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RE:

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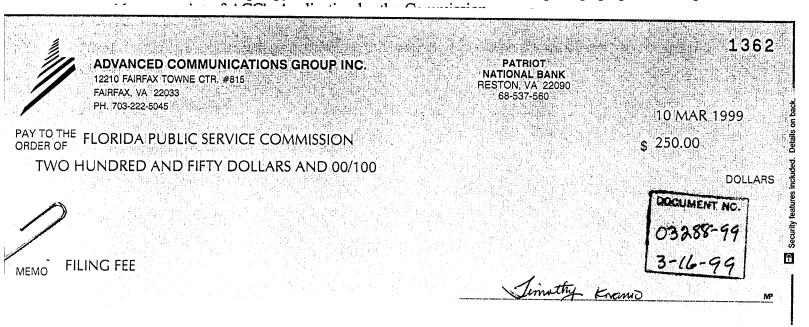
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# DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU OF SERVICE EVALUATION

#### APPLICATION FORM

for

# AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

#### 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:

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

E. Once completed, submit the original and six (6) copies of this form along with a non-refundable application fee of \$250.00 to:

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

- 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.
  - (X) 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.
  - () Prepaid Debit Card Provider any person or entity that purchases 800 access from an underlying carrier or unaffiliated entity for use with prepaid debit card service and/or encodes the cards with personal identification numbers.

2.	This is an application for (check one):
	<ul> <li>(X) Original Authority (New company).</li> <li>( ) Approval of Transfer (To another certificated company).</li> <li>( ) Approval of Assignment of existing certificate (To an uncertificated company).</li> <li>( ) Approval for transfer of control (To another certificated company).</li> </ul>
3.	Name of corporation, partnership, cooperative, joint venture or sole proprietorship: ACG Telecom Services Incorporated
4.	Name under which the applicant will do business (fictitious name, etc.):
	ACG Telecom Services Incorporated
5.	National address (including street name & number, post office box, city, state and zip code). 12210 Fairfax Towne Center, Suite 815 Fairfax, VA 22033
6.	Florida address (including street name & number, post office box, city, state and zip code):  1200 South Pine Island Road  Plantation, FL 33324
7.	Structure of organization;
	( ) Individual (X ) Corporation ( ) Foreign Corporation ( ) Foreign Partnership ( ) General Partnership ( ) Limited Partnership
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. Not Applicable
	(b) Indicate if the individual or any of the partners have previously been:

FORM PSC/CMU 31 (11/95)
Required by Commission Rule Nos. 25-24.471, 25-24.473, and 25-24.480(2).

Not Applicable

- (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: F98000004273

- (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.

Not 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.

No.

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No

- 10. Who will serve as liaison with the Commission in regard to (please give name, title, address and telephone number):
  - Charles C. Hunter
  - (a) The application; Hunter Communications Law Group, P.C. 1620 I Street, N.W., Suite 701 Washington, DC 20006 (202) 293-2500
  - (b) Official Point of Contact for the ongoing operations of the company;

E. Timothy Kovanic, President ACG Telecom Services Incorporated 12210 Fairfax Towne Center, Suite 815

- (c) Tariff; Fairfax, VA 22033 (703) 222-0545
  - E. Timothy Kovanic (See (b) above)
- (d) Complaints/Inquiries from customers;
  - E. Timothy Kovanic (See (b) above)
- 11. List the states in which the applicant:
  - (a) Has operated as an interexchange carrier.

    None
  - (b) Has applications pending to be certificated as an interexchange carrier. Applications on file or to be filed within the next 30 days, in California, Colorado, Hawaii, Illinois, New York, North Carolina, Texas and Washington State.
  - (c) Is certificated to operate as an interexchange carrier.

None

(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:
	<pre>( ) Facilities. ( ) Operators. ( ) Billing and Collection. ( ) Sales. ( ) Maintenance. ( ) Other:</pre>
12	Do you have a marketing program?
	Yes. Applicant intends to market through direct mail and print advertisements in selected publications.
14.	<pre>Will your marketing program:     ( ) Pay commissions?     ( ) Offer sales franchises?     ( ) Offer multi-level sales incentives?     ( ) Offer other sales incentives?</pre>
	Not Applicable
15.	Explain any of the offers checked in question 14 (To whom, what amount, type of franchise, etc.).
	Not Applicable
16.	Who will receive the bills for your service (Check all that apply)?
	<pre>(X) Residential customers. (X) Business customers. ( ) PATS providers. ( ) PATS station end-users. ( ) Hotels &amp; motels. ( ) Hotel &amp; motel guests. ( ) Universities. ( ) Univ. dormitory residents.</pre>
17.	Please provide the following (if applicable):
	<ul> <li>(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 customer service contact information will appear on the bill for services.</li> <li>(b) Name and address of the firm who will bill</li> </ul>
	for your service.
	Applicant will perform all billing functions.

- 18. Please provide all available documentation demonstrating that the applicant has the following capabilities to provide interexchange telecommunications service in Florida.
  - A. Financial capability. SEE EXHIBIT A

Regarding the showing of financial capability, the following applies:

The application <u>should contain</u> the applicant's financial statements for the most recent 3 years, including:

- 1. the balance sheet
- 2. income statement
- 3. statement of retained earnings.

Further, a written explanation, which can include supporting documentation, regarding the following should be provided to show financial capability.

- 1. Please provide documentation that the applicant has sufficient financial capability to provide the requested service in the geographic area proposed to be served.
- 2. Please provide documentation that the applicant has sufficient financial capability to maintain the requested service.
- 3. Please provide documentation that the applicant has sufficient financial capability to meet its lease or ownership obligations.

NOTE: This documentation may include, but is not limited to, financial statements, a projected profit and loss statement, credit references, credit bureau reports, and descriptions of business relationships with financial institutions.

If available, the financial statements should be audited financial statements.

If the applicant does not have audited financial statements, it shall be so stated. The unaudited financial statements should then be signed by the applicant's chief executive officer and chief financial officer. The signatures should affirm that the financial statements are true and correct.

- B. Managerial capability. SEE EXHIBIT B
- C. Technical capability. SEE EXHIBIT B
- 19. 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).

SEE EXHIBIT ©

20.	The applicant will provide the following interexchange carrier services (Check all that apply):
	MTS 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
	MTS with route specific rates per minute Method of access is FGA Method of access is FGD Method of access is FGD Method of access is 800
	<pre> X MTS with statewide flat rates per minute (i.e. not distance sensitive)  Method of access is FGA Method of access is FGB _X Method of access is FGD Method of access is 800</pre>

MTS for pay telephone service providers
Block-of-time calling plan (Reach out Florida, Ring America, etc.).
X 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.)
<pre>X Travel Service     Method of access is 950     X Method of access is 800</pre>
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
What does the end user dial for each of the interexchange carrier services that were checked in services included (above).  The end user dials "1+" for each of the interexchange carrier services checked above. Other:

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## \*\* 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 interexchange service.
- of 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, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 and s. 775.083".

UTILITY OFFICIAL:	Signature	ii MAR 99 Date
	E. Timothy Kovanic	
	President	(703). 222–0545
	Title	Telephone No.

#### \*\* APPENDIX A \*\*

#### CERTIFICATE TRANSFER STATEMENT

I, (TYPE NAME)		
(TITLE)		of (NAME OF COMPANY)
		, and current
holder of certificate	number	, have reviewed
this application and j	oin in the petitioner's	s request for a
transfer of the above-	mention certificate.	• •
UTILITY OFFICIAL:		
VIIIIII VIIIVIIII	Signature	Date
		_ (4)
	Title	Telephone No.

#### \*\* 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:
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 Signature
 Date

 E. Timothy Kovanic
 (703) 222-0545

 Title
 Telephone No.

#### \*\* APPENDIX C \*\*

#### INTRASTATE NETWORK

1.	POP: Addresses where leased.  Not Applicable.  1)		ndicate if owned or "switchless" reseller.
	3)	4)	
2.	<pre>SWITCHES: Address whe and indicate if owned 1)</pre>	re located, by or leased.	type of switch,
	3)	4)	.//
3.	TRANSMISSION FACILITIES of facilities (microwa etc.) and indicate if	ve, fiber, cop	per, satellite,
	1) POP-to-POP	TYPE	OWNERSHIP
	21		

4. ORIGINATING SERVICE: Please provide the list of exchanges where you are proposing to provide originating service within thirty (30) days after the effective date of the certificate (Appendix D).

All Exchanges.

5. TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS: Please explain how the applicant will comply with the EAEA requirements contained in Commission Rule 25-24.471 (4) (a) (copy enclosed).

Not Applicable

- 6. CURRENT FLORIDA INTRASTATE SERVICES: Applicant has () or has not (X) previously provided intrastate telecommunications in Florida. If the answer is has, fully describe the following:
  - a) What services have been provided and when did these services begin?

Not Applicable

b) If the services are not currently offered, when were they discontinued?

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Not Applicable

UTILITY OFFICIAL:	Signature	23 Feb 99 Date
	E. Timothy Kovanic	
	President	(703) 222–0545
	Title	Telephone No.

#### \*\* APPENDIX D \*\*

#### FLORIDA TELEPHONE EXCHANGES

#### AND

#### EAS ROUTES

Describe the service area in which you hold yourself out to provide service by telephone company exchange. If all services listed in your tariff are not offered at all locations, so indicate.

In an effort to assist you, attached is a list of major exchanges in Florida showing the small exchanges with which each has extended area service (EAS).

#### \*\* FLORIDA EAS FOR MAJOR EXCHANGES \*\*

Extended Service Area	with	These Exchanges
PENSACOLA:		Cantonment, Gulf Breeze Pace, Milton Holley-Navarre.
PANAMA CITY:		Lynn Haven, Panama City Beach,
		Youngstown-Fountain and Tyndall AFB.
TALLAHASSEE:		Crawfordville, Havana, Monticello, Panacea, Sopchoppy and St. Marks.
JACKSONVILLE:		Baldwin, Ft. George, Jacksonville Beach, Callahan, Maxville, Middleburg Orange Park, Ponte Vedra and Julington.
GAINESVILLE:		Alachua, Archer, Brooker, Hawthorne, High Springs, Melrose, Micanopy, Newberry and Waldo.
OCALA:		Belleview, Citra, Dunnellon,

Forest Lady Lake (B21),

McIntosh, Oklawaha,

Orange Springs, Salt Springs and

Silver Springs Shores.

DAYTONA BEACH:

New Smyrna Beach.

TAMPA:

Central None

East Plant City
North Zephyrhills
South Palmetto
West Clearwater

CLEARWATER:

St. Petersburg, Tampa-West and

Tarpon Springs.

ST. PETERSBURG:

Clearwater.

LAKELAND:

Bartow, Mulberry, Plant City,

Polk City and Winter Haven.

ORLANDO:

Apopka, East Orange, Lake Buena

Vista, Oviedo, Windermere,

Winter Garden,

Winter Park, Montverde, Reedy

Creek, and Oviedo-Winter

Springs.

WINTER PARK: Apopka, East Orange, Lake Buena Vista,

Orlando, Oviedo, Sanford, Windermere, Winter Garden, Oviedo-Winter Springs Reedy Creek, Geneva and Montverde.

TITUSVILLE:

Cocoa and Cocoa Beach.

COCOA:

Cocoa Beach, Eau Gallie, Melbourne and Titusville.

MELBOURNE:

Cocoa, Cocoa Beach, Eau Gallie

and Sebastian.

SARASOTA:

Bradenton, Myakka and Venice.

FT. MYERS:

Cape Coral, Ft. Myers Beach, North Cape Coral, North Ft. Myers, Pine Island, Lehigh

Acres and Sanibel-Captiva Islands.

NAPLES:

Marco Island and North Naples.

WEST PALM BEACH:

Boynton Beach and Jupiter.

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POMPANO BEACH:

Boca Raton, Coral Springs,

Deerfield Beach and Ft.

Lauderdale.

FT. LAUDERDALE:

Coral Springs, Deerfield Beach,

Hollywood and Pompano Beach.

HOLLYWOOD:

Ft. Lauderdale and North Dade.

NORTH DADE:

Hollywood, Miami and Perrine.

MIAMI:

Homestead, North Dade and

Perrine

#### \*\* APPENDIX E \*\*

#### \*\* GLOSSARY \*\*

ACCESS CODE: The term denotes a uniform four or seven digit code assigned to an individual IXC. The five digit code has the form 10XXX and the seven digit code has the form 950-XXXX.

BYPASS: Transmission facilities that go direct from the local exchange end user to an IXC point of presence, thus bypassing the local exchange company.

CARRIERS CARRIER: An IXC that provides telecommunications service, mainly bulk transmission service, to other IXC only.

CENTRAL OFFICE: A local operating unit by means of which connections are established between subscribers' lines and trunk or toll lines to other central offices within the same exchange or other exchanges. Each three (3) digit central office code (NXX) used shall be considered a separate central office unit.

CENTRAL OFFICE CODE: The term denotes the first three digits (NXX) of the seven (7) digit telephone number assigned to a customer's telephone exchange service.

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COMMISSION: The Florida Public Service Commission.

COMPANY, TELEPHONE COMPANY, UTILITY: These terms may be used interchangeably herein and shall mean any person, firm, partnership or corporation engaged in the business of furnishing communication service to the public under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

**DEDICATED FACILITY:** The term denotes a transmission circuit which is permanently for the exclusive use of a customer or a pair of customers.

END USER: The term denotes any individual, partnership, association, corporation, governmental agency or any other entity which (A) obtains a common line, uses a pay telephone or obtains interstate service arrangements in the operating territory of the company or (B) subscribes to interstate services provided by an IXC or uses the services of the IXC when the IXC provides interstate service for its own use.

EQUAL ACCESS EXCHANGE AREAS: EAEA means a geographic area, configured based on 1987 planned toll center/access tandem areas, in which local exchange companies are responsible for providing equal access to both carriers and customers of carriers in the most economically efficient manner.

EXCHANGE: The entire telephone plant and facilities used in providing telephone service to subscribers located in an exchange area. An exchange may include more than one central office unit.

EXCHANGE (SERVICE) AREA: The territory, including the base rate suburban and rural areas served by an exchange, within which local telephone service is furnished at the exchange rates applicable within that area.

EXTENDED AREA SERVICE: A type of telephone service furnished under tariff provision whereby subscribers of a given exchange or area may complete calls to, and receive messages from, one or more other contiguous exchanges without toll charges, or complete calls to one or more other exchanges without toll message charges.

FACILITIES BASED: An IXC that has its own transmission and/or switching equipment or other elements of equipment and does not rely on others to provide this service.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICES: A classification of exchange service furnished under tariff provisions whereby a subscriber may be provided telephone service from an exchange other than the one from which he would normally be served.

FEATURE GROUPS: General categories of unbundled tariffs to stipulate related services.

Feature Group A: Line side connections presently serving specialized common carriers.

Feature Group B: Trunk side connections without equal digit or code dialing.

Feature Group C: Trunk side connections presently serving AT&T-C.

Feature Group D: Equal trunk access with subscription.

INTEREXCHANGE COMPANY: means any telephone company, as defined in Section 364.02(4), F.S. (excluding Payphone Providers), which provides telecommunication service between exchange areas as those areas are described in the approved tariffs of individual local exchange companies.

INTER-OFFICE CALL: A telephone call originating in one central office unit or entity but terminating in another central office unit or entity both of which are in the same designated exchange area.

INTRA-OFFICE CALL: A telephone call originating and terminating within the same central office unit or entity.

INTRASTATE COMMUNICATIONS: The term denotes any communications in Florida subject to oversight by the Florida Public Service Commission as provided by the laws of the State.

INTRA-STATE TOLL MESSAGE: Those toll messages which originate and terminate within the same state.

LOCAL ACCESS AND TRANSPORT AREA: LATA means the geographic area established for the administration of communications service. It encompasses designated exchanges, which are grouped to serve common social, economic and other purposes.

LOCAL EXCHANGE COMPANY (LEC): Means any telephone company, as defined in Section 364.02(4), F.S., which, in addition to any other telephonic communication service, provides telecommunication service within exchange areas as those areas are described in the approved tariffs of the telephone company.

**OPTIONAL CALLING PLAN:** An optional service furnished under tariff provisions which recognizes a need of some subscribers for extended area calling without imposing the cost on the entire body of subscribers.

900 SERVICE: A service similar to 800 service, except this service is charged back to the customer based on first minute plus additional minute usage.

PIN NUMBER: A group of numbers used by a company to identify their customers.

PAY TELEPHONE SERVICE COMPANY: Means any telephone company, other than a Local Exchange Company, which provides pay telephone service as defined in Section 364.335(4), F.S.

POINT OF PRESENCE (POP): Bell-coined term which designates the

actual (physical) location of an IXC's facility. Replaces some applications of the term "demarcation point."

PRIMARY SERVICE: Individual line service or party line service.

RESELLER: An IXC that does not have certain facilities but purchases telecommunications service from an IXC and then resells that service to others.

STATION: A telephone instrument consisting of a transmitter, receiver, and associated apparatus so connected as to permit sending and/or receiving telephone messages.

SUBSCRIBER, CUSTOMER: These terms may be used interchangeably herein and shall mean any person, firm, partnership, corporation, municipality, cooperative organization, or governmental agency supplied with communication service by a telephone company.

SUBSCRIBER LINE: The circuit or channel used to connect the subscriber station with the central office equipment.

SWITCHING CENTER: Location at which telephone traffic, either local or toll, is switched or connected from one circuit or line to another. A local switching center may be comprised of several central office units.

TRUNK: A communication channel between central office units or entities, or private branch exchanges.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

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## **EXHIBIT A**

# FINANCIAL CAPABILITY OF ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC.,

ACG Telecom Services Incorporated ("ACG") possesses the financial capabilities to provide high quality interexchange telecommunications services within and throughout the State of Florida. ACG, incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia as Advanced Telecommunications Group, Inc., was formed in 1995 to address the unique needs of U.S. military personnel by providing quality telecommunications services at affordable rates while at the same time tailoring service offerings, customer service and billing practices to accommodate military life. For more than two years, principals in ACG have been been fulfilling agency and customer service functions for various interexchange carriers serving the military community. In demonstration of the overall strength of Applicant's financial capabilities, attached hereto as Exhibit A.1 are Applicant's financial statements for the period ending December 31, 1998, as well as comparative historical financial documents for 1996/1997/1998. These materials indicate that ACG has successfully increased its income from \$4,648 when starting up in 1996 to \$1,037,070 by the end of 1998.

Also included, at Exhibit A.2 are ACG's projected income statements for 1999, 2000 and 2001. As demonstrated in these projected statements, ACG will continue to augment its sales and network expenses while maintaining minimal costs and distribution of profits to conserve its financial foundation. Because ACG will be reselling service, anticipated capital needs are minimal. ACG thus anticipates satisfying its cash flow obligations from revenues collected from its Florida operations.

## Exhibit A.1

Current and Historical Financial Statements of ACG Telecom Services Incorporated

Balance Sheet for the Period Ending December 31, 1998

	1998
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	9,520
Prepaid Calling Cards	0
Accounts Receivable	93,854
Total Current Assets	103,374
Depreciable Property	
Cost	28,399
Less Accumulated Depreciation	17,911
Total Depreciable Property	10,488
Total Other Assets	6,492
TOTAL ASSETS	120,354
IABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	27,450
Total Current Liabilities	27,450
Notes Payable	39,500
Long Term Debt	25,765
TOTAL LIABILITIES	92,715
Shareholders' Equity	
Capital Stock	
Authorized Shares: 100,000	
Issued and Outstanding Shares: 58,500	281,503
Retained Earnings	(253,864)
Total Shareholders' Equity	27,639
OTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	120,354

## Advanced Communications Group, Inc.

Income Statement for the Period Ending December 31, 1998

	1998
INCOME	
Revenue	1,037,070
Gross Income	1,037,070
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Sales Expenses	31,413
Network Expenses	674,869
G & A Expenses	163,247
Interest Expenses	4,332
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	873,861
Net Income Before Taxes	163,209
Taxes On Income (S Corp)	
NET INCOME AFTER TAXES	163,209

Comparitive Balance Sheet for the Period 1996 through 1998

	1998	1997	1996
SSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash	9,520	2,688	3,091
Prepaid Calling Cards	0	0	419
Accounts Receivable	93,854	75,350	448
Total Current Assets	103,374	78,038	3,958
Depreciable Property			
Cost	28,399	22,800	21,077
Less Accumulated Depreciation	17,911	14,209	8,158
Total Depreciable Property	10,488	8,591	12,919
Total Other Assets	6,492	753	7,573
TOTAL ASSETS	120,354	87,382	24,450
Current Liabilities Accounts Payable	27,450	52,745	23,048
Current Liabilities			
Total Current Liabilities	27,450	52,745	23,048
Notes Payable	39,500	90,646	6,040
Long Term Debt	25,765	68,868	(
TOTAL LIABILITIES	92,715	212,259	29,088
Shareholders' Equity			
Capital Stock			
Authorized Shares: 100,000			
Issued and Outstanding Shares: 58,500	281,503	226,587	148,192
Retained Earnings	(253,864)	(351,464)	(152,830
Total Shareholders' Equity	27,639	(124,877)	(4,638
OTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	120,354	87,382	24,450

Comparitive Income Statement for the Period 1996 through 1998

	1998	1997	1996
NCOME			
Revenue	1,037,070	857,015	4,648
Gross Income	1,037,070	857,015	4,648
PERATING EXPENSES			
Sales Expenses	31,413	24,420	36,012
Network Expenses	674,869	605,053	4,036
G & A Expenses	163,247	158,177	92,746
Interest Expenses	4,332	6,673	1,460
OTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	873,861	794,323	134,254
Net Income Before Taxes	163,209	62,692	(129,606)
Taxes On Income (S Corp)			
ET INCOME AFTER TAXES	163,209	62,692	(129,606)

## Exhibit A.2

Three Year Revenue/Expense Projections of ACG Telecom Services Incorporated

Projected Income Statement for the Period January 1999 through December 1999

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
INCOME	-	,		•	•			•	•				
Revenue	113,750	146,250	211,250	292,500	396,500	513,500	637,000	760,500	884,000	1,007,500	1,131,000	1,254,500	7,348,250
Gross Income	113,750	146,250	211,250	292,500	396,500	513,500	637,000	760,500	884,000	1,007,500	1,131,000	1,254,500	7,348,250
OPERATING EXPENSES													
Sales Expenses													
Advertising	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	108,000
Marketing & Promotion	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	90,000
Total Sales Expenses	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	198,000
Customer Service Expesnses													
Order Fulfillment	2,989	1,214	2,397	2,989	3,366	3,839	3,947	4,597	3,947	3,947	3,947	3,947	41,126
Billing	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,798	17,269	20,033	22,832	25,056	27,734	127,722
Customer Administration	2,500	2,500	2,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	112,500
Total Customer Service Expenses	5,489	3,714	4,897	7,989	8,366	8,839	33,745	36,866	38,980	41,779	44,003	46,681	281,348
Network Expenses													
Long Distance Usage	91,000	117,000	169,000	234,000	317,200	410,800	509,600	608,400	707,200	806,000	904,800	1,003,600	5,878,600
Bad Debt/Fraud	5,688	7,313	10,563	14,625	19,825	25,675	31,850	38,025	44,200	50,375	56,550	62,725	367,413
Total Network Expenses	96,688	124,313	179,563	248,625	337,025	436,475	541,450	646,425	751,400	856,375	961,350	1,066,325	6,246,013
General & Administrative Expenses													
Salaries and Wages	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500	17,500	180,000
Employee Benefits	500	500	500	500	500	500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	12,000
Professional Services	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	90,000
Office Space	0	0	0	2,333	2,333	2,333	2,333	2,333	2,333	2,334	2,334	2,334	21,000
Insurance	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	6,000
Office Supplies	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	4,800
Utilities	500	500	500	500	500	500	750	750	750	750	750	750	7,500
Postage	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	2,400
Travel	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	24,000
Payroll Taxes	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	2,625	2,625	2,625	2,625	2,625	2,625	27,000
Maintenance	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	6,000
Equipment Rental	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,200
Depreciation Expense	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	4,800
Dues & Subscriptions	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	6,000
Donation to Relief Organizations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total G & A Expenses	27,475	27,475	27,475	29,808	29,808	29,808	36,808	36,808	36,808	36,809	36,809	36,809	392,700
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	140,652	166,502	222,935	297,422	386,199	486,122	634,003	742,099	849,188	956,963	1,064,162	1,171,815	7,118,061
Net Income before Taxes	(26,902)	(20,252)	(11,685)	(4,922)	10,301	27,378	2,997	18,401	34,812	50,537	66,838	82,685	230,190
Taxes on Income	0	0	0	0	3,090	8,213	899	5,520	10,444	15,161	20,051	24,806	88,185
NET INCOME AFTER TAXES	(26,902)	(20,252)	(11,685)	(4,922)	7,211	19,165	2,098	12,881	24,368	35,376	46,787	57,880	142,005

Projected Income Statement for the Period January 2000 through December 2000

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
INCOME													
Revenue	1,405,625	1,556,750	1,707,875	1,859,000	2,010,125	2,161,250	2,312,375	2,463,500	2,614,625	2,765,750	2,916,875	3,068,000	26,841,750
Gross Income	1,405,625	1,556,750	1,707,875	1,859,000	2,010,125	2,161,250	2,312,375	2,463,500	2,614,625	2,765,750	2,916,875	3,068,000	26,841,750
OPERATING EXPENSES													
Sales Expenses													
Advertising	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	180,000
Marketing & Promotion	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	216,000
Total Sales Expenses	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	396,000
Customer Service Expesnses													
Order Fulfillment	4,888	4,888	4,888	4,888	4,888	4,888	4,888	4,888	4,888	4,888	4,888	4,888	58,656
Billing	30,362	33,626	36,890	39,010	42,182	45,353	48,524	51,696	54,867	58,038	61,210	64,381	566,139
Customer Administration	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	25,000	25,000	230,000
Total Customer Service Expenses	50,250	53,514	56,778	58,898	67,070	70,241	73,412	76,584	79,755	82,926	91,098	94,269	854,795
Network Expenses													
Long Distance Usage	1,054,219	1,167,563	1,280,906	1,394,250	1,507,594	1,620,938	1,734,281	1,847,625	1,960,969	2,074,313	2,187,656	2,301,000	20,131,313
Bad Debt/Fraud	70,281	77,838	85,394	92,950	100,506	108,063	115,619	123,175	130,731	138,288	145,844	153,400	1,342,088
Total Network Expenses	1,124,500	1,245,400	1,366,300	1,487,200	1,608,100	1,729,000	1,849,900	1,970,800	2,091,700	2,212,600	2,333,500	2,454,400	21,473,400
General & Administrative Expenses													
Salaries and Wages	35,417	35,417	35,417	35,417	35,417	35,415	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	512,500
Employee Benefits	7,542	7,542	7,542	7,542	7,542	7,542	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	111,252
Professional Services	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	108,000
Office Space	4,667	4,667	4,667	4,667	4,667	4,667	9,333	9,333	9,333	9,333	9,333	9,333	84,000
Insurance	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	12,000
Office Supplies	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	6,000
Utilities	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	15,000
Postage	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	2,400
Travel	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	30,000
Payroll Taxes	5,313	5,313	5,313	5,313	5,313	5,310	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	76,875
Maintenance	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	12,000
Equipment Rental	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1,200
Depreciation Expense	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	12,000
Dues & Subscriptions	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	6,000
Donation to Relief Organizations	7,028	7,784	8,539	9,295	10,051	10,806	23,124	24,635	26,146	27,658	29,169	30,680	214,915
Total G & A Expenses	76,767	77,523	78,278	79,034	79,790	80,540	118,257	119,768	121,279	122,791	124,302	125,813	1,204,142
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,284,517	1,409,437	1,534,356	1,658,132	1,787,960	1,912,781	2,074,569	2,200,152	2,325,734	2,451,317	2,581,900	2,707,482	23,928,337
Net Income before Taxes	121,108	147,313	173,519	200,868	222,165	248,469	237,806	263,348	288,891	314,433	334,975	360,518	2,913,413
Taxes on Income	36,332	44,194	52,056	60,260	66,650	74,541	71,342	79,004	86,667	94,330	100,493	108,155	874,024
NET INCOME AFTER TAXES	84,776	103,119	121,463	140,608	155,516	173,928	166,464	184,344	202,224	220,103	234,483	252,363	2,039,389

Projected Income Statement for the Period January 2001 through December 2001

	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
INCOME													
Revenue	3,243,500	3,419,000	3,594,500	3,770,000	3,945,500	4,121,000	4,296,500	4,472,000	4,647,500	4,823,000	4,998,500	5,174,000	50,505,000
Gross Income	3,243,500	3,419,000	3,594,500	3,770,000	3,945,500	4,121,000	4,296,500	4,472,000	4,647,500	4,823,000	4,998,500	5,174,000	50,505,000
OPERATING EXPENSES													
Sales Expenses													
Advertising	18,750	18,750	18,750	18,750	18,750	18,750	18,750	18,750	18,750	18,750	18,750	18,750	225,000
Marketing & Promotion	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500	270,000
Total Sales Expenses	41,250	41,250	41,250	41,250	41,250	41,250	41,250	41,250	41,250	41,250	41,250	41,250	495,000
Customer Service Expesnses													
Order Fulfillment	5,776	5,776	5,776	5,776	5,776	5,776	5,776	5,776	5,776	5,776	5,776	5,775	69,311
Billing	68,064	71,536	75,208	78,880	82,552	86,224	83,286	86,688	90,090	93,492	96,894	100,295	1,013,209
Customer Administration	25,000	25,000	25,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	365,000
Total Customer Service Expenses	98,840	102,312	105,984	114,656	118,328	122,000	119,062	122,464	130,866	134,268	137,670	141,070	1,447,520
Network Expenses													
Long Distance Usage	2,270,450	2,393,300	2,516,150	2,639,000	2,761,850	2,884,700	3,007,550	3,130,400	3,253,250	3,376,100	3,498,950	3,621,800	35,353,500
Bad Debt/Fraud	162,175	170,950	179,725	188,500	197,275	206,050	214,825	223,600	232,375	241,150	249,925	258,700	2,525,250
Total Network Expenses	2,432,625	2,564,250	2,695,875	2,827,500	2,959,125	3,090,750	3,222,375	3,354,000	3,485,625	3,617,250	3,748,875	3,880,500	37,878,750
General & Administrative Expenses													
Sataries and Wages	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000	768,000
Employee Benefits	16,015	16,015	16,015	16,015	16,015	16,015	16,015	16,015	16,015	16,015	16,015	16,015	192,180
Professional Services	10,800	10,800	10,800	10,800	10,800	10,800	10,800	10,800	10,800	10,800	10,800	10,800	129,600
Office Space	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500	18,500	222,000
Insurance	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	15,000
Office Supplies	625	625	625	625	625	625	625	625	625	625	625	625	7,500
Utilities	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	22,500
Postage	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	3,000
Travel	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	39,000
Payroll Taxes	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,600	115,200
Maintenance	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	72,000
Equipment Rental	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	2,400
Depreciation Expense	15,800	15,800	15,800	15,800	15,800	15,800	15,800	15,800	15,800	15,800	15,800	15,800	189,600
Dues & Subscriptions	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	6,000
Donation to Relief Organizations	16,218	17,095	17,973	18,850	19,728	20,605	21,483	22,360	23,238	24,115	24,990	25,870	252,525
Total G & A Expenses	164,883	165,760	166,638	167,515	168,393	169,270	170,148	171,025	171,903	172,780	173,655	174,535	2,036,505
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,737,598	2,873,572	3,009,747	3,150,921	3,287,096	3,423,270	3,552,835	3,688,739	3,829,644	3,965,548	4,101,450	4,237,355	41,857,775
Net Income before Taxes	505,902	545,428	584,753	619,079	658,404	697,730	743,665	783,261	817,856	857,452	897,050	936,645	8,647,225
Taxes on Income	151,771	163,628	175,426	185,724	197,521	209,319	223,100	234,978	245,357	257,236	269,114	280,993	2,594,167
NET INCOME AFTER TAXES	354,131	381,800	409,327	433,355	460,883	488,411	520,565	548,283	572,499	600,216	627,936	655,652	6,053,058

Projected Cash-Flow for the Period January 1999 through December 1999

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
CASH RECEIPTS													
Income from Sales													
Cash Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collections	97,500	113,750	146,250	211,250	292,500	396,500	513,500	637,000	760,500	884,000	1,007,500	1,131,000	6,191,250
Total Cash from Sales	97,500	113,750	146,250	211,250	292,500	396,500	513,500	637,000	760,500	884,000	1,007,500	1,131,000	6,191,250
Income from Financing													
Investments	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200,000
Capital Expenditures	0	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	0	0	0			0		·
Reduction in Accounts Payable	0	(3,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)			_	0	0	0	0	(20,000)
Reduction in Notes Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Income	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cash from Financing	50,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	(5,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	180,000
Total Cash Receipts	147,500	158,750	191,250	256,250	287,500	396,500	513,500	637,000	760,500	884,000	1,007,500	1,131,000	6,371,250
CASH DISBURSEMENTS													
Expenses													
Operating Expenses	135,127	138,877	167,685	228,360	297,799	386,672	529,028	637,124	744,213	851,988	959,187	1,066,840	6,142,899
Loan Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income Tax Payments	0	0	0	0	3,090	8,213	899	5,520	10,444	15,161	20,051	24,806	88,185
Equipment Purchase	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends	0	0	0	o	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	135,127	138,877	167,685	228,360	300,889	394,885	529,927	642,644	754,657	867,149	979,238	1,091,646	6,231,083
Net Cash Flow	12,373	19,874	23,566	27,891	(13,389)	1,615	(16,427)	(5,644)	5,843	16,851	28,262	39,355	140,167
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Opening Cash Balance	0	12,373	32,247	55,812	83,703	70,313	71,928	55,501	49,856	55,700	72,551	100,812	140,167
Cash Receipts	147,500	158,750	191,250	256,250	287,500	396,500	513,500	637,000	760,500	884,000	1,007,500	1,131,000	
Cash Disbursements	135,127	138,877	167,685	228,360	300,889	394,885	529,927	642,644	754,657	867,149	979,238	1,091,646	
Ending Cash Balance	12,373	32,247	55,812	83,703	70,313	71,928	55,501	49,856	55,700	72,551	100,812	140,167	

Projected Cash-Flow for the Period January 2000 through December 2000

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
CASH RECEIPTS													
Income from Sales													
Cash Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collections	1,254,500	1,405,625	1,556,750	1,707,875	1,859,000	2,010,125	2,161,250	2,312,375	2,463,500	2,614,625	2,765,750	2,916,875	25,028,250
Total Cash from Sales	1,254,500	1,405,625	1,556,750	1,707,875	1,859,000	2,010,125	2,161,250	2,312,375	2,463,500	2,614,625	2,765,750	2,916,875	25,028,250
Income from Financing													
Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Expenditures	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(180,000)
Reduction in Accounts Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reduction in Notes Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Cash from Financing	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(180,000)
Total Cash Receipts	1,239,500	1,390,625	1,541,750	1,692,875	1,844,000	1,995,125	2,146,250	2,297,375	2,448,500	2,599,625	2,750,750	2,901,875	24,848,250
CASH DISBURSEMENTS													
Expenses													
Operating Expenses	1,226,342	1,288,537	1,413,456	1,537,232	1,667,060	1,791,881	1,953,669	2,079,252	2,204,834	2,330,417	2,461,000	2,586,582	22,540,262
Loan Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income Tax Payments	36,332	44,194	52,056	60,260	66,650	74,541	71,342	79,004	86,667	94,330	100,493	108,155	874,024
Equipment Purchase	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reserve	25,090	28,113	31,135	34,158	37,180	40,203	108,063	115,619	123,175	130,731	138,288	145,844	957,599
Dividends	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	o	0	0	0
Total Cash Disbursements	1,287,764	1,360,844	1,496,647	1,631,650	1,770,890	1,906,625	2,133,074	2,273,875	2,414,676	2,555,478	2,699,781	2,840,581	24,371,885
Net Cash Flow	(48,264)	29,781	45,103	61,225	73,111	88,500	13,176	23,500	33,824	44,147	50,970	61,294	476,365
Opening Cook Balance	440.467	04.000	404.004	100 707									
Opening Cash Balance	140,167	91,902	121,684	166,787	228,011	301,122	389,622	402,798	426,298	460,122	504,269	555,238	616,532
Cash Receipts	1,239,500	1,390,625	1,541,750	1,692,875	1,844,000	1,995,125	2,146,250	2,297,375	2,448,500	2,599,625	2,750,750	2,901,875	
Cash Disbursements	1,287,764	1,360,844	1,496,647	1,631,650	1,770,890	1,906,625	2,133,074	2,273,875	2,414,676	2,555,478	2,699,781	2,840,581	
Ending Cash Balance	91,902	121,684	166,787	228,011	301,122	389,622	402,798	426,298	460,122	504,269	555,238	616,532	

Projected Cash-Flow for the Period January 2001 through December 2001

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	TOTAL
CASH RECEIPTS													
Income from Sales													
Cash Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collections	3,068,000	3,243,500	3,419,000	3,594,500	3,770,000	3,945,500	4,121,000	4,296,500	4,472,000	4,647,500	4,823,000	4,998,500	48,399,000
<b>Total Cash from Sales</b>	3,068,000	3,243,500	3,419,000	3,594,500	3,770,000	3,945,500	4,121,000	4,296,500	4,472,000	4,647,500	4,823,000	4,998,500	48,399,000
Income from Financing													
Investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Expenditures	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	0	0	(1,000,000)
Reduction in Accounts Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reduction in Notes Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	o	0	0	0	0
Interest Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	o	0	0	0	0
Total Cash from Financing	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	0	0	(1,000,000)
Total Cash Receipts	2,968,000	3,143,500	3,319,000	3,494,500	3,670,000	3,845,500	4,021,000	4,196,500	4,372,000	4,547,500	4,823,000	4,998,500	47,399,000
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CASH DISBURSEMENTS													
Expenses													
Operating Expenses	2,759,373	2,741,947	2,878,122	3,019,296	3,155,471	3,291,645	3,421,210	3,557,114	3,698,019	3,833,923	3,969,825	4,105,730	40,431,675
Loan Payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income Tax Payments	151,771	163,628	175,426	185,724	197,521	209,319	223,100	234,978	245,357	257,236	269,114	280,993	2,594,167
Equipment Purchase	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reserve	153,400	162,175	170,950	179,725	188,500	197,275	206,050	214,825	223,600	232,375	241,150	249,925	2,419,950
Dividends	0	0	0	0	0	О	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	3,064,544	3,067,750	3,224,498	3,384,745	3,541,492	3,698,239	3,850,360	4,006,917	4,166,976	4,323,534	4,480,089	4,636,648	45,445,792
Net Cash Flow	(96,544)	75,750	94,502	109,755	128,508	147,261	170,640	189,583	205,024	223,966	342,911	361,852	1,953,208
Not bush I low	(55,544)	70,700	34,302	100,700	120,300	147,201	170,040	103,303	203,024	223,300	342,311	301,032	1,933,200
Opening Cash Balance	616,532	519,988	595,738	690,240	799,995	928,503	1,075,764	1,246,404	1,435,987	1,641,011	1,864,977	2,207,888	2,569,740
Cash Receipts	2,968,000	3,143,500	3,319,000	3,494,500	3,670,000	3,845,500	4,021,000	4,196,500	4,372,000	4,547,500	4,823,000	4,998,500	
Cash Disbursements	3,064,544	3,067,750	3,224,498	3,384,745	3,541,492	3,698,239	3,850,360	4,006,917	4,166,976	4,323,534	4,480,089	4,636,648	
Ending Cash Balance	519,988	595,738	690,240	799,995	928,503	1,075,764	1,246,404	1,435,987	1,641,011	1,864,977	2,207,888	2,569,740	

## Before the FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA )
COUNTY OF FAIRFAX ) ss:
CERTIFICATION
I, E. Timothy Kovanic, a duly authorized officer of Advanced Communications
Services, Inc., doing business as ACG Telecom Services Incorporated, am authorized to make this
certification on behalf of the Company. The foregoing financial statements for the period ending
December 31, 1998, are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge and are made
in good faith.
ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC. doing business as ACG TELECOM SERVICES INCORPORATED
By: Limitty Kvanic  E. Timothy Kovanic, President  Subscribed and sworn to before me, and and for the State and County named above this day of MARCH, 1998.
Motary Public

My Commission Expires: JULY 31, 1999

#### **EXHIBIT B**

## MANAGERIAL AND TECHNICAL CAPABILITY OF ACG TELECOM SERVICES INCORPORATED

## ACG TELECOM SERVICES INCORPORATED TECHNICAL AND MANAGERIAL QUALIFICATIONS

ACG Telecom Services Incorporated ("ACG") has assembled a highly skilled management team which brings a wealth of experience and expertise to ACG's telecommunications services venture in the State of Florida. Together, ACG's executives provide it with the depth and breadth of management, operational and technical capabilities necessary to facilitate its provision of high quality, affordable interexchange services.

Brief summaries of the experience of key members of ACG's executive management team are set forth below:

## E. TIMOTHY KOVANIC PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr. Kovanic is the principal vision and inspiration behind ACG. He founded ACG in 1995 and has served as its President and Chief Executive Officer since that time. Prior to that, Mr. Kovanic served on active duty in the U.S. Navy for eight years as both an engineering officer with the Pacific Fleet and a member of the Chief of Naval Operation's staff. During his tours of duty, Mr. Kovanic directly managed departments in excess of 300 personnel and was consulted on personnel issues by most senior Navy officers including the Chief of Naval Operations and the Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

Mr. Kovanic is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Systems Engineering.

## GARY DETTLOFF CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

Mr. Dettloff possesses a wealth of knowledge and experience in the management and development of personnel, operations schedules and training. Mr. Dettloff has been with ACG since its inception in 1995 when he initially served as Executive Vice President for Product and Market Development. Today, Mr. Dettloff is ACG's Chief Operations Officer responsible for the daily operations of ACG.

Prior to working with ACG, Mr. Dettloff spent seven years in the U.S. Navy and one year with General Physics, a Washington, D.C. defense contracting firm. During that time, Mr. Dettloff gained valuable experience in management and supervision of technical personnel, developed operational schedules and trained subordinate personnel. Mr. Dettloff's military service has provided him with first-hand knowledge of military customers which allows him to successfully identify and fulfill their needs.

#### WILLIAM BARFIELD VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Barfield is one of the initial directors of ACG and has been with the Company since its inception. He initially acted as ACG's Chief Technical Officer and today serves as ACG's Vice President responsible for corporate and financial strategy, budgeting and management control and financial management.

Mr. Barfield entered the civilian workforce after nearly ten years as a Naval Flight Officer in the United States Navy. Since then, Mr. Barfield has worked as a Systems Engineer and Project Manager designing and building government communications systems and managing project financial resources. Since the inception of ACG, Mr. Barfield has been responsible for developing and implementing ACG's computer and communications infrastructure. Mr. Barfield also acts as a key adviser to the Chief Executive Officer on major strategic and operational issues and manages financial planning functions.

Mr. Barfield holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from North Carolina State University and a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School.

### BERNARD A. FRIED CONSULTANT

Mr. Fried is the President of Excell Consulting Services, L.L.C., a firm specializing in assisting companies entering the competitive telecommunications and utility markets. During his career, Mr. Fried has served as Director of Marketing and Sales Support for Sprint's Diversified Brands Group, Senior Vice President of MIDCOM Communications, President of the Wholesale Division of Network Plus, and President of UtilityOne, a company charged with building a sales agent network in the United States and Canada for UtiliCorp United of Kansas City, Missouri.

Since 1975, Mr. Fried has developed and implemented successful sales and marketing strategies and marketing programs while working for a variety of communication companies nationwide. He has consulted with telecommunications companies to introduce programs, products and services for entering new markets and has taught telecommunications and proposal writing courses for corporate and government officials at the State University of New York.

Mr. Fried holds both Bachelors Masters degrees in Business Administration from Pace University in New York. He has over 25 years experience in the telecommunications industry and is a former member of the Board of Directors for the Telecommunications Resellers Association, the principal association for telecommunications resale.

#### DONALD J. GARNER CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Mr. Garner is a partner at Kaufman Davis, LLP, a firm which provides a variety of accounting, auditing, tax, management, consulting and other related professional services to diverse commercial and nonprofit organizations in the greater Washington, D.C. area.

Mr. Garner has 32 years of public accounting experience with an emphasis on accounting, auditing and tax services to closely-held businesses and partnerships. Mr. Garner has vast experience preparing annual corporate tax returns and financial statements, performing company valuations and developing compensation agreements as well as tax strategies to minimize taxes using qualified retirement plans and tax advantaged benefits.

Mr. Garner holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Georgetown University.

#### **EXHIBIT C**

# PROPOSED INTRASTATE TOLL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE TARIFF OF ACG TELECOM SERVICES INCORPORATED

#### ACG TELECOM SERVICES INCORPORATED

#### Florida Intrastate Toll Telecommunications Tariff

THIS TARIFF CONTAINS THE DESCRIPTIONS, REGULATIONS AND RATES APPLICABLE TO THE FURNISHING OF SERVICE AND FACILITIES FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROVIDED BY ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC., doing business as ACG TELECOM SERVICES INCORPORATED WITH PRINCIPAL OFFICES AT 12210 FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER, SUITE 815, FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA 22033

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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Issued by: E. Timothy Kovanic, President

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#### **CONCURRING CARRIERS**

No concurring carriers

#### **CONNECTING CARRIERS**

No connecting carriers

#### **OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS**

No other participating carriers

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#### **EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

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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#### **APPLICATION OF TARIFF**

This Tariff contains the regulations, rates, and charges applicable to the provision of interexchange telecommunications service provided by ACG Telecom Services Incorporated (hereinafter "ACG" or the "Company"), between points within the State of Florida.

Service is furnished subject to the availability of facilities and transmission, atmospheric and like limitations.

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- **1.1** Access: The connection between the Customer's location and an interexchange switching center.
- **1.2** Access Line: A transmission line from either an LEC central office or an IXC POP to the Customer's Premises used to process voice and limited speed data Calls.
- **1.3** Account Code: A numerical code, assigned to the Customer, to enable the Company to identify use of the Services by the Customer and to bill the use of the Services by the Customer. Multiple Account Codes may be assigned to the Customer to identify individual users or groups of users.
- **1.4** Additional Period: The minimum additional portion of a Calling Period after an Initial Period for which charges are incurred for completed Calls.
- 1.5 <u>Authorization Code</u>: A predefined series of numbers to be dialed by the Customer or End User upon access to the Company's system to identify the caller and validate the caller's authorization to use the Services provided. All Authorization Codes shall be the sole property of the Company and no Customer of End User shall have any property or other right or interest in the use of any particular Authorization Code. The Customer is responsible for charges incurred through the use of its assigned Authorization Code. Automatic Numbering Identification (ANI) may be used as or in connection with the Authorization Code.

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- **1.6** Automatic Numbering Identification (ANI): A type of signalling provided by an LEC which automatically identifies the Calling Station.
- 1.7 Bit: The smallest unit of information in the binary system of notation.
- **1.8** Call: A completed connection established between a Calling Station and one or more Called Stations.
- 1.9 Called Station: The terminating point of a Call (i.e., the Called number).
- **1.10** Calling Card: A billing arrangement which bills the charge for an MTS Call to the Main Billing Number of a Customer.
- 1.11 <u>Calling Card Services</u>: The Services described in Section 3.4.6 of this Tariff.
- 1.12 <u>Calling Station</u>: The originating point of a Call (*i.e.*, the Calling number).
- 1.13 Calling Unit: The measured period of a Call which is either Initial or Additional.
- **1.14 Commission:** Florida Public Service Commission.

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- **1.15 Common Carrier:** A company or entity providing telecommunications services to the public.
- 1.16 Company: ACG Telecom Services Incorporated. Also referred to as "ACG".
- **1.17** Competitive Access Provider (CAP): A Common Carrier engaged in the origination and/or termination of interstate, interexchange Calls.
- **1.18** Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC): A Common Carrier engaged in the provision of local dial tone and other local exchange services in competition with one or more LECs.
- **1.19** <u>Customer:</u> A Person who orders Services under this Tariff and who is responsible for payment of all charges therefor and for complying with the terms and conditions set forth in this Tariff.
- **1.20** <u>Customer Premises</u>: A location, on property owned, leased or otherwise controlled by the Customer, that is designated by the Customer for the provision of the Services to the Customer pursuant to this Tariff.
- **1.21** <u>Customer-Provided Equipment:</u> Telecommunications equipment provided by a Customer used to originate or terminate Calls at the Customer Premises.

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- **1.22 Debit Card:** The Debit Card is a Calling Card that has a predetermined face value and allows Customers to make prepaid long distance calls.
- **1.23** <u>Dedicated Access</u>: A non-switched circuit connecting a Customer Premises to an IXC POP with no intermediate switching functions.
- 1.24 <u>Directory Assistance Service</u>: The Service described in Section 3.4.8.B of this Tariff.
- 1.25 <u>DS-0</u>: A form of Service offered at digital signal level 0 and providing a 64 Kbps signal.
- **1.26 DS-1:** A form of private line Service offered at digital signal level 1 and providing a 1.544 Mbps signal.
- **1.27 DS-3:** A form of private line Service at digital signal level 3 and providing digital signals at the speed of 44.736 Mbps.
- 1.28 End User: Any Person which uses the Services ordered by the Customer under this Tariff. If at any time the Customer fails to make timely payment for the Services, satisfaction of the Customer's payment obligations with respect to Services utilized by an End User shall become the direct responsibility of the End User and said End User shall make immediate payment directly to Company of all associated overdue amounts. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Customer shall not be relieved of its responsibility to fully satisfy its payment obligations under this Tariff.

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- 1.29 FCC: Federal Communications Commission.
- **1.30** Fractional Charges and Credits: Each month is considered to have thirty (30) days for billing purposes. To determine charges or credits for portions of months, the days remaining in the billing period (including the thirty-first (31st) day of a thirty-one (31)-day month) are counted, starting with the day after the date on which the Services were furnished or discontinued; that figure is divided by thirty (30) days and the resultant fraction is multiplied by the Monthly Charge to arrive at the Fractional Charge or Credit.
- **1.31 Inbound Services:** The Services described in Section 3.4.3 and 3.4.4 of this Tariff.
- **1.32 Incomplete Call:** Any Call as to which voice transmission between the Calling and the Called Stations is not established (*i.e.*, busy, no answer).
- **1.33** Incremental Call Unit: The minimum additional period after an Initial Call Unit for which charges are incurred for completed Calls and, except as otherwise provided in this Tariff, equals six (6) seconds.
- **1.34** <u>Initial Call Unit</u>: The minimum period for which charges are incurred for a completed Call; unless otherwise specified herein, the Initial Call Unit for all services offered pursuant to this Tariff shall be thirty (30) seconds.

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- **1.35** <u>Installation Charge</u>: A fixed charge per unit which applies when certain Services are furnished.
- **1.36** <u>Interexchange Carrier (IXC)</u>: A Common Carrier engaged in the transport of Calls and other telecommunications across LATA boundaries.
- **1.37 Isochronous:** A characteristic of a periodic signal in which the time interval that separates any two corresponding significant instants or transitions of signal level is equal to the unit interval or to a multiple of the unit interval. No timing or clock lead is provided at the customer interface.
- **1.38 KBPS:** Kilobits per second.
- 1.39 KHZ: Kilohertz.
- **1.40 LATA:** Local Access and Transport Area.
- **1.41 LEC:** Local Exchange Carrier.
- **1.42** <u>Main Billing Number</u>: A telephone number assigned to the Customer to which charges for the Services are billed.

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- 1.43 MBPS: Megabits per second.
- 1.44 MHZ: Megahertz.
- **1.45 Minimum Payment Period:** The Minimum Payment Period is the minimum period, if any, for which the Customer is required to make payment for the Services. The Minimum Payment Period for a given Service is specified in the section of this Tariff applicable to that Service. Charges applicable to the Minimum Payment Period include recurring charges plus any nonrecurring and/or special construction charge(s) that may apply.
- **1.46** Monthly Charge/Monthly Recurring Charge: A flat charge which applies for each month in which the Services are furnished to the Customer and which is prorated for a fractional month of Service.
- **1.47 Move Charge:** A charge which applies when the physical location of the termination of an office connection or an office function is changed at the Customer's request. A move is considered to be the discontinuance of service at the old location and the reinstallation of the service at the new location. Installation charges apply only for the components that are moved. A new minimum payment period will be established.

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- **1.48 MTS:** Message Telecommunications Services.
- **1.49** Nonrecurring Charges: One-time charges payable to the Company including Installation Charges, Service Ordering Charges and Special Construction Charges. Charges may differ according to the work activity involved.
- 1.50 NPA: Numbering Plan Area, more commonly referred to as an area code.
- **1.51 NPA Centroid:** The center of the area code, sometimes used to calculate mileage for inbound Calls where the NPA-NXX of the Calling Station is not available.
- **1.52 NXX:** The first three digits of the Customer's telephone number. "N" is a number between 2 and 9. "X" is a number between 0 and 9.
- **1.53** Off-Peak: The time period extending from 7:00 P.M. up to, but not including, 7:00 A.M. local time Monday through Friday, plus all day Saturday and Sunday and Holidays.
- 1.54 Outbound Services: The Services described in Section 3.4.1 and 3.4.2 of this Tariff.

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- **1.55 Peak:** The time period extending from 7:00 A.M. up to, but not including, 7:00 P.M. local time Monday through Friday.
- 1.56 Person: A natural being, firm, organization, partnership, association, corporation, or entity.
- **1.57 Point-of-Presence (POP):** The central switching office of an IXC where it interconnects with an LEC.
- **1.58 Rate Center:** A group of central offices determined by NPA Centroid or NPA-NXX.
- **1.59** Recognized National Holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.
- **1.60 Recurring Charge:** Monthly Charges and Usage Charges.
- **1.61** Reseller: Any Person which obtains Services under this Tariff for the purpose of reselling those Services to End Users. The Reseller shall be deemed to be the Customer of such resold services.
- **1.62 RespOrg:** The entity responsible for the management of, and which may access and modify, a subscriber's record in the SMS/800/888/877 database. A RespOrg must meet certain eligibility criteria established by the FCC.

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- **1.63** Service: The telecommunications services provided by the Company pursuant to this Tariff as described in Section 3 of this Tariff.
- **1.64** Service Order: A Customer order for installation, move, or record change related to the Services.
- **1.65** Special Construction Charge: A charge associated with an installation of the Services requiring unique or additional equipment or facilities.
- **1.66** Switched Access: A switched circuit connecting a Customer Premises to an IXC POP with intermediate switching functions.
- **1.67** <u>Underlying Carrier:</u> A facilities-based IXC which provides transport services that are resold by the Company.
- **1.68** <u>Usage Charge</u>: Charges stated as a function of, and which vary with, use (*e.g.*, per connection or per unit of time); Usage Charges are set forth for each Service provided by the Company in Section 4 of this Tariff.

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### **SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**2.1** <u>Undertaking of the Company</u>. The Company's services and facilities are furnished for communications originating at specified points within the State of Florida under the terms of this Tariff.

The Company installs, operates and maintains the communications services provided herein in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this Tariff. The Company may act as the Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to the Company's network. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangement.

The Company's services and facilities are provided on a monthly basis unless ordered on a longer term basis, and are available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

The selling of IXC telecommunications service to uncertificated IXC resellers is prohibited.

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#### 2.2 Limitations.

**Availability of Services.** The Services are offered subject to the availability of facilities and under the terms and conditions contained in this Tariff. The Company's obligation to furnish the Services is dependent upon its ability to obtain, retain and maintain without unreasonable expense access to suitable facilities, including service arrangements with Underlying Carriers, and is subject to transmission, atmospheric and like limitations. The Services may be temporarily refused or limited due to limitations in system capacity or to other circumstances beyond the Company's control. The Services may be temporarily interrupted or curtailed due to equipment modifications, upgrades, relocations, repairs, or similar activities necessary for the proper or improved operation of the Services.

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## 2.2 <u>Limitations (cont'd)</u>.

- **2.2.2** Rights of the Company. The Company reserves the right to refuse or limit the use of or suspend (pursuant to Section 2.15.1) or terminate (pursuant to Section 2.15.2) Service to the Customer without incurring liability:
  - (A) For non-payment when due of any amount due and owing to the Company by the Customer.
  - (B) For failure by the Customer to make a security deposit within a reasonable time.
  - (C) For violation of, or failure to comply with, the terms and conditions of this Tariff by the Customer of either the provisions of this Tariff or for violation of any laws, rules, regulations, or policies of a governmental authority applicable to the Services and the Customer's use thereof.
  - (D) By reason of an order or decision of a court or other governmental authority which prohibits the Company from furnishing the Services.

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#### 2.2 Limitations (cont'd).

## 2.2.2 Rights of the Company (cont'd).

- (E) In the event that the Company's service arrangement with one or more Underlying Carriers is terminated and the Company is unable to secure another service arrangement without incurring unreasonable expense.
- (F) When necessitated by conditions beyond the Company's control. Conditions beyond the Company's control include, but are not limited to, the Customer generating Call volume or utilizing a Calling pattern that results, or may result, in network blockage or other service degradation which adversely affects the Service to other customers of the Company.
- (G) For abuse or fraudulent use of the Services by the Customer or its End Users. Abuse of the Services includes, without limitation, the making of Calls which might reasonably be expected to frighten, abuse, torment or harass another or which in any way would interfere unreasonably with the use of the Service by others. Fraudulent use of the Services includes, without limitation: (1) use of the Services to transmit a message, locate a person or otherwise give or obtain information without payment for the Services; (2) use, or attempted use, of the Services with the intent to avoid payment therefor by rearranging, tampering with, or making connections not authorized by this Tariff to any service components or through use of fraudulent means, devices, tricks, schemes, false or invalid numbers, false credit devices or electronic devices; (3) use of an Inbound Service with the intent of gaining access to an outbound calling capability on an unauthorized basis; or (4) use of fraudulent means or devices, tricks, schemes, false or invalid numbers, false credit devices or electronic devices to defraud or mislead callers.

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### 2.2 Limitations (cont'd).

## 2.2.2 Rights of the Company (cont'd).

- (H) For submission or use by the Customer of insufficient or fraudulent billing information, invalid or unauthorized telephone numbers, or pre-arranged account code numbers.
- (I) If the Company deems such action necessary to protect itself or third parties against fraud or to otherwise protect its personnel, agents, or the Services.
- **2.2.3 Restoration of Service.** The Company will provide or restore the Services when the Customer is in compliance with the provisions of this Tariff and all applicable laws, rules, regulations and policies of pertinent governmental authorities and the Company determines that the Services can be provided without undue risk to the Company or the Services provided to other Customers of the Company.
- **2.2.4 Fraud Prevention.** In order to control fraud, the Company may refuse to accept Calling Card Calls or discontinue the use of Authorization Codes which it determines to be fraudulent or invalid and/or may limit the use of these billing options to or from certain areas, including any part of the State of Florida.
- **2.2.5** Emergency Conditions. The use and restoration of the Services during emergency conditions shall be in accordance with Part 64, Subpart D, Appendix A, of the FCC's Rules and Regulations, which specifies the priority system for such use and restoration.

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## 2.2 Limitations (cont'd).

- **2.2.6 Property Rights.** The Customer will obtain no property right or interest in the use of any specific type of facility, service connection, equipment, number, process or code. All right, title and interest to such items will remain, at all times, solely with the Company.
- **2.2.7** Resale of Company Services. Customers reselling or rebilling the Services provided by the Company pursuant to this Tariff must have a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as an interexchange carrier from the Florida Public Service Commission.

## 2.3 <u>Liability of the Company</u>.

- **2.3.1 General.** The Company's liability, if any, for damages associated with the ordering (including the reservation of any specific number for use with a Service), installation (including delays associated therewith), provisioning, termination, maintenance, repair or restoration of the Services or associated facilities offered under this Tariff, shall be limited as follows:
  - (A) With respect to any Outbound or Inbound Service provided by the Company which involves Dedicated Access, shared interexchange transmission, and shared termination, the Company's liability shall not exceed an amount equal to the proportionate Monthly Recurring Charges, including any Service charges, minimum Monthly Charges, basic feature package charges, Monthly Charges for optional features, charges for Dedicated Access facilities, and any other Monthly Charges, for the period during which the Service was affected, or, if only a transmission using the shared interexchange facilities is interrupted, an amount equal to the charge applicable to a one minute Call to the Called Station at the time the affected Call was made.

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## 2.3 <u>Liability of the Company (cont'd)</u>.

#### 2.3.1 General (cont'd).

(B) With respect to any Outbound or Inbound Service provided by the Company which involves Switched Access, shared interexchange transmission, and shared termination, the Company's liability shall not exceed an amount equal to charge applicable to a one minute Call to the Customer's station at the time, and over the range of the affected Call, taking account of the form of Service and type of termination the Customer had selected. The liabilities of the Company for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission occurring in the course of furnishing Service hereunder and not caused by the negligence or intentional act of the Customer shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the Initial Period charge to the Customer under this Tariff for the Call during which such mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error or defect in transmission occurs. Other than amounts that may be due the Customer under this Tariff as a credit allowance, the Company shall have no further liability for damages or losses arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in the provision of the Services and/or associated equipment and facilities.

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## 2.3 <u>Liability of the Company (cont'd)</u>.

**Other Carriers.** The Company shall not liable for any act or omission of any other company or companies furnishing services to the Customer in conjunction with the Services, or for damages associated with services, channels or equipment which it does not furnish, or for damages which result from the operation of Customer-Provided Equipment or services furnished by other companies which are interconnected with the Company's Services. The liability of any Underlying Carrier to the Customer or any End-User shall be limited by the tariffs pursuant to which such carrier provides network services.

No agents or employees of connecting, concurring or other participating carriers or companies shall be deemed to be agents or employees of the Company without written authorization from the Company.

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## 2.3 <u>Liability of the Company (cont'd)</u>.

2.3.3 Consequential or Special Damages. The Company's liability for its gross negligence or willful misconduct is not limited by this Tariff. Regardless of the form of action, whether in contract, indemnity, warranty, strict liability or tort, including, without limitation, negligence of any kind whether active or passive, the Company shall not be liable for any indirect, incidental, consequential, reliance, special or punitive damages, including, without limitation, damages for lost profits, of any kind or nature whatsoever, arising out of the provisions or interruption of the Services provided under this Tariff absent a determination of gross negligence or willful misconduct in a judicial or administrative proceeding.

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## 2.3 <u>Liability of the Company (cont'd)</u>.

2.3.4 <u>Customer Premises/Customer-Provided Equipment</u>. The Company shall not be liable for any defacement of, or damage to, the Customer's premises resulting from the furnishing of the Services or attachment of the Company's equipment and associated wiring on such premises, or from the installation or removal thereof, when such defacement or damage is not the result of the Company's negligence. The Customer shall indemnify and save harmless the Company from any claims of the owner of the Customer Premises or other third party claims for such damages.

The Company shall not be liable for the Customer's failure to fulfill its obligation to take all necessary steps, including, without limitation, obtaining, installing and maintaining all necessary equipment, materials and supplies, for interconnecting the terminal equipment or communications system of the Customer, or any third party acting as its agent, to the Company's network. The Customer shall secure all licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and other arrangements necessary for such interconnection. In addition, the Customer shall ensure that its equipment and/or system or that of its agent is properly interfaced with the Company's Services, that the signals emitted into the Company's network are of the proper mode, band-width, power, data speed, and signal level for the intended use of the Customer and in compliance with the criteria set forth in the applicable subsections of this Tariff, and that the signals do not damage the Company's equipment, injure its personnel, or

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# 2.3 Liability of the Company (cont'd).

## 2.3.4 Customer Premises/Customer-Provided Equipment (cont'd).

degrade service to other Customers. If the FCC or some other appropriate certifying body certifies terminal equipment as being technically acceptable for direct electrical connection with interstate communications service, the Company will permit such equipment to be connected with its channels without the use of protective interface devices. If the Customer or its agent fails to maintain and operate its equipment and/or system or that of its agent properly, with resulting imminent harm to the Company's equipment, personnel, or the quality of service to other Customers, the Company may, upon written notice, require the use of protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this fails to produce satisfactory quality and safety, the Company may, upon written notice, terminate the Services to the Customer without liability.

The Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation or maintenance of any Customer-Provided Equipment. Where Customer-Provided Equipment is used in conjunction with the Services, the responsibility of the Company shall be limited to the furnishing, and the maintenance and operation in the proper manner, of the Services, and shall not include responsibility for the quality of, or defects in, the signal that are caused by the Customer-Provided Equipment. Subject to the above, the Company shall not be responsible for the through transmission of signals generated by, the reception of signals by, or network control signalling where such signalling is performed by Customer-Provided Equipment.

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## 2.3 <u>Liability of the Company (cont'd)</u>.

- 2.3.5 Force Majeure. The Company shall not liable for any failure of performance here-under due to causes beyond its control, including, but not limited to: unavoidable interruption in the working of transmission facilities; acts of nature; storms, fire, flood or other catastrophes; any law, order, regulation, direction, action or request of the United States Government, or any other governmental entity having jurisdiction over the Company, or of any department, agency, commission, bureau, corporation or other instrumentality of any one or more of such governmental entities, or of any civil or military authority; national emergencies, insurrections, riots, rebellions, wars, strikes, lockouts, work stoppages, or other labor difficulties; or, notwithstanding anything in this Tariff to the contrary, the unlawful acts of individuals, including acts of the Company's agents and employees if committed beyond the scope of their employment.
- 2.3.6 Notice. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Section 3.3, the Company shall not be liable for damages or be obligated to provide any credit allowance unless the Customer has notified the Company of the basis of any claim for damages or credit allowance within thirty (30) calendar days after an invoice is rendered or a debit is effected by the Company for the Services or the Call giving rise to such claim. Any such notice must set forth sufficient facts to provide the Company with a reasonable basis upon which to evaluate the Customer's claim. Usage discounts will be adjusted based on total usage after all credits or adjustments have been applied.

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## 2.3 <u>Liability of the Company (cont'd)</u>.

- 2.3.7 <u>Unauthorized Use.</u> The Company shall not be liable for any damages, including Usage Charges, that the Customer may incur as a result of the unauthorized use of Customer-Provided Equipment. The unauthorized use of Customer-Provided Equipment includes, but is not limited to, the placement of Calls from the Customer Premises and the placement of Calls through Customer-controlled or Customer-provisioned equipment that are transmitted or carried over the Company's network Services without the authorization of the Customer. The Customer is responsible for controlling access to, and use of, its own communications equipment, and shall be fully liable for all such charges.
- **Explosive Atmosphere.** The Company does not guarantee or make any warranty with respect to the Services or the installation thereof at locations at which there is present an atmosphere that is explosive, prone to fire, dangerous or otherwise unsuitable for such Service or installations. The Customer shall indemnify and hold the Company harmless from 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 for any personal injury to, or death of, any person or persons and for any loss, damage or destruction of any property, whether owned by the Customer or others, caused or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, location or use of the Services at such location.

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## 2.3 <u>Liability of the Company (cont'd)</u>.

- **2.3.9 Indemnification.** The Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the Customer against any and all loss, claims, demands, suits or other action, or any liability whatsoever, arising from the use of the Services furnished pursuant to this Tariff involving:
  - (A) Claims for libel, slander, infringement of patent or copyright, or unauthorized use of any trademark, trade name or service mark arising out of the material, data, information, or other content transmitted by the Company; violations of any other literary, intellectual, artistic, dramatic, or musical right; violations of the right to privacy; or violations of any other rights whatsoever relating to or arising from message content or the transmission thereof.
  - (B) Claims arising out of abuse of or fraudulent use of the Services by the Customer or its End Users.
  - (C) All other claims arising out of any act or omission of the Customer in connection with the Services provided by the Company.

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# 2.3 <u>Liability of the Company (cont'd)</u>.

#### 2.3.9 Indemnification (cont'd).

The Company shall not be liable for, and the Customer shall indemnify and hold the Company harmless from, all losses, claims, demands, suits or other action, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the Customer or any other Person, for any personal injury to, or death of, any Person, and for any loss, damage, defacement or destruction of the equipment or premises of the Customer or others, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, location, or use of equipment or wiring provided by the Company, when such installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, condition, use or location is not the direct result of the Company's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

- **2.3.10** Independent Contractor. The Company's relationship with any underlying carrier that may provide facilities to the Company for resale to the Customer is that of an independent contractor and the Company and any such underlying carrier shall not be deemed to be partners or joint venturers by virtue of this relationship. No agents or employees of other carriers shall be deemed to be agents or employees of the Company.
- **2.3.11** <u>Implied License</u>. No license under patents, copyrights, trademarks, or trade secrets is granted to the Customer by the Company, or shall be implied or arise by estoppel, with respect to the Services.

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2.4 Transfer or Assignment of Service. The Customer may transfer or assign the right to receive the Service under this Tariff, including the right to use any associated telephone number(s), to a new Customer, provided that (1) the Customer notifies the Company in writing of the proposed transfer or assignment to the new Customer and the date upon which the transfer or assignment will become effective, (2) the new Customer notifies the Company in writing, prior to the proposed effective date of the transfer or assignment, that the new Customer agrees to assume all obligations of the Customer as of the time of transfer or assignment proposed by the Customer, including all outstanding indebtedness for the Service or otherwise provided under this Tariff up to and including the date of transfer or assignment, and (3) the Company approves the transfer or assignment.

The transfer or assignment does not relieve or discharge the Customer from remaining jointly and severally liable with the new Customer for any obligations existing at the time of transfer or assignment. Neither the Customer nor the new Customer will obtain a property right or interest in the use of any specific type of facility, Service connection, equipment, number, process or code. All right, title and interest to such items will remain, at all times, solely with the Company.

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#### 2.5 Interruption of Service.

2.5.1 <u>Credit Allowances</u>. Credit allowances for the interruption of the Services which is not due to the Company's testing, adjusting, negligence of the Customer, or to the failure of equipment provided by the Customer, are subject to the general limitation and liability provisions set forth in Sections 2.2 and 2.3 of this Tariff. It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify the Company immediately of any interruption in Services 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. No refund or credit will be made for the time that the Company stands ready to repair the service and the Customer does not provide access to the Company for the restoration work.

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## 2.5 <u>Interruption of Service (cont'd)</u>.

- **2.5.2** <u>Continuous Interruption.</u> No credit will be allowed for an interruption of a continuous duration of less than twenty-four hours after the subscriber notifies the Company.
- **2.5.3** Credit Formula. The Customer will be credited for an interruption of more than twenty-four hours as follows:

Credit Formula:

Credit =  $A/B \times C$ 

"A" - outage time in hours

"B" - 720 hours

"C" - total monthly charge for affected facility

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#### 2.6 Use of Service.

- **2.6.1** Authorized Use. The Services may be used solely to transmit communications of the Customer or authorized End Users in a manner consistent with the terms and conditions of this Tariff and the policies and regulations of the Commission. The Services are furnished for the transmission of voice communications, but may also be used for data, facsimile, signaling, metering, or other similar communications, subject to the transmission capabilities of the Services and the laws, rules and regulations of the Commission.
- **2.6.2 Limitations.** The Services are furnished subject to the condition that they will be used only for authorized and lawful purposes by the Customer. The Customer may not use the Services for any unauthorized or unlawful purpose.
- **2.6.3** Compatibility. The Customer's use of the Services shall not interfere with or impair the Company's ability to provide the Services to other customers, cause damage to the Company's equipment or resold equipment, impair the privacy of communications over the Company's system or create hazards to the employees of any company or the public.
- **2.6.4** <u>Modifications</u>. The Customer may not rearrange, disconnect, remove, modify or attempt to repair or permit others to rearrange, disconnect, remove, modify or attempt to repair any Company facility without the prior written consent of the Company.

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## 2.7 Obligations of the Customer.

- 2.7.1 Entry. The Customer shall make Company-provided facilities on Customer Premises available upon reasonable notice from the Company (which notice shall be in writing, except in emergency situations), for such tests, adjustments, and inspections as may be necessary to maintain such facilities in satisfactory condition or to determine whether the requirements of this Tariff are being complied with in the installation, operation and maintenance of the Customer's or the Company's equipment. The Customer shall permit or obtain permission for the Company employees and agents to enter the Customer Premises at any hour under mutually agreeable arrangements for the purpose of maintaining or repairing Company-provided facilities. The Customer shall make Company-provided facilities available for installation, periodic maintenance or removal at all times.
- **2.7.2 Preservation of Rights.** The Customer shall provide for the Company's rights under this Tariff in any and all agreements or arrangements with third parties.
- **2.7.3 Permits.** The Customer shall secure all permits, licenses, rights-of-way, services, variances and other arrangements necessary to allow for the installation and operation of the Services by the Company on the Customer Premises.

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# 2.7 Obligations of the Customer (cont'd).

- 2.7.4 Customer Premises. The Customer shall ensure the physical security of all the Company facilities located on the Customer Premises. The Customer shall provide for power, power lines and power line conditioning; conduit; heating and cooling; building space; internal and external building wiring; and entrance facilities on the Such Customer responsibilities shall be performed in Customer Premises. accordance with procedures established by the Company in a timely manner for the installation and operation of the Company facilities located on the Customer Premises. The Customer shall maintain safe premises at which Company employees may install or maintain facilities of the Company. Customer responsibility shall include compliance with all laws and regulations regarding the conditions at such premises, including, but not limited to the provision, installation and maintenance of sealed conduits with explosive-proof fittings between facilities furnished by the Company in explosive atmospheres and points outside the hazardous area where connection may be made with the facilities of the Company and installations and maintenance within the hazardous area if, in the opinion of the Company, injury or damage to the Company employees or property might result from installation or maintenance by the Company.
- **2.7.5** Cooperation. The Customer shall cooperate with the Company in installation, trouble determination and fault isolation. The Customer shall furnish such information on a continuing basis as is required by the Company to prepare, install, provide and maintain the Services.

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## 2.7 Obligations of the Customer (cont'd).

- **2.7.6** <u>Damage/Loss</u>. The Customer shall be responsible for and reimburse the Company for loss of or damage to Company-provided facilities caused by the negligence or willful act or omission of the Customer or its officers, employees, agents or contractors.
- **2.7.7** Compatibility. The Customer shall ensure that Customer-Provided Equipment and facilities are fully compatible with the Services and do not interfere with, or impair, the Services provided by the Company to other customers and do not endanger the safety of the Company employees or the public or damage or interfere with the proper functioning of the Company's facilities.
- 2.7.8 <u>Notice of Service Interruption</u>. It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify the Company of any interruption in service. Before giving such notice, the Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not being caused by any action or omission by the Customer within its control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by the Customer. The Customer shall be responsible for payment of a maintenance service charge in the event that a service difficulty or trouble report results from Customer acts or omissions or Customer-Provided Equipment connected to the Services.

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## 2.7 Obligations of the Customer (cont'd).

- **2.7.9 Interconnection.** The Customer shall take all necessary steps for the interconnection of Customer-Provided Equipment with Company-provided facilities. Interconnection between Customer-Provided Equipment and the Services, or between facilities or services provided to the Customer by another carrier and the Services, may be made by the Customer at an interface point designated by the Company. All terminal equipment and wiring necessary to connect to the channels at the designated interface point are provided by the Customer.
- **2.7.10** Safeguards. In order to protect the Company's facilities and personnel and the services provided by the Company to other customers from potentially harmful effects, the signals applied to the Services shall not induce harmful voltage or currents either in the conductors or between the conductors and ground.

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## 2.7 Obligations of the Customer (cont'd).

- **2.7.11 Operating Characteristics.** When the Services are used in connection with Customer-Provided Equipment, the operating characteristics of such facilities shall be such as not to interfere with any other service offered by the Company. The use of such facilities shall not endanger the safety of the Company employees or the public, damage or require change in or alteration of facilities of the Company, interfere with the proper functioning of such facilities, or otherwise injure the public in its use of the Company's services. Upon notice from the Company that any facility provided by the Customer is causing or is likely to cause such hazard or interference, the Customer shall take such steps as shall be necessary to promptly remove or prevent such hazard or interference.
- **2.7.12** <u>Inspections</u>. The Company may, upon reasonable notice to the Customer, make such inspections, including monitoring of the Customer's use of the Services, as may be necessary to determine that requirements of the Tariff are being complied with in the installation, operation and maintenance of Customer-Provided Equipment connected to the Company facilities.

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- 2.8 Application For Service, Establishment of Credit.
  - **2.8.1** Application for Service. The Company may require the Customer to submit an executed Service Order as a condition precedent to the initial establishment of the Services. The Company may make reasonable inquires as to the credit worthiness of the Customer in order to determine whether or not at its discretion to accept the Customer's application for the Services, including inquiries with consumer or commercial credit databases the Company may accept additions or changes to the Services verbally or in writing. Applications for the Services, including those for the installation, connection, repair, modification or termination of the Services, will be accepted only from the Customer or an authorized agent of the Customer.
  - **2.8.2 Establishment of Credit.** The Customer establishes credit by completing a Credit Application and other information or guarantees as may reasonably be required.

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- 2.9 <u>Customer Deposits</u>. The Company does not require a deposit from the Customer.
- **2.10** Advance Payments. For Customers whom the Company feels an advance payment is necessary, the Company reserves the right to collect an amount not to exceed one (1) month's estimated charges as an advance payment for service. This will be applied against the next month's charges and, if necessary, a new advance payment will be collected for the next month.

# 2.11 Placement of Orders.

- **2.11.1** General. The Customer is responsible for placing Service Orders. The Service Order shall identify the Services to be provided, indicate the locations at which the Services are to be installed, state the date on which the Services shall begin and provide a billing and a contact name and address for the Services.
- **2.11.2** Agency. The Customer may appoint an agent to act on its behalf. The Company will accept orders from an agent appointed by the Customer; an agency appointment must be sent to the Company in writing. If directed by the Customer, the bill for the Services will be sent to the agent. The bill will be issued in the name of the Customer, in care of the agent. The Customer retains responsibility for compliance with tariff regulations and any act or omission of the agent, regardless of any limitations the Customer may place on the agent's authority.

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## 2.11 Placement of Orders (cont'd).

- **2.11.3** <u>Automatic Numbering Identification Service</u>. Customers who obtain a telephone subscriber's information through ANI must comply with the following regulations adopted by the FCC regarding the use and sale of information derived from ANI:
  - (A) Customers are permitted to use the telephone number and billing information for billing and collection, routing, screening and completion of the originating telephone subscriber's Call or transaction, or for services directly related to the originating telephone subscriber's Call or transactions.
  - (B) Customers are prohibited from reusing or selling the telephone number or billing information without first (i) notifying the originating telephone subscriber, and (ii) obtaining the affirmative consent of such subscriber for such reuse or sale.
  - (C) Customers are prohibited from disclosing, except as permitted by the above, any information derived from the ANI Service for any purpose other than:
    (i) performing the services or transactions that are the subject of the telephone subscriber's Call, (ii) ensuring network performance security and the effectiveness of Call delivery, (iii) compiling, using and disclosing aggregate information, and (iv) complying with applicable law or legal process.

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# 2.12 Cancellation or Delay of Service Orders.

**2.12.1** Cancellation of a Service Order. The Customer may cancel a Service Order at any time prior to the due date. A Service Order is considered to have been canceled when the Company receives a notification of cancellation from the Customer. Such notification may not be retroactive. Cancellation charges will be equal to the Installation Charge applicable to the Service involved, unless the cancellation is caused by Company delay, or otherwise specified in the section of this Tariff applicable to the specific Services.

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#### 2.12 Cancellation or Delay of Service Orders (cont'd).

# 2.12.2 Delay of a Service Order.

- **2.12.2.A Delay of a Due Date by the Customer.** The Customer may delay the due date of a Service Order involving the installation or change of the Services when: (i) the request for the delay is received by the Company prior to the Service Order's due date; and (ii) the total delay measured from the Service Order's initial due date does not exceed thirty (30) cumulative calendar days. Service Orders involving the discontinuance of Service may be delayed at any time prior to the due date. There will be no maximum delay period for these orders. A Customer having delayed a Service Order for the maximum thirty (30) cumulative calendar day period may not delay the Service Order again. Customer instead has the option to (1) accept billing for the Services ordered, or (2) cancel the Service Order and pay the applicable Nonrecurring Charge(s) for the Services ordered. The billing or cancellation is effective on the thirtieth (30th) cumulative calendar day of the delay. If the Customer elects to accept billing, the installation will be completed as soon as reasonably practical after the Customer advises the Company.
- **2.12.2.B** Delay of a Due Date by the Company. The Company will make every reasonable effort to assure that the Services are furnished on the due date. However, in some cases a delay in the installation may be unavoidable. If an order is delayed beyond its due date for more than forty-five (45) cumulative calendar days and such delay is not requested or caused by the Customer, the Customer may cancel the Service Order without penalty or payment of Nonrecurring Charges.

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**2.13** <u>Customer Service</u>. Customer Service may be contacted in writing at ACG Telecom Services Incorporated., 12210 Fairfax Towne Center, Suite 815, Fairfax, VA 22033. The Customer can reach Customer Service via telephone by calling (888) 500-2329. Customer Service representatives are available twenty-four (24) hours per day, three hundred and sixty-five (365) days per year.

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**2.14** Cancellation of Service. The Customer may cancel the Services by giving thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Company. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Company places an order with the Underlying Carrier to cancel the Services. The Service are canceled when the Underlying Carrier moves the Customer to another carrier or when the Company receives notice from the Underlying Carrier that the Service has been canceled. The Customer will be liable for any traffic occurring with the Company through the cancellation date.

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- **2.15** <u>Disconnection of Service by Company.</u> The Company, upon five (5) working days written notice to the Customer, may discontinue service or cancel an application for service without incurring any liability for any of the following reasons:
  - **2.15.1** Non-Payment. Non-payment of any sum due to Company for regulated service for more than thirty (30) days beyond the date of rendition of the bill for such service.
  - **2.15.2 <u>Violation of Regulation.</u>** A violation of any regulation governing the service under this Tariff.
  - **2.15.3** <u>Violation of Law.</u> A violation of any law, rule, or regulation of any government authority having jurisdiction over such service.
  - **2.15.4** Notice. The Company has given the Customer notice and has allowed a reasonable time to comply with any rule, or remedy, and deficiency as stated in Rule 25-4.113, F.A.C., Refusal or Discontinuance of Service by Company.

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**2.16** Taxes. The Customer will be billed for and is liable for payment of all applicable federal, state and local taxes, surcharges, fees or other assessments, including such amounts as the Company may be authorized to pass through to the Customer. All taxes, surcharges, fees or other assessments are listed as separate line items and are not included in the quoted rates.

When utility or telecommunications assessments, franchise fees, or privilege, license, occupational, excise or other similar taxes or fees, based on intrastate receipts, are imposed by certain taxing jurisdictions upon the Company or upon any LEC and passed on to the Company through or with intrastate access charges, the amounts of such taxes or fees may be billed to the Customer in such a taxing jurisdiction on a prorated basis. The amount of charge that is prorated to each Customer's bill is determined by the intrastate telecommunications services provided to and billed to a Customer service location in such a taxing jurisdiction with the aggregate of such charges equal to the amount of the tax or fee imposed upon or passed on to the Company.

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#### 2.17 Rendering and Payment of Bills.

- **2.17.1** General. The Customer is ultimately responsible for payment of all charges for the Services provided by the Company to the Customer and its End Users, including, but not limited to, charges associated with Calls originated at the Customer's number(s), accepted at the Customer's number(s) or billed to the Customer's number(s) via Calling Cards, and the Services requested by the Customer.
- **2.17.2 Billing Period.** The billing period is generally one calendar month; provided, however, that for purposes of billing Monthly Recurring Charges, each month is considered to have thirty (30) days. Usage Charges for the Services will be billed monthly in arrears; Monthly Recurring Charges will be billed monthly in advance; one-time fees will be billed upon completion of the associated Service. Monthly Charges start on the day after the Services are installed, but not before the due date of the order unless the Customer agrees to an earlier installation. Monthly Recurring Charges accrue through and include the day that the Services are discontinued.
- **2.17.3** Rendering Bills. Bills will generally be rendered on a monthly basis. Bills are sent via U.S. mail to the most recent billing address provided to the Company by the Customer. Some bills may be rendered by an LEC on behalf of the Company.

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- 2.17 Rendering and Payment of Bills (cont'd).
  - **2.17.4** Payment of Bills. All payments for bills rendered are due in their entirety upon receipt.
  - 2.17.5 <u>Billing Disputes</u>. Billing will be deemed to be correct and binding on the Customer unless the Customer notifies the Company in writing of any dispute within thirty (30) days of the date of the invoice on which the disputed charges appear. Disputed charges and subsequent billings must be paid on a timely basis by the Customer pending resolution of any dispute over charges. Billing disputes should be addressed in writing to ACG Telecom Services Incorporated, 12210 Fairfax Towne Center, Suite 815, Fairfax, VA 22033. Billing disputes may also be referred to the Company's Customer Service number, (888) 500-2329. Customer Service representatives are available to assist with billing inquiries Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Eastern Time.
  - **2.17.6** <u>Collection Service Charge</u>. If the Services to the Customer are terminated for non-payment pursuant to Section 2.15.2.A, a collection service charge of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be applied in addition to the total amount due.

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- **2.17.7 Billing Entity Conditions.** If billing functions are performed on behalf of the Company by LECs, credit card companies or others, the payment conditions and regulations of such billing entities apply, including any applicable interest and/or late payment charge conditions.
- **2.17.8 Pro-Rated Charges.** When the billing date and the date that the Services are started, changed, or discontinued do not coincide, Monthly Recurring Charges will be adjusted to reflect the fractional part of the month involved.
- **2.17.9** Business Use of Calling Cards. In the event that ten (10) or more Calling Cards are issued by the Company to the Customer for use by employees of the Customer, the Customer shall be liable for all unauthorized use of any of the issued Calling Cards.

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## 2.17 Rendering and Payment of Bills (cont'd).

- **2.17.10** <u>Credit Allowance</u>. Subject to Sections 2.2, 2.3 and 2.7, the Customer will receive a credit allowance for any portion of a Call which is interrupted due to poor transmission, one-way transmission or involuntary disconnection in an amount equal to charges assessed for the period in which the Call was interrupted. However, no credit allowance will be made for the following:
  - (A) Interruptions caused by the negligence of the Customer, user or others;
  - (B) Interruptions due to the failure of equipment or systems provided by others;
  - (C) Interruptions during any period in which the Company is not afforded access to the premises where a circuit is terminated;
  - (D) Interruptions during any period when the Customer or user has released a circuit or arrangement to the Company for maintenance purposes, to make rearrangements, or for the implementation of a Customer Order for a change or rearrangement.
  - (E) Interruptions which continue because of the failure of the Customer to authorize replacement of any element of special construction. The period for which no credit allowance is made begins on the seventh (7th) day after the Customer receives the Company's written notification of the need for such replacement and ends on the day after receipt by the Company of the Customer's written authorization for such replacement.
  - (F) Periods when the Customer elects not to release the circuit or arrangement for testing and/or repair and continues to use it on an impaired basis.

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**2.18** Minimum Payment Periods/Volume and Term Discounts - Switched Services. The charges applicable for a Minimum Payment Period include the Monthly Recurring Charge(s), plus any Nonrecurring Charge(s), that may be due. The Minimum Payment Period is calculated from the date that billing starts after (1) the initial installation, or (2) a reinstallation after a change, as applicable.

Volume and term discounts are available to Customers taking selected Services and committing to generate specified levels of revenues for specified numbers of months/years. Only revenues derived from the specific Service to which the volume/term commitment relates will apply to the Customer's satisfaction of those commitments.

In the event that a Customer discontinues the Services prior to the expiration of a Minimum Payment Period, the Customer shall pay to the Company upon discontinuance an amount equal to the difference between the aggregate revenue commitment (total number of months/years in the Minimum Payment Period times the monthly/ yearly committed revenue level) and the total amount of revenues received by the Company from the Customer (or in the case of a Reseller, the Customer's End Users) for the Services to which the volume/term commitment applies.

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# 2.18 Minimum Payment Periods/Volume and Term Discounts - Switched Services (cont'd).

In the event that a Customer fails to meet a revenue commitment for a Minimum Payment Period, the Customer shall pay to the Company upon the expiration of that commitment term an amount equal to the difference between the aggregate revenue commitment (total number of months/years in the Minimum Payment Period times the monthly/yearly committed revenue level) and the total amount of revenues received by the Company from the Customer (or in the case of a Reseller, the Customer's End Users) for the Services to which the volume/term commitment applies.

If by the end of the first year of a multi-year Minimum Payment Period, the Company has not received from the Customer volume/term commitment revenues equal to the aggregate revenue commitment divided by the number of years in the overall Minimum Payment Period, times a factor of 0.75, the Company reserves the right to charge the Customer the discounted usage rate applicable to the volume commitment level equal to the Customer's actual average monthly usage during that first year. No such rate increase shall relieve the Customer of the volume/term liability to which it originally committed.

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**2.19** Availability. The Service is available full-time, twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, fifty-two (52) weeks a year.

#### 2.20 Contacts.

(a) Customer complaints, bill inquiries, new service or disconnect requests should be directed to:

ACG TELECOM SERVICES INCORPORATED 12210 Fairfax Towne Center Suite 815 Fairfax, VA 22033

Telephone: (888) 500-2329 Facsimile: (703) 803-9873

(b) Other contacts with the Company should be directed to:

E. Timothy Kovanic, President ACG TELECOM SERVICES INCORPORATED 12210 Fairfax Towne Center Suite 815 Fairfax, VA 22033

Telephone: (703) 222-0545 Facsimile: (703) 803-9873

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#### **SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES**

## 3.1 <u>Timing of Calls.</u>

- **Timing of Calls.** Chargeable time is determined by the duration of the Call. Calls are timed and measured by the Underlying Carrier. Timing for all Calls begins when the Called Station answers the Call (*i.e.*, when two-way communications are established). Answer detection is based on standard industry answer detection methods, including hardware and software answer detection. Chargeable time ends when either the Called Station or the Calling Station disconnects from the Call. There are no billing charges applied for incomplete Calls.
- **3.1.2** Time of Day Sensitive Services. Different rates may be applicable at different times of the day, as specified in the appropriate rate schedule for the Service.
- **3.1.3** Overlapping Rate Periods. Calls which extend over multiple rate periods will be charged according to the rates applicable to the time recorded in each rate period.
- **3.1.4** <u>Uncompleted Calls.</u> There shall be no charges for uncompleted calls.

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# 3.2 <u>Calculation of Rates and Charges.</u>

3.2.1 <u>Mileage Sensitive Services</u>. Usage Charges for all mileage sensitive Services are based on the airline mileage between the Rate Centers associated with the originating and terminating points of the Call. Each Rate Center has a unique set of assigned vertical and horizontal ("V & H") coordinates which are used by the Underlying Carrier for calculating distance.

The airline mileage between Rate Centers is determined by applying the formula below to the vertical and horizontal ("V & H") coordinates associated with the Rate Centers involved. The Company uses the Rate Centers and associated V & H coordinates that are produced by Bell Communications Research in its NPA-NXX V & H Coordinates Tape.

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

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- 3.2 <u>Calculation of Rates and Charges (cont'd)</u>.
  - 3.2.2 <u>Initial and Incremental Units</u>. The rates for all Services are based on an Initial Call Unit plus any Incremental Call Units. The Initial Call Unit is thirty (30) seconds. Incremental Call Units are billed in six (6) second increments.
  - **3.2.3** Application of Usage Charges. Usage Charges apply to all completed Calls. If the Usage Charge includes a fraction of a cent equal to or greater than \$.005, the fraction is rounded up to the next whole cent. If the Usage Charge includes a fraction of a cent less than \$.005, the fraction is rounded down to the next whole cent.
- 3.3 <u>Minimum Call Completion Rate</u>. The Customer can expect a Call completion rate (*e.g.*, number of Calls completed/number of Calls attempted) of not less than ninety percent (90%) during peak use periods.

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## 3.4 <u>Service Offerings</u>.

- 3.4.1 <u>Switched Outbound Services.</u> Switched Outbound Service is offered on a per-Call basis to Customers which originate and terminate within the State of Florida. Outbound Service is accessed on a conventional "1+" pre-subscribed direct dial basis over the facilities of a LEC. Calls originate and terminate via Switched Access provided by a LEC or other authorized access provider. The Customer is responsible for establishing originating local access facilities or equipment and for all nonrecurring, recurring, construction and other charges in connection with such originating access.
- 3.4.2 <u>Dedicated Outbound Services.</u> Dedicated Outbound Services permit a Customer to establish a communications path between two (2) stations by using a uniform dialing plan. Dedicated outbound services are provided through T-1 or DS0 dedicated access and are available to customers that have T-1 or DS0 dedicated access to the underlying carrier's POP. The Customer is responsible for securing dedicated access to the underlying carrier's POP and for all nonrecurring and recurring, construction and other charges incurred in connection with establishing such Dedicated Access. At the Customer's request, the Company will arrange for dedicated access to the underlying carrier's POP and pass through to the Customer all costs incurred in establishing such access.

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# 3.4 <u>Service Offerings (cont'd)</u>.

- 3.4.3 Switched Inbound Services. Switched Inbound Service provides the Customer with one or more 800/888/877 numbers which when dialed within the State of Florida will terminate on Customer-designated facilities or equipment within the State of Florida. All charges accruing in connection with usage of the Customer's assigned 800/888/877 numbers are billed to the Customer rather than the party originating the Call. Calls terminate via Switched Access provided by a LEC or other authorized access provider. The Customer is responsible for establishing originating local access facilities or equipment and for all nonrecurring, recurring, construction and other charges in connection with such originating access.
- 3.4.4 <u>Dedicated Inbound Services</u>. Dedicated Inbound Services permit Calls to be completed to the Customer's location without charge to the Calling Station. Access to the Service is gained by dialing a ten digit telephone number, (800/888/877) NXX-XXXX, which terminates at the Customer's Premises. Dedicated Inbound Services are available only to Customers that have terminating T-1 or DS0 access to the underlying carrier's POP. The Customer is responsible for all nonrecurring, recurring, construction and other charges incurred in connection with establishing such terminating dedicated access. At the Customer's request, the Company will arrange for terminating dedicated access to the underlying carrier's POP and pass through to the Customer all costs incurred in establishing such access.

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# 3.4 Service Offerings (cont'd).

3.4.5 <u>Post-Paid Calling Card Service</u>. Calling Card Service is an outbound service offered on a per-Call basis to Customers originating calls which originate and terminate within the State of Florida. Calling Card Service is accessed by dialing the Company's universal access toll free number to complete direct dialed or operator assisted calls. Calling Card Service is billed in initial and incremental call units of thirty (30) and six (6) seconds, respectively.

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# 3.4 <u>Service Offerings (cont'd)</u>.

#### 3.4.6 Miscellaneous Services.

3.4.6.A Three Way Conference Service. The Company's Three Way Conference is a service feature available to the Calling Card Customer and allows the Customer to add on a third party to any already established telephone conversation from any touch-tone telephone in the Contiguous United States. The Initial and Incremental Call Units for Three Way Conference Service will always be one (1) minute.

3.4.6.B <u>Directory Assistance Service</u>. Directory Assistance involves the supplying of assistance in determining or attempting to determine the telephone number of a party. Directory Assistance is provided by the Underlying Carrier. Directory Assistance is only available to Customers who have access to the Directory Assistance bureau of the Underlying Carrier.

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## 3.4 <u>Service Offerings (cont'd)</u>.

# 3.4.7 Special Services.

#### 3.4.7.A <u>Telecommunications Relay Service</u>.

- .1 <u>General</u>. The Company will provide access to a telephone relay center for Telecommunications Relay Service. The service permits telephone communications between hearing and/or speech impaired individuals who must use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) or a Teletypewriter (TTY) and individuals with normal hearing and speech. The Relay Service can be reached by dialing an 800/888/877 Number. Specific 800/888/877 numbers have been designated for both impaired and non-impaired Customers to use.
- Regulations. Calls may not be placed through the Relay Service to informational recordings and group bridging services or time or weather recorded messages. Additionally, station sent paid calls from coin telephones, operator-handled conference service and other teleconference calls may not be placed through the Relay Service.

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#### 3.4 Service Offerings (cont'd).

#### 3.4.7 Special Services (cont'd).

#### 3.4.7.A <u>Telecommunications Relay Service (cont'd)</u>.

.3 **Liability.** The Company contracts with an outside provider for the provision of this service. The outside provider has complete control over the provision of the service except for the facilities provided directly to the Company. In addition to other provisions of this Tariff dealing with liability, in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Company, the Company shall not be liable for and the Customer, by using the service, agrees to release, defend and hold harmless for all damages, whether direct, incidental or consequential, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the Customer or by any other person, for any loss or destruction of any property, whatsoever whether covered by the Customer or others, or for any personal injury to or death of, any person. Not withstanding any provision to the contrary, in no event shall the Company be liable for any special, incidental, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages of any nature whatsoever.

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## **SECTION 4 - RATES AND CHARGES**

#### 4.1 Rate Schedule.

- **4.1.1** General. This section sets forth the rates and charges applicable to the Services. All rates are set forth in U.S. dollars.
- **4.1.2 Rating Methodology.** Usage-sensitive charges for the Services are applied on a per-Call basis. Message charges are based on the duration of the Call.
- **4.1.3 Billing Fees.** A monthly billing fee may be assessed under individual service options.
- **4.1.4** Set-up Fees. A one-time service fee may be assessed under individual service options.
- **4.1.5** <u>Credit Card Fees.</u> A monthly service fee and per-Call surcharges may be assessed under individual service options for credit card usage.
- **4.1.6** Operator Service Charges. Operator Service charges are billed by the Underlying Carrier or its agent; the Company does not provide or bill for Operator Services.
- **4.1.7** <u>Directory Assistance Charges.</u> Directory Assistance charges are billed at the Underlying Carrier's rates; the Company does not provide Directory Assistance.

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# 4.2 <u>Outbound Service Option Rates.</u>

# 4.2.1 Switched Outbound Rates.

<u>Initial</u> <u>Incremental</u>

\$ .0432 \$ .0144

#### 4.2.2 <u>Dedicated Outbound Rates</u>.

<u>Initial</u> <u>Incremental</u>

\$ .0258 \$ .0086

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4.3 <u>Inbound Service Option Rates.</u>

4.3.1 Switched Inbound Rates.

<u>Initial</u> <u>Incremental</u>

\$ .0432 \$ .0144

4.3.2 <u>Dedicated Inbound Rates</u>.

<u>Initial</u> <u>Incremental</u>

\$ .0258 \$ .0086

**4.3.3 Inbound Service Payphone Surcharge.** The Customer will be assessed a surcharge of \$ .25 for each Inbound Service Call placed from a payphone.

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# 4.4 <u>Calling Card Service Rates.</u>

# 4.4.1 Post-Paid Calling Card Rates.

<u>Initial</u> <u>Incremental</u>

\$ .10 \$ .02

# Calling Card Service Charge:

The Customer will not be assessed a surcharge for Calling Card Service Calls.

Calling Card Service Payphone Surcharge:

The Customer will be assessed a surcharge of \$ .25 for each Calling Card Service Call placed from a payphone.

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- 4.5 Miscellaneous Service Rates.
  - 4.5.1 Three Way Conference Service.

Per Minute Charge Per Port:

\$ .30

Per Conference Bridge Charge Per Port:

\$ 1.50

- **4.5.2** Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Change Charge. The Company reserves the right to assess on the Customer a one time Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Change Charge of \$5.00 upon initiation of the Services.
- **4.5.3** Pass-Through Charges. The Company reserves the right to pass through to the Customer any charges resulting from governmental assessment, fee, tax, charges or other action.

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- 4.5 <u>Miscellaneous Service Rates (cont'd)</u>.
  - 4.5.4 Special Rates for the Handicapped.
    - **4.5.4.A Directory Assistance.** There shall be no charge for up to fifty (50) calls per billing cycle from lines or trunks serving individuals with disabilities. The Company shall charge the prevailing tariff rates for every call in excess of fifty (50) within a billing cycle.
    - **4.5.4.B** Hearing and Speech Impaired Persons. Intrastate toll message rates for TDD users shall be evening rates for daytime calls and night rates for evening and night calls.
    - **Telecommunications Relay Service.** For intrastate toll calls received from the relay service, the Company will when billing relay calls discount relay service calls by fifty percent (50%) off of the otherwise 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 shall be discounted sixty percent (60%) off of the otherwise applicable rate for a voice nonrelay call. The above discounts apply only to time-sensitive elements of a charge for the call and shall not apply to per call charges such as a credit card surcharge.

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4.6 Determining Applicable Rate in Effect. For the initial minute, the rate applicable at the start of chargeable time at calling station applies. For additional minutes, the rate applicable is that rate which is in effect at the calling station when the additional minute(s) begin. That is, if charges time begins during Peak period, the Peak Rate applies to the initial minute and to any additional minutes that the call continues during the rate period. If the call continues into a different rate period, the appropriate rates from that period apply to any additional minutes occurring in that rate period. If an additional minute is split between two rate periods, the rate period applicable at the start of the minute applies to the entire minute.

# 4.7 Payment of Calls.

- **4.7.1** Late Payment Charges. Interest charges of 1.5% per month will assessed on all unpaid balances more than thirty days old.
- **Return Check Charges.** A return check charge of \$25.00 will be assessed for checks returned for insufficient funds if the face value does not exceed \$50.00, \$30.00 if the face value does exceed \$50.00 but does not exceed \$300.00, \$40.00 if the face value exceeds \$300.00 or 5% of the value of the check, whichever is greater.
- **Restoration of Service.** A reconnection fee of \$25.00 per occurrence is charges when service is re-established for Customers who had been disconnected for non-payment.

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