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BUCKEYE TELESYSTEM, INC. ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF  
STATE OF MICHIGAN

The regulations, rates, conditions and charges for the provision of intrastate Access Carrier Service are as specified in the Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc. Tariff FCC. No. 1 as it now exists, and as it may be revised, added to or supplemented.

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Section I - STATEMENT OF CONCURRENCE

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Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc. (BTS) and Concurring Carriers hereinafter called the concurring company, except as otherwise specifically stated herein, assents to, adopts and concurs in for intrastate applications within the State of Michigan, Tariff FCC No. 1, Access Service - Carrier to Carrier as filed with the FCC by Buckeye Telesystem, Inc., as such tariff now exists or as it may be revised, added to or supplemented by superseding sheets or issues and hereby makes itself a part thereto and obligates itself to observe each and every provision applicable to the State of Michigan.

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By this concurrence, the concurring company will provide facilities to its customers on an intrastate basis at the same rates and under the provisions it provides these facilities to its customers on an interstate basis. Changes to the interstate tariff by concurring company will become effective for intrastate applications on the same effective date as the interstate tariff changes. When changes to the interstate tariff are received by BTS, these revised sheets will be transmitted to the Michigan Public Service Commission as official notification.

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Section III - List of Exceptions to BTS Tariff FCC No.1.

Exceptions to Sections (or sub-sections) of Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc. Tariff FCC No. 1 as shown herein are to apply to the provision of intrastate Access Service for connection of communications facilities for intrastate customers within the operating territory of Buckeye Telesystem, Inc. and Concurring Carriers in the state of Michigan under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Public Service Commission. (C)

Exceptions to Buckeye Telesystem FCC Tariff No. 1 are as follows:

Section 1. Application of Tariff

- 1.1 This Tariff sets forth the regulatory rates and charges and conditions for the provision of Intrastate Access Service (hereinafter Services) within the state of Michigan provided over the facilities of Buckeye TeleSystem, Inc. and Concurring Carriers (competitive local carriers) in the state of Michigan. (C)  
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Section 2. Undertaking of the Company

- 2.1 The Company undertakes to provide Services and the furnishing of intrastate transmission of information within the state of Michigan.
- 2.1.2.7.1 This tariff shall be interpreted and governed by the rules, standards and or guidelines of the Federal Communications Commission and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Section 3. Access Ordering

No Exceptions

Section 4. Switched Access – Carrier Common Line

No Exceptions

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Section 5. Switched Access – End User Charges

Does not apply to Intrastate Services

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Section 6. Switched Access – Feature Group D Switched Service

No Exceptions

Section 7. Special Access Service

7.3.1. Federal Universal Service Surcharge does not apply to Intrastate Services

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Section 8. Miscellaneous Access Services

8.2 Miscellaneous Access Service are provided to Customers on an individual case basis in accordance with the rules of the FCC and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

8.2.5. Presubscription

General: Presubscription is the process by which an end user Customer may select and designate to the Company an interexchange carrier (IC) for the provision of intrastate toll service. This IC is referred to as the end user's pre-designated IC. An end user customer may indicate a primary interexchange carrier or may elect to select an IC on a per-call basis by dialing an access code to make toll calls. Customers that have a pre-designated IC may also dial an access code to direct calls to an alternative IC on a per call basis. There are no initial charges associated with presubscription.

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8.2.5. Presubscription (contd.)

A Customer may initiate a presubscription change at any time. The Company will maintain a listing of all available interexchange carriers and provide them on a random basis to aid the Customer in the selection process. The change of an IC is subject to the appropriate non-recurring charge to the Customer or the IC, if appropriate.

If an IC requests an intrastate primary interexchange carrier (PIC) change on behalf of a billed party with the appropriate authorization and the Customer advises the Company the authorization is denied and the IC is unable to substantiate the change, the Customer will be reassigned to its previously selected IC. If a change has already taken place the IC that requested the change will be subject to an Unauthorized PIC Change Charge in addition to the normal PIC Change Charge.

Section 9. Telecommunications Service Priority

No Exceptions

Section 10. Packet Data Network Services

No exceptions

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Section 11. Rates For Service

The following Services/Charges do not apply to Intrastate Services:

Carrier Common Line

End User Common Line Charges

End User Common Line Port Charges

Federal Universal Service Fund Surcharges - Switched

Federal Universal Service Fund Surcharges - Special

Access Recovery Charge - ARC

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