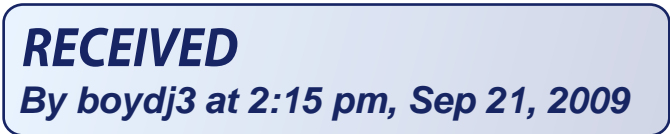

SECTION 6-B – LOCAL CALL TERMINATION SERVICE

6-B.1 General

This Section establishes an arrangement for the termination of local telecommunications traffic of other carriers on the Company’s network, including intra-exchange Telecommunications traffic; traffic that originates and terminates in the same local calling area as specified in Section 9 of the Company’s Tariff M.P.S.C. No. 1; Extended Area Service (“EAS”) traffic; and traffic pursuant to Michigan Telecommunications Act (“MTA”) Section 304(9), hereinafter referred to as Local Call Termination Service (“LCTS”).

This Section is applicable to the provision of LCTS to Carriers within the State of Michigan. If an Interconnection Agreement exists between a Carrier and the Company, to the extent that the terms of this Section are inconsistent with the terms of the Agreement between the Company and the Carrier, the terms of such Agreement shall govern (except as otherwise provided in such Agreement).

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6-B.2 Regulations

- A. LCTS requires the use of Calling Party Number (CPN) when a call is setup using SS7 or ANI when the call is setup using other methods. Calls with the appropriate CPN/ANI for the provider's service area will be billed at the rate shown herein. Calls without the appropriate CPN/ANI will be billed as access.
- B. SS7 denotes the common channel out of band signaling protocol developed by the Consultative Committee for International Telephone and Telegraph (CCITT) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).
- C. Terminating access services are not allowed over facilities associated LCTS. If it is determined that the customer has routed terminating access services over facilities ordered for LCTS in violation of the above, the Company will charge the customers the higher of LCTS charges or terminating access charges for all the traffic routed over those facilities plus a penalty of up to three times the original charges.
- D. Charges for LCTS shall be on a per Interconnection Minutes basis.

6-B.3 Constructive Ordering of LCTS

In the event a Carrier with whom an Interconnection Agreement or other arrangements do not exist, directs local traffic to the Company for termination, such Carrier will be held to have constructively ordered LCTS from the Company.

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6-B.4 Definitions Pertaining to Section

Carrier

A telecommunications carrier, other than the Company, that provides local exchange telecommunications services within the State of Michigan between one or more of its exchanges and an exchange of the Company.

Interconnection Minutes

For the purpose of calculating chargeable usage, the term “Interconnection Minutes” denotes customer usage of exchange facilities in the provision of local call termination service. For terminating local calls provided with Multi-Frequency Signaling, the measurement of interconnection minutes begins when the terminating first point of switching receives answer supervision from the terminating end user’s end office, indicating the terminating end user has answered. This measurement ends when the terminating first point of switching receives disconnection supervision from either the terminating end user’s end office, indicating the terminating end user has disconnected, or the customer’s point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching. Interconnection minutes to an end office will be determined by the Company. For terminating local calls with SS7 Signaling, usage measurement begins when the terminating recording switch receives answer supervision from the terminating end user. The Company switch receives answer supervision and sends the indication to the customer in the form of an answer message. The measurement of terminating local call usage ends when the entry switch receives or sends a release message, whichever occurs first. The telecommunications industry commonly refers to the above length of time as terminating conversation time.

6-B.5 Rates

LCTS Rate

Per interconnection minute: \$0.004331

Other Charges

The charge for all other services required to provide LCTS shall be the same as charges for access services and are determined under the Company’s Tariff, FCC No. 1, Access Service, K. Rates and Charges, excluding Section 1.2 (Local Switching), Section 2 (End User Federal Access Charge), and Section 3 (Universal Service Charge).

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