EVALUATION**

**APPLICATION FORM  
for  
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE  
WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

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Instructions

- A. This form is used for an original application for a certificate and for approval of sale, assignment or transfer of an existing certificate. In case of a sale, assignment or transfer, the information provided shall be for the purchaser, assignee or transferee (See Appendix A).
- B. Respond to each item requested in the application and appendices. If an item is not applicable, please explain why.
- C. Use a separate sheet for each answer which will not fit the allotted space.
- D. If you have questions about completing the form, contact:
- E. Once completed, submit the original and twelve (12) copies of this form along with a non-refundable application fee of \$250.00 to:

Florida Public Service Commission  
Division of Communications  
Bureau of Service Evaluation  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Gunter Building  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850  
(904) 413-6600

Florida Public Service Commission  
Division of Administration  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Gunter Building  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850  
(904) 413-6251

1. This is an application for (check one):

- Original Authority (New company).
- Approval of Transfer (To another certificated company).
- Approval of Assignment of existing certificate (To a noncertificated company).
- Approval for transfer of control (To another certificated company).

2. Select what type of business your company will be conducting (check all that apply):

- Facilities based carrier - company owns and operates or plans to own and operate telecommunications switches and transmission facilities in Florida.
- Operator Service Provider - company provides or plans to provide alternative operator services for IXCs; or toll operator services to call aggregator locations; or clearinghouse services to bill such calls.
- Reseller - company has or plans to have one or more switches but primarily leases the transmission facilities of other carriers. Bills its own customer base for services used.
- Switchless rebiller - company has no switch or transmission facilities but may have a billing computer. Aggregates traffic to obtain bulk discounts from underlying carrier. Rebills end users at a rate above its discount but generally below the rate end users would pay for unaggregated traffic.
- Multi-Location Discount Aggregator - company contracts with unaffiliated entities to obtain bulk/volume discounts under multi-location discount plans from certain underlying carriers. Then offers the resold service by enrolling unaffiliated customers.



3. Name of corporation, partnership, cooperative, joint venture or sole proprietorship:

Nations Telecom, LLC

4. Name under which the applicant will do business (fictitious name, etc.):

5. National address (including street name & number, post office box, city, state and zip code).

1301 51st Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11219

6. Florida address (including street name & number, post office box, city, state and zip code):

None

7. Structure or organization;

- Individual                       Corporation  
 Foreign Corporation         Foreign Partnership  
 General Partnership        Limited Partnership  
 Other, Foreign LLC

8. If applicant is an individual or partnership, please give name, title and address of sole proprietor or partners.

- (a) Provide proof of compliance with the foreign limited partnership statute (Chapter 620.169 FS), if applicable.

- (b) Indicate if the individual of any of the partners have previously been:

(1) adjudged bankrupt, mentally incompetent, or found guilty of any felony or of any crime, or whether such actions may result from pending proceedings.

(2) officer, director, partner or stockholder in any other Florida certificated telephone company. If yes, give name of company and relationship. If no longer associated with company, give reason why not.

**9. If incorporated, please give:**

- (a) **Proof from the Florida Secretary of State that the applicant has authority to operate in Florida.**

**Corporate charter number:** \_\_\_\_\_

- (b) **Name and address of the company's Florida registered agent.** CT Corporation System  
1200 South Pine Island Road  
Plantation, FL 33324
- (c) **Provide proof of compliance with the fictitious name statute (Chapter 865.09 FS), if applicable.**

**Fictitious name registration number:** \_\_\_\_\_

- (c) **Indicate if any of the officers, directors, or any of the ten largest stockholders have previously been:**

(1) **adjudged bankrupt, mentally incompetent, or found guilty of any felony or of any crime, or whether such actions may result from pending proceedings.**

(2) **officer, director, partner or stockholder in any other Florida certificated telephone company. If yes, give name of company and relationship. If no longer associated with company, give reason why not.**

**10. Who will serve as liaison with the Commission in regard to (please give name, title, address and telephone number):**

(a) **The application;** Lance J.M. Steinhart, Regulatory Counsel  
6455 East Johns Crossing, Suite 285  
Duluth, GA 30155  
(770) 232-9200

(b) **Official Point of Contact for the ongoing operations of the company;**

Zalmen Ashkenazi  
1301 51st Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11219  
(800) 805-2000



**(c) Tariff;** Lance J.M. Steinhart, Regulatory Counsel  
6455 East Johns Crossing, Suite 285  
Duluth, GA 30155  
(770) 232-9200

**(d) Complaints/Inquiries from customers;**

Abraham Karmal  
1301 51st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219 (800) 805-2000

**11. List the states in which the applicant:**

**(a) Has operated as an interexchange carrier.**

New York, New Jersey, Texas

**(b) Has applications pending to be certificated as an interexchange carrier.**

Massachusetts

**(c) Is certificated to operate as an interexchange carrier.**

New York, New Jersey, Texas

**(d) Has been denied authority to operate as an interexchange carrier and the circumstances involved.**

None

**(e) Has had regulatory penalties imposed for violations of telecommunications statutes and the circumstances involved.**

None

**(f) Has been involved in civil court proceedings with an interexchange carrier, local exchange company or other telecommunications entity, and the circumstances involved.**

None

**12. What services will the applicant offer to other certificated telephone companies:**

Facilities.  Operators.  
 Billing and Collection.  Sales.  
 Maintenance.  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

None

**13. Do you have a marketing program?**

Yes

**14. Will your marketing program:**

- Pay commissions?
- Offer sales franchises?
- Offer multi-level sales incentives?
- Offer other sales incentives?

**15. Explain any of the offers checked in question 14 (To whom, what amount, type of franchise, etc.).**

In-house sales persons will be paid commissions on revenue generated.

**16. Who will receive the bills for your service (Check all that apply)?**

- Residential customers.     Business customers.
- PATS providers.                     PATS station end-users.
- Hotels & motels.                     Hotel & motel guests.
- Universities.                         Univ. dormitory residents.
- Other: (specify) \_\_\_\_\_.

**17. Please provide the following (if applicable):**

- (a) Will the name of your company appear on the bill for your services, and if not who will the billed party contact to ask questions about the bill (provide name and phone number) and how is this information provided?

Applicant's name and toll free number will appear on all end users' bills.

- (b) Name and address of the firm who will bill for your service.

None

**18. Please submit the proposed tariff under which the company plans to begin operation. Use the format required by Commission Rule 25-24.485 (example enclosed).**

19. The applicant will provide the following interexchange carrier services (Check all that apply):

NTS with distance sensitive per minute rates  
 Method of access is FGA  
 Method of access is FGB  
 Method of access is FGD  
 Method of access is 800

NTS with route specific rates per minute  
 Method of access is FGA  
 Method of access is FGB  
 Method of access is FGD  
 Method of access is 800

NTS with statewide flat rates per minute (i.e. not distance sensitive)  
 Method of access is FGA  
 Method of access is FGB  
 Method of access is FGD  
 Method of access is 800

NTS for pay telephone service providers

Block-of-time calling plan (Reach out Florida, Ring America, etc.).

800 Service (Toll free)

WATS type service (Bulk or volume discount)  
 Method of access is via dedicated facilities  
 Method of access is via switched facilities

Private Line services (Channel Services)  
(For ex. 1.544 mbs., DS-3, etc.)

Travel Service  
 Method of access is 950  
 Method of access is 800

900 service



- Operator Services**
- Available to presubscribed customers
- Available to non presubscribed customers (for example to patrons of hotels, students in universities, patients in hospitals.
- Available to inmates

**Services included are:**

- Station assistance
- Person to Person assistance
- Directory assistance
- Operator verify and interrupt
- Conference Calling

20. What does the end user dial for each of the interexchange carrier services that were checked in services included (above).

1+Area Code+Number or 1-800-XXX-XXX

21.  **Other:**

- A. See attached Financials
- B. See attached resumes of Applicant's key employees.
- C. Applicant will use the network services of its underlying carrier to provide services to customers in the State of Florida.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A - CERTIFICATE TRANSFER STATEMENT
- B - CUSTOMER DEPOSITS AND ADVANCE PAYMENTS
- C - INTRASTATE NETWORK  
APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT
- D - FLORIDA TELEPHONE EXCHANGES and EAS ROUTES
- E - GLOSSARY

**\*\* APPENDIX B \*\***

**CUSTOMER DEPOSITS AND ADVANCE PAYMENTS**

A statement of how the Commission can be assured of the security of the customer's deposits and advance payments may be responded to in one of the following ways (applicant please check one):

- (X)            The applicant will not collect deposits nor will it collect payments for service more than one month in advance.
- ( )            The applicant will file with the Commission and maintain a surety bond in an amount equal to the current balance of deposits and advance payments in excess of one month. (Bond must accompany application.)

**UTILITY OFFICIAL:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Zalmen Ashkenazi

03/17/97  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
President  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title


718/854-2244  
Telephone No.

(PL)

**\*\* APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT \*\***

1. **REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEE:** I understand that all telephone companies must pay a regulatory assessment fee in the amount of .15 of one percent of its gross operating revenue derived from intrastate business. Regardless of the gross operating revenue of a company, a minimum annual assessment fee of \$50 is required.
2. **GROSS RECEIPTS TAX:** I understand that all telephone companies must pay a gross receipts tax of two and one-half percent on all intra and interstate business.
3. **SALES TAX:** I understand that a seven percent sales tax must be paid on intra and interstate revenues.
4. **APPLICATION FEE:** A non-refundable application fee of \$250.00 must be submitted with the application.
5. **RECEIPT AND UNDERSTANDING OF RULES:** I acknowledge receipt and understanding of the Florida Public Service Commission's Rules and Orders relating to my provision of interexchange telephone service in Florida. I also understand that it is my responsibility to comply with all current and future Commission requirements regarding AAV service.
6. **ACCURACY OF APPLICATION:** By my signature below, I the undersigned owner or officer of the named utility in the application, attest to the accuracy of the information contained in this application and associated attachments. I have read the foregoing and declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information is a true and correct statement. Further, I am aware that pursuant to Chapter 837.06, Florida Statutes, whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

**UTILITY OFFICIAL:**

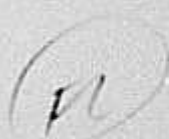
  
Signature

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**LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

**PROPOSED TARIFF**

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**MANAGEMENT INFORMATION**

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**TITLE SHEET**

**FLORIDA TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF**

**This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service or facilities for Telecommunications Services furnished by Nations Telecom, LLC ("NTL"), with principal offices at 1301 51st Street, Brooklyn, New York 11219. This tariff applies for services furnished within the State of Florida. This tariff is on file with the Florida Public Service Commission, and copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the company's principal place of business.**

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**CONCURRING, CONNECTING OR  
OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS AND  
BILLING AGENTS**

- 1. Concurring Carriers - None**
- 2. Connecting Carriers - None**
- 3. Other Participating Carriers - None**
- 4. Billing Agents - None**

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**CHECK SHEET**

Sheets 1 through 32 inclusive of this tariff are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheet(s). Original and revised sheets as named below comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this sheet.

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**TARIFF FORMAT**

**A. Sheet Numbering:** Sheet numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Sheets are numbered sequentially. However, new sheets are occasionally added to the tariff. When a new sheet is added between sheets already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new sheet added between pages 11 and 12 would be page 11.1.

**B. Sheet Revision Numbers:** Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each sheet where applicable. These numbers are used to indicate the most current page version on file with the Commission. For example, 4th Revised Sheet 13 cancels 3rd Revised Sheet 13. Consult the Check Sheet for the sheets currently in effect.

**C. Paragraph Numbering Sequence:** There are nine levels of paragraph coding. Each level of coding is subservient to its next higher level:

- 2.
- 2.1
- 2.1.1
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**D. Check Sheets:** When a tariff filing is made with the Commission, an updated Check Sheet accompanies the tariff filing. The Check Sheet lists the sheets contained in the tariff, with a cross reference to the current Revision Number. When new sheets are added, the Check Sheet is changed to reflect the revision. All revisions made in a given filing are designated by an asterisk (\*). There will be no other symbols used on this sheet if these are the only changes made to it (i.e., the format, etc. remains the same, just revised revision levels on some sheets). The tariff user should refer to the latest Check Sheet to find out if a particular sheet is the most current on Commission file.

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**SYMBOLS**

The following are the only symbols used for the purposes indicated below:

- D - Delete or Discontinue**
- I - Change Resulting In An  
Increase to A Customer's Bill**
- M - Moved from Another Tariff Location**
- N - New**
- R - Change Resulting In A  
Reduction to A Customer's Bill**
- T - Change in Text or Regulation  
But No Change In Rate or Charge**

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**SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

**Access Line** - An arrangement from a local exchange telephone company or other common carrier, using either dedicated or switched access, which connects a Customer's location to NTL's location or switching center.

**Authorization Code** - A numerical code, one or more of which may be assigned to a Customer, to enable NTL to identify the origin of the Customer so it may rate and bill the call. Automatic number identification (ANI) is used as the authorization code wherever possible.

**Commission** - Used throughout this tariff to mean the Florida Public Service Commission.

**Customer** - The person, firm, corporation or other legal entity which orders the services of NTL or purchases a NTL Prepaid Calling Card and/or originates prepaid calls using such cards, and is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with the Company's tariff regulations.

**Company or NTL** - Used throughout this tariff to mean Nations Telecom, LLC, a New York limited liability company.

**Holiday** - New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Holidays shall be billed at the evening rate from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. After 11 p.m., the lower night rate shall go into effect.

**Prepaid Account** - An inventory of Telecom Units purchased in advance by the Customer, and associated with one and only one Authorization Code as contained in a specific Prepaid Calling Card.

**Prepaid Calling Card** - A card issued by the Company, containing an Authorization Code which identifies a specific Prepaid Account of Telecom Units, which enables calls to be processed, account activity to be logged, and balances to be maintained, on a prepayment basis.

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**Telecom Unit** - A measurement of telecommunications service equivalent to one minute of usage between any two points within the State of Florida.

**Telecommunications** - The transmission of voice communications or, subject to the transmission capabilities of the services, the transmission of data, facsimile, signaling, metering, or other similar communications.

**Underlying Carrier** - The telecommunications carrier whose network facilities provide the technical capability and capacity necessary for the transmission and reception of Customer telecommunications traffic.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS****2.1 Undertaking of the Company**

This tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to intrastate resale telecommunications services provided by NTL for telecommunications between points within the State of Florida. Resale services are furnished subject to the availability of facilities and subject to the terms and conditions of this tariff in compliance with limitations set forth in the Commission's rules. The Company's services are provided on a statewide basis and are not intended to be limited geographically. The Company offers service to all those who desire to purchase service from the Company consistent with all of the provisions of this tariff. Customers interested in the Company's services shall file a service application with the Company which fully identifies the Customer, the services requested and other information requested by the Company. 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 a service provided by the Company. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangement. The Company does not own any switching, transmission or other physical facilities in Florida.

- 2.1.1 The services provided by NTL are not part of a joint undertaking with any other entity providing telecommunications channels, facilities, or services, but may involve the resale of the Message Toll Services (MTS) and Wide Area Telecommunications Services (WATS) of underlying common carriers subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

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- 2.1.2 The rates and regulations contained in this tariff apply only to the resale services furnished by NTL and do not apply, unless otherwise specified, to the lines, facilities, or services provided by a local exchange telephone company or other common carriers for use in accessing the services of NTL.
- 2.1.3 The Company reserves the right to limit the length of communications, to discontinue furnishing services, or limit the use of service necessitated by conditions beyond its control, including, without limitation: lack of satellite or other transmission medium capacity; the revision, alteration or repricing of the Underlying Carrier's tariffed offerings; or when the use of service becomes or is in violation of the law or the provisions of this tariff.

### **2.2 Use of Services**

- 2.2.1 NTL's services may be used for any lawful purpose consistent with the transmission and switching parameters of the telecommunications facilities utilized in the provision of services, subject to any limitations set forth in this Section 2.2.
- 2.2.2 The use of NTL's services to make calls which might reasonably be expected to frighten, abuse, torment, or harass another or in such a way as to unreasonably interfere with use by others is prohibited.
- 2.2.3 The use of NTL's services without payment for service or attempting to avoid payment for service by fraudulent means or devices, schemes, false or invalid numbers, or false calling or credit cards is prohibited.

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- 2.2.4 NTL's services are available for use twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.
  - 2.2.5 NTL does not transmit messages, but the services may be used for that purpose.
  - 2.2.6 NTL's services may be denied for nonpayment of charges or for other violations of this tariff.
  - 2.2.7 Customers shall not use the service provided under this tariff for any unlawful purpose.
  - 2.2.8 The Customer is responsible for notifying the Company immediately of any unauthorized use of services.

**2.3 Liability of the Company**

- 2.3.1 The Company shall not be liable for any claim, loss, expense or damage for any interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect in any service, facility or transmission provided under this tariff, if caused by the Underlying Carrier, an act of God, fire, war, civil disturbance, act of government, or due to any other causes beyond the Company's control.
- 2.3.2 The Company shall not be liable for, and shall be fully indemnified and held harmless by the Customer against any claim, loss, expense, or damage for defamation, libel, slander, invasion, infringement of copyright or patent, unauthorized use of any trademark, trade name or service mark, proprietary or creative right, or any other injury to any person, property or entity arising out of the material, data or information transmitted.
- 2.3.3 No agent or employee of any other carrier or entity shall be deemed to be an agent or employee of the Company.

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- 2.3.4 The Company's liability for damages, resulting in whole or in part from or arising in connection with the furnishing of service under this tariff, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, or other defects or misrepresentations shall not exceed an amount equal to the charges provided for under this tariff for the long distance call for the period during which the call was affected. No other liability in any event shall attach to the Company.
- 2.3.5 The Company shall not be liable for and shall be indemnified and saved harmless by any Customer or by any other entity from any and all loss, claims, demands, suits, or other action or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any Customer or any other entity for any personal injury to, or death of, any person or persons, and for any loss, damage, defacement or destruction of the premises of any Customer or any other entity or any other property whether owned or controlled by the Customer or others.
- 2.3.6 The Company shall not be liable for any indirect, special, incidental, or consequential damages under this tariff including, but not limited to, loss of revenue or profits, for any reason whatsoever, including the breakdown of facilities associated with the service, or for any mistakes, omissions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission occurring during the course of furnishing service.
- 2.3.7 The remedies set forth herein are exclusive and in lieu of all other warranties and remedies, whether express, implied, or statutory, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

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**2.4 Responsibilities of the Customer**

- 2.4.1 The Customer is responsible for placing any necessary orders and complying with tariff regulations. The Customer is also responsible for the payment of charges for services provided under this tariff.
- 2.4.2 The Customer is responsible for charges incurred for special construction and/or special facilities which the Customer requests and which are ordered by NTL on the Customer's behalf.
- 2.4.3 If required for the provision of NTL's services, the Customer must provide any equipment space, supporting structure, conduit and electrical power without charge to NTL.
- 2.4.4 The Customer is responsible for arranging access to its premises at times mutually agreeable to NTL and the Customer when required for NTL personnel to install, repair, maintain, program, inspect or remove equipment associated with the provision of NTL's services.
- 2.4.5 The Customer shall cause the temperature and relative humidity in the equipment space provided by Customer for the installation of NTL's equipment to be maintained within the range normally provided for the operation of microcomputers.
- 2.4.6 The Customer shall ensure that the equipment and/or system is properly interfaced with NTL's facilities or services, that the signals emitted into NTL's network are of the proper mode, bandwidth, power and signal level for the intended use of the subscriber and in compliance with criteria set forth in

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this tariff, and that the signals do not damage equipment, injure personnel, or degrade service to other Customers. If the Federal Communications Commission or some other appropriate certifying body certifies terminal equipment as being technically acceptable for direct electrical connection with interstate communications service, NTL will permit such equipment to be connected with its channels without the use of protective interface devices. If the Customer fails to maintain the equipment and/or the system properly, with resulting imminent harm to NTL equipment, personnel or the quality of service to other Customers, NTL may, upon written notice, require the use of protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this fails to produce satisfactory quality and safety, NTL may, upon written notice, terminate the Customer's service.

- 2.4.7 The Customer must pay NTL for replacement or repair of damage to the equipment or facilities of NTL caused by negligence or willful act of the Customer or others, by improper use of the services, or by use of equipment provided by Customer or others.
- 2.4.8 The Customer must pay for the loss through theft of any NTL equipment installed at Customer's premises.
- 2.4.9 If NTL installs equipment at Customer's premises, the Customer shall be responsible for payment of any applicable installation charge.
- 2.4.10 The Customer must use the services offered in this tariff in a manner consistent with the terms of this tariff and the policies and regulations of all state, federal and local authorities having jurisdiction over the service.

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**2.5 Cancellation or Interruption of Services**

**2.5.1** Without incurring liability, upon five (5) working days' (defined as any day on which the company's business office is open and the U.S. Mail is delivered) written notice to the Customer, NTL may immediately discontinue services to a Customer or may withhold the provision of ordered or contracted services:

**2.5.1.A** For nonpayment of any sum due NTL for more than thirty (30) days after issuance of the bill for the amount due,

**2.5.1.B** For violation of any of the provisions of this tariff,

**2.5.1.C** For violation of any law, rule, regulation, policy of any governing authority having jurisdiction over NTL's services, or

**2.5.1.D** By reason of any order or decision of a court, public service commission or federal regulatory body or other governing authority prohibiting NTL from furnishing its services.

**2.5.2** Without incurring liability, NTL may interrupt the provision of services at any time in order to perform tests and inspections to assure compliance with tariff regulations and the proper installation and operation of Customer and NTL's equipment and facilities and may continue such interruption until any items of noncompliance or improper equipment operation so identified are rectified.

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- 2.5.3** Service may be discontinued by NTL without notice to the Customer, by blocking traffic to certain countries, cities or NXX exchanges, or by blocking calls using certain Customer authorization codes, when NTL deems it necessary to take such action to prevent unlawful use of its service. NTL will restore service as soon as it can be provided without undue risk, and will, upon request by the Customer affected, assign a new authorization code to replace the one that has been deactivated.
- 2.5.4** The Customer may terminate service upon thirty (30) days written notice for the Company's standard month to month contract. Customer will be liable for all usage on any of the Company's service offerings until the Customer actually leaves the service. Customers will continue to have Company usage until the Customer notifies its local exchange carrier and changes its long distance carrier. Until the Customer so notifies its local exchange carrier, it shall continue to generate and be responsible for long distance usage.

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**2.6 Credit Allowance**

- 2.6.1 Credit allowance for the interruption of service which is not due to the Company's testing or adjusting, negligence of the Customer, or to the failure of channels or equipment provided by the Customer, are subject to the general liability provisions set forth in 2.3 herein. It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify the Company immediately of any interruption in service for which a credit allowance is desired. Before giving such notice, the Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not being caused by any action or omission by the Customer within his control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by the Customer and connected to the Company's facilities.
- 2.6.2 No credit is allowed in the event that service must be interrupted in order to provide routine service quality or related investigations.
- 2.6.3 Credit for failure of service shall be allowed only when such failure is caused by or occurs due to causes within the control of the Company or in the event that the Company is entitled to a credit for the failure of the facilities of the Company's Underlying Carrier used to furnish service.
- 2.6.4 Credit for interruption shall commence after the Customer notifies the Company of the interruption or when the Company becomes aware thereof, and ceases when service has been restored.
- 2.6.5 For purposes of credit computation, every month shall be considered to have 720 hours.

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- 2.6.6 No credit shall be allowed for an interruption of a continuous duration of less than two hours.
- 2.6.7 The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of two hours or more at the rate of 1/720th of the monthly charge for the facilities affected for each hour or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

Credit Formula:

$$\text{Credit} = \frac{A}{720} \times B$$

"A" - outage time in hours

"B" - monthly charge for affected activity

## 2.7 Restoration of Service

The use and restoration of service shall be in accordance with the priority system specified in part 64, Subpart D of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.

## 2.8 Deposit

The Company does not require deposits.

## 2.9 Advance Payments

The Company does require advance payments.

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**2.10 Payment and Billing**

- 2.10.1 Service is provided and billed on a billing cycle basis, beginning on the date that service becomes effective. Billing is payable upon receipt. Interest at the rate of 1.5% per billing cycle, or the amount otherwise authorized by law, whichever is lower, will accrue upon any unpaid amount commencing 30 days after rendition of bills.
- 2.10.2 The customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services furnished to the Customer, as well as to all persons using the Customer's codes, exchange lines, facilities, or equipment, with or without the knowledge or consent of the Customer. The security of the Customer's Authorization Codes, presubscribed exchange lines, and direct connect facilities is the responsibility of the Customer. All calls placed using direct connect facilities, presubscribed exchange lines, or Authorization Codes will be billed to and must be paid by the Customer. Recurring charges and non-recurring charges are billed in advance. Charges based on actual usage during a month and any accrued interest will be billed monthly in arrears.
- 2.10.3 All bills are presumed accurate, and shall be binding on the customer unless objection is received by the Company in writing within 120 days after such bills are rendered. No credits, refunds, or adjustments shall be granted if demand therefore is not received by the Company in writing within such 120 day period.

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**2.11 Collection Costs**

In the event Company is required to initiate legal proceedings to collect any amounts due to Company for regulated or non-regulated services, equipment or facilities, or to enforce any judgment obtained against a Customer, or for the enforcement of any other provision of this tariff or applicable law, Customer shall, in addition to all amounts due, be liable to Company for all reasonable costs incurred by Company in such proceedings and enforcement actions, including reasonable attorneys' fees, collection agency fees or payments, and court costs. In any such proceeding, the amount of collection costs, including attorneys' fees, due to the Company, will be determined by the court.

**2.12 Taxes**

All federal, state and local taxes, assessments, surcharges, or fees, including sales taxes, use taxes, gross receipts taxes, and municipal utilities taxes, are billed as separate line items and are not included in the rates quoted herein, except as described for prepaid calling card service.

**2.13 Late Charge**

A late fee of 1.5% monthly or the amount otherwise authorized by law, whichever is lower, will be charged on any past due balances.

**2.14 Returned Check Charge**

A fee will be charged whenever a check or draft presented for payment for service is not accepted by the institution on which it is written.

**2.15 Location of Service**

The Company will provide service to Customers and their end users within the State of Florida.

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**SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE****3.1 Computation of Charges**

3.1.1 The total charge for each completed call may be a variable measured charge dependent on the duration, distance and time of day of the call. The total charge for each completed call may also be dependent only on the duration of the call, i.e. a statewide flat rate per minute charge. The variable measured charge is specified as a rate per minute which is applied to each minute. 1+ Dialing, 800 Service and Travel Card calls are measured in six second increments with a thirty second minimum per call. Prepaid Calling Cards are measured in one minute increments. All calls are rounded up to the next whole increment.

3.1.2 Usage charges for all mileage sensitive products are based on the airline distance between rate centers associated with the originating and terminating points of the call. The airline mileage between rate centers is determined by applying the formula below to the vertical and horizontal coordinates associated with the rate centers involved. The Company uses the rate centers that are produced by Bell Communications Research in the NPA-NXX V&H Coordinates Tape and Bell's NECA Tariff No. 4.

Formula:

$$\sqrt{\frac{(V1-V2)^2 + (H1-H2)^2}{10}}$$

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**Example:** The rate distance between Miami and New York City:

	V	H
Miami	8,351	529
N.Y.	<u>4,997</u>	<u>1,406</u>
Difference	3,354	-879

$$\sqrt{\frac{(8351-4997)^2 + (529-1406)^2}{10}}$$

Distance equals 1,097 miles

- 3.1.3** Timing begins when the called station is answered and two way communication is possible, as determined by standard industry methods generally in use for ascertaining answer, including hardware answer supervision in which the local telephone company sends a signal to the switch or the software utilizing audio tone detection. Recognition of answer supervision is the responsibility of the Underlying Carrier. Timing for each call ends when either party hangs up. NTL will not bill for uncompleted calls.

**3.2 Customer Complaints and/or Billing Disputes**

Customer inquiries or complaints regarding service or accounting may be made in writing or by telephone to the Company at:

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Any objection to billed charges should be reported promptly to NTL. Subject to Section 2.10.3 of this tariff, adjustments to Customers' bills shall be made to the extent that records are available and/or circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such charges are not in accordance with approved rates or that an adjustment may otherwise be appropriate. Where overbilling of a subscriber occurs, due either to Company or subscriber error, no liability exists which will require the Company to pay any interest, dividend or other compensation on the amount overbilled.

If a Customer accumulates more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of undisputed delinquent NTL 800 Service charges, the NTL Resp. Org. reserves the right not to honor that Customer's request for a Resp. Org. change until such undisputed charges are paid in full.

**3.3 Level of Service**

A Customer can expect end to end network availability of not less than 99% at all times for all services.

**3.4 Billing Entity Conditions**

When billing functions on behalf of NTL or its intermediary are performed by local exchange telephone companies or others, the payment of charge conditions and regulations of such companies and any regulations imposed upon these companies by regulatory bodies having jurisdiction apply. NTL's name and toll-free telephone number will appear on the Customer's bill.

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**3.5 Service Offerings**

**3.5.1 1+ Dialing**

The customer utilizes "1+" dialing, or "10XXX" dialing followed by "1 + ten digits" for interLATA calls, or dials "10XXX" followed by "1 + 7 digits" or "1 + 10 digits" for intralATA calls.

**3.5.2 Travel Cards.**

The Customer utilizes an 11 digit "800" access number established by NTL to access a terminal. Upon receiving a voice prompt, the Customer uses push button dialing to enter an identification code assigned by the Company, followed by the ten digit number of the called party.

**3.5.3 800 Service (Toll free).**

This service is a direct access, incoming only, usage sensitive WATS offering. This is a service whereby a Customer can be billed at reduced rates for calls to his premises.

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**3.5.4 NTL Prepaid Calling Cards.**

This service permits use of NTL Prepaid Calling Cards for placing long distance calls. Customers may purchase NTL Prepaid Calling Cards at a variety of retail outlets or through other distribution channels. NTL Prepaid Calling Cards are available at a variety of face values ranging from five dollars (\$5.00), in five dollar (\$5) increments. NTL Prepaid Calling Card service is accessed using the NTL toll-free number printed on the card. The caller is prompted by an automated voice response system to enter his/her Authorization Code, and then to enter the terminating telephone number. NTL's processor tracks the call duration on a real time basis to determine the number of Telecom Units consumed. The total consumed Telecom Units for each call, which includes applicable taxes, is deducted from the remaining Telecom Unit balance on the Customer's NTL Prepaid Calling Card.

All calls must be charged against an NTL Prepaid Calling Card that has a sufficient Telecom Unit balance. A Customer's call will be interrupted with an announcement when the balance is about to be depleted. Such announcement will occur when five (5) minutes and when one minute remain before the balance will be depleted, based upon the terminating location of the call.

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In order to continue the call, the Customer can either call the toll-free number on the back of the NTL Prepaid Calling Card and "recharge" the balance on the card using a nationally recognized credit card, or the Customer can throw the card away and purchase a new one. Calls in progress will be terminated by the Company if the balance on the NTL Prepaid Calling Card is insufficient to continue the call and the Customer fails to enter the number of another valid NTL Prepaid Calling Card prior to termination.

A card will expire 12 months from the date of purchase, or the date of the last recharge, whichever is later.

A credit allowance for NTL Prepaid Calling Card Service is applicable to calls that are interrupted due to poor transmission, one-way transmission, or involuntary disconnection of a call. A Customer may also be granted credit for reaching a wrong number. To receive the proper credit, the Customer must notify the Company at the designated toll-free customer service number printed on the NTL Prepaid Calling Card and furnish the called number, the trouble experienced (e.g. cut-off, noisy circuit, reached wrong number, etc.), and the approximate time that the call was placed.

When a call charged to an NTL Prepaid Calling Card is interrupted due to cut-off, one-way transmission, or poor transmission conditions, the Customer will receive a credit equivalent of one Telecom Unit.

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Credit allowances for calls pursuant to NTL Prepaid Card Service do not apply for interruptions not reported promptly to the Company or interruptions that are due to the failure of power, equipment or systems not provided by the Company.

Credit for failure of service shall be allowed only when such failure is caused by or occurs due to causes within the control of the Company.

The Company will block all calls beginning with the NPA "900" and NXX "976" calls, therefore such calls can not be completed.

**3.5.5 Local Calls and Directory Assistance.**

Local calls will not be accepted or completed. NTL does not provide local directory assistance. Access to long distance directory assistance is obtained by dialing 1 + 555-1212 for listings within the originating area code and 1 + (area code) + 555-1212 for other listings. When more than one number is requested in a single call, a charge may apply for each number requested. A charge will be applicable for each number requested, whether or not the number is listed or published.

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**3.5.6 Specialized Pricing Arrangements.**

Customized service packages and competitive pricing packages at negotiated rates may be furnished on a case-by-case basis in response to requests by Customers to the Company for proposals or for competitive bids. Service offered under this tariff provision will be provided to Customers pursuant to contract. Unless otherwise specified, the regulations for such arrangements are in addition to the applicable regulations and prices in other sections of the tariff. Specialized rates or charges will be made available to similarly situated Customers on a non-discriminatory basis.

**3.5.7 Emergency Call Handling Procedures**

Emergency "911" calls are not routed to company, but are completed through the local network at no charge.

**3.5.8 Promotional Offerings**

The Company may, from time to time, make promotional offerings to enhance the marketing of its services. These offerings may be limited to certain dates, times and locations. The Company will notify the Commission of such offerings as required by Commission rules and regulations.

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**SECTION 4 - RATES**

**4.1 1+ Dialing**  
\$0.15 per minute

**4.2 Travel Cards**  
\$0.18 per minute

**4.3 800/Toll Free**  
\$0.15 per minute

**4.4 Prepaid Calling Cards**

Prepaid Calling Cards are available in various Telecom Unit denominations. Prepaid Calling Cards may be recharged in \$1 increments (min. \$5). Prices are inclusive of all taxes.

**Price Per Telecom Unit**

\$ .18  
(\$ .18 per call service charge applies)

Cards will be decremented by one Telecom Unit for each minute or fractional part of a minute for intrastate calls. These rates apply twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

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**4.8 Rates Applicable for Hearing/Speech Impaired Persons**

For intrastate toll messages which are communicated using a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) by properly certified business establishments or individuals equipped with TDDs for communications with hearing or speech impaired persons, the rates shall be evening rates for daytime calls and night rates for evening and night calls.

Intrastate toll calls received from the relay service, each local exchange and interexchange telecommunications company billing relay call will be discounted by 50 percent of the applicable rate for a voice nonrelay call except that where either the calling or called party indicates that either party is both hearing and visually impaired, the call will be discounted 60 percent off the applicable rate for voice nonrelay calls.

Florida Public Service Commission Rules and Regulations require the Company to provide the first 50 directory assistance calls initiated per billing cycle by handicapped persons free of charge.

**4.9 Employee Concessions**

The Company does not offer employee concessions.

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