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Ms. Blanca Bayo  
Director of Communications  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oaks Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

RE: Enclosed for filing is the Application and Tariff of **Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem**, for Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Service Between Points within the State of Florida

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Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing are the original and six (6) copies of the Application and Tariff of Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem, for Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Service Between Points within the State of Florida. A check in the amount of \$250.00 for the Application Fee is also enclosed.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by returning, file stamped, the extra enclosed copy of this letter in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided for that purpose.

Any questions you may have regarding this application may be addressed to me at the above address, or by calling (407) 740-8575. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Forte  
Consultant to Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.  
d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem

Enclosures

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**FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**DIVISION OF REGULATORY OVERSIGHT  
CERTIFICATION SECTION**

**APPLICATION FORM FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE  
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE  
BETWEEN POINTS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

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**Instructions**

- ◆ This form is used as an original application for an original certificate and for approval of assignment or transfer of an existing certificate. In case of an assignment or transfer, the information provided shall be for the assignee or transferee (See Page 16).
- ◆ Print or Type all responses to each item requested in the application and appendices. If an item is not applicable, please explain why.
- ◆ Use a separate sheet for each answer which will not fit the allotted space.
- ◆ 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 Records and Reporting  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850  
(850) 413-6770**

- ◆ If you have questions about completing the form, contact:

**Florida Public Service Commission  
Division of Regulatory Oversight  
Certification Section  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850  
(850) 413-6480**

1. **This is an application for  $\sqrt$  (check one):**

- Original certificate** (new company)
- Approval of transfer of existing certificate:** Example, a non-certificated company purchases an existing company and desires to retain the certificate of authority of that company.
- Approval of assignment of existing certificate:** Example, a certificated company purchases an existing company and desires to retain the certificate of authority of that company.
- Approval of transfer of control:** Example, a company purchases 51% of a certificated company. The Commission must approve a new controlling entity.

2. **Name of Company:**

Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem

3. **Name under which applicant will do business (fictitious name, etc.):**

Buckeye TeleSystem ("Buckeye")

4. **Official mailing address (including street name & number, post office box, city, state, zip code):**

Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem  
5566 Southwyck Boulevard  
Toledo, Ohio 43614  
Phone: 419-724-9802  
Fax: 419-724-7074  
Toll Free: 800-213-4237

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

Not Applicable

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

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

7. **Structure of organization:**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foreign Corporation | <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Partnership            | <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                          |  |

8. **If individual, provide:**

**Name:** Not applicable  
**Title:**  
**Address:**  
**City, ST, Zip:**  
**Telephone #:**  
**Fax #:**  
**Internet E-Mail Address:**  
**Internet Website Address:**

9. **If incorporated in Florida**, provide proof of authority to operate in Florida:

**Florida Secretary of State Corporate Registration #:** Not applicable

10. **If foreign corporation**, provide proof of authority to operate in Florida:

**Florida Secretary of State Corporate Registration #:** F01000000984

Please see Exhibit I.

11. **If using fictitious name-d/b/a**, provide proof of compliance with fictitious name statute (Chapter 865.09,FS to operate in Florida:

**Florida Secretary of State fictitious name registration #:** G01050900035

12. **If a limited liability partnership**, provide proof of registration to operate in Florida:

**Florida Secretary of State registration #:** Not applicable

13. **If a partnership**, provide name, title and address of all partners and a copy of the partnership agreement.

**Name:**

**Title:**

**Address:**

**City, ST, Zip:**

**Telephone #:**

**Fax #:**

**Internet E-Mail Address:**

**Internet Website Address:**

14. **If a foreign limited partnership**, provide proof of compliance with the foreign limited partnership statute (Chapter 620.169,FS), if applicable.

**Florida registration #:** Not applicable

15. Provide **F.E.I.N.** (if applicable): 34-1782825

**16. Provide the following (if applicable):**

(a) **Will the name of your company appear on the bill for your services?**

**Yes**       **No**

(b) **If not, who will bill for your services?**

**Name:**

**Title:**

**Address:**

**City, ST, Zip:**

**Telephone #:**

**Fax #:**

**Internet E-Mail Address:**

**Internet Website Address:**

(c) **How is this information provided?**

Not applicable

**17. Who will receive the bills for your service?**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential customers                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business customers    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PATS providers  | <input type="checkbox"/> PATS station end-users           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hotels & motels   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel & motel guests             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Universities  | <input type="checkbox"/> Universities dormitory residents |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Anyone who uses the Company's service |   |

**18. Who will serve as liaison to the Commission with regard to the following:**

**(a) the application:**

Thomas M. Forte, Consultant  
Consultant to Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.  
d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem  
Technologies Management, Inc.  
P.O. Drawer 200  
Winter Park, Florida 32790-0200  
Telephone: (407) 740-8575  
Facsimile: (407) 740-0613  
Internet E-Mail Address: tforte@tminc.com

**(b) Official point of contact for the ongoing operations of the company:**

Mr. Thomas K. Dawson  
Director of Regulatory Affairs  
Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem  
5566 Southwyck Boulevard  
Toledo, Ohio 43614  
Phone: 419-724-9802  
Fax: 419-724-7074  
Toll Free: 800-213-4237

**(c) Complaints/Inquiries from customers:**

Customer Service Department  
Buckeye TeleSystem  
5566 Southwyck Boulevard  
Toledo, Ohio 43614  
Toll Free: 800-213-4237

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

**(a) has operated as an interexchange telecommunications company:**

Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. is certificated in the following states: Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Virginia, Wisconsin

**(b) has applications pending to be certificated as an interexchange telecommunications company:**

Arizona, Georgia, Nevada

**(c) is certificated to operate as an interexchange telecommunications company:**

See (a) above

**(d) has been denied authority to operate as an interexchange telecommunications company and the circumstances involved:**

Yes. The Maryland Commission, during the application process, requested complete financials from the parent corporation, Block Communications. Block Communications is privately held by the Block family. The Block family, as Block Communications, declined to make their financials public. Under these circumstances, the Maryland Public Utilities Commission decided, in a 4 to 1 decision, to deny the application of Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. does not intend to reapply.

**(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



20. **Indicate if any of the officers, directors, or any of the ten largest stockholders have previously been:**

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

No officer, director or stockholder of the Company has been adjudged bankrupt, mentally incompetent, or found guilty of any felony or of any crime. No officer, director or stockholder of the Company is involved in proceedings which may result in such action.

(b) **an 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.**

No officer, director, partner or stockholder of the Company is an officer director or stockholder in any other Florida certificated telephone company.

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

- A.  **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
- B.  **MTS with route specific rates per minute**  
 Method of access is FGA  
 Method of access is FGB  
 Method of access is FGD  
 Method of access is 800
- C.  **MTS with statewide flat rates per minute (i.e. not distance sensitive)**  
 Method of access is FGA  
 Method of access is FGB  
 Method of access is FGD  
 Method of access is 800
- D.  **MTS for pay telephone service providers.**
- E.  **Block of time calling plan (Reach Out Florida, Ring America, etc.)**
- F.  **800 Service (Toll free)**
- G.  **WATS type service (Bulk or volume discount)**  
 Method of access is via dedicated facilities  
 Method of access is via switched facilities
- H.  **Private line services (Channel Services) (For ex. 1.544 mbps, DS-3, etc.)**
- I.  **Travel service**  
 Method of access is 950  
 Method of access is 800
- J.  **900 service**
- K.  **Operator Services**  
 Available to presubscribed customers  
 Available to non presubscribed customers (for example, 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

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

Please see Exhibit II.

23. **Submit the following:**

- A. **Managerial capability:** give resumes of employees/officers of the company that would indicate sufficient managerial experiences of each.
- B. **Technical capability:** give resumes of employees/officers of the company that would indicate sufficient technical experiences or indicate what company has been contracted to conduct technical maintenance.

Please see Exhibit III.

- C. **Financial capability.**

The application **should contain** the applicant's audited financial statements for the most recent 3 years. If the applicant does not have audited financial statements, it shall so be stated.

The unaudited financial statements should be signed by the applicant's chief executive officer and chief financial officer **affirming that the financial statements are true and correct** and should include:

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

*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.*

Further, the following (which includes supporting documentation) should be provided:

1. **A written explanation** that the applicant has sufficient financial capability to provide the requested service
2. **A written explanation** that the applicant has sufficient financial capability to maintain the requested service.
3. **A written explanation** that the applicant has sufficient financial capability to meet its lease or ownership obligations

Please see Exhibit IV.

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED

APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT 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.

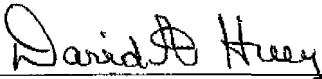
3. **SALES TAX:**

I understand that a seven percent sales tax must be paid on intra and interstate revenues.

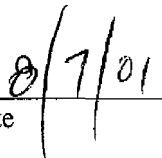
4. **APPLICATION FEE:**

A non-refundable application fee of \$250.00 must be submitted with the application.

**UTILITY OFFICIAL:**



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**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 provided in one of the following ways (applicant, please  check one):

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

**UTILITY OFFICIAL:**

*David G. Huey*

Mr. David G. Huey, President  
Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem  
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**AFFIDAVIT**

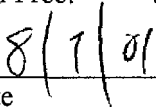
By my signature below, I the undersigned owner or officer attest to the accuracy of the information contained in this application and attached documents and that the applicant has the technical expertise, managerial ability, and financial capability to provide alternative local exchange company service in the state of Florida. I have read the foregoing and declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information is true and correct. I attest that I have the authority to sign on behalf of my company and agree to comply, now and in the future, with all applicable Commission rules and orders.

**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:**



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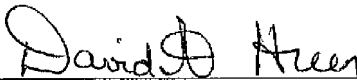
## CURRENT FLORIDA INTRASTATE SERVICES

Applicant **has** ( ) or **has not** (/) 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?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b) If the services are not currently offered, when were they discontinued?

### UTILITY OFFICIAL:



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4-7-01  
Date

## CERTIFICATE TRANSFER, OR ASSIGNMENT STATEMENT

(Not applicable as to Toledo Area Telecommunications Service)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and current holder of Florida Public Service Commission Certificate Number # \_\_\_\_\_, have reviewed this application and join in the petitioner's request for a:

- Transfer
- Assignment

of the above mentioned certificate.

### UTILITY OFFICIAL:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name, Title  
Company  
Street  
City, State, Zip  
Phone:  
Fax:  
Toll Free:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.  
d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem**

Exhibit I

Florida Secretary of State Certificate



**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**  
**Katherine Harris**  
Secretary of State

February 20, 2001

**BUCKEYE TELESYSTEM**  
590 PARK STREET, STE 6  
ST PAUL, MN 55103

**Subject: BUCKEYE TELESYSTEM**

**REGISTRATION NUMBER: G01050900035**

This will acknowledge the filing of the above fictitious name registration which was registered on February 19, 2001. This registration gives no rights to ownership of the name.

Each fictitious name registration must be renewed every five years between January 1 and December 31 of the expiration year to maintain registration. Three months prior to the expiration date a statement of renewal will be mailed.

**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BUSINESS TO NOTIFY THIS OFFICE IN WRITING IF THEIR MAILING ADDRESS CHANGES.** Whenever corresponding please provide assigned Registration Number.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter you may contact our office at (850) 488-9000.

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Division of Corporations

Letter No. 301A00010672

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE****Katherine Harris  
Secretary of State**

February 20, 2001

**UNISEARCH, INC.  
590 PARK STREET, STE 6  
ST PAUL, MN 55103**

Qualification documents for TOLEDO AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC. were filed on February 19, 2001 and assigned document number F0100000984. Please refer to this number whenever corresponding with this office.

Your corporation is now qualified and authorized to transact business in Florida as of the file date.

A corporation annual report/uniform business report will be due this office between January 1 and May 1 of the year following the calendar year of the file date. A Federal Employer Identification (FEI) number will be required before this report can be filed. If you do not already have an FEI number, please apply NOW with the Internal Revenue by calling 1-800-829-3676 and requesting form SS-4.

Please be aware if the corporate address changes, it is the responsibility of the corporation to notify this office.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please telephone (850) 487-6051, the Foreign Qualification/Tax Lien Section.

**Michael Mays  
Document Specialist  
Division of Corporations**

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**Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.  
d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem**

Exhibit II

Proposed Long Distance Tariff

**TITLE PAGE**

FLORIDA TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

OF

**Toledo Area Telecommunications Service, Inc.**

d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem

This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of resold telecommunication services provided by Toledo Area Telecommunications Service, Inc. with principal offices located at 5566 Southwyck Boulevard, Toledo, Ohio 43614. This tariff applies to 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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**CHECK SHEET**

Pages of this tariff, as indicated below, are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective pages. Original and revised pages, as named below, comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this page.

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### SYMBOLS

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

- (D) Delete or discontinue
- (I) Change resulting in an increase to a Customer's bill
- (M) Moved from another tariff location
- (N) New
- (R) Change resulting in a reduction to a Customer's bill
- (T) Change in text or regulation but no change in rate or charge

When changes are made in any tariff sheet, a revised sheet will be issued canceling the tariff sheet affected. Changes will be identified on the revised sheet(s) through the use of the above mentioned symbols.

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**TARIFF FORMAT**

- A. Sheet Numbering** - Sheet numbers appear in the upper right corner of the sheet. Sheets are numbered sequentially. However, new sheets are occasionally added to the tariff. When a new sheet is added between sheets already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new sheet added between sheets 14 and 15 would be 14.1.
- B. Sheet Revision Numbers** - Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each sheet. These numbers are used to determine the most current sheet version on file with the FPSC. For example, the 4th revised Sheet 14 cancels the 3rd revised Sheet 14. Because of various suspension periods, deferrals, etc. the FPSC follows in their tariff approval process, the most current sheet number on file with the Commission is not always the tariff sheet in effect. Consult the check sheet for sheet currently in effect.
- C. Paragraph Numbering Sequence** - There are seven levels of paragraph coding. Each level of coding is subservient to its next higher level:
- 2.
  - 2.1.
  - 2.1.1.
  - 2.1.1(A)
  - 2.1.1(A)(1)
  - 2.1.1(A)(1)(a)
  - 2.1.1(A)(1)(a)(1)
- D. Check Sheets** - When a tariff filing is made with the FPSC, an updated check sheet accompanies the tariff filing. The check sheet lists the sheets contained in the tariff, with a cross reference to the current revision number. When new sheets are added, the check sheet is changed to reflect the revision. All revisions made in a given filing are designated by an asterisk (\*). There will be no other symbols used on the check sheet if these are the only changes made to it (i.e., the format, etc. remains the same, just revised revision levels on some sheets). The tariff user should refer to the latest check sheet to find out if a particular sheet is the most current on file with the FPSC.

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**SECTION 1.0 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

**Abbreviations**

The following abbreviations are used herein only for the purposes indicated below:

<b>FCC</b>	-	Federal Communications Commission
<b>FPSC</b>	-	Florida Public Service Commission
<b>IXC</b>	-	Interexchange Carrier
<b>LEC</b>	-	Local Exchange Carrier
<b>Buckeye</b>	-	Toledo Area Telecommunications Service, Inc.

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**SECTION 1.0 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS, (CONT'D.)**

**Access** - Access to Buckeye TeleSystem's services are provided by one or more or a combination of the following methods: presubscription in equal access areas, direct access, 800, 950 and 10XXX dialing sequences.

**Access Code** - A sequence of numbers that, when dialed, connect the caller to the provider of services associated with that sequence.

**Authorization Code** - A numerical code, one or more of which may be assigned to a Customer, to enable the Company to identify the origin of the Service User so the Company may rate and bill the call. All Authorization Codes shall be the sole property of the Company and no Customer shall have any property or other right or interest in the use of any particular Authorization Code. Automatic Numbering Identification ("ANI") may be used as or in connection with the Authorization Code.

**Authorized User** - A person or entity that accesses the Company's services. An Authorized User is responsible for compliance with this tariff.

**Automatic Numbering Identification (ANI)** - A type of signaling provided by a local exchange telephone company that automatically identifies the local exchange line from which a call originates

**Billed Party** - The person or entity responsible for payment of the Company's Service(s): For a Direct Dialed Call, the person or entity responsible for payment is the Customer responsible for payment for local telephone service at the telephone used to originate an intrastate call. In the case of a Travel Card call, or other credit card call (herein collectively the "Card"), the person or entity responsible for payment is the Customer of record of the Travel Card, or other valid and acceptable Card used. In the case of a collect or third party call, the person or entity responsible for payment is the person responsible for payment for local telephone service at the telephone number that agrees to accept charges for the call. In the case of a Room Charge Call, the entity responsible for payment is the Aggregator controlling the telephone used to originate the intrastate call. In all Operator Assisted calls not involving Cards, third party calls, collect calls or Room Charge calls, the person or entity responsible for payment is the Customer responsible for payment for local telephone services at the telephone used to originate the intrastate call.

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**Buckeye** - Toledo Area Telecommunications Service, Inc., issuer of this tariff.

**Commission** - The Florida Public Service Commission.

**Company or Carrier** - Toledo Area Telecommunications Service, Inc. unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context.

**Customer** - Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity which uses telecommunications services under the provisions and regulations of this tariff and is responsible for payment of charges.

**LEC** - Local Exchange Company

**Marks** - A collective term to mean such items as trademarks, service marks, trade names and logos; copyrighted words, artwork, designs, pictures or images; or any other device or merchandise to which legal rights or ownership are held or reserved by an entity.

**Personal Identification Number (PIN)** - A numeric or alpha-numeric sequence which uniquely identifies a travel card or Prepaid card account. See Authorization Code.

**Subscriber** - The person or legal entity which enters into arrangements for the Company's telecommunications services on behalf of him/her self or on behalf of a transient third party. A Subscriber may also be an End User when he/she utilizes the telecommunications services of Toledo Area Telecommunications Service, Inc.

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## SECTION 2.0 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 2.1 Undertaking of the Company

Buckeye's services and facilities are furnished for communications originating at specified points within the state of Florida under terms of this tariff. Buckeye installs, operates, and maintains the communications services provided herein under in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this tariff.

### 2.2 Applicability of Tariff

This tariff is applicable to telecommunications services provided by Buckeye within the state of Florida.

### 2.3 Limitations of Service

**2.3.1** Service will be furnished subject to the availability of the necessary facilities and/or equipment and subject to the provisions of this tariff.

**2.3.2** Buckeye reserves the right to discontinue furnishing service when necessitated by conditions beyond its control, or when the Customer is using the service in violation of the provisions of this tariff, or in violation of law.

**2.3.3** The Company does not undertake to transmit messages, but offers the use of its facilities when available, and will not be liable for errors in transmission or for failure to establish connections.

**2.3.4** Buckeye reserves the right to discontinue the offering of service if a change in regulation materially and negatively impacts the financial viability of the service in the best business judgment of the Company.

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**2.4 Liability**

- 2.4.1** The liability of the Company for any claim or loss, expense or damage (including indirect, special, or consequential damage) for any interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect in any service, facility or transmission provided under this tariff shall not exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charges to the Customer for the period of service or the facility provided during which such interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect occurs.
- 2.4.2** The Company shall not be liable for any claim or loss, expense, or damage (including indirect, special, or consequential damage), for any interruption, delay, error, omission, or other defect in any service facility, or transmission provided under this tariff, if caused by any person or entity other than the Company, by any malfunction of any service or facility provided by any other carrier, by any act of God, fire, war, civil disturbance, or act of government, or by any other cause beyond the Company's direct control, unless ordered by the Commission.
- 2.4.3** The Company shall not be liable for, and shall be fully indemnified and held harmless by Customer and Subscriber against any claim or loss, expense, or damage, (i) for defamation, invasion of privacy, infringement of copyright or patent, unauthorized use of any trademark, trade name, or service mark, unfair competition, interference with or misappropriation or violation of any contract, proprietary or creative right, or any other injury to any person, property, or entity arising from the material data, information, or content revealed to, transmitted, processed, handled, or used by Company under this tariff, or (ii) for connecting, combining, or adapting Company's facilities with Customer's or Subscriber's apparatus or systems, or (iii) for any act or omission of the Customer or Subscriber, or (iv) for any personal injury or death of any person, or for any loss of or damage to Subscriber's or Customer's premises or any other property, whether owned by Customer, Subscriber or others, caused directly or indirectly by the installation, maintenance, location, condition, operation, failure or removal of equipment or wiring provided by the Company if not directly caused by negligence of the Company.
- 2.4.4** The Company shall not be liable for any claim, loss, or refund as a result of loss or theft of the Company Travel Card(s) or Personal Identification Numbers issued for use with the Company's services.

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**2.5 Payment and Credit Regulations**

**2.5.1 Payment Arrangements**

For Subscriber Services, all charges due by the Customer are payable to any agency duly authorized to receive such payments. This includes payment for calls or services originated at the Customer's number(s); regardless of the originating location of the call; incurred at the specific request of the Customer.

Customer shall be responsible for all calls placed via the Customer Travel Card as the result of the Customer's intentional or negligent disclosure of their Personal Identification Number (PIN).

**2.5.2 Deposits**

The Company does not in its normal course of business collect deposits from its Customers.

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**2.5 Payment and Credit Regulations, (Cont'd.)**

**2.5.3 Advance Payments**

The Company does not collect advance payments from its Customers. The prepayment of services immediately available does not constitute an Advance Payment.

**2.5.4 Taxes**

Federal, state and local taxes, including but not limited to federal excise tax, state gross receipts taxes, sales taxes, and municipal utilities taxes are listed as separate line items on the bill. For pre-paid services, taxes and fees shall be included in the rates and charges stated in the Company's rate schedule for this service.

**2.5.5 Returned Checks**

The Company reserves the right to assess a return check charge of up to \$20.00 or 5% of the balance due (whichever is greater) whenever a check or draft presented for payment of service is not accepted by the institution on which it is written.

**2.5.6 Late Payment Charge**

A late fee of 1.5% per month will be charged on any past due balance.

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**2.6 Refunds or Credits for Service Outages or Deficiencies**

**2.6.1 Interruption of Service**

Credit allowances for interruptions of service which are not due to the Carrier's testing or adjusting, to the negligence of the Customer, or to the failure of channels, equipment or communications systems provided by the Customer, are subject to the general liability provisions set forth in Section 2.4.2 herein. It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify Carrier immediately of any interruption in service for which a credit allowance is desired by Customer. Before giving such notice, Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not within his or her control or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by the Customer and connected to Carrier's terminal.

Credit allowances for interruptions of service caused by service outages or deficiencies are limited to the initial minimum period call charges for re-establishing the interrupted call.

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**2.7 Refusal or Discontinuance by Company**

Buckeye may refuse or discontinue service for non-compliance with and/or violation of any Federal, State or municipal law, ordinance or regulation pertaining to telephone service.

**2.7.1** Service may also be discontinued or refused without notice for the following conditions:

- (A) In the event of Customer use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the company's equipment or the Company's service to others.
- (B) In the event of hazardous conditions or tampering with the equipment furnished and owned by the Company.
- (C) In the event of unauthorized or fraudulent use of service. If service is disconnected for fraudulent use, the Company may require the Customer to make, at his expense, all changes necessary to eliminate illegal use and pay any amount reasonably estimated as the loss in revenues resulting from such fraudulent use.

**2.7.2** Service may be discontinued after five (5) working days written notice for the following conditions:

- (A) For non-compliance with or violation of the Commission's regulations or the Company's rules and regulations on file with the Commission.
- (B) For nonpayment of bills for telephone service.

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**2.7 Refusal or Discontinuance by Company, (Cont'd.)**

**2.7.3** Service may be discontinued after notice and with reasonable time to comply with any rules or remedy any deficiency for the following conditions:

- (A) For non-compliance with or violation of any state or municipal law, ordinance or regulation pertaining to telephone service.
- (B) For the use of telephone service for any other property or purpose than described in this tariff.
- (C) For neglect or refusal to provide reasonable access to the Company for inspection and maintenance of equipment owned by the Company.

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**2.8 Use of Service**

Service may be used for any lawful purpose for which it is technically suited. Customers reselling Buckeye's Florida intrastate service must have a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity as an interexchange carrier from the Florida Public Service Commission.

**2.9 Applicable Law**

This tariff shall be subject to and construed in accordance with Florida law.

**2.10 Other Rules**

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

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### SECTION 3 - SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS

#### 3.1 General

Service is offered to business and residential Customers and is available on a presubscription basis from equal access originating end offices only. Rates for service may vary by call type and/or term commitments. Usage rates, per-call service charges, monthly fees and installation charges may apply. Call timing is defined in the description for each service. Service is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

#### 3.2 Timing of Calls

- 3.2.1 Long distance usage charges are based on the actual usage of Buckeye's network. Chargeable time begins when a connection is established between the calling station and the called station. Chargeable time ends when either party "hangs up" thereby releasing the network connection.
- 3.2.2 Initial and additional billing increments are specified in the description for each service.
- 3.2.3 There is no billing applied for incomplete calls.
- 3.2.4 Calls are billed based on the rate in effect for the actual time period(s) during which the call occurs. Calls that cross rate period boundaries are billed the rates in effect in that boundary for each portion of the call.
- 3.2.5 The customer can expect a call completion rate of 99% per 100 calls attempted during peak use periods for all Feature Group D (1+) services. Carrier will engineer its switching systems on the basis that ninety-nine percent (99%) of the customers accessing their system will be served during the busy hour.
- 3.2.6 Call measurement and rounding increments for billing purposes are specified for each product in the rate section of this tariff.

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**3.3 Calculation of Distance**

Buckeye's rates are not distance sensitive.

**3.4 Rate Periods and Holidays**

Unless otherwise indicated elsewhere in this tariff, all usage-based rates are subject to the following time-of-day and day-of-week periods:

**3.4.1 Day Rate Period** - Applies to that portion of a call occurring from 8:00 AM to, but not including, 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

**3.4.2 Evening Rate Period** - Applies to that portion of a call occurring from 5:00 PM to, but not including, 11:00 PM Sunday through Friday.

**3.4.3 Night/Weekend Rate Period** - Applies to that portion of a call occurring from 11:00 PM to, but not including 8:00 AM all days, 8:00 AM to, but not including, 11:00 PM Saturday; 8:00 AM to, but not including, 5:00 PM Sunday.

**3.4.4** When a call is established in one rate period and ends in another rate period, the rate in effect at the calling station applies to the portion of the call occurring within that rate period. When a unit of time is split between two rate periods, the rate applicable to that unit of time is based on the rate period in which it began.

**3.5 Minimum Call Completion Rate**

The customer can expect a call completion rate of 99% per 100 calls attempted during peak use periods for all Feature Group D (1+) services. Carrier will engineer its switching systems on the basis that ninety-nine percent (99%) of the customers accessing their system will be served during the busy hour.

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**3.6 Buckeye TeleSystem Switched Outbound Residential and Commercial Service**

Buckeye TeleSystem's Switched Residential and Commercial Service is a pre-subscribed flat rate service.

Rates are charged in six (6) second increments. The minimum charge for each call is six (6) seconds. The Company policy is not to charge for emergency type services.

**3.7 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Outbound Service**

Buckeye TeleSystem's Dedicated Outbound Service is a pre-subscribed flat rate service. Loop and port charges are set forth in Rates, Section 4 herein. LEC charges for installation and monthly access apply.

Rates are charged in six (6) second increments. The minimum charge for each call is six (6) seconds. The Company policy is not to charge for emergency type services.

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**3.8 Buckeye TeleSystem Switched Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Residential and Commercial Service**

Buckeye TeleSystem's Switched Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Residential and Commercial Service is a switched flat rate service.

Rates are charged in six (6) second increments, with a six (6) second minimum. The Company policy is not to charge for emergency type services.

**3.9 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Service**

Buckeye TeleSystem's Dedicated Toll Free (8XX) Service is a dedicated flat rate service.

Rates are charged in six (6) second increments, with a six (6) second minimum. The Company policy is not to charge for emergency type services.

**3.10 Buckeye TeleSystem Travel Card Service**

Card Service(s) allows a Customer to place a long distance call to any geographical area in the United States from an access line and receive the bill for said call(s) placed on an assigned calling card billing number.

The Company's Travel Card is used for calling from any telephone to any valid telephone number in the United States. Call charges are billed to the Customer. Calls are billed in full minute increments.

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**3.11 Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service**

**3.11.1 Description**

Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service is offered to transmit data between locations. Frame Relay Service (FRS) is the provision of digital non-switched facility interconnections between Customer Designated Premises and/or for the provision of dedicated transmission paths to meet specific Customer requirements. Standard bit rates of 64 kbps, 1.544 Mbps and 44.736 Mbps may be selected by the Customer. Certain non-standard configurations may be provided on an Individual Case Basis (ICB).

Packet Data Networks utilize separate data networks, comprised of switching and transmission facilities. The networks provide for the transfer of data provided by a Customer in a frame format. The data are separated into discreet segments for transmission through the public packet data network.

Frame Relay Service (FRS) is a medium-speed, connection-oriented packet-switched data service that allows for the interconnection of Local Area Networks (LANs) or other compatible customer premises equipment for the purpose of connecting to a local or intrastate frame relay network. Terminal equipment accumulates the Customer data and puts them into a frame relay format suitable for transmission over the FRS network. Terminal equipment must conform to the American National Standards Institute and Telecommunication Standardization Bureau of the International Telecommunication Standards.

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**3.11 Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service, (Cont'd.)**

**3.11.1 Description, (cont'd.)**

The Company's provision of originating FRS requires an originating special access service connection from the Customer's local exchange carrier or alternative access provider to the Company's Point of Presence. At the request of the Customer, the Company will arrange for this special access service and will pass through the charges to the Customer that the Company incurs for such special access service. These charges are in addition to those listed herein.

The Customer also will be charged for the special access service arrangements that are required to terminate the Company's FRS. The Company shall arrange for these terminating special access service arrangements from other carriers and will pass through the charges that the Company incurs for such terminating special access service from such carriers to the Customer. The terminating special access service charges are likewise in addition to those listed herein.

Due to the need to arrange for special access facilities, the Company requires advanced notice of a Customer's order for FRS prior to the initiation of FRS. Once the Customer's order for FRS is received, the Company will use its best efforts to initiate FRS within 30 to 45 days. Upon notification to the Customer, the Company may extend the initiation date of FRS to the Customer based on delays that the Company experiences in arranging for the special access.

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**3.11 Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service, (Cont'd.)**

**3.11.2 Ordering and Requirements**

FRS must be ordered by the Customer in writing and is subject to the conditions stated in the tariff. In addition, the Company shall assess a per-element installation/change charge as set forth herein.

A minimum of two FRS connections are required for data to be transported between Customer designated premises.

At the Customer's request, the Company will, at no additional charge, cooperatively test at the time of installation.

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**3.11 Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service, (Cont'd.)**

**3.11.3 Rate Categories and Regulations**

**(A) Frame Relay Connection**

The FRAC rate element recovers the cost associated with the communication path between the end user's premises and the Company frame relay switch. It consists of an end-user interface port (EUP) to the Company's network and a bundled access line. One FRAC charge applies per Customer designated premises at which the FRS connection is terminated. This applies even if the Customer designated premises and the frame relay switch are collocated. A Customer may order a port-only EUP service.

**(B) Frame Relay Inter-Network Connection**

The FRIC rate element recovers the costs associated with the communication path between the access Customer's (e.g. other common carrier, ILEC or IXC) designated premises and the frame relay switch.

FRIC includes the physical transmission facility between the Customer designated premises and the frame relay switch per this tariff, any interoffice transport that may apply, and the inter-network customer port (ICP) on the frame relay switch. One FRIC charge applies per Customer designated premises at which the FRS connection is terminated and applies even if the Customer designated premises and the frame relay switch are collocated. A Customer may order only an Inter-network Customer Port to interface between the frame relay switch network and another network provided by another common carrier which should be dedicated to a single Customer.

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**3.11 Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service, (Cont'd.)**

**3.11.3 Rate Categories and Regulations, (cont'd)**

**(C) Frame Relay Ports**

- (1) End-User Port (EUP) charge is applied as a discreet rate element in conjunction with jointly-provided Special Access Service and is in addition to other applicable rates and charges stated in Section 3 herein. The EUP is the physical location in the Company's switch office where the transport facility of the end-user Customer connects to the FRS network. It specifies how a frame relay switch sends and receives data from a frame relay end-user Customer LAN or compatible Customer premises equipment. The end-user Customer must specify the appropriate speed so as to match the port and the associated transport facility.
  
- (2) Inter-network Customer Port (ICP) charge is applied as a discreet rate element in conjunction with jointly-provided Special Access Service and is in addition to other applicable rates and charges identified in Section 3 herein. The ICP is the physical network-to-network interface location where the transport facility of the access Customer connects to the Company's frame relay switch network.

The access Customer must specify the appropriate speed so as to match the port and the associated transport facility.

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**3.11 Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service, (Cont'd.)**

**3.11.3 Rate Categories and Regulations, (cont'd.)**

**(D) Permanent Virtual Connection (PVC)**

A PVC is a software defined link between two frame relay ports based on Customer specified Committed Information Rate (CIR). The CIR is a transmission speed specified by the Customer ranging from 64 Kbps to 44.736 Mbps. Customers will be provided with the capacity to transmit speeds up to two times the CIR with no guarantee of completion. Customer may order multiple PVCs on a given port subject to switch limitations. Customers anticipating non-simultaneous transmission may order CIRs assigned to these multiple PVCs, the sum of which may theoretically exceed the actual throughput of the port. However, when simultaneous transmission of multiple PVCs occurs, the total of the transmission rate (CIRs) may not exceed the actual throughput of the port.

A Standard Permanent Virtual Connection (SPVC) establishes a communications path between two ports within the Company's frame relay switch network.

An Extended Permanent Virtual Connection (EPVC) establishes a communications path between two ports on two interconnected (network-to-network) frame relay networks.

**3.12 Buckeye Direct Dial Message Telecommunications Service**

Buckeye Direct Dial MTS allows Customers to place calls through the Buckeye network. Calls are billed in six (6) second increments with an initial period, for billing purposes, of six (6) seconds.

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**3.13 Buckeye TeleSystem Operator Busy Line Verification/Interruption Service**

Upon request of a calling party, the operator will verify a busy condition on a called line. The operator will interrupt a call on the called line if the calling party indicates an emergency and/or requests interruption. A charge will apply when:

- 3.13.1 The operator verifies that the line is busy with a call in progress;
- 3.13.2 The operator verifies that the line is available for incoming calls;
- 3.13.3 The operator verifies that a called number is busy with a call in progress and the Customer requests interruption. The operator will then interrupt the call, advising the called party the name of the calling party; and
- 3.13.4 The operator has verified the line, and the called party has agreed to accept the interruption, the Customer is provided the option of completing an operator assisted call to the called station without hanging up or originating a separate call. Customers may accept or refuse the operator's offer to complete the call

Operator Station transport charges, Service charge and an Operator Dialed Surcharge will be applied to calls completed with the operator. Verification service provides operator assistance in determining if a called line is in use. Interruption service provides for operator interruption of a conversation in progression on a called line. The Customer may request these services within the state, for a charge, where facilities are available by calling the operator.

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**3.14 Buckeye Operator Services**

**3.14.1 Determination of Charges**

The charges for operator services are determined by the:

- time of day and day of week
- duration of call
- class of call

**3.14.2 Classes of Services**

Service is offered on a Dial Station, Customer Dialed Calling Card Station, Operator Station, and Person-to-Person basis. Day, Evening, Night and Weekend rates apply to all classes of service.

**3.14.3 Application of Operator Services Rates**

The total charge for each completed operator assisted call consists of the following charge elements: (a) a measured usage charge dependent on the duration, distance and time of day of the call; (b) a fixed Operator Service charge and/or surcharge for operator assisted calls, which will be dependent on the type of billing selected (i.e., calling card, third party or other) and/or the completion restriction selected (i.e. station-to-station or person-to-person). The usage charge element is specified as a rate per minute that applies to each minute of call duration, with a minimum charge for each call of one minute, and fractional minutes of use thereafter counted as one full minute or a portion thereof (incremental billing).

**3.14.4 Customer Dialed Calling Card**

This charge applies in addition to usage charges for calls billed to a Commercial Credit Card or Calling Card when the Customer dials all of the digits required to route and bill the Call.

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**3.14 Buckeye Operator Services, (Cont'd.)**

**3.14.5 Operator Station Charge**

This charge applies in addition to usage charges for calls placed with operator assistance, other than Customer Dialed Credit/Calling Card or Operator Dialed Calling Card and Person-to Person calls.

**3.14.6 Person-to-Person Charge**

This charge applies in addition to usage charges for calls placed to a particular party at the destination number. Charges do not apply unless the specified party or an acceptable substitute is available. Calls may be billed to a third number, credit/calling card or the called party (collect).

**3.14.7 Public Payphone Surcharge**

Operator Assisted calls originating from a Public Payphone will be charged the Public Payphone Surcharge listed in Section 4 - Rates.

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**4.1 Buckeye TeleSystem Switched Outbound Residential and Commercial Service**

**4.1.1 Per Period Rates Usage Charges - Month to Month**

Volume Usage	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0144
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0142
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0141
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0139
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0138
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0136
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0135
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0134
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0132
\$44.99 - \$49.99	\$0.0131
\$50.00+	\$0.0129

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**4.1 Buckeye TeleSystem Switched Outbound Residential and Commercial Service,  
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**4.1.2 Term Plan**

Customers who sign a term contract with the Company for periods outlined below will be eligible for the discounts indicated:

**(A) Per Period Usage Charge - One Year Term Plan**

One Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0128
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0126
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0125
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0123
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0122
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0121
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0119
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0118
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0116
\$45.00+	\$0.0115

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**4.1.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)**

**(B) Per Period Usage Charge - Two Year Term Plan**

Two Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0113
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0112
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0110
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0109
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0108
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0106
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0105
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0103
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0102
\$45.00+	\$0.0100

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**4.1.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)**

**(C) Per Period Usage Charge - Three Year Term Plan**

Three Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0099
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0098
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0096
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0095
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0093
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0092
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0090
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0089
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0087
\$45.00+	\$0.0086

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**4.1.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)**

**(D) Per Period Usage Charge - Five Year Term Plan**

Five Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0085
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0083
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0082
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0080
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0079
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0077
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0076
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0074
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0073
\$45.00+	\$0.0072

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**4.1.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)**

**(E) Per Period Usage Charge - Six Year Term Plan**

Six Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0070
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0069
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0067
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0066
\$20.00+	\$0.0064

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**4.2 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Outbound Service**

**4.2.1 Per Period Rates Usage Charges - Month to Month**

Volume Usage	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0090
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0089
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0088
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0087
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0086
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0085
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0084
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0083
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0082
\$44.99 - \$49.99	\$0.0081
\$50.00+	\$0.0081

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**4.2 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Outbound Service , (Cont'd.)**

**4.2.2 Term Plan**

Customers who sign a term contract with the Company for periods outlined below will be eligible for the discounts indicated:

**(A) Per Period Usage Charge - One Year Term Plan**

One Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0080
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0079
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0078
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0077
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0076
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0075
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0074
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0073
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0072
\$45.00+	\$0.0072

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**4.2 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Outbound Service , (Cont'd.)**

**4.2.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)**

**(B) Per Period Usage Charge - Two Year Term Plan**

Two Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0071
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0070
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0069
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0068
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0067
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0066
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0065
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0064
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0063
\$45.00+	\$0.0063

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**4.2.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)**

**(C) Per Period Usage Charge - Three Year Term Plan**

Three Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0062
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0061
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0060
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0059
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0058
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0057
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0056
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0055
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0054
\$45.00+	\$0.0054

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**4.2 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Outbound Service , (Cont'd.)**

**4.2.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)**

**(D) Per Period Usage Charge - Five Year Term Plan**

Five Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0053
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0052
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0051
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0050
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0049
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0048
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0047
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0046
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0045
\$45.00+	\$0.0045

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**4.2 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Outbound Service, (Cont'd.)**

**4.2.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)**

**(E) Per Period Usage Charge - Six Year Term Plan**

Six Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0044
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0043
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0042
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0041
\$20.00+	\$0.0040

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**4.3 Buckeye TeleSystem Switched Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Residential and Commercial Service**

**4.3.1 Per Period Rates Usage Charges - Month to Month**

Volume Usage	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.1400
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.1386
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.1372
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.1358
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.1344
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.1330
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.1316
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.1302
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.1288
\$44.99 - \$49.99	\$0.1274
\$50.00+	\$0.1260

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**4.3 Buckeye TeleSystem Switched Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Residential and Commercial Service, (Cont'd.)**

**4.3.2 Term Plan**

Customers who sign a term contract with the Company for periods outlined below will be eligible for the discounts indicated:

**(A) Per Period Usage Charge - One Year Term Plan**

One Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.1246
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.1232
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.1218
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.1204
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.1190
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.1176
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.1162
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.1148
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.1134
\$45.00+	\$0.1120

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**4.3.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)**

**(B). Per Period Usage Charge - Two Year Term Plan**

Two Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.1106
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.1092
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.1078
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.1064
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.1050
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.1036
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.1022
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.1008
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0994
\$45.00+	\$0.0980

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**4.3.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)**

**(C) Per Period Usage Charge - Three Year Term Plan**

Three Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0966
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0952
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0938
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0924
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0910
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0896
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0882
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0868
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0854
\$45.00+	\$0.0840

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**4.3.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)**

**(D) Per Period Usage Charge - Five Year Term Plan**

Five Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0826
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0812
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0798
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0784
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0770
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0756
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0742
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0728
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0714
\$45.00+	\$0.0700

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**4.3.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)**

**(E) Per Period Usage Charge - Six Year Term Plan**

Six Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0686
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0672
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0658
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0644
\$20.00+	\$0.0630

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**4.4 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Service**

**4.4.1 Per Period Rates Usage Charges - Month to Month**

Volume Usage	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0015
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0014
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0014
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0014
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0014
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0014
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0014
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0014
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0013
\$44.99 - \$49.99	\$0.0013
\$50.00+	\$0.0013

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**4.4 Buckeye TeleSystem Dedicated Inbound Toll Free (8XX) Service, (Cont'd.)**

**4.4.2 Term Plan**

Customers who sign a term contract with the Company for periods outlined below will be eligible for the discounts indicated:

**(A) Per Period Usage Charge - One Year Term Plan**

One Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0013
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0013
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0013
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0012
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0012
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0012
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0012
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0012
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0012
\$45.00+	\$0.0012

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**4.4.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)**

**(B) Per Period Usage Charge - Two Year Term Plan**

Two Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0011
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0011
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0011
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0011
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0011
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0011
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0011
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0010
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0010
\$45.00+	\$0.0010

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**4.4.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)**

**(C) Per Period Usage Charge - Three Year Term Plan**

Three Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0010
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0010
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0010
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0009
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0009
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0009
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0009
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0009
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0009
\$45.00+	\$0.0009

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**4.4.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)**

**(D) Per Period Usage Charge - Five Year Term Plan**

Five Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0008
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0008
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0008
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0008
\$20.00 - \$24.99	\$0.0008
\$25.00 - \$29.99	\$0.0008
\$30.00 - \$34.99	\$0.0008
\$35.00 - \$39.99	\$0.0007
\$40.00 - \$44.99	\$0.0007
\$45.00+	\$0.0007

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**4.4.2 Term Plan, (cont'd.)**

**(E) Per Period Usage Charge - Six Year Term Plan**

Six Year Commitment	Per Period Rate
Less than \$5.00	\$0.0007
\$5.00 - \$9.99	\$0.0007
\$10.00 - \$14.99	\$0.0007
\$15.00 - \$19.99	\$0.0006
\$20.00+	\$0.0006

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**4.5 Buckeye TeleSystem Travel Card Service**

**4.5.1 Per Minute Rates:** \$0.204

**4.5.2 Per Call Surcharge:** \$0.000

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**4.6 Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service**

**4.6.1 Rates**

	<b>Port Speed</b>	<b>PVC Charge</b>	<b>CIR 16K</b>	<b>CIR 56K</b>	<b>CIR 128K</b>	<b>CIR 256K</b>
1	56K/64K	\$177.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
2	112K/128K	\$348.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
3	168K/192K	\$384.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
4	224K/256K	\$421.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
5	280K/320K	\$530.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
6	336K/384K	\$631.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
7	392K/448K	\$714.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
8	448K/512K	\$798.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
9	504K/576K	\$854.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
10	560K/640K	\$910.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
11	616K/704K	\$966.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
12	672K/768K	\$1,023.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
13	728K/832K	\$1,086.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
14	784K/896K	\$1,150.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
15	840K/960K	\$1,213.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04

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**4.6 Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service, (Cont'd.)**

**4.6.1 Rates, (Cont'd.)**

	<b>Port Speed</b>	<b>PVC Charge</b>	<b>CIR 16K</b>	<b>CIR 56K</b>	<b>CIR 128K</b>	<b>CIR 256K</b>
16	896K/1024K	\$1,276.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
17	952K/1088K	\$1,318.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
18	1008K/1152K	\$1,359.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
19	1064K/1216K	\$1,401.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
20	1120K/1280K	\$1,442.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
21	1176K/1344K	\$1,484.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
22	1232K/1408K	\$1,526.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
23	1288K/1472K	\$1,567.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
24	1344K/1536K	\$1,610.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04
25	45Mbps/DS3	\$3,209.00	\$13.44	\$47.04	\$107.52	\$215.04

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**4.6 Buckeye TeleSystem Frame Relay Service, (Cont'd.)**

**4.6.2 Term Plan**

Customers who sign a term contract with the Company for the periods outlined below will be eligible for the discounts indicated:

<b>Term Period</b>	<b>Discount</b>
Month-to-Month	0%
1 year	2%
2 year	4%
3 year	7%
5 year	9%

**4.6.3 Frame Relay Install/Change**

<b>Per Element (FRIC, FRAC, etc.)</b>	<b>Cost</b>
56 Kbps	\$152.00
64 Kbps	\$152.00
1.544 Mbps	\$175.00
44.736 Mbps	\$439.00

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**4.7 Buckeye Direct Dial Message Telecommunications Service**

**4.7.1 Per Minute Rates**

Mileage Range	Day		Evening		Night/Weekend	
	Initial Minute	Each Add'l Minute	Initial Minute	Each Add'l Minute	Initial Minute	Each Add'l Minute
All	\$0.2200	\$0.2200	\$0.1600	\$0.1600	\$0.1400	\$0.1400

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**4.8 Buckeye TeleSystem Operator Assisted Services**

**4.8.1 Intrastate InterLATA Per Minute Usage Charges**

Mileage Range	DAY		Evening		Night	
	First Minute	Add'l Minute	First Minute	Add'l Minute	First Minute	Add'l Minute
All	\$0.4000	\$0.4000	\$0.4000	\$0.4000	\$0.4000	\$0.4000

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**4.9 Buckeye TeleSystem Operator Busy Line Verification/Interruption Service**

**4.9.1 Maximum Rates Per Request**

Busy Line verification, per request	\$1.00
Interruption, per request	\$2.50

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**4.10 Intrastate Operator Per Call Service Charges**

**4.10.1 Rates**

<b>Type of Service</b>	<b>Charge Per Call</b>
<b>Customer Dialed Calling Card Station</b>	
Customer Dialed, Automated	\$1.44
Customer Dialed, Operator Assisted	\$4.25
Customer Dialed, Operator Must Assist	\$4.25
<b>Operator Dialed Calling Card Station</b>	\$4.25
<b>Operator Station</b>	
Collect, Automated	\$2.75
Collect, Operator Assisted	\$4.25
Billed to a Third Party, Automated	\$2.75
Billed to a Third Party, Operator Assisted	\$4.25
Sent Paid Non-Coin, Automated	\$2.75
Sent Paid Non-Coin, Operator Assisted	\$4.25
<b>Person-to-Person</b>	
Automated	\$6.80
Operator Assisted	\$6.25
<b>Public Payphone Surcharge</b>	\$0.30

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**4.11 Directory Assistance**

Directory Assistance is available to Customers of Buckeye TeleSystem service. A Directory Assistance charge applies to each call to the Directory Assistance Bureau. Up to two requests may be made on each call to Directory Assistance. The Directory Assistance charge applies to each call regardless of whether the Directory Assistance Bureau is able to furnish the requested telephone number.

Directory Assistance, Per Call:

IntraLATA	\$0.85
InterLATA	\$1.00

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**4.12 Exemptions and Special Rates**

**4.12.1 Discounts for Hearing and Speech Impaired Customers**

- (A) A telephone toll message which is communicated using a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) by properly certified hearing or speech impaired persons or properly certified business establishments or individuals equipped with TDDs for communicating with hearing or speech impaired persons will receive, upon request, credit on charges for certain intrastate toll calls placed between TDDs. Discounts do not apply to surcharges or per call add-on charges for operator services when the call is placed by a method that would normally incur the surcharge. The credit to be given on a subsequent bill for such calls placed between TDDs will be equal to applying the off-peak rate during peak rate period.
- (B) The credit to be given on a subsequent bill for calls placed by TDDs with the assistance of the relay center will be equal to 50% of the rate for the applicable rate period. If either party is both hearing and visually impaired, the call shall be discounted at 60% of the applicable rate.

**4.12.2 Directory Assistance Rates for the Handicapped**

There shall be no charge for up to fifty 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 50 within a billing cycle.

**4.12.3 Emergency Call Exemptions**

The following calls are exempted from all charges: Emergency calls to recognizable authorized civil agencies including police, fire, ambulance, bomb squad and poison control. UniPlex will only handle these calls if the caller dials all of the digits to route and bill the call. Credit will be given for any billed charges pursuant to this exemption on a subsequent bill after verified notification by the billed Customer within thirty (30) days of billing.

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**4.13 Late Payment Charge**

A late fee of 1.5% per month will be charged on any past due balance. A late fee will not be assessed against the Texas state government or its state agencies.

**4.14 Return Check Charge**

A return check charge of \$20.00 will be assessed for checks returned for insufficient funds. Any applicable return check charges will be assessed according to the terms and conditions of this tariff and pursuant to Texas law and Commission regulations.

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**Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc.  
d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem**

**Exhibit III**

**Management Profiles**

### **David G. Huey, President**

David G. Huey, President since the Company was founded, received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from UT in 1970 and joined the Big Eight accounting firm of Ernst & Ernst. (Now Ernst & Young) following graduation. A certified Public Accountant, he was with Nicholson Industries from 1972 until 1984, first as Controller and later as Vice President of Administration.

He was then named Executive Vice President of Buckeye Cablevision, Inc., a sister company of Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. Mr. Huey held that position until 1990 when he was named President and General Manager of Buckeye. He is also President of Erie County Cablevision, in Sandusky, Ohio, and Monroe Cablevision, Inc., in Monroe, Michigan, both wholly-owned subsidiaries of Block Communications, Inc.

Mr. Huey is a Director of the Toledo Area Sanitary District and the Toledo Mud Hens, and serves on several boards of area organizations, notably Labor-Management Citizens Committee and the Medical College of Ohio.

### **Paul Shryock, Vice President**

Paul Shryock, Vice President, graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering in 1976, and received his MBA from the University of Toledo in 2000. His career began with Ethyl Corporation in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he was involved in Operations Research and simulation work through the United States. He Spent 9 years with Owens-Corning in both engineering and IS capacities. Mr. Shryock joined Buckeye Cablevision, Inc. in 1987 as the Director of IS. Mr. Shryock holds Professional Engineering licensure in the State of Ohio, and in the past in the States of South Carolina and Tennessee.

### **Brad Mefferd, Treasurer**

Brad Mefferd, a Certified Public Accountant joined the accounting firm of Ernst and Whinney (now Ernst and Young) as an Auditor upon graduation from Bowling Green State University in 1982. He was promoted to Audit Manager and left that firm to join Block Communications, Inc., in 1986 as Director of Financial Systems. He remained at Block Communications, the parent company of Buckeye, until he was appointed Buckeye Treasurer in 1990. He was named Treasurer of Toledo Area Telecommunications Services, Inc. when it was formed in 1994.

### **Fritz Byers, Secretary**

Fritz Byers is a graduate of Duke University and Harvard Law School. He has practiced law in Ohio since 1984, and has been General Counsel of Block Communications and its properties since 1990. Mr. Byers is licensed to practice before the Supreme Courts of the United States, Texas, and Ohio; the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia and the Fifth and Sixth Circuits, and the U.S. District Courts of the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio, the Eastern District of Michigan and the District of Columbia.

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d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem**

Exhibit IV

Financial Statements



**ATTACHMENT IV - A**  
**TOLEDO AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**  
**d/b/a BUCKEYE TELESYSTEM**  
**Financial Resources Statement**

Toledo Area Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Buckeye TeleSystem ("Buckeye") is providing its Year End December 2000 Financial Statement with this application. These statements show that the Company has current assets of \$171,697 and sales of over \$912,080 for the year.

The company has a limited marketing philosophy outside of its home state of Ohio. The target market for Buckeye in Florida will be companies with operations in the state that are presently subscribers to Buckeye's service in Ohio.

Buckeye proposes to operate as a reseller in the state. There are minimal capital requirements or expenses that the company will experience when starting its Florida operations. All transmission will be provided by the underlying carrier. The company has structured its retail pricing so that its per minute rate covers its per minute cost, thus assuring an almost instantaneous positive cash flow. Any financial capital required by Buckeye will be provided by outside financing, which the company is presently negotiating for, or additional paid in capital by the sole stockholder.

The company also points to the resumes provided with the application. These resumes show that Buckeye has the managerial experience and entrepreneurial skill necessary to run the company.

**Exhibit TE-9 - Operating Statement**

Toledo Area Telecommunications  
 Operating Statement  
 For the Twelve Months Ending December 21, 2000

	December 31, 2000	Year to Date Total
Income:		
Long Distance Revenues	130,692.76	912,080.66
Total Income	130,692.76	912,080.66
Operating Expenses:		
Wholesale Product Cost	125,861.82	756,923.07
Billing Expenses	14,807.67	114,956.61
Training and Education	0.00	0.00
Stationary & Supplies	35.50	2,733.25
Sales Commission	0.00	0.00
Legal and Professional	24,510.53	63,070.53
Bad Debt	1,000.00	10,000.00
Other Expenses	174.32	3,984.19
Total Operating Exp.	166,389.84	951,667.65
Operating Profit/Loss	(35,697.08)	(39,586.99)
Net Profit (Loss) Before Taxes	(35,697.08)	(39,586.99)
Income Taxes	340.09	(8,595.10)
Net Profit (Loss) After Taxes	(36,037.17)	(30,991.89)

**TOLEDO AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**12/31/00**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets:

Cash and short term investments	-
Accounts receivable - trade	<u>171,697.57</u>

Current Assets	171,697.57
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Property, Plant and Equipment

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TOTAL ASSETS

171,697.57

**LIABILITIES & SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY**

Current Liabilities:

Buckeye TeleSystem	<u>292,457.19</u>
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SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:

Common Stock	10,000.00
Prior years	(100,171.63)
Retained Earnings	<u>(30,587.99)</u>

Total Stockholders' Equity	(120,759.62)
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

171,697.57