

INTRASTATE OPERATOR SERVICES

INFORMATIONAL TARIFF
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**REGULATIONS AND SCHEDULE OF CHANGES
APPLICABLE TO
OPERATOR SERVICES
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BUCKEYE TELESYSTEM, INC., INC.**

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- C To Signify changed regulation or rate structure
- D To Signify discontinued regulation or rate
- I To Signify increased rate
- M To Signify a move in the location of text
- N To Signify a new regulation or rate
- R To Signify reduction in rate
- S To Signify reissued matter
- T To Signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation

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1. INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc., Inc. (hereinafter Company) provides Operator Services to consumers for state, interstate, and international telephone calls. Charges for Operator Services may be billed to a customer's calling card, to the originating telephone number, to the terminating telephone number (if accepted), or to a designated third-party number. Charges may not be billed to public payphones or to telephone numbers outside of the United States.

1.1 Subject of this Tariff

This tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to Operator Services, as defined herein, provided by the Company for telecommunications originating at points within the State of Ohio.

1.2 Applicability of Tariff

1.2.1 This tariff is filed for informational purposes only, for services provided in the State Of Ohio on a competitive basis.

1.2.2 The rates, terms, and other conditions in this tariff may be changed from time to time by the Company.

1.2.3 This tariff does not apply to any telecommunications services offered by the Company except "Operator Services" as defined herein.

1.3 The operator assisted services of the Company are not part of a joint undertaking with any other entity providing telecommunications channels, facilities or services.

1.4 The rates and regulations contained in this tariff 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 the Company.

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2. DEFINITIONS

Access Code - A sequence of numbers that, when dialed, connect the caller to the Provider or Operator Services associated with that sequence.

Aggregator - Any person that, in the ordinary course of its operations, makes telephones available to the public or to transient users of its premises, for interstate telephone calls using an Operator Services Provider.

Billed Party - The person or entity responsible for payment of the Company's service for an Operator Assisted Call, as follows:

- a. in the case of a Room Charge call, the Subscriber;
- b. in the case of a Calling Card call, the holder of the calling card or credit card used by the consumer; and
- c. in the case of a Collect or Third Party call, the person responsible for the local telephone service at the telephone number that agrees to accept charges for the call.

Call Splashing - The transfer of a telephone call from one Operator Services Provider to another such provider in such a manner that the subsequent provider is unable or unwilling to determine the location of the origination of the call and, because of such inability or unwillingness, is prevented from billing the call on the basis of such location.

Commission - Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Common Carrier - A company or entity providing telecommunications services to the public.

Company – Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc., Inc., the entity issuing this tariff.

Consumer - A person initiating any intrastate telephone call using Operator Services. Consumer and Customer are synonymous when used in this tariff.

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2. DEFINITIONS (Cont'd)

Customer Dialed Calling Card Call - A Calling Card Call which does not require intervention by an attended operator position to complete.

Dialing 0 - Allows a caller to dial zero in order to get an operator. For non-emergency billing purposes, the caller pays extra to have the operator input billing information and dial the call.

Dialing 0+ - An operator-assisted, long-distance-call that is charged to the calling party. The 0 is followed by the destination number and/or billing instructions. The caller will hear either a bong as a cue to input calling card digits or a voice with more detailed instructions.

Dialing 00 or 00+ - Allows a caller to get an AT&T operator in areas in which dialing only one zero would connect the caller with the local operator.

Directory Assistance – A service where customers may obtain assistance in obtaining published telephone numbers.

Equal Access - Has the meaning given that term in Appendix B of the Modification of Final Judgment entered August 24, 1982, in United States v. Western Electric, Civil Action No. 82-0192 (United States District Court, District of Columbia), as amended by the Court in its orders issued prior to October 17, 1990.

Equal Access Code - An access code that allows the public to obtain an equal access connection to the carrier associated with that code.

FCC – Federal Communications Commission.

Measured Charge - A charge assessed on a per-minute basis in calculating a portion of the charges due for a completed Operator Assisted Call.

Operator Assisted Call – Any call requiring an operator, live or automated, to intervene for completion and billing. Collect, third party billed, and person-to-person calls usually require operator assistance for proper billing.

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2. DEFINITIONS (Cont'd)

Operator-Dialed Surcharge – A surcharge applies to calls dialed by the operator where the customer has the ability to dial the call. This charge also applies to Directory Assistance Calls dialed by the Operator.

Operator Service Charge - A non-measured (fixed) charge which is added to a measured charge in calculating the total tariff charges due for a completed Operator Assisted Call.

Operator Services Provider (OSP) – Any common carrier that provides Operator Services or any other person determined by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to be providing Operator Services, usually requiring operator assistance for proper billing.

Operator Services - Any intrastate telecommunications service initiated from an Aggregator location that includes, as a component, any automatic or live assistance to a consumer to arrange for billing or completion, or both, of an interstate telephone call through a method other than--

- a. automatic completion with billing to the telephone from which the call originated; or
- b. completion through an access code used by the Consumer, with billing to an account previously established with the carrier by the Consumer.

Presubscribed Operator Services Provider - The Intrastate Operator Services Provider to which the Consumer is connected when the Consumer places a call using an Operator Services Provider without dialing an access code.

PUCO – Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Subscriber – An Aggregator that selects the Company as the presubscribed Operator Services Provider for one of more locations within that Aggregator's control.

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2. DEFINITIONS (Cont'd)

Subscriber Surcharge – A surcharge imposed by the Subscriber, to be paid by the consumer, for the use of Subscriber's telephone instruments, and other facilities in obtaining access to the Company's services.

Telecommunications - The transmission of voice communications or, subject to the transmission capabilities of the service, the transmission of data, facsimile, signaling, metering, or any other form of intelligence.

INTRASTATE OPERATOR SERVICES

3. RULES AND REGULATIONS

3.1 Use of Operator Services

- 3.1.1 The Company's Operator Services may be used for any lawful purpose consistent with the transmission and switching parameters of the telecommunications facilities utilized in the provision of services.
- 3.1.2 The use of the Company's Operator 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.
- 3.1.3 The use of the Company's Operator 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.
- 3.1.4 The Company's Operator Services are available for use twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

3.2 Responsibilities of the Company

- 3.2.1 The Company shall identify itself, audibly and distinctly, to the Consumer at the beginning of each telephone call and a second time before the Consumer incurs any charge for the call.
- 3.2.2 The Company shall permit the Consumer to terminate the telephone call at no charge before the call is connected.
- 3.2.3 The Company shall disclose immediately to the Consumer, upon request and at no charge to the Consumer,
 - 3.2.3.1 A quote of its rates or charges for the call;
 - 3.2.3.2 The methods by which such rates or charges will be collected; and

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3. RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

3.2 Responsibilities of the Company (Cont'd)

3.2.3.3 The methods by which complaints concerning such rates, charges, or collection practices will be resolved.

3.2.4 The Company shall withhold payment (on a location-by-location basis) of any compensation, including commissions, to Aggregators if the Company reasonably believes that the Aggregator (i) is blocking access by means of "8XX" numbers to interstate common carriers in violation of paragraph 3.4.1.2; or (ii) is blocking access to equal access codes in violation of rules prescribed by the PUCO and/or the Federal Communications Commission.

3.3 Liability of the Company

In case of the Company's willful misconduct, the Company's liability, if any, is not limited by this tariff. The liability of the Company, if any, for damages resulting in whole or in part from or arising in connection with the furnishing of service under this tariff, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or other defects in transmission occurring after service activation and during the course of furnishing service or arising out of any failure to furnish service shall in no event exceed an amount of money equivalent to the proportionate charge to Customer for the period of service during which such mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays or errors or defects in transmission occur and continue.

However, the Company's liability for such damages shall be reduced proportionately to the extent any such mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission or service are caused by or contributed to by the negligence or willful act of Customer or arise from use of Customer Provided Facilities or equipment.

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3. RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)3.3 Liability of the Company (Cont'd)

- 3.3.1 The Company is not liable for any act, omission or negligence of any Local Exchange Carrier or other provider whose facilities are used concurrently in furnishing any portion of the services received by Customer, or for the unavailability of or any delays in the furnishing of any services or facilities which are provided by any Local Exchange Carrier. Should the Company employ the service of any Other Common Carrier in furnishing the services provided to Customer, the Company's liability shall be limited according to the provisions of Section 3.3(a) above.
- 3.3.2 Under no circumstances whatever shall the Company or its officers, agents, or employees be liable for indirect, incidental, special or consequential damages.
- 3.3.3 The Company shall not be liable for any failure of performance hereunder due to causes beyond its control, including but not limited to fire, flood, or other catastrophes; Acts of God; atmospheric conditions or other phenomena of nature, such as radiation; any law, regulation, directive, order or request of the United States Government, or any other government including state and local governments having any jurisdiction over the Company or the services provided hereunder; national emergencies; civil disorder, insurrections, riots, wars, strikes, lockouts, work stoppages, or other labor problems or regulations established or actions taken by any court or government agency having jurisdiction over the Company.

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3. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)3.3 Liability of the Company (Cont'd)

- 3.3.4 The Company is not liable for any damage to Customer's premises or equipment arising out of the connection of any of Company equipment associated wiring on such premises, or from the installation or removal thereof except to the extent that such damage results from the Company's negligence or willful misconduct. Customer will indemnify and save and hold the Company harmless from any claims of the owner of Customer's premises or equipment, or other third party claims for such damages.
- 3.3.5 The Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any other entity furnishing to the Customer facilities or equipment used with the service furnished hereunder; nor shall the Company be liable for any damages or losses due to the fault or negligence of the Customer or to the failure of Customer-provided equipment or facilities.
- 3.3.6 The Company is not liable for damages arising from errors in or omissions of listings in directory assistance records maintained by the local exchange company.
- 3.3.7 In the event that no telephone number or an incorrect telephone number is provided, except in cases where the directory assistance location or directory operator equipment, terminals, or transport facilities are out of service, no credit shall be applied to the charge for the directory assistance call. When a directory assistance location or directory assistance operator equipment, terminals, or transport facilities are out of service, a credit equal to the amount of the charge for the affected directory assistance calls shall apply to the Customer's account.

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3. RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

3.4 Responsibilities of Subscribers

3.4.1 The Subscriber shall:

- 3.4.1.1.1 Post on or near a public telephone instrument, in plain view of Consumers:
- 3.4.1.1.2 The name, address, and toll-free telephone number of the Operator Services Provider;
- 3.4.1.1.2 A written disclosure that the rates for all operator-assisted calls are available on request, and that Consumers have a right to obtain access to the interstate common carrier of their choice and may contact their preferred interstate common carriers for information on accessing that carrier's service using that telephone; and
- 3.4.1.1.3 The name and address of the enforcement division of the PUCO and of the Common Carrier Bureau of the FCC, to which the Consumer may direct complaints regarding Operator Services; and
- 3.4.1.2 Ensure that each of its telephones presubscribed to an Operator Services Provider allows the Consumer to use an "8XX" access code number to obtain access to the Operator Services Provider desired by the Consumer; and
- 3.4.1.3 Ensure that no charge by the Subscriber to the Consumer for using an "8XX" access code number, is greater than the amount the Subscriber charges for calls placed using the Presubscribed Operator Services Provider.

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3. RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)Responsibilities of Subscribers (Cont'd)

3.4.1.4 The requirements of paragraph 3.4.1.1 shall not apply to a Subscriber in any case in which State law or State regulation required the Subscriber to take actions that are substantially the same as those required in paragraph 3.4.1.1.

3.4.2 The Subscriber is responsible for placing any necessary orders, for complying with tariff regulations, and for assuring that Consumers comply with tariff regulations. The Subscriber shall ensure compliance with any applicable laws, regulations, orders or other requirements (as they exist from time to time) of any governmental entity relating to services provided or made available by the Subscriber to Consumers. The Subscriber is also responsible for the payment of charges for calls originated at the Subscriber's numbers which are not collect, third party, calling card, or credit card calls.

3.4.3 The Subscriber is responsible for charges incurred for special construction and/or special facilities which the Subscriber requests and which are ordered by the Company on the Subscriber's behalf.

3.4.4 If required for the provision of the Company's services, the Subscriber must provide any equipment space, supporting structure, conduit and electrical power without charge to the Company.

3.4.5 The Subscriber is responsible for arranging access to its premises at times mutually agreeable to the Company when required for personnel to install, repair, maintain, program, inspect or remove equipment associated with the provision of the Company's services.

The Subscriber shall ensure that its terminal equipment and/or system is properly interfaced with the Company's facilities or services, that the signals emitted into the Company's network are of the proper mode, bandwidth, power and signal level for the intended use of the Subscriber and in compliance with the criteria set forth in Part 68 of the rules of the Federal Communications

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3. RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)3.4 Responsibilities of Subscribers (Cont'd)

Commission and that the signals emitted do not damage equipment, injure personnel, or degrade service to other subscribers.

If the Subscriber fails to maintain the equipment and/or the system properly, with resulting imminent harm to the Company's equipment, personnel, or the quality of service to other Subscribers, the Company may, upon written notice, require the use of protective equipment at the Subscriber's expense. If this fails to produce satisfactory quality and safety, the Company may, upon written notification, terminate the Subscriber's service.

3.4.7 The Subscriber must pay the Company for replacement or repair of damage to the equipment or facilities of the Company caused by negligence or willful act of the Subscriber, Consumers, or others, by improper use of equipment provided by the Subscriber, Consumers, or others.

3.4.8 The Subscriber must pay for the loss through theft of any of the Company's equipment installed at Subscriber's premises.

3.5 Responsibilities of the Consumer

3.5.1 The Consumer is responsible for compliance with the applicable regulations set forth in this tariff.

3.5.2 The Consumer is responsible for establishing its identity as often as necessary during the course of a call.

3.5.3 The Consumer is responsible for identifying the station, party, or person with whom communications is desired and/or made at the called number.

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3. RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)3.4 Responsibilities of the Consumer (Cont'd)

3.5.4 The Consumer is responsible for providing the Company with a valid method of billing for each call. The Company reserves the right to validate the credit worthiness of users through available credit card, calling card, called number, third party telephone number and room number verification procedures. Where a requested billing method cannot be validated, the user may be required to provide an acceptable alternate billing method or the Company may refuse to place the call.

3.6 Cancellation or Interruption of Services

3.6.1 Without incurring liability, the Company may discontinue Operator Services to a Subscriber or to a particular Subscriber location, or may withhold the provision of ordered or contracted services under the following conditions:

- (A) For nonpayment of any sum due the Company for more than thirty days after issuance of the bill for the amount due;
- (B) For violation of any of the provisions of this tariff;
- (C) For violation of any law, rule, regulation or policy of any governing authority having jurisdiction over the Company's services; or
- (D) By reason of any order or decision of a court, public service commission or Federal regulatory body or other government authority prohibiting the Company from furnishing its services.

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3. RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)3.6 Cancellation or Interruption of Services (Cont'd)

3.6.2 Without incurring liability, the Company may interrupt the provision of services at any time in order to perform tests and inspections to assure compliance with tariff regulations and the proper installation and operation of the Subscriber's and the Company's equipment and facilities and may continue such interruption until any items of noncompliance or improper equipment operation so identified are rectified.

3.6.3 Service may be discontinued by the Company, without notice to the Subscriber, by blocking traffic to certain countries, cities, or NXX exchanges, or by blocking calls using certain customer authorization codes, when the Company deems it necessary to take action to prevent unlawful use of its service. The Company may restore service as soon as it can be provided without undo risk.

3.7 Billing Arrangements

3.7.1 Collect, Calling Card and Third Party Calls

Charges for calls of this type will be included on the Billed Party's regular home or business telephone bill pursuant to billing and collection agreements established by the Company or its intermediary with the applicable telephone Company. The Company will bill an interexchange telephone call to a billing card number which is issued by another Operator Services Provider, and which permits the identification of the other provider, unless the call is billed at a rate not greater than the other provider's rate for the call, the Consumer requests a special service that is not available under tariff from the other provider, or the Consumer expressly consents to a rate greater than the other provider's rate.

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3. RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)3.7 Billing Arrangements (Cont'd)

3.7.2 Room Charge Calls

When requested by the Consumer, and authorized by the Subscriber, the charges may be provided for inclusion on the hotel or motel bill of the Consumer. In such cases, the Company will provide a record of the call detail and charges to the hotel or motel for such billing purposes. The Subscriber is solely responsible for the collection of room charges from its guests, and remains liable to the Company for all Room Charge calls regardless of whether such charges are in fact collected from the Consumer.

3.7.3 Unanswered Calls

The Company will not bill for unanswered calls in areas where Equal Access is available, nor will the Company knowingly bill for unanswered telephone calls where Equal Access is not available. In the event that an unanswered call is inadvertently billed due to the unavailability of Equal Access, the Company will cancel or refund all such charges upon request of the Billed Party. Any call for which the billed duration exceeds one minute shall be presumed to have been answered.

3.7.4 Call Splashing

The Company will not engage in call splashing, unless the Consumer requests to be transferred to another Operator Services Provider, the Consumer is informed prior to incurring any charges that the rates for the call may not reflect the rates from the actual originating location of the call, and the Consumer then consents to be transferred.

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3. RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)3.7 Billing Arrangements (Cont'd)

3.7.5 Billing Entity Conditions

When billing functions on behalf of the Company are performed by local exchange telephone companies, credit card companies or others, the payment conditions and regulations of such companies apply, including any applicable interest and/or late payment charges. In case of any disputed charges which cannot be resolved by the billing company, the Billed Party may contact the Company directly. If there is still a disagreement about the disputed amount after investigation and review by the Carrier, the Billed Party may file an appropriate complaint with the PUCO. The address of the PUCO is listed below:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Telecommunications Division
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43266-0573

The telephone number for the PUCO is 614-466-3292 or toll free 1-800-686-7826. The Internet address is www.puc.state.oh.us.

The Company's intent is to conduct telecommunications business in accordance with Ohio PUCO Minimum Telephone Service Standards and when issues arise, the Company will refer customers to the published, Telephone Customer Bill of Rights Outline contained in the telephone directory to clarify or explain rights and responsibilities in accordance with Rule 4901:1-5-6(B)(8)(j) of the Administrative Code.

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4. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

The Company offers Operator Services pursuant to this informational tariff. All Operator Services are offered for the purpose of completing telephone calls originating in the State of Ohio.

4.1 Dialing 0

Allows a caller to dial zero in order to get an operator. For non-emergency billing purposes, the caller pays extra to have the operator input billing information and dial the call.

4.2 Dialing 0+

An operator-assisted, long-distance-call that is charged to the calling party. The 0 is followed by the destination number and/or billing instructions. The caller will hear either a bong as a cue to input calling card digits or a voice with more detailed instructions.

4.3 Dialing 00 or 00+

Allows a caller to get an operator in areas in which dialing only one zero would connect the caller with the local operator.

4.4 Calling Card Calls

A call for which charges are billed, not to the originating telephone number, but to a telephone calling card issued either by a local exchange or long distance telephone company for this purpose.

4.5 Collect Calls

A call for which charges are billed, not to the originating telephone number, but to the destination or termination telephone number.

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4. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES (Cont'd)4.6 Operator Assisted Calling

Any call requiring an operator, live or automated, to intervene for completion and billing. Collect, third party billed, and person-to-person calls usually require operator assistance for proper billing.

4.7 Room Charge Calls

A call placed with the assistance of an operator, for which charges are collected by the Subscriber, normally a hotel or motel, from the guest or occupant of the room from which the call originated. A call of this type requires that the Company communicate the call detail and charges back to the originating Subscriber location following the completion of the call. This service is provided only where authorized by the Subscriber.

4.8 Person-to-Person Calls

A call which is placed under the stipulation that the caller will speak only to a specific called party. Such a call is not completed until either the specific party named by the caller is contacted, or the caller agrees to speak to a different party. Any of the types of calls described in 4.4 to 4.6; above, or 4.9, following, may optionally be placed on a person-to-person basis. The caller must arrange with the operator to make a person-to-person call; otherwise, all calls will be treated as station-to-station.

4.9 Third Party Calls

A call for which charges are billed, not to the originating telephone number, but to a third party telephone number which is neither the originating nor the terminating telephone number.

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5. MISCELLEANOUS OPERATOR SERVICES

5.1 Directory Assistance

5.1.1 Directory Assistance is the provision of published telephone numbers by geographic area with a fixed charge for each number so requested. Requests for information other than telephone numbers will be charged the same rate as shown for the applicable request for telephone numbers.

5.1.2 A Directory Assistance call charged to a calling card or third number will be billed the appropriate operator charge, plus the charge for Directory Assistance.

5.1.3 No charges will be applicable to Consumers who have requested exemption from the charge because they are unable to use telephone directories due to physical or mental limitations. To obtain such exemption, the Consumer shall provide the name, address, telephone number and nature of the limitation for each individual requiring the exemption. Such information will be treated as confidential by the Company. The Consumer shall notify the Company when the need for an exemption no longer exists.

5.1.4 A credit will be given for calls to Directory Assistance when the consumer experiences poor transmission or is cut off during the call, when an incorrect number is given, or where the consumer inadvertently misdials.

5.1.5 All new or changed telephone number listings or errors or omissions shall be made available to directory assistance by the within two business days after the date of the correction of new or changed number.

5.2 Busy Line Verify & Line Interrupt Service

5.2.1 Upon request of a calling party, the Company will verify a busy condition on a called line.

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5. MISCELLANEOUS OPERATOR SERVICES (Cont'd)5.2 Busy Line Verify & Line Interrupt Service (Cont'd)

- a. The operator will first explain to the customer the charges applicable to the service(s) requested. Upon acceptance of the charges for the service requested, the operator will determine if the line is clear or in use and report to the calling party or will interrupt in case of an emergency.
- b. The operator will interrupt the call on the called line only if the calling party indicates an emergency and requests interruption.

5.2.2 A charge will apply when (a) the operator verifies that the line is busy with a call in progress; (b) the operator verifies that the line is available for incoming calls; (c) the operator verifies that the 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. In an emergency, if the operator interrupts a conversation in progress at the request of the calling party, the operator shall first notify the caller of the charge for the emergency interruption shown in Section 6.5 following. The operator will also first advise the customers of the charges for busy line verification prior to taking the requested action.

5.2.3 Busy Line Verification and Interrupt Service is furnished where and to the extent that facilities permit.

5.2.4 No charge will apply when the calling party advises that the call is to or from an official public emergency agency.

5.2.5 The consumer shall identify and save the Company harmless against all claims that may arise from either party to the interrupted call or any person.

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5. MISCELLANEOUS OPERATOR SERVICES (Cont'd)

5.3 Promotional Offerings

The Company may from time to time engage in special Promotional Offerings limited to certain dates, times or locations designed to attract new customers or increase customer usage. In all such cases, the rates shall be filed in conformance with all applicable Commission rules.

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6. RATES

This section contains the Company's basic usage rates for telephone calls completed by means of its Operator Services. See Section 7, following, for other applicable charges.

6.1 Application of Rate Tables

The total charge for each completed operator assisted call consists of the following charge elements: (a) a measured usage charge dependent on the duration and time of day of the call; (b) a fixed Operator Services charge, as set forth in Section 6.4, following, 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); and (c) other charges as set forth in Section 7, following. The usage charge element is specified as a rate per minute which applies to each minute of call duration, with fractional minutes of use thereafter counted as one full minute.

6.2 Taxes

All Federal excise taxes, state and local sales, use, and similar taxes, are billed as separate line items and are not included in the quoted rates.

6.3 Timing of Calls

Billing for calls placed over the Company network is based in part on the duration of the call. Timing of each call begins as specified below, and ends when the called party hangs up.

6.3.1 Collect Calls - Timing begins when the called party accepts the responsibility for payment.

6.3.2 Person-to-person Calls (other than Collect) - Timing begins when the designated party comes on the line, or when the caller agrees to speak with a substitute party.

6.3.3 All other Calls - Timing begins when the called station is answered, as determined by standard industry methods generally in use for

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6. RATES (Cont'd)6.3 Timing of Calls (Cont'd)

ascertaining answer, including hardware answer supervision in which the local telephone company sends a signal to the switch or the software utilizing audio tone detection.

6.4 Rate Period Chart

Ohio InterLATA And IntraLATA	Day (8:00 a.m. to *5:00 p.m.)		Evening (5:00 p.m. to *11:00 p.m.)		Night & Weekend (11:00 p.m. to *8:00 a.m.)	
	1 st Min	Add'l Min	1 st Min	Add'l Min	1 st Min	Add'l Min
Per Min. Rate:	\$0.40	\$0.40	\$0.40	\$0.40	\$0.40	\$0.40
	Automated Credit Card Call		Automated call/ attended		Live Operator	
Operator Surcharges:	Card	\$1.44	Card	\$4.25	Card	\$4.25
			Collect	\$2.75	Collect	\$4.25
			3 rd Party	\$2.75	3 rd Party	\$4.25
			Person to Person	\$6.80	Person to Person	\$6.25

Calls originating in one time period and terminating in another will be billed for the entire call according to the highest rate applicable to any portion of the call.

- *To, but not including*

6.5 Busy Line Verification and Interrupt Service

- A. Busy Line Verification: \$1.00.
- B. Busy Line Verification with Interrupt: \$2.50.

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7. COMMISSIONS, SURCHARGES AND FEES

7.1 Commission

Charges for commissions will not be assessed to the consumer.

7.2 Surcharges

Surcharges will be assessed to the consumer.

7.3 Directory Assistance

Interstate Directory assistance calls will be completed at a total charge of \$1.00 per call. No time-of-day discounts or operator surcharges apply.