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INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF  
OF  
**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.**

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This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of interexchange telecommunications services provided by Public Communications Services, Inc. within the state of Illinois. This tariff is on file with the Illinois Commerce Commission. Copies may be inspected during normal business hours at the main office of Public Communications Services, Inc. at 11859 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90025.

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**APPLICATION OF TARIFF**

This tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to the furnishing of intrastate resale common carrier communications service by Public Communications Services, Inc., within the State of Illinois.

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**SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

**Account** - The Customer who has agreed, verbally or by signature, to honor the terms of service established by the Company. An account may have more than one access code billed to the same Customer address.

**Aggregator** - A person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity which contracts with the Company for installation of the Company's services. Aggregators make available the Company's services for use by guests, patrons, visitors or other transient third parties at the Aggregator's location. The Aggregator is also responsible for compliance with the terms and conditions of this tariff.

**Ancillary Service Charge** – Any charge Consumers may be assessed for the use of Inmate Calling services that are not included in the per-minute charges assessed for individual calls.

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**Authorization Code** - A pre-defined series of numbers to be dialed by the Customer or End User upon access to the Company's system to notify the caller and validate the caller's authorization to use the services provided. The Customer is responsible for charges incurred through the use of his or her assigned Authorization Code.

**Authorized User** - A person, firm or corporation, or any other entity authorized by the Customer or Subscriber to communicate utilizing the Company's services.

**Carrier or Company** - Public Communications Services, Inc. , unless otherwise indicated by the context.

**Collect Billing** - A billing arrangement whereby the originating caller may bill the charges for a call to the called party, provided the called party agrees to accept the charges.

**Commission** - Refers to the Illinois Commerce Commission.

**SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS, CONT'D.**

**Company's Point of Presence** - Location of the serving central office associated with access to the Company's network.

**Confinement Institution** - Used throughout this tariff to refer to prisons, jails, penal facilities or other institutions used for penalty purposes which contract with PCS for the provision of service for use by their Inmate population.

**Customer** - A person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity which arranges for the Carrier to provide, discontinue or rearrange telecommunications services on behalf of itself or others; uses the Carrier's telecommunications services; and is responsible for payment of charges, all under the provisions and terms of this tariff. In the case of collect-only calling services provided to Inmates of Confinement Institutions, the called party is the Customer and is responsible for payment of charges.

**End User** - Any person, firm, corporation, partnership or other entity which uses the services of the Company under the provisions and regulations of this tariff. The End User is responsible for payment unless the charges for the services utilized are accepted and paid by another Customer.

**Equal Access** - A form of dialed access provided by local exchange companies whereby interexchange calls dialed by the Customer are automatically routed to the Company's network. Presubscribed Customers may also route interexchange calls to the Company's network by dialing an access code supplied by the Company.

**Inmates** - The confined population of Institutions.

**Jail** – A facility of a local, state or federal law enforcement agency that is used primarily to hold individuals who are (1) awaiting adjudication of criminal charges; (2) post-conviction and committed to confinement for sentences of one year or less; (3) post conviction and awaiting transfer to another facility. The term also includes city, county or regional facilities that have contracted with a private company to manage day-to-day operations; privately-owned and operated facilities primarily engaged in housing city, county or regional inmates; and facilities used to detain individuals pursuant to a contract with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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**LATA** - Local Access and Transport Area.

**LEC** - Local Exchange Company.

**NECA** - National Exchange Carriers Association.

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**SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS, CONT=D.**

**Pay Telephone** - Telephone instruments provided by the Customer or Institution for use by its guests, patrons, visitors, transient third parties or for use by Inmates of Confinement Institutions. Pay Telephones permit the user to place calls to other parties and bill such calls on a non sent-paid or sent paid-basis. To facilitate sent-paid calling, Pay Telephones can be equipped with a credit card reader, coin box, or similar device that allows charges to be collected for each call at the instrument.

**PCS**- Refers to Public Communications Services, Inc.

**Personal Identification Number (PIN)** - See Authorization Code.

**Prison** – A facility operated by a territorial, state or federal agency that is used primarily to confine individuals convicted of felonies and sentenced to terms in excess of one year. The term also includes public and private facilities that provide outsource housing to other agencies such as the State Departments of Correction and the Federal Bureau of Prisons; and facilities that would otherwise fall under the definition of a Jail but in which the majority of inmates are post-conviction or are committed to confinement for sentences longer than one year.

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**Subscriber** - The person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity which arranges for services of the Company on behalf of third party Customers or Authorized Users. The Subscriber is responsible for compliance with the terms and conditions of this tariff. A Subscriber is also a Customer under the terms of the tariff.

**Switched Access Origination/Termination** - Where originating or terminating access between the Customer and the interexchange carrier is provided on local exchange company Feature Group circuits. The cost of switched Feature Group access is billed to the interexchange carrier.

**Terminal Equipment** - Devices, apparatus, and associated wiring, such as teleprinters, telephones, or data sets.

**V & H Coordinates** - Geographic points which define the originating and terminating points of a call in mathematical terms so that the airline mileage of the call may be determined. Call mileage is used for the purpose of rating calls.



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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**2.1 Undertaking of PCS**

PCS=s services and facilities are furnished for communications originating at specified points within the State of Illinois under terms of this tariff.

PCS installs, operates, and maintains the communications services provided hereinunder in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this tariff. PCS may act as the Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities, when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to the PCS network. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangement.

The Company's services and facilities are provided on a monthly basis unless otherwise provided, and are available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven days (7) per week.

**2.2 Limitations**

**2.2.1** Service is offered subject to the availability of the necessary facilities and equipment, or both facilities and equipment, and subject to the provisions of this tariff.

**2.2.2** PCS reserves the right to discontinue or limit service when necessitated by conditions beyond its control, or when the Customer is using service in violation of provisions of this tariff, or in violation of the law.

**2.2.3** The Company does not undertake to transmit messages, but offers the use of its facilities when available, and will not be liable for errors in transmission or for failure to establish connections.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, CONT=D.**

**2.2 Limitations, Cont=d.**

- 2.2.4** All facilities provided under this tariff are directly or indirectly controlled by PCS and the Customer may not transfer or assign the use of service or facilities without the express written consent of the Company. Such transfer or assignment shall only apply where there is no interruption of the use or location of the service or facilities.
- 2.2.5** Prior written permission from the Company is required before any assignment or transfer. All regulations and conditions contained in this tariff shall apply to all such permitted assignees or transferees, as well as all conditions of service.
- 2.2.6** PCS reserves the right to discontinue the offering of service or deny an application for service if a change in regulation materially and negatively impacts the financial viability of the service in the best business judgment of the Company.

**2.3 Use**

Services provided under this tariff may be used for any lawful purpose for which the service is technically suited.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, CONT=D.**

**2.4 Liabilities of the Company**

- 2.4.1** PCS=s liability for damages arising out of mistakes, interruptions, omissions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission which occur in the course of furnishing service or facilities, in no event shall exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the Customer for the period during which the faults in transmission occur.
- 2.4.2** The Company shall not be liable for claim or loss, expense or damage (including indirect, special or consequential damage), for any interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect in any service, facility or transmission provided under this tariff, if caused by any person or entity other than the Company, by any malfunction of any service or facility provided by any other carrier, by an act of God, fire, war, civil disturbance, or act of government, or by any other cause beyond the Company's direct control.
- 2.4.3** The Company shall not be liable for, and shall be fully indemnified and held harmless by Customer against any claim or loss, expense, or damage (including indirect, special or consequential damage) for defamation, libel, slander, invasion, infringement of copy-right or patent, unauthorized use of any trademark, tradename or service mark, unfair competition, interference with or misappropriation or violation of any contract, proprietary or creative right, or any other injury to any person, property or entity arising out of the material, data, information, or other content revealed to , transmitted, or used by the Company under this tariff; or for any act or omission of the Customer; or for any personal injury or death of any person caused directly or indirectly by the installation, maintenance, location, condition, operation, failure, presence, use or removal of equipment or wiring provided by the Company, if not directly caused by negligence of the Company.

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**2.4 Liabilities of Company, Cont=d.**

**2.4.4** The Company shall not be liable for any defacement of or damages to the premises of a Customer resulting from the furnishing of service which is not the direct result of the Company's negligence.

**2.5 Deposits**

The Company does not collect deposits from Customers.

**2.6 Advance Payments**

The Company does not collect advance payments from Customers.

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**2.7 Taxes and Fees**

- 2.7.1** The Company reserves the right to bill any and all applicable taxes and fees in addition to normal rates and charges for services provided to the Customer. Taxes and fees include, but are not limited to: Federal Excise Tax, State Sales Tax, Municipal Tax, and Gross Receipts Tax. Unless otherwise specified in this tariff, such taxes and fees are in addition to rates as quoted in this tariff and will be itemized separately on Customer invoices. For pre-paid services, taxes and fees shall be included in the rates and charges stated in the Company's rate schedule for this service.
- 2.7.2** The Company may adjust its rates and charges or impose additional rates and charges on its Customers in order to recover amounts it is required by governmental or quasi-governmental authorities to collect from or pay to others in support of statutory or regulatory programs. Examples of such programs include, but are not limited to, the Universal Service Fund, the Primary Interexchange Carrier Charge, and compensation to payphone service providers for the use of their payphones to access the Company=s service.

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**2.8 Terminal Equipment**

The Company's facilities and service may be used with or terminated in Customer-provided terminal equipment or Customer-provided communications systems, such as a telephone set, PBX or key system. Such terminal equipment shall be furnished and maintained at the expense of the Customer, except as otherwise provided. The Customer is responsible for all costs at his or her premises, including personnel, wiring, electrical power, and the like, incurred in the use of the Company's service. When such terminal equipment is used, the equipment shall comply with the generally accepted minimum protective criteria standards of the telecommunications industry as endorsed by the Federal Communications Commission.

**2.9 Installation and Termination**

Service is installed upon mutual agreement between the Customer and the Company. The service agreement does not alter rates specified in this tariff.

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**2.10 Payment for Service**

The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services and equipment furnished to the Customer for transmission of calls via the Company. This includes payment for calls or services originated at the Customer's number(s). The Customer agrees to pay the Company or its authorized agent any and all cost(s) incurred as a result of the use of the service arrangement, including calls which the Customer did not individually authorize.

All charges due by the Customer are payable to the Company or to the Company's authorized billing agent. Terms of payment shall be according to the rules and regulations of the agency and subject to the rules of regulatory agencies having jurisdiction. Any objections to billed charges must be promptly reported to the Company or its billing agent. Adjustments to Customer's bills shall be made to the extent that circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate.

**2.10.1 Late Payment Charge**

A late fee of 1.5% per month will be charged on any past due balance.

**2.10.2 Return Check Charge**

A return check charge of \$25.00 will be assessed for checks returned for insufficient funds. Any applicable return check charges will be assessed according to the terms and conditions of the billing entity (i.e. local exchange company and/or commercial credit card company) and pursuant to Illinois law and ICC regulations.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, CONT=D.****2.11 Cancellation by Customer**

Customers may cancel service verbally or in writing at any time. The Company shall hold the Customer responsible for payment of all charges, including fixed fees, surcharges, etc., which accrue up to the cancellation date. Charges may be avoided by dialing another carrier's access code. In the event the Customer executes a term commitment agreement with the Company, the Customer must cancel service and terminate the agreement in accordance with the agreement terms. For prepaid services, the Customer may cancel service by fully depleting the available balance of the Customer account and/or by not renewing a renewable account.

**2.12 Interconnection**

Service furnished by PCS may be connected with the services or facilities of other carriers. Such service or facilities, if used, are provided under the terms, rates and conditions of the other carrier. The Customer is responsible for all charges billed by other carriers for use in connection with PCS=s service. Any special interface equipment or facilities necessary to achieve compatibility between carriers is the responsibility of the Customer.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, CONT=D.**

**2.13 Refusal or Discontinuance by Company**

**2.13.1** PCS may refuse or discontinue service with proper notice to the Customer for any of the following reasons:

- (a) For failure of the Customer to pay a bill for a regulated service when it is due, including non-payment of a Customer Account Renewal of a fully-depleted balance.
- (b) For failure of the Customer to meet the Company's deposit and credit requirements, if applicable.
- (c) For failure of the Customer to make proper application for service.
- (d) For Customer's violation of any of the Company's rules on file with the Commission.
- (e) For failure of the Customer to provide the Company reasonable access to its equipment and property.
- (f) For Customer's breach of the contract for service between the Company and the Customer.
- (g) For a failure of the Customer to furnish such service, equipment, and/or rights-of-way necessary to serve said Customer as shall have been specified by the Company as a condition of obtaining service.
- (h) When necessary for the Company to comply with any order or request of any governmental authority having jurisdiction.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, CONT=D.****2.13 Refusal or Discontinuance by Company, (Cont=d.)**

**2.13.2** PCS may refuse or discontinue service without notice to the Customer for any of the following reasons:

- (a) In the event of tampering with the Company's equipment.
- (b) In the event of a condition determined to be hazardous to the Customer, to other Customers of the Company, to the Company's equipment, the public, or to employees of the Company.
- (c) In the event of a Customer's use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's equipment or the Company's service to others.
- (d) In the event of fraudulent use of the service.

**2.14 Interruption of Service**

Credit allowances for interruptions of service which are not due to the Company's testing or adjusting, to the negligence of the Customer, or to the failure of channels, equipment or communications systems provided by the Customer, are subject to the general liability provisions set forth in Section 2.4 herein. It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify Company immediately of any interruption in service for which a credit allowance is desired by Customer. Before giving such notice, Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not within his or her control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by Customer and connected to Company's terminal. Interruptions caused by Customer-provided or Company-provided automatic dialing equipment are not deemed an interruption of service as defined herein since the Customer has the option of using the long distance network via local exchange company access.

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**SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS, CONT=D.**

**2.15 Inspection, Testing and Adjustment**

Upon reasonable notice, the facilities provided by the Company shall be made available to the Company for tests and adjustments as may be deemed necessary by the Company for maintenance. No interruption allowance will be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made.

**2.16 Tests, Pilots, Promotional Campaigns and Contests**

The Company may conduct special tests, pilot programs, waivers and promotions at its discretion to demonstrate the ease of use, quality of service and to promote the sale of its services.

**2.17 Cost of Collection and Repair**

The Customer is responsible for any and all costs incurred in the collection of monies due the Company, including legal and accounting expenses. Customer is also responsible for recovery costs of Company-provided equipment and any expenses required for repair or replacement of damaged equipment.

**2.18 Other Rules**

The Company may temporarily suspend service without notice to the Customer, by blocking traffic to certain cities of NXX exchanges, or by blocking calls using certain Personal Identification Numbers when the Company deems it necessary to take such action to prevent unlawful use of its service. The Company will restore service as soon as service can be provided without undue risk.

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**SECTION 3 - RATES AND SERVICES**

**3.1 General**

PCS provides automated operator assisted collect-only calling services for use by inmates of prisons, jails or other Confinement Institutions. Inmate access to the Company's services may be restricted by the administration of the Institution served.

Customers are charged individually for each call placed through the Company's network. Charges may vary by service offering, mileage band, class of call, time of day, day of week and/or call duration. Customers are billed based on their use of the Company's services and network for communications originating and terminating within the State of Illinois under terms of this tariff.

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**SECTION 3 - RATES AND SERVICES, CONT=D.**

**3.2 Calculation of Distance**

The company does not rate calls by distance.

**3.3 Rate Periods**

The Company does not rate calls by time of day.

**3.4 Timing of Calls**

Billing for calls placed over the network is based in part on the duration of the call.

**3.4.1** Timing for all calls begins when the called party answers the call (i.e. when two way communications are established.) Answer detection is based on standard industry answer detection methods, including hardware and software answer detection.

**3.4.2** Chargeable time for all calls ends when one of the parties disconnects from the call.

**3.4.3** Minimum call duration and additional increments for billing are specified in the description of each service.

**3.4.4** There is no billing applied for incomplete calls.

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3.5 Miscellaneous Rates and Charges

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**SECTION 3 - RATES AND SERVICES, CONT=D.****3.6 Institutional Operator Assisted Calling**

Institutional operator assisted service allows inmates of confinement institutions to place Collect Calls through an automated call processing system. The call processing system prompts the Inmate and the called party such that the call is completed without live operator assistance. Calls are placed on a collect-only basis to the called party.

A number of special blocking and screening capabilities are available with institutional operator services provided by PCS. These capabilities allow Institutions to control Inmate access to telecommunications services, reduce fraudulent use of the Company's services, and eliminate harassing calls to persons outside the Institution.

For services provided to Inmates of Institutions, the following special conditions apply:

- a. Calls to "900", "976" or other pay-per-call services are blocked by PCS.
- b. At the request of the Institution, PCS may block inmate access to toll-free numbers (e.g., 800, 888) and dialing sequences used to access other carriers or operator service providers (e.g., 950-XXXX, 10XXXX).
- c. At the request of the Institution, PCS may block Inmate access to "911", "411", or local operators reached through "0-" dialing.
- d. At the request of the Institution, PCS may block Inmate access to specific telephone numbers.
- e. Availability of PCS's services may be restricted by the Institution to certain hours and/or days of the week.
- f. At the request of the Institution, no notices or signage concerning the Company's services will be posted with its instruments. Information concerning PCS's services is provided to the administration of each Institution where the Company's services are offered. Inmates may obtain information regarding rates and charges by requesting such information from the Institution's administration.
- g. At the request of the Institution, PCS may impose time limits on local and long distance calls placed using its services.
- h. At the request of the Institution, equipment may be provided which permits monitoring of inmate calls by legally authorized government officials.

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**SECTION 3 - RATES AND SERVICES, CONT'D.****3.6 Institutional Operator Assisted Calling, (Cont'd.)****3.6.1 Local, InterLATA and IntraLATA Calls – Collect and Prepaid**

The total charge for each operator-assisted call consists of a usage charge, dependent on the duration, distance and time of day of the call, and an automated collect operator service charge. Calls are billed in one (1) minute increments, after an initial period of one (1) minute. The maximum call duration is fifteen minutes, unless otherwise set by the individual institution.

**A. Local and IntraLATA – Collect and Prepaid**

## 1. Rate Per Minute:

Mileage Band	Day		Evening		Night/Weekend	
	Initial Minute	Addl. Minute	Initial Minute	Addl. Minute	Initial Minute	Addl. Minute
0-10	\$0.14	\$0.13	\$0.11	\$0.10	\$0.09	\$0.08
11-16	\$0.15	\$0.14	\$0.12	\$0.11	\$0.09	\$0.09
17-22	\$0.15	\$0.14	\$0.12	\$0.11	\$0.09	\$0.09
23-40	\$0.16	\$0.15	\$0.13	\$0.12	\$0.10	\$0.09
41+	\$0.16	\$0.15	\$0.13	\$0.12	\$0.10	\$0.09

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(T)**B. InterLATA - Collect**

## 1. Rate Per Minute:

Mileage Band	
0-10	\$0.19
11-22	\$0.20
23-55	\$0.21
56-124	\$0.23
125-292	\$0.25
293 & over	\$0.26

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**SECTION 3 - RATES AND SERVICES, CONT'D.**

**3.6 Institutional Operator Assisted Calling, (Cont'd.)**

**3.6.1 Local, InterLATA and IntraLATA Calls – Collect and Prepaid, (Cont'd.)**

**B. InterLATA - Prepaid**

1. Rate Per Minute:

Mileage Band	
0-10	\$0.19
11-22	\$0.20
23-55	\$0.21
56-124	\$0.23
125-292	\$0.25
293 & over	\$0.26

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