# Tariff Schedule Applicable to

Calling Services Provided to Inmates in Correctional Institutions via

Resold Interexchange Services and Operator Services

Telecommunications Services Furnished by

**Public Communications Services, Inc.** 

Between Points Within the State of Maryland

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#### 1 GENERAL

- 1.1 Explanation of Symbols
  - (C) To signify a changed regulation
  - (D) To signify a discontinued rate or regulation
  - (I) To signify an increase in a rate
  - (M) To signify text or rates relocated without change
  - (N) To signify a new rate or regulation or other text
  - (R) To signify a reduction in a rate
  - (S) To signify reissued regulations
  - (T) To signify a change in text but no change in rate
  - (Z) To signify a correction
- 1.2 Application of the Tariff
  - 1.2.1 This tariff governs the Carrier's services that originate and terminate in Maryland. Specific services and rates are described elsewhere in this tariff.
  - 1.2.2 The Company's services are available to inmates in correctional institutions.
  - 1.2.3 The Company's service territory is statewide

#### 1.3 Definitions

"Aggregator" means a Customer of the Company, including any person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity which contracts with PCS for installation of the Company's services and makes such services available for use by guests, patrons, visitors or other transient third parties at the Aggregator's location. The Aggregator is responsible for compliance with the terms and conditions of this Price List.

"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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"Carrier," "Company" or "Utility" refers to Public Communications Services, Inc.

"Commission" means the Maryland Public Service Commission.

"Completed call" is a call which the Company's network has determined has been answered by a person, answering machine, fax machine, computer modem device, or other answering device.

"Confinement Institution" means 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" means any person, firm, corporation, or governmental entity who has applied for and is granted service or who is responsible for payment of service.

"Inmates" means the confined population of Institutions.

"Institutions" see Confinement Institution.

"Jail" is 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.

Prison is 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.

"PCS" means public Communications Services, Inc., unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context.

"Residential" customer is a customer who has telephone service at a dwelling and who uses the service primarily for domestic or social purposes. All other customers are non-residential customers.

"Service" means any telecommunications service(s) provided by the Carrier under this tariff.

"Station" means a telephone instrument consisting of a connected transmitter, receiver, and associated apparatus to permit sending or receiving telephone messages.

### 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 2.1 Undertaking of the Company

PCS services and facilities are furnished for communications originating at correctional or confinement institutions within the state of Maryland. The terms of this tariff apply to PCS intrastate calls.

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

The Company's services and facilities are available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week subject to restrictions imposed by the administration of the institution.

- 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)
- 2.2 Obligations of the Customer
  - 2.2.1 The customer shall be responsible for:
    - 2.2.1.1 The payment of all applicable charges pursuant to this tariff;
    - 2.2.1.2 Reimbursing the Company for damage to, or loss of, the Company's facilities or equipment caused by the acts or omissions of the customer; or the noncompliance by the customer, with these regulations, or by fire or theft or other casualty on the customer's premises unless caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the employees or agents of the Company.
    - 2.2.1.3 Providing at no charge, as specified from time to time by the Company, any needed space and power to operate the Company's facilities and equipment installed on the customer's premises.
    - 2.2.1.4 Complying with all laws and regulations regarding the working conditions on the premises at which the Company's employees and agents shall be installing or maintaining the Company's facilities and equipment. The customer may be required to install and maintain the Company's facilities and equipment within a hazardous area if, in the Company's opinion, injury or damage to the Company's employees or property might result from installation or maintenance by the Company. The customer shall be responsible for identifying, monitoring, removing and disposing of any hazardous material prior to any construction or installation work.
    - 2.2.1.5 Complying with all laws and regulations applicable to, and obtaining all consents, approvals, licenses and permits as may be required with respect to, the location of the Company's facilities and equipment in any customer premises for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining, repairing, or upon termination of service as stated herein, removing the facilities or equipment of the Company.
    - 2.2.1.6 Making Company facilities and equipment available periodically for maintenance purposes at a time agreeable to both the Company and the customer. No allowance for interruptions in service will be made for the period during which service is interrupted for such purposes.

- 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)
- 2.2 Obligations of the Customer, (Cont'd.)
  - 2.2.2 With respect to any service or facility provided by the Company, the customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses for:
    - 2.2.2.1 Any loss, destruction or damage to property of the Company or any third party, or injury to persons, including, but not limited to, employees or invitees of either the Company or the customer, to the extent caused by or resulting from the negligent or intentional act or omission of the customer, its employees, agents, representatives or invitees; or
    - 2.2.2.2 Any claim, loss, damage, expense or liability for infringement of any copyright, patent, trade secret, or any proprietary infringement of any copyright, patent, trade secret, or any proprietary or intellectual property right of any third party, arising from any act or omission by the customer.
  - 2.2.3 The customer is responsible for ensuring that customer-provided equipment connected to Company equipment and facilities is compatible with such equipment and facilities. The connection, operation, testing, or maintenance of such equipment shall be such as not to cause damage to the Company–provided equipment and facilities or injury to the Company's employees or other persons. Any additional protective equipment required to prevent such damage or injury shall be provided by the Company at the customer's expense.
  - 2.2.4 The Company's services (as detailed in this tariff) may be connected to the services or facilities or other communications carriers only when authorized by, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions of the tariffs or contracts which are applicable to such connections.
  - 2.2.5 Upon reasonable notification to the customer, and at a reasonable time, the Company may make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the customer is complying with the requirements set forth in this tariff for the installation, operation, and maintenance of customer-provided facilities and equipment that is connected to Company-owned facilities and equipment.

- 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)
- 2.3 Liability of the Company
  - 2.3.1 In view of the fact that the customer has exclusive control over the use of service and facilities furnished by the Company, and because certain errors incident to the services and to the use of such facilities of the Company are unavoidable, services and facilities are furnished by the Company subject to the terms, conditions and limitations herein specified:
  - 2.3.2 Service Irregularities
    - 2.3.2.1 The liability of the Company for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission, or failures or defects in facilities furnished by the Company, occurring in the course of furnishing service or other facilities and not caused by the negligence of the customer, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the customer for the service or facilities affected during the period such mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error or defect in transmission, or failure or defect in facilities continues after notice and demand to Company.
    - 2.3.2.2 The Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any connecting carrier, underlying carrier or local exchange Company except where Company contracts the other carrier; for acts or omission of any other providers of connections, facilities, or service; or for culpable conduct of the customer or failure of equipment, facilities or connection provided by the customer.

- 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)
- 2.3 Liability of the Company, (cont'd.)
  - 2.3.3 Claims of Misuse of Service
    - 2.3.3.1 The Company shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the customer against claims for libel, slander, fraudulent or misleading advertisements or infringement of copyright arising directly or indirectly from material transmitted over its facilities or the use thereof; against claims for infringement of patents arising from combining or using apparatus and systems of the customer with facilities of the Company; and against all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in connection with the services and facilities provided by the Company.
    - 2.3.3.2 The Company does not require indemnification from the customer where the action for which it is seeking indemnification is based on a claim of negligence by the Company.
  - 2.3.4 Defacement of Premises
    - 2.3.4.1 The Company is not liable for any defacement of, or damage to, the customer's premises resulting from the furnishing of service or the attachment of equipment and facilities furnished by the Company on such premises or by the installation or removal thereof, when such defacement or damage is not the result of negligence of the Company. For the purpose of this paragraph, no agents or employees of the other participating carriers shall be deemed to be agents or employees of the Company except where contracted by the Company.

- 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)
- 2.3 Liability of the Company, (cont'd.)
  - 2.3.5 Facilities and Equipment in Explosive Atmosphere, Hazardous or Inaccessible Locations
    - 2.3.5.1 The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations provided by it for use in an explosive atmosphere. Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the customer from and against any and all claims, loss, demands, suits, or other action, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the customer or by any other party, for any personal injury to or death of any person or persons, and for any loss, damage or destruction of any property, including environmental contamination, whether owned by the customer or by any other party, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, presence, condition, location, use or removal of any equipment or facilities or the service and not due to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Company.
  - 2.3.6 Service at Outdoor Locations
    - 2.3.6.1 The Company reserves the right to refuse to provide, maintain or restore service at outdoor locations unless the customer agrees in writing to indemnify and save the Company harmless from and against any and all loss or damage that may result to equipment and facilities furnished by the Company at such locations. The customer shall likewise indemnify and save the Company harmless from and against injury to or death of any person which may result from the location and use of such equipment and facilities.

- 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)
- 2.3 Liability of the Company, (cont'd.)
  - 2.3.7 Warranties
    - 2.3.7.1 THE COMPANY MAKES NO WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATON OF LAW, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE, EXCEPT THOSE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN.
    - 2.3.7.2 Acceptance of the provisions of Section 2.3 by the Commission does not constitute its determination that any disclaimer of warrantees or representations imposed by the Company should be upheld in a court of law.
  - 2.3.8 Limitation of Liability
    - 2.3.8.1 Nothing in this tariff shall be construed to limit the Company's liability in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

- 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)
- 2.4 Application for Service
  - 2.4.1 Minimum Contract Period
    - 2.4.1.1 Except as otherwise provided, the minimum contract period is one month for all services furnished. However, if a new residential or single line business customer notifies the Company within twenty days after receipt of the first bill that certain services or equipment are not desired, the Company will delete such services or equipment from the customer's account without a record keeping or service ordering charge. The customer nonetheless shall be responsible for all monthly usage and installation charges incurred for the use of such service and equipment.
    - 2.4.1.2 Except as provided in 2.4.2.1, the length of minimum contract period for directory listings, and for joint user service where the listing actually appears in the directory, is the directory period. The directory period is from the day on which the directory is first distributed to customers to the day the succeeding directory is first distributed to customers.
    - 2.4.1.3 The Company may require a minimum contract period longer than one month in connection with special, non-standard types or arrangements of equipment, or for unusual construction, necessary to meet special demands for service.

- 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)
- 2.4 Application for Service
  - 2.4.2 Cancellation of Service
    - 2.4.2.1 Where the applicant cancels an order for service prior to the start of the installation or special construction of facilities, no charge shall apply, except to the extent the Company incurs a service order or similar charge from a supplying carrier, if any, prior to the construction.
    - 2.4.2.2 Where the installation of facilities, other than those provided by special construction, has been started prior to cancellation, the lower of the following charge applies;
      - 2.4.2.2.A The total costs of installing and removing such facilities; or
      - 2.4.2.2.B The monthly charges for the entire initial contract period of the service ordered by the customer as provided in this tariff plus the full amount of any applicable installation and termination charges.
    - 2.4.2.3 Where special construction of facilities has been started prior to the cancellation, and the Company has another requirement for the specially constructed facilities, no charge applies.

## 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)

### 2.5 Payment for Service

- 2.5.1 Service will be billed directly by the Company on a monthly basis and is due and payable upon receipt or as specified on the customer's bill. Service will continue to be provided until canceled by the customer or discontinued by the Company as set forth in Section 2.14 of this tariff.
- 2.5.2 The customer is responsible for payment of all charges for service furnished to the customer. Charges based on actual usage during a month will be billed monthly in the month following the month in which the service was used. All fixed monthly and nonrecurring charges for services ordered will be billed monthly in advance.
- 2.5.3 The Company reserves the right to require from an applicant for service advance payments of fixed charges and nonrecurring charges. The advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to the nonrecurring charge(s) and one month's charges for the service or facility. In addition, where special construction is involved, the advance payment may also include an amount equal to the estimated nonrecurring charges for the special construction. The advance payment will be applied to any indebtedness for the service and facilities for which the advance payment is made on the customer's initial bill.

Advanced payments for installation costs or special construction will be credited on the first bill in their entirety.

2.5.4 If the Company provides service under a term plan (1,3,5 years, etc.) and (1) automatically renews the contract, and (2) imposes a penalty for early cancellation by the customer, then the customer shall be notified 60 days in advance of the customer's current contract expiration date.

- 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)
- 2.6 Customer Deposits
  - 2.6.1 PCS does not collect customer deposits.
- 2.7 Late Payment Charges
  - 2.7.1 The Carrier agrees to abide by the regulations governing late payment charges as specified by COMAR 20.30.03. as amended from time to time.
  - 2.7.2 Any charges that are disputed by a customer shall not be subject to late payment charges regardless of the outcome of the dispute.
  - 2.7.3 The Company will consider delinquent and apply late payment charges on bills not paid within 20 days of the billing invoice date in the case of residential customers and within 15 days of the billing invoice date in the case of all non-residential customers in accordance with COMAR Sections 20.30.03.01A and 20.30.03.01B, respectively.
  - 2.7.4 Late payment fees will be computed at a rate not to exceed 1.5% per month, for the two nominal billing intervals and may not exceed 5% of the total original unpaid charges in compliance with COMAR 20.30.03.01.A(1).
- 2.8 Customer Complaints and Billing Disputes
  - 2.8.1 Customers may notify the carrier of billing or other disputes either orally or in writing. There is no time limit for submitting disputes.
  - 2.8.2 Customer complaints and billing disputes that are not satisfactorily resolved may be presented by the customer to:

Office of External Relations Maryland Public Service Commission 6 St. Paul Street Baltimore, MD 21202

410-767-8028 (Office of External Relations) 410-767-8000 (Main PSC number) 1-800-492-0474 (Toll-free PSC number)

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- 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)
- 2.8 Customer Complaints and Billing Disputes, (Cont'd.)
  - 2.8.3 The Company provides the following toll free number (1-888-288-9879) for customers to contact the carrier in accordance with COMAR 20.45.04.02.B.
  - 2.8.4 The Company will not collect attorney fees or court costs from customers.
- 2.9 Allowance for Interruptions in Service
  - 2.9.1 Credit for failure of service or equipment will be allowed only when failure is caused by or occurs in equipment owned, provided, or billed for, by the Company. The Carrier agrees to abide by the regulations associated with interruptions in service as specified by Code of Maryland Regulations 20.45.05.09 as amended from time to time.

## 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)

#### 2.10 Taxes and Fees

- 2.10.1 All state and local taxes and fees shall be listed as separate line items on the customer's bill.
- 2.10.2 If a municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government, or the Commission imposes and collects from the Company a gross receipts tax, occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee, or regulatory fee, such taxes and fees shall, as allowed by law, be billed pro rata to the customer receiving service from the Company within the territorial limits of such municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government.
- 2.10.3 Service shall not be subject to taxes for a given taxing jurisdiction if the customer provides the Company with written verification, acceptable to the Company and to the relevant taxing jurisdiction, that the customer has been granted a tax exemption.

## 2.11 Returned Check Charge

The charge for a returned check is \$25.00.

2.12 Directory Assistance Call Allowance

PCS does not offer directory assistance.

## 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)

### 2.13 Special Customer Arrangements

In cases where a customer requests special or unique arrangements which may include but are not limited to engineering, conditioning, installation, construction, facilities, assembly, purchase or lease of facilities and/or other special services not offered under this tariff, the Company, may provide the requested services. Appropriate recurring charges and/or nonrecurring charges and other terms and conditions will be developed for the customer for the provisioning of such arrangements.

#### 2.14 Termination of Service:

### 2.14.1 Denial of Service Without Notice

The Company may discontinue service without notice for any of the following reasons:

- 2.14.1.1 Hazardous Condition. For a condition on the customer's premises determined by the Company to be hazardous.
- 2.14.1.2 Adverse Effect on Service. Customer's use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's equipment or the Company's service to others.
- 2.14.1.3 Tampering With Company Property. Customer's tampering with equipment furnished and owned by the Company.
- 2.14.1.4 Unauthorized Use of Service. Customer's unauthorized use of service by any method which causes hazardous signals over the Company's network.
- 2.14.1.5. Illegal use of Service. Customer's use of service or equipment in a manner to violate the law.

- 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)
- 2.14 Termination of Service:, (Cont'd.)
  - 2.14.2. Denial of Service Requiring Notice
    - 2.14.2.1 The Company may deny service for any of the following reasons provided it has notified the customer of its intent, in writing, to deny service and has allowed the customer a reasonable time of not less than 10 days in which to remove the cause for denial:
      - 2.14.2.1.A Non-compliance with Regulations. For violation of or non-compliance with regulations contained in Code of Maryland Regulations 20.45.04, or for violation of or non-compliance with the Company's tariffs on file with the Commission.
      - 2.14.2.1.B Failure on Contractual Obligations. For failure of the customer to fulfill his contractual obligations for service or facilities subject to regulation by the Maryland Public Service Commission.
      - 2.14.2.1.C Refusal of Access. For failure of the customer to permit the Company to have reasonable access to its equipment.

- 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)
- 2.14 Termination of Service:, (Cont'd.)
  - 2.14.2. Denial of Service Requiring Notice, (Cont'd.)
    - 2.14.2.1.D Non-payment of Bill.
      - 2.14.2.1.D.1 For non-payment of a bill for service, provided that the Company has made a reasonable attempt to effect collection and has given the customer written notice of its intent to deny service if settlement of his account is not made and provided the customer has at least 5 days, excluding Sundays and holidays in which to make settlement before his service is denied.
      - 2.14.2.1.D.2 In cases of bankruptcy, receivership, abandonment of service, or abnormal toll usage not covered adequately by a security deposit, less than 5 days notice may be given if necessary to protect the Company's revenues.
      - 2.14.2.1.D.3 Except in cases where a prior promise to pay has not been kept or bankruptcy, receivership, abandoned service, or abnormal toll usage is involved, the Company may not deny service on the day preceding any day on which it is not prepared to accept payment of the amount due and to reconnect service.
      - 2.14.2.1.D.4 Failure to Comply with Service Conditions. For failure of the customer to furnish the service equipment, permits, certificates, or rights-of-way, specified by the Company as a condition to obtaining service, or if the equipment or permissions are withdrawn or terminated.
      - 2.14.2.1.D.5 Failure to Comply with Municipal Ordinances. For failure to comply with municipal ordinances or other laws pertaining to telephone service.
      - 2.14.2.1.D.6 Failure to Pay Increased Deposit Required. For failure of the customer to pay an increased security deposit when warranted by the Company to protect its revenue in accordance with Code of Maryland Regulations 20.45.04.

- 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)
- 2.14 Termination of Service:, (Cont'd.)
  - 2.14.3. Insufficient Reasons for Denial of Service
    - 2.14.3.1 The following may not constitute cause for refusal of service to a present or prospective customer:
      - 2.14.3.1.A Failure of a prior customer to pay for service at the premises to be serviced:
      - 2.14.3.1.B Failure to pay for a different class of service for a different entity;
      - 2.14.3.1.C Failure to pay the bill of another customer as guarantor of that bill;
      - 2.14.3.1.D Failure to pay directory advertising charges;
      - 2.14.3.1.E Failure to pay an undercharge as described in the Code of Maryland Regulations 20.45.04.01.D.(2); or
      - 2.14.3.1.F Failure to pay an outstanding bill that is over 7 years old, unless the:
        - 2.14.3.1.F.1 Customer signed an agreement to pay the outstanding bill before the expiration of this period;
        - 2.14.3.1.F.2 Outstanding bill is for service obtained by the customer by means of tampering with equipment furnished and owned by the Company or by unauthorized use of service by any method; or

- 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)
- 2.14 Termination of Service:, (Cont'd.)
  - 2.14.3. Insufficient Reasons for Denial of Service
    - 2.14.3.1 The following may not constitute cause for refusal of service to a present or prospective customer:
      - 2.14.3.1.F Failure to pay an outstanding bill that is over 7 years old, unless the: (Cont'd.)
        - 2.14.3.1.F.3 Outstanding bill is for service obtained by the customer by means of an application made:
          - (i) In a fictitious name,
          - (ii) In the name of an individual who is not an occupant of the dwelling unit, without disclosure of the individual's actual address,
          - (iii) In the name of a third party without disclosing that fact or without bonafide authority from the third party, or
          - (iv) Without disclosure of a material fact or by misrepresentations of a material fact.
    - 2.14.3.2 This regulation applies to both residential and nonresidential classes of service.

## 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)

#### 2.15 Unlawful Use of Service

- 2.15.1 Service shall not be used for any purpose in violation of law or for any use as to which the customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents, and permits. The Company shall refuse to furnish service to an applicant or shall disconnect the service without notice of a customer when:
  - 2.15.1.1 An order shall be issued, signed by a judge finding that probable cause exists to believe that the use made or to be made of the service is prohibited by law, or
  - 2.15.1.2 The Company is notified in writing by a law enforcement agency acting within its jurisdiction that any facility furnished by the Company is being used or will be used for the purpose of transmitting or receiving gambling information in interstate or foreign commerce in violation of the law.
- 2.15.2 If service has been physically disconnected by law enforcement officials at the customer's premises and if there is not presented to the Company the written finding of a judge, then upon written or verbal request of the subscriber, and agreement to pay restoral of service charges and other applicable service charges, the Company shall promptly restore such service.

## 2.16 Interference with or Impairment of Service

Service shall not be used in any manner that interferes with other persons in the use of their service, prevents other persons from using their service, or otherwise impairs the quality of service to other customers. The Company may require a customer to immediately shut down its transmission of signals if said transmission is causing interference to others or impairing the service of others.

- 2 RULES AND REGULATIONS, (Cont'd.)
- 2.17 Telephone Solicitation by Use of Recorded Messages
  - 2.17.1 Service shall not be used for the purpose of solicitation by recorded messages when such solicitation occurs as a result of unrequested or unsolicited calls initiated by the solicitor by means of automatic dialing devices. Such devices, with storage capability of numbers to be called or a random or sequential number generator that produces numbers to be called and having the capability, working alone or in conjunction with other equipment, of disseminating a prerecorded message to the number called and which are calling party or called party controlled, are expressly prohibited.

## 2.18 Incomplete Calls

2.18.1 There shall be no charge for incomplete calls. No charge will be levied for unanswered calls. Customers will receive credit for calls placed to a wrong number if the customer notifies the Company of the error.

### 2.19 Overcharge/Undercharge

- 2.19.1 Overcharge/undercharge provisions will be in accordance with COMAR 20.45.04.01.
- 2.19.2 When a customer has been overcharged, the amount shall be refunded or credited to the customer.

#### 3 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

#### 3.1 Trial Services

3.1.1 The Company may offer new services, not otherwise tariffed, from time to time on a trial basis subject to Commission approval. Such trials are limited to a maximum of six months at which time the trial offering must be either withdrawn or made available on permanent basis.

## 3.2 Promotional Offerings

3.2.1 The Company may offer existing services on a promotional basis, subject to Commission approval, that provides special rates, terms, or conditions of service. Promotional offerings are limited to a maximum of six months at which time the promotional offering must be either withdrawn or made available on a permanent basis. All promotions, regardless of whether services are given away for free, are subject to Commission approval. The Company may file a promotional offering on one days notice to the Commission.

### 3.3 Individual Case Basis ("ICB") Offerings

3.3.1 The tariff may not specify the price of a service in the tariff as ICB. The Company may or may not have an equivalent service in its tariff on file with the Commission, and the quoted ICB rates may be different than the tariffed rates. An ICB must be provided under contract to a customer and the contract filed (can be under seal) with the Commission. All customers have non-discriminatory access to requesting the service under an ICB rate.

# 3.4 Customized Pricing Arrangements ("CPAs") Offerings

3.4.1 The Company may offer CPAs to eligible customers. Each CPA is customized to meet the specific needs of a customer. Rates quoted are different from the tariffed rates. CPA rates must be provided under contract to a customer and the contract filed (can be under seal) with the Commission.

#### 3 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

### 3.5 Institutional Operator Assisted Service

Institutional operator assisted service allows Inmates to place 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. Each call is billed individually to the party responsible for the charges.

A number of special blocking and screening capabilities are available with institutional operator services provided by the Company. 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 the Company.
- b. At the request of the Institution, Company 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, Company may block Inmate access to "911", "411", or local operators reached through "0-" dialing.
- d. At the request of the Institution, Company may block Inmate access to specific telephone numbers.
- e. Availability of Company'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 the Company'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, Company 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.

#### 4 RATES AND CHARGES

## 4.1 Calculation of Rates

- 4.1.1 Rates for service are based on airline mileage between rate centers of the calling and called stations. The location of rate centers is based on information provided by Verizon Maryland, Inc. Mileage is calculated using the Vertical and Horizontal (V&H) coordinate system from the National Exchange Carriers Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.
- 4.1.2 Timing of calls begins when the call is answered at the called station. Calls originating in one time period and terminating in another time period will be billed according to the rates in effect during each portion of the call.

The Company does not offer time of day or day of week call rating.

- 4 RATES AND CHARGES
- 4.2 [Reserved For Future Use]

#### 4 RATES AND CHARGES

### 4.3 PCS Institutional Automated Collect Operator Service

PCS provides Institutional Automated Collect-Only Operator Service to inmates of confinement facilities. Service may be limited by the administrators of the institutions as to availability, call duration or calling scope. Calls are billed to the Called Party. The Called Party must actively accept charges for the call.

Institutional automated collect operator service allows inmates to make collect calls to terminating locations anywhere in the State of Maryland. An automated system prompts the caller and the called party through user - friendly instructions. The called party must accept responsibility for payment of the charges by dialing the designated digit for acceptance. If a call is not accepted within five (5) seconds of the automated voice recording prompt, the automated recording is replayed a second time. If an acceptance digit is not received five (5) seconds after the second recording is completed, the call is terminated by PCS' system.

#### 4.3.1 Classes of Calls

Automated Collect Station Calls: are calls which are placed by an Inmate who dials all of the digits required to route the call and who follows the PCS system prompts, enabling the Called Party to accept the charges for the call. If the Called Party does not accept the call, the call is terminated and no billing applies.

- 4 RATES AND CHARGES, (Cont'd.)
- 4.3 PCS Institutional Automated Collect Operator Service, (Cont'd.)
  - 4.3.2 Local Services Rates and Charges

Local operator assisted collect-only calls placed by inmates of institutions and other correctional facilities are billed as follows:

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Rate Per Minute: \$0.05 (C)

- 4 RATES AND CHARGES, (Cont'd.)
- 4.3 PCS Institutional Automated Collect Operator Service, (Cont'd.)
  - 4.3.3 IntraLATA Services Rates and Charges
    - .1 Usage Charges

Service is billed in one (1) minute increments following an initial one (1) minute billing period.

Rate Per Minute: \$0.17

(**D**) | (**D**)

- 4.3.4 InterLATA Services Rates and Charges
  - .1 Usage Charges

Service is billed in one (1) minute increments following an initial one (1) minute billing period.

Rate Per Minute: \$0.17

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### 4 RATES AND CHARGES, (Cont'd.)

### 4.4 Prepaid Collect Service

Prepaid Collect Service allows recipients of collect calls from inmate facilities to set up a prepaid account with the Company from which such calls are decremented.

Inmates place a collect call through the standard dialing pattern to a specific telephone number (station to station). The Subscriber accepts the collect call and the charges for that call are deducted from the Subscriber=s Prepaid Account. Funds in this Prepaid Account may only be used for payment of calls received by Subscribers to their telephone number specified to the Company when the Prepaid Account is established. Customers who establish Prepaid Collect Service may contact the Company at any time to request a refund of unused funds.

Prepaid Collect Service calls are not distance sensitive. Call timing is rounded up to the nearest one (1) minute increment after the initial minimum period of one (1) minute and therefore the Available Usage Balance is decremented in full minute increments.

Per call and usage for each call placed is deducted from the Available Usage Balance in the Inmates=s Prepaid Account. Customers may obtain the current Available Usage Balance, last payment made and last payment date by calling the Company=s Customer Service toll free number twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

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4.4	Prepai	Prepaid Collect Service, (Cont'd.)					
	4.4.1	Local	Services Rates and Charges				
					<b>(D)</b>		
			Rate Per Minute:	\$0.05	<b>(C)</b>		
	4.4.2	IntraL	ATA Services Rates and Charges				
		.1	Usage Charges				
			Service is billed in one (1) minute increbilling period.	ements following an initial one (1) minute			
			Rate Per Minute:	\$0.15			
					<b>(D</b> )		
	4.4.3 InterLATA Services Rates and Charges				( <b>D</b> )		
		.1	Usage Charges				
	Service is billed in one (1) minute increments following an initial one (1) min billing period.			ements following an initial one (1) minute			
			Rate Per Minute:	\$0.15			
					<b>(D)</b>		
					( <b>D</b> )		

### 4 RATES AND CHARGES, (Cont'd.)

### 4.5 Institutional Prepaid Service (Debit)

Institutional Prepaid Service allows inmates to set up prepaid accounts for outbound calling. Prepaid calls are originated when the inmate enters their unique PIN and destination number. The institution has the option of enabling a function requiring positive call acceptance on each call placed via Institutional Prepaid Service.

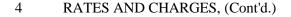
With the assistance of the institution, the company will set up a Prepaid Account for calls placed from the institution. Funds in the Prepaid Account may only be used for payment of calls placed by inmates. The Company's system informs the inmate of the Available Usage Balance remaining in the Prepaid Account upon access to place a call, and prompts the inmate Customer to place a call by entering the destination telephone number.

Institutional Prepaid Service calls are not distance sensitive. Call timing is rounded up to the nearest one (1) minute increment after the initial minimum period of one (1) minute and therefore the Available Usage Balance is decremented in full minute increments.

Per call and usage for each call placed is deducted from the Available Usage Balance in the Inmate=s Prepaid Account on a real time basis as the call progresses.

While a call is in progress and the Available Usage Balance reaches one minute, a voice prompt will announce to the inmate that one minute of time remains on their Prepaid Account and that the call will be cut off after that time.

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1.5	Institut	Institutional Prepaid Service (Debit), (Cont'd.)					
	4.5.1	Local Services Rates and Charges					
		.1	Usage Charge				
					<b>(D)</b>		
			Rate Per Minute:	\$0.03	( <b>C</b> )		
	4.5.2	IntraLATA Services Rates and Charges					
		.1	Usage Charges				
			Service is billed in one (1) minute increbilling period.	ments following an initial one (1) minute			
			Rate Per Minute:	\$0.10			
					<b>(D)</b>		
	4.5.3	InterL	ATA Services Rates and Charges		( <b>D</b> )		
		.1	Usage Charges				
			Service is billed in one (1) minute increbilling period.	ments following an initial one (1) minute			
			Rate Per Minute:	\$0.10			
					( <b>D</b> )		
					<b>(D)</b>		



4.6 [Reserved For Future Use]

# 4.7 Ancillary Service Charges

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4.7.1 Automated Payment Fees (where available) – Credit Card payment, debit card payment, and bill processing fees, including fees for payments made by interactive voice response (IVR), web, or kiosk (where available).

Automated payment fees

\$3.00

4.7.2 Live Agent Fee – A fee associated with the optional use of a live operator to complete Inmate Calling Services transactions.

Live Agent Fee

\$5.95

4.7.3 Paper Bill/Statement Fees – Fees associated with providing customers of Inmate Calling Services an optional paper billing statement.

Paper Bill/Statement Fees \$2.00

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