



## REPORT ON TARIFF COMPLIANCE

For

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Madison Exchange

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Engineering Specialists of the Florida Public Service Commission's Division of Competitive Markets and Enforcement conduct service quality evaluations of the telecommunications services provided by Interexchange Companies (IXCs) operating within the state of Florida. Section 364.04, Florida Statutes, states that a ". . . company shall file with the commission, and shall print and keep open to public inspection, schedules showing the rates, tolls, rentals, contracts, and charges of that company for service to be performed within the state." Florida statutes are implemented by rules and the rules that apply to IXCs and are found within the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) Specifically, Rule 25-24.485(g), F.A.C., states, "Companies shall charge only the rates contained in their tariff." Staff utilizes the tariff that is currently on file with Commission during the service evaluation.

The service evaluation objectives are (1) to evaluate a company's timing and billing through a series of automated test calls; and (2) to verify that a company is billing according to its tariff or a price list on file with the Commission.

Staff performed a service evaluation on Americatel Corporation (Americatel), during the period of September 10 - October 16, 2007. The test calls were conducted at a central office within the Madison exchange and included testing and subsequent analysis of the following areas:

- Inter-LATA 1+ Timing Accuracy
- Inter-LATA 1+ Billing Accuracy
- Inter-LATA 1+ Billing per Tariff

During the service evaluation, a series of test calls were generated to measure the timing of toll calls for billing analysis. To evaluate the accuracy of Americatel, all test calls were completed using a computerized timing tester. Calls were completed at each of the following timing intervals: 183, 182, 181, 180, 179, 178, 123, 122, 121, 120, 119, 118, 63, 62, 61, 60, 59, and 58 seconds.

Bills for these calls were analyzed and compared to the records generated by the tests for origination and time duration to develop the timing and billing accuracy summary. While the accuracy of our tests can be measured in hundredths of a second, we allow the company a tolerance of plus or minus one second.

## I. Inter-LATA 1+ Timing Accuracy

Staff made 142 1+ test calls over Americatel's network to verify the timing accuracy. The test calls were made to numbers outside the Madison exchange and outside the Tallahassee LATA. The calls were direct dialed by dialing one plus the area code plus the seven-digit number. The results were that Americatel correctly timed all of the calls yielding a 100 percent timing accuracy for its 1+ calls.

<b>Table 1 Inter-LATA 1+ Timing Accuracy</b>				
	<b>Total Number of Calls</b>	<b>Number of Calls Undertimed</b>	<b>Number of Calls Overtimed</b>	<b>Percent of Calls Correctly Timed</b>
<b>Timing Accuracy</b>				
1+	142	0	0	100%

## II. Inter-LATA 1+ Billing Accuracy

The test calls that were evaluated for timing accuracy, found in Table 1, were used to verify the 1+ billing accuracy found in Table 2. Americatel correctly billed all the calls resulting in a 100 percent billing accuracy.

<b>Table 2 Inter-LATA 1+ Billing Accuracy</b>				
	<b>Total Number of Calls</b>	<b>Number of Calls Underbilled</b>	<b>Number of Calls Overbilled</b>	<b>Percent of Calls Correctly Billed</b>
<b>Billing Accuracy</b>				
1+	142	0	0	100%

## III. Inter-LATA 1+ Billing per Tariff

Americatel timed and billed the 1+ test calls using the timing increments and rates listed in its tariff. Staff concludes that Americatel did bill per tariff.