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My company's tariff as required in Section 364.04, Florida Statutes, is enclosed with this form. I understand that my company must notify the Commission of any changes to the above information pursuant to Section 364.02, Florida Statutes. My company will owe Regulatory Assessment Fees for each year or partial year my registration is active pursuant to Section 364.336, Florida Statutes. My company will comply with Section 364.603, Florida Statutes, concerning carrier selection requirements, and Section 364.604, Florida Statutes, concerning billing practices.



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**FLORIDA TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF**

This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service and facilities for telecommunications services provided by Better World Telecom, LLC ("BetterWorld" or "Company"), with principal offices at 11951 Freedom Drive, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Reston, Virginia 20190. 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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**SYMBOLS**

The following symbols shall be used in this Tariff for the purpose indicated below:

- D - To signify a **deleted** or **discontinued** rate or regulation.
- I - To signify an **increased** rate.
- M - To signify a **move** in the location of text.
- N - To signify a **new** rate or regulation.
- R - To signify a **reduced** rate.
- T - To signify a change in **text** but no change in a rate or regulation.

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SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS

Authorization Code

A multi-digit code that enables a customer to access Company's network and enables Company to identify the customer's use for proper billing. Automatic numbering identification (ANI) may be used as or in connection with the authorization code.

Automatic Numbering Identification (ANI)

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

Calling Card

A card issued by Company containing such account numbers assigned to its Customer which enables the charges for calls made to be properly billed.

Commission

The Florida Public Service Commission.

Common Carrier

A company or entity providing telecommunications services to the public.

Company

The term "Company" denotes Better World Telecom, LLC

Customer

The person, firm, or corporation or other entity which orders or uses service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the tariff regulations. The term Customer is synonymous with the term "Subscriber."

Local Access and Transport Area (LATA)

The term "Local Access Transport Area" denotes a geographical area established by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192, or any other geographic area designated as a LATA in the National Exchange Company Association, LLC Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

Subscriber

See "Customer" definition.

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SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS (Cont'd)

Telecommunications

The transmission of voice communications or, subject to the transmission capabilities of the service, the transmission of data, facsimile, signaling, metering, or other similar communications.

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SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 Application of Tariff

2.1.1 This tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to intrastate resale telecommunications services provided by Company for telecommunications between points within the State of Florida. Company's services are furnished subject to the terms and conditions of this tariff.

2.1.2 The rates and regulations contained in this tariff apply only to the services furnished by Company and do not apply, unless otherwise specified, to the lines, facilities, or services provided by a local exchange telephone company or other common carrier for use in accessing the services of Company.

2.2 Undertaking of the Company

2.2.1 The Company's services are furnished for communications originating at specified points within the state of Florida under the terms of this tariff.

2.2.2 The Company's services and facilities are provided on a monthly basis with a month considered to have thirty (30) days. Service is provided 24-hours per day, seven days per week.

2.3 Use of Services

2.3.1 Company's services may be used for the transmission of telecommunications by the Customer for any lawful purpose for which the service is technically suited.

2.3.2 The use of Company's services to make calls which might reasonably be expected to frighten, abuse, torment, or harass another or in such a way as to unreasonably interfere with use by others is prohibited.

2.3.3 The use of Company's services without payment for service or attempting to avoid payment for service by fraudulent means or devices, schemes, false or invalid numbers, or false calling or credit cards is prohibited.

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SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.3 Use of Services (Cont'd)

- 2.3.4 Company's services are available for use twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.
- 2.3.5 Company does not transmit messages pursuant to this tariff, but its services may be used for that purpose.
- 2.3.6 Company's services may be denied for nonpayment of charges or for other violations of this tariff.
- 2.3.7 A Customer can expect a call completion rate of not less than 90% during peak use periods for all FG D services "1+" dialing.

2.4 Limitations on Liability

- 2.4.1 Except as otherwise stated in this section, the liability of the Company for damages arising out of either: (1) the furnishing of its services, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, or errors, or other defects, representations, or use of these services, or (2) the failure to furnish its service, whether caused by acts or omission, shall be limited to the extension of allowances to the Customer for interruptions in service as set forth in this Tariff.
- 2.4.2 Except for the extension of allowances to the Customer for interruptions in service as set forth in this Tariff, the Company shall not be liable to a Customer or third party for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, reliance, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages, including, but not limited to, loss of revenue or profits, regardless of the form of action whether in contract, tort, negligence of any kind whether active or passive, strict liability, or otherwise.
- 2.4.3 The liability of the Company for errors in billing that result in overpayment by the Customer shall be limited to a credit equal to the dollar amount erroneously billed or, in the event that payment has been made and service has been discontinued, to a refund of the amount erroneously billed.

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SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.4 Limitations on Liability (Cont'd)

- 2.4.4 The Company shall not be liable for any claims for loss or damages involving:
- A. Any act or omission of: (1) the Customer, (2) any other entity furnishing service, equipment or facilities for use in conjunction with services provided by the Company; or (3) common carriers;
  - B. Any delay or failure of performance due to causes beyond the Company's control, including but not limited to, acts of God, fires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, or other catastrophes; national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars or other civil commotions; strikes, lockouts, work stoppages or other labor difficulties; criminal actions taken against the Company; unavailability, failure or malfunction of equipment or facilities provided by the Customer or third parties; and any law, order, regulation or other action of any governing authority or agency thereof;
  - C. Any unlawful or unauthorized use of the Company's facilities and services;
  - D. Libel, slander, invasion of privacy or infringement of patents, trade secrets, or copyrights arising from or in connection with the transmission of communications by means of Company-provided services; or by means of the combination of Company-provided services with Customer-provided facilities or services;
  - E. Defacement of or damage to Customer premises resulting from the furnishing of services or equipment on such premises;
  - F. Any intentional, wrongful act of a Company employee when such act is not within the scope of the employee's responsibilities for the Company and/or is not authorized by the Company;
  - G. Any representations made by Company employees that do not comport, or that are inconsistent, with the provisions of this Tariff;

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SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.4 Limitations on Liability (Cont'd)

- H. Any noncompletion of calls due to network busy conditions;
- I. Any calls not actually attempted to be completed during any period that service is unavailable.

2.4.5 The Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the Customer or end user from and against any and all claims, loss, demands, suits, expense, or other action or any liability whatsoever, including attorney fees, 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, including environmental contamination, whether owned by the Customer or by any other party, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, presence, condition, location, use or removal of any Company or Customer equipment or facilities or service provided by the Company.

2.4.6 The Company assumes no responsibility for the availability or performance of any related facilities under the control of other entities, or for other facilities provided by other entities used for service to the Customer. Such facilities are provided subject to such degree of protection or nonpreemptibility as may be provided by the other entities.

2.4.7 Any claim of whatever nature against the Company shall be deemed conclusively to have been waived unless presented in writing to the Company within thirty (30) days after the date of the occurrence that gave rise to the claim.

2.4.8 THE COMPANY MAKES NO WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE, EXCEPT THOSE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN.

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SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.5 Responsibilities of the Customer

- 2.5.1 The Customer is responsible for the payment of all charges for services furnished to the Customer.
- 2.5.2 The Customer is responsible for compliance with applicable regulations set forth in this tariff.
- 2.5.3 The Customer shall indemnify and hold Company harmless from all liability disclaimed by Company as specified in this Tariff, arising in connection with the provision of service by Company.

2.6 Deposits

Company does not require a deposit from the Customer.

2.7 Taxes

All federal excise taxes, and state and local sales, use, and similar taxes, are billed as separate items and are not included in the quoted rates. Gross receipts tax will not be billed as a separate line item.

2.8 Billing Arrangements

- 2.8.1 The Customer will be billed directly by Company. Billing is based on a minimum call duration of thirty (30) seconds with six (6) second billing increments thereafter for all services. Call duration is measured from the time hardware or software indicates a connection between the calling party and the called stations. A call is terminated when the calling or called party hangs up. Billing will be rounded to the nearest penny for each call.
- 2.8.2 Customer bills are issued monthly. The Customer will receive its bill on or about the same day of each month. Months are presumed to have thirty (30) days. The billing date is dependent on the billing cycle assigned to the Customer.
- 2.8.3 The Customer is responsible for the payment of all charges for services furnished to the Customer. Charges are based on actual usage and are billed monthly in arrears.

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SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.8 Billing Arrangements (Cont'd)

- 2.8.4 Bills are due and payable within eighteen (18) days from the invoice date. Payment may be made by cash, check, money order, or cashier's check.
- 2.8.5 A late fee of 1.5% monthly or the amount authorized by law, whichever is lower, will be charged on any past due balances. The late fee amount will be assessed from the date payment was due.
- 2.8.6 A charge of \$25.00 will apply whenever a check or draft presented for payment of service is not accepted by the institution on which it is written.
- 2.8.7 If Customer fails to perform any of Customer's payment obligations set forth in this tariff, Customer shall pay any and all collection costs and expenses incurred by Company in enforcing or establishing its rights hereunder, including, without limitations, collection agency fees or payments, court costs, arbitration costs and actual attorney's fees.

2.9 Billing Disputes

- 2.9.1 All bills are presumed accurate, and shall be absolutely binding on the Customer unless objection is received by Company within thirty (30) days after such bills are rendered. Billing disputes should be addressed to Company's customer service organization via telephone at (866) 567-2273, in writing at 11951 Freedom Drive, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Reston, VA 20190, or via email at [wecare@betterworldtelecom.com](mailto:wecare@betterworldtelecom.com).
- 2.9.2 In the case of a billing dispute between the Customer and Company for service furnished to the Customer, which cannot be settled with mutual satisfaction, the Customer can take the following course of action within thirty (30) days of the billing date:
  - A. First, the Customer may request, and Company will perform, an in-depth review of the disputed amount. The undisputed portion and subsequent bills must be paid on a timely basis or the service may be subject to disconnection.

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SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.9 Billing Disputes (Cont'd)

- B. Second, if there is still a disagreement about the disputed amount after the investigation and review by a manager of Company, the Customer may file an appropriate complaint with the Florida Public Service Commission. The Commission's address is:

Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850  
(850) 413-6100

2.10 Cancellation, Discontinuance or Interruption of Services

2.10.1 Cancellation

- A. Customer may cancel service by providing written notice to Company thirty (30) days prior to cancellation. Notice will be deemed received upon actual receipt by the Company.
- B. Customer is responsible for all usage on any of the Company's service offerings until the Customer actually leaves the service. Customer will continue to have Company usage until the Customer notifies its local exchange company and changes its long distance company.
- C. Any non-recoverable cost of Company expenditures shall be borne by the Customer if the Customer orders service and then cancels the order before such service begins; or liabilities are incurred expressly on behalf of the Customer by Company and not fully reimbursed by installation and monthly charges.

2.10.2 Discontinuance

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

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SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.10 Cancellation, Discontinuance or Interruption of Services (Cont'd)

1. For nonpayment of any sum due the Company for more than eighteen (18) days after issuance of the bill for the amount due;
2. For violation of any provisions of this tariff;
3. For violation of any law, rule, regulation, policy of any governing authority having jurisdiction over Company's services; or
4. By reason of any order or decision of a court, public service commission or federal regulatory body or other governing authority prohibiting Company from furnishing its services.

2.10.3 Interruptions—Generally

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

2.10.4 Limitations on Interruption Allowances

No credit allowance will be made for any interruption of service:

- A. due to the negligence of, or noncompliance with the provisions of this Tariff by, any person or entity other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer or other common carriers connected to the service of the Company;

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SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.10 Cancellation, Discontinuance or Interruption of Services (Cont'd)

- B. due to the failure of power, equipment, systems, or services not provided by the Company;
- C. due to circumstances or causes beyond the control of the Company;
- D. during any period in which the Customer continues to use the service on an impaired basis;
- E. during any period when the Customer has released service to the Company for maintenance purposes or for implementation of a Customer order for a change in service arrangements; and
- F. that was not reported to the Company within thirty (30) days of the date that service was affected.

2.10.5 Application of Credit for Interruptions of Service

- A. Credit for interruptions in service that is provided and billed on a flat rate basis for a minimum period of at least one month, beginning on the date that billing becomes effective, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the Customer for the period of service during which the event that gave rise to the claim for a credit occurred.
- B. For calculating credit allowances, every month is considered to have thirty (30) days or 720 hours.
- C. No credit allowance is available for an interruption of a continuous duration of less than two (2) hours.
- D. The customer shall be credited for an interruption of two (2) hours or more at the rate of 1/720th of the monthly charge for the services affected for each hour or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues. The credit formula is:  $\text{Credit} = (A/720) \times B$ . "A" equals outage time in hours and "B" equals the total monthly charge for the affected utility.

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SECTION 3 – DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

3.1 Description of Services

Company provides 24-hour intrastate interexchange telecommunications services, including long distance, toll free and calling card telecommunications services. Calls are rated based on the duration of the call without regard to mileage. A minimum call duration is thirty (30) seconds with six (6) second billing increments thereafter for all services.

3.1.1 Long Distance Service

Long Distance Service is offered to residential and business customers. The service permits direct dialed outbound calling at a single per minute rate. No minimum monthly billing requirements apply.

3.1.2 800/888 (Inbound) Long Distance Service

800/888 (Inbound) Toll Free Long Distance Service is offered to residential and business customers. The service permits inbound 800/888 calling at a single per minute rate. No minimum monthly billing requirements apply.

3.1.3 Calling Card Service

Calling Card Service is a calling card service offered to residential and business customers who subscribe to the Long Distance Service calling plan. Customers using the Company's calling card service access the service by dialing a 1-800 number followed by an account identification number and the number being called. This service permits subscribers utilizing the Company's calling card to make calls at a single per minute rate. No monthly recurring charges or minimum monthly billing requirements apply.

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SECTION 3 – DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES (Cont'd)

3.2 Calculation of Usage Rates

Billing for calls placed over Company's services is based on the duration of the call. Billing is in six (6) second increments, with a minimum call length of not less than thirty (30) seconds. Call duration is measured from the time hardware or software indicates a connection between the calling party and the called stations. A call is terminated when the calling or called party hangs up. Billing will be rounded to the nearest penny for each call.

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SECTION 4. RATES AND CHARGES

This section sets forth the rates and charges applicable to Company's service offerings.

4.1 Monthly Service Fee

The company will charge a flat rate monthly fee for services.

4.1.1 Monthly Service Charge	\$2.99 ebill
	\$4.99 paper bill

4.2 Long Distance

The Company provides basic 1+ long distance service. The Company will charge a flat rate per minute with no time of day discounts and without regard to mileage for calls originating and terminating in Florida.

4.2.1 IntraLATA and InterLATA Usage Rate	\$0.099 per minute
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4.3 Toll Free Service

The Company provides a direct access, incoming only 800 service. The Company will charge a flat rate per minute with no time of day discounts and without regard to mileage for calls originating and terminating in Florida.

4.3.1 Monthly toll free number fee	\$0.75
4.3.2 Usage Rate	\$0.119 per minute

4.4 Calling Card Service

The Company provides a post-paid calling card service. The Company will charge a flat rate per minute with no time of day discounts and without regard to mileage for calls originating and terminating in Florida.

4.4.2 Usage Rate	\$0.12 per minute
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SECTION 4. RATES AND CHARGES (Cont'd)

4.5 Special Promotions

The Company may from time to time offer promotional offerings of its services which may include waiving or reducing the applicable charges for the promoted service. Such promotions will specify any charges reduced or waived; customers who are eligible for the promotions; the conditions of eligibility; the starting and ending dates of the promotional offer. Customer promotional rates are limited to ninety (90) days in twelve (12) month period.

4.5 Special Rates for the Handicapped

4.5.1 Directory Assistance

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.

4.5.2 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.

4.5.3 Telecommunication Relay Service

For calls received from the relay service, the Company will when billing relay calls discount relay service calls by 50 percent off of the otherwise applicable rate for a voice non-relay 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 60 percent off of the otherwise applicable rate for a voice non-relay call.

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