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October 2, 2009

Ms. Beth Salak, Director  
Florida Public Service Commission  
Division of Competitive Markets and Enforcement  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

**RE: TL718, Quincy Telephone Company  
Add Late Payment Charges**

Dear Ms. Salak:

Enclosed are the following tariff sheets:

**Section A2                      First Revised Sheet 25.1  
   First Revised Sheet 26**

The purpose of this filing is to add a Late Payment Charge to the General Regulations section of the tariff. A late payment charge of 1.5% per month will apply to all past due balances. Customers with past due balances who sign up for electronic payments will receive a one time waiver of the late payment charge.

The redlined tariff sheets are also included with this filing.

The proposed effective date for this filing is October 17, 2009.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kris A. Groth', written over a horizontal line.

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Enclosures

**GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF**

**QUINCY TELEPHONE COMPANY**  
**d/b/a TDS TELECOM/QUINCY TELEPHONE**  
Florida

Section A2  
First Revised Sheet 25.1  
Cancels Original Sheet 25.1

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**GENERAL REGULATIONS**

**D. PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND CREDIT ALLOWANCES (Cont'd)**

**3. Payment for Service (Continued)**

- e. In its discretion, the company may restore or re-establish service which has been suspended or disconnected for nonpayment of charges, prior to payment of all charges due. Such restoration or re-establishment shall not be construed as a waiver of any rights to suspend or disconnect service for nonpayment of any such or other charges due and unpaid or for the violation of the provisions of this tariff; nor shall the failure to suspend or disconnect service for nonpayment of any past due account or accounts operate as a waiver or estoppel to suspend or disconnect service for nonpayment of such account or any other past due account.
  
- f. Bills for service shall not be considered delinquent prior to the expiration of 15 days from the date of mailing or delivery by the Company. However, the Company may demand immediate payment under the following circumstances:
  - (1) Where service is terminated or abandoned.
  - (2) Where toll service is two times greater than the subscriber's average usage as reflected on the monthly bills for the three months prior to the current bill or, in case of a new customer who has been receiving service for less than four months, where the toll service is twice the estimated monthly toll service.
  - (3) Where the Company has reason to believe that a business subscriber is about to go out of business or that bankruptcy is imminent for the subscriber.

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GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

QUINCY TELEPHONE COMPANY  
d/b/a TDS TELECOM/QUINCY TELEPHONE  
Florida

Section A2  
First Revised 26  
Cancels Original Sheet 26

GENERAL REGULATIONS

D. PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND CREDIT ALLOWANCE (Cont'd)

3. Payment for Service (Cont'd)

g. Late Payment Charges

- (1) A Late Payment charge of 1.5% per month applies to all past due balances.
- (2) Customers with past due balances who sign up for electronic payments will receive a one-time waiver of the late payment charge.
- (3) Final collection procedures, temporary disconnection of service, and the requirements for deposit are unaffected by the application of a late charge. The late payment charge does not extend the time for payment or otherwise enlarge or change the rights of the customer. Notice of intention to pay late will not avoid this charge.

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4. Allowance for Interruptions

When the use of service or facilities furnished by the Company is interrupted due to any cause other than the negligence or willful act of the subscriber or the failure of the facilities provided by the subscriber, a pro rata adjustment of the fixed monthly charges involved will be allowed, for the service and facilities rendered useless and inoperative by reason of the interruption during the time said interruption continues in excess of 24 hours from the time it is reported to or detected by the Company, except as otherwise specified in this tariff. The adjustment shall not be applicable for the time that the Company stands ready to repair the service and the subscriber does not provide access to the Company for such restoration work. For the purpose of administering this regulation, every month is considered to have 30 days.

(M) Text previously shown here now appears on Sheet 25.1 of this section.

GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

QUINCY TELEPHONE  
COMPANY

d/b/a TDS Telecom/Quincy Telephone

ISSUED: November 18, 1987

1st revised

SECTION A2

ORIGINAL SHEET 25.1

cancel original sheet 25.1

EFFECTIVE

January 16, 1988

GENERAL REGULATIONS

D. PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND CREDIT ALLOWANCE (CONT'D)

3. Payment for Service (continued)

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By: Lila D. Corbin, President

Issued: Oct 2, 2009

Effective: Oct 17, 2009

By: Joel Dohmeier, Vice President

GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

QUINCY TELEPHONE COMPANY

*d/b/a TDS Telecom/Quincy Telephone*

By: ~~Lila D. Corbin~~  
Vice President & Gen. Manager

*1<sup>st</sup> Revised* SECTION A2  
Original Sheet 26

*cancel original sheet 26*

Effective: ~~February 8, 1983~~

GENERAL REGULATIONS

D. PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND CREDIT ALLOWANCE (Cont'd)

3. Payment for Service (Cont'd)

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*Insert Late Payment charge language*  
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By Joel Dohmeier, VP

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**GENERAL REGULATIONS**

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