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- M Moved From Another Guide Book Location
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- R Change Resulting In A Reduction to A Customer's Bill
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- T Change In Text or Regulation But No Change In Rate or Charge
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- A. <u>Sheet Numbering</u> Sheet numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Sheets are numbered sequentially. However, new sheets are occasionally added to the Guide Book. When a new sheet is added between sheets already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new sheet added between sheets 14 and 15 would be 14.1.
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SECTION 1. <u>TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS</u>

<u>Access Line</u> - An arrangement from a local exchange telephone company or other common carrier, using either dedicated or switched access, which connects a Subscriber's location to Carrier's location or switching center.

<u>Authorization Code</u> - A numerical code, one or more of which may be assigned to a Subscriber, to enable Carrier to identify the origin of service User so it may rate and bill the call. All authorization codes shall be the sole property of Carrier and no Subscriber shall have any property or other right or interest in the use of any particular authorization code. Automatic numbering identification (ANI) may be used as or in connection with the authorization code.

<u>Automatic Numbering Identification (ANI)</u> - A type of signaling provided by a local exchange telephone company which automatically identifies the local exchange line from which a call originates.

<u>Calling Card</u> - A postpaid or prepaid calling card issued by Carrier which allows Subscribers and/or Users to make telephone calls and charge the calls to a postpaid or prepaid account. Calls charged to a Carrier-issued postpaid Calling Card will appear on the Subscriber's regular monthly bill. Calls charged to a Carrier-issued prepaid Calling Card will be charged against the debit account.

Carrier or Company - Refers to PaeTec Communications, Inc.

Commission - Refers to the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

<u>Common Carrier</u> - A company or entity providing telecommunications services to the public.

<u>Local Access and Transport Area</u> (<u>LATA</u>) - The term "Local Access Transport Area" denotes a geographical area established by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192, within which a local exchange company provides communications services.

<u>Measured Charge</u> - A charge assessed on a per minute basis in calculating a portion of the charges due for a completed interexchange call.

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SECTION 1. TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (Cont'd)

<u>Subscriber/Customer</u> - The person or legal entity which enters into arrangements for Carrier's telecommunications services and is responsible for payment of Carrier's services.

<u>Telecommunications</u> - The transmission of voice communications or, subject to the transmission capabilities of the service, the transmission of data, facsimile, signaling, metering, or other similar communications.

<u>Term</u> - The timeframe by which the Subscriber agrees to be served by the Carrier.

<u>User</u> - The person(s) utilizing Carrier's services.

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SECTION 2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 Application of Guide Book

- 2.1.1 This Guide Book contains the regulations and rates applicable to intrastate resale telecommunications services provided by Carrier for telecommunications between points within the State of Louisiana. Carrier's services are furnished subject to the availability of facilities and subject to the terms and conditions of This Guide Book.
- 2.1.2 The rates and regulations contained in This Guide Book apply only to the services furnished by Carrier and 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 Carrier.
- 2.1.3 The Subscriber is entitled to limit the use of Carrier's services by Users at the Subscriber's facilities, and may use other common carriers in addition to or in lieu of Carrier.
- 2.1.4 At the option of the Company, service may be offered on a contract basis to meet specialized requirements of the Customer not contemplated in This Guide Book as approved by the Louisiana Public Service Commission. The terms of each contract shall be mutually agreed upon between the Customer and Company and may include discounts off of rates contained herein, waiver of recurring or nonrecurring charges, charges for specially designed and constructed services not contained in the Company's general service offerings, or other customized features. The terms of the contract may be based partially or completely on the term and volume commitment, type of originating or terminating access, mixture of services or other distinguishing features. Service shall be available to all similarly situated Customers for a fixed period of time following the initial offering for the first contract Customer as specific in each individual contract.

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2.2 <u>Use of Services</u>

- 2.2.1 Carrier's 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.
- 2.2.2 The use of Carrier's 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.
- 2.2.3 The use of Carrier's 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.
- 2.2.4 Carrier's services are available for use twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.
- 2.2.5 Carrier does not transmit messages pursuant to This Guide Book, but its services may be used for that purpose.
- 2.2.6 Carrier's services may be denied for nonpayment of charges or for other violations of This Guide Book.
- 2.2.7 Carrier's services may be denied for any use by Customer which is illegal, or poses an undue risk or liability to Carrier, or is obtained through fraud or wilful misrepresentation.

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SECTION 2. <u>RULES AND REGULATIONS</u> (Cont'd)

2.3 <u>Liability of Carrier</u>

- 2.3.1 Except as otherwise stated in this section, the liability of Carrier for damages arising out of either: (1) the furnishing of its services, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, or errors, or other defects, representations, or use of these services, or (2) the failure to furnish its service, whether caused by acts or omission, shall be limited to the extension of allowances to the Customer for interruptions in service as set forth in Section 2.5.
- 2.3.2 Except for the extension of allowances to the Customer for interruptions in service as set forth in Section 2.5, Carrier shall not be liable to a Customer or third party for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, reliance, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages, including, but not limited to, loss of revenue or profits, for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to, any act or omission, failure to perform, delay, interruption, failure to provide any service or any failure in or breakdown of facilities associated with the service.
- 2.3.3 The liability of Carrier for errors in billing that result in overpayment by the Customer shall be limited to a credit equal to the dollar amount erroneously billed or, in the event that payment has been made and service has been discontinued, to a refund of the amount erroneously billed.

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- 2.3.4 Carrier shall not be liable for any claims for loss or damages involving:
 - A. Any act or omission of: (1) the Customer, (2) any other entity furnishing service, equipment or facilities for use in conjunction with services or facilities provided by Carrier; or (3) common carriers or warehousemen;
 - B. Any delay or failure of performance or equipment due to causes beyond Carrier's control, including but not limited to, acts of God, fires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, or other catastrophes; national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars or other civil commotions; strikes, lockouts, work stoppages or other labor difficulties; criminal actions taken against Carrier; unavailability, failure or malfunction of equipment or facilities provided by the Customer or third parties; and any law, order, regulation or other action of any governing authority or agency thereof;
 - C. Any unlawful or unauthorized use of Carrier's facilities and services;

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- 2.3.4 D. Libel, slander, invasion of privacy or infringement of patents, trade secrets, or copyrights arising from or in connection with the transmission of communications by means of Carrier-provided facilities or services; or by means of the combination of Carrier-provided facilities or services with Customer-provided facilities or services;
 - E. Breach in the privacy or security of communications transmitted over Carrier's facilities;
 - F. Changes in any of the facilities, operations or procedures of Carrier that render any equipment, facilities or services provided by the Customer obsolete, or require modification or alteration of such equipment, facilities or services, or otherwise affect their use or performance, except where reasonable notice is required by Carrier and is not provided to the Customer, in which event Carrier's liability is limited as set forth in subsection 2.3.1 of this Section 2.3.
 - G. Defacement of or damage to Customer premises resulting from the furnishing of services or equipment on such premises or the installation or removal thereof;

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- 2.3.4 H. Injury to property or injury or death to persons, including claims for payments made under Workers' Compensation law or under any plan for employee disability or death benefits, arising out of, or caused by, any act or omission of the Customer, or the construction, installation, maintenance, presence, use or removal of the Customer's facilities or equipment connected, or to be connected to Carrier's facilities;
 - I. Any intentional, wrongful act of a Carrier employee when such act is not within the scope of the employee's responsibilities for Carrier and/or is not authorized by Carrier;
 - J. Any representations made by Carrier employees that do not comport, or that are inconsistent, with the provisions of This Guide Book;
 - K. Any act or omission in connection with the provision of 911, E911, or similar services involving emergencies;
 - L. Any noncompletion of calls due to network busy conditions;
 - M. Any calls not actually attempted to be completed during any period that service is unavailable.

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- 2.3.5 Carrier shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the Customer or end user from and against any and all claims, loss, demands, suits, expense, or other action or any liability whatsoever, including attorney fees, 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 Carrier or Customer equipment or facilities or service provided by Carrier.
- 2.3.6 Carrier does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations Provided by it for use in an explosive atmosphere. Carrier 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, including attorney fees, 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.

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- 2.3.7 Carrier assumes no responsibility for the availability or performance of any cable or satellite systems or related facilities under the control of other entities, or for other facilities provided by other entities used for service to the Customer, even if Carrier has acted as the Customer's agent in arranging for such facilities or services. Such facilities are provided subject to such degree of protection or nonpreemptibility as may be provided by the other entities.
- 2.3.8 Any claim of whatever nature against Carrier shall be deemed conclusively to have been waived unless presented in writing to Carrier within thirty (30) days after the date of the occurrence that gave rise to the claim.
- 2.3.9 CARRIER MAKES NO WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE, EXCEPT THOSE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN.

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SECTION 2. <u>RULES AND REGULATIONS</u> (Cont'd)

2.4 Responsibilities of the Subscriber

- 2.4.1 The Subscriber is responsible for placing any necessary orders; for complying with Guide Book regulations; for the placement of any stickers or tent cards provided by Carrier or as required by law; and for assuring that Users comply with Guide Book 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 Users. 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.
- 2.4.2 The Subscriber is responsible for charges incurred for special construction and/or special facilities which the Subscriber requests and which are ordered by Carrier on the Subscriber's behalf.
- 2.4.3 If required for the provision of Carrier's services, the Subscriber must provide any equipment space, supporting structure, conduit and electrical power without charge to Carrier.

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2.4 <u>Responsibilities of the Subscriber (Cont'd)</u>

- 2.4.4 The Subscriber is responsible for arranging access to its premises at times mutually agreeable to Carrier and the Subscriber when required by Carrier personnel to install, repair, maintain, program, inspect or remove equipment with the provision of Carrier's services.
- 2.4.5 The Subscriber shall ensure that the equipment and/or system is properly interfaced with Carrier facilities or services, that the signals emitted into Carrier'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 This Guide Book, and that the signals do not damage equipment, injure personnel, or degrade service to other Subscribers. If the Federal Communications Commission or some other appropriate certifying body certifies terminal equipment as being technically acceptable for direct electrical connection with interstate communications service, Carrier will permit such equipment to be connected with its channels without use of protective interface devices.

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

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2.4 <u>Responsibilities of the Subscriber</u> (Cont'd)

- 2.4.6 The Subscriber must pay Carrier for replacement or repair of damage to the equipment or facilities of Carrier caused by negligence or willful act of the Subscriber, Users, or others, by improper use of the services, or by use of equipment provided by the Subscriber, Users, or others.
- 2.4.7 The Subscriber must pay for the loss through theft of any Carrier equipment installed at Subscriber's premises.
- 2.4.8 The Subscriber is responsible for payment of the charges set forth in This Guide Book.
- 2.4.9 The Subscriber is responsible for compliance with the applicable regulations set forth in This Guide Book.
- 2.4.10 The Subscriber shall indemnify and save Carrier harmless from all liability disclaimed by Carrier as specified in Section 2.3 above, arising in connection with the provision of service by Carrier, and shall protect and defend Carrier from any suits or claims against Carrier and shall pay all expenses and satisfy all judgments rendered against Carrier in connection herewith. Carrier shall notify the Subscriber of any suit or claim against Carrier of which it is aware.

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SECTION 2. <u>RULES AND REGULATIONS</u> (Cont'd)

2.5 <u>Cancellation or Interruption of Services</u>

2.5.1 General

- A. A service is interrupted when it becomes unusable to the Customer, *e.g.*, the Customer is unable to transmit or receive, because of a failure of a component furnished by Carrier under This Guide Book.
- B. An interruption period begins when the Customer reports a service, facility or circuit to be inoperative and releases it for testing and repair. An interruption period ends when the service, facility or circuit is operative.
- C. If the Customer reports a service, facility or circuit to be inoperative but declines to release it for testing and repair, the service, facility or circuit is considered to be impaired but not interrupted. No credit allowances will be made for a service, facility or circuit considered by Carrier to be impaired.

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2.5 <u>Cancellation or Interruption of Services</u> (Cont'd)

2.5.2 Limitations on Allowances

No credit allowance will be made for any interruption of service:

- A. due to the negligence of, or noncompliance with the provisions of This Guide Book by, any person or entity other than Carrier, including but not limited to the Customer or other common carriers connected to the service of Carrier;
- B. due to the failure of power, equipment, systems, or services not provided by Carrier;
- C. due to circumstances or causes beyond the control of Carrier;
- D. during any period in which Carrier is not given full and free access to its facilities and equipment for the purposes of investigating and correcting interruptions;
- E. during any period in which the Customer continues to use the service on an impaired basis;

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2.5 <u>Cancellation or Interruption of Services</u> (Cont'd)

2.5.2 Limitations on Allowances (Cont'd)

- F. during any period when the Customer has released service to Carrier for maintenance purposes or for implementation of a Customer order for a change in service arrangements;
- G. that occurs or continues due to the Customer's failure to authorize replacement of any element of special construction; and
- H. that was not reported to Carrier within thirty (30) days of the date that service was affected.

2.5.3 Application of Credits for Interruptions of Service

Credits for interruptions of service, for which charges are specified on the basis of per minute of use, or on the usage of a fraction of a minute, shall in no event exceed an amount equal to the initial period charge provided for under This Guide Book.

2.6 Discontinuance of Service for Cause

- 2.6.1 Without incurring liability, upon five (5) days written notice, the Company may discontinue the provision of service to a Customer or to a particular Customer location, or may withhold the provision of ordered or contracted services:
 - A. For nonpayment of any sum due to the Company for more than thirty (30) days after issuance of the bill for the amount due;
 - 2. For violation of any of the provisions of This Guide Book;
 - 3. 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 governing authority prohibiting the Company from furnishing its services.

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2.7 Billing Arrangements

- 2.7.1 The Subscriber will either be billed directly by Carrier or its intermediary, or charges will be included in the Subscriber's regular telephone bill pursuant to billing and collection agreements established by Carrier or its intermediary with the applicable telephone company.
- 2.7.2 Carrier will render bills monthly. Payment is due within thirty (30) days after the Subscriber's receipt of its bill.
- 2.7.3 Carrier may impose a late payment charge not to exceed 1.5% on any bill not paid within thirty (30) days of the receipt, which charge may only be assessed on outstanding balance. The Subscriber shall be responsible for all costs, including attorney's fees, incurred in the collection of unpaid charge or in any other action to enforce payments and/or obligations arising under This Guide Book. A charge of up to fifteen dollars (\$15.00) may be imposed for returned checks.

2.8 Minimum Use Contracts

- 2.8.1 The Company may offer services which require a minimum use guarantee ("MUG") wherein the Subscriber agrees, in writing, to pay the minimum amount per period agreed to upon commencement of service. Subscribers falling below their MUG will be billed for the minimum amount due per period pursuant to the MUG agreement.
- 2.8.2 Should the Subscriber choose to terminate their contract prior to expiration of the term agreed to in the MUG agreement, the Subscriber will be liable for the minimum usage requirements contained in the contract multiplied by the number of months remaining in the term, unless Subscriber converts to another Company service with equal or greater term and minimum usage commitments. If no minimum usage requirements are specified in the contract, upon any early termination of Subscriber's contract, Subscriber will be liable for their monthly average usage (calculated over the last three full months immediately preceding the date of termination) multiplied by the number of months remaining in the term.
- 2.8.3 The initial contract period for service under this section is one month. Subsequent contract periods shall be for additional one-month periods unless otherwise specified.

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2.9 Validation of Credit

Carrier reserves the right to validate the credit worthiness of Subscribers or Users.

2.10 Contested Charges

All bills are presumed accurate, and shall be absolutely binding on the Subscriber unless written objection is received by Carrier within thirty (30) days after such bills are rendered. In the case of a billing dispute between the Subscriber and Carrier for service furnished to the Subscriber, which cannot be settled with mutual satisfaction, the Subscriber can take the following course of action within thirty (30) days of the billing date:

- 2.10.1 First, the Subscriber may request, and Carrier will provide, an in-depth review of the disputed amount. (The undisputed portion and subsequent bills must be paid on a timely basis or the service may be subject to disconnect.)
- 2.10.2 Second, if there is still a disagreement about the disputed amount after the investigation and review by a manager of Carrier, the Subscriber may file an appropriate complaint with the Louisiana Public Service Commission. The Commission's address is:

Louisiana Public Service Commission One American Place, Suite 1630 Corner of North & N. 4th Streets Baton Rouge, LA 70825

2.10.3 If dispute fails to be resolved and Carrier initiates legal proceedings to collect any amount due hereunder, and Carrier substantially prevails in such proceedings, then Subscriber shall pay the reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred by Carrier in prosecuting such proceedings and any appeals therefrom.

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2.11 Billing Entity Conditions

When billing functions on behalf of Carrier are performed by local exchange telephone companies, or others, the payment conditions and regulations of such companies apply, including any applicable interest and/or late payment charge conditions.

2.12 Deposits

Carrier may require a deposit from the Subscriber. Any deposit collected may not exceed two and one-half (2-1/2) months' estimated charges. Any deposit held longer than 6 months will accrue interest at a rate of 5%.

2.13 <u>Telephone Surcharges/Taxes/Contributions</u>

In addition to the rates and charges applicable according to the rules and regulations of This Guide Book, various surcharges and taxes may apply to charges incurred by and billed to the customer on the monthly billing statement. The Customer is responsible for payment of any fees (including franchise and right-of-way fees), charges, surcharges, contributions and taxes (however designated) (including without limitation universal service contributions, telephone relay service contributions, sales, use, gross receipts, excise, access or other taxes but excluding taxes on the Company's net income) imposed by any local, state, or federal government on or based upon the provision, sale or use of the Company's services. Fees, charges, and taxes imposed by a city, county, or other political subdivision will be collected only from those Customers receiving service within the boundaries of that subdivision.

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SECTION 2. RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.14 <u>Minimum Call Completion Rate</u>

Carrier will ensure an industry standard blocking rate no greater than P.01.

2.15 Promotions

Carrier may from time to time offer promotional services.

2.16 Call Blocking

Carrier will provide free blocking of 900, 976, and 700 informational numbers to Subscribers requesting the same.

2.17 Invoice Options

A Commercial Customer's invoice information is presented on either a CD or in electronic format as chosen by the Customer. The CD will be sent by mail and the electronic version is accessible either via the Internet or by e-mail to the Customer. Both of these options are available at no charge to the Customer. Should the Customer choose to receive by mail, a paper invoice in addition to the electronic invoice, the Customer may be responsible for a monthly charge as indicated in the rate section following. This billing service is independent of additional paper invoices, documents or other Company services that provide specific call detail information or other data not normally provided in the invoice as rendered. Upon Customer request, additional copies of invoice or bill reprints will be provided, if available, at the per page rates as listed below as well as an additional service fee. If the Customer elects to receive the additional copy or reprint in CD format, only the service fee will apply.

A. Rates

A customer can choose a one-page summary with a remittance slip for no charge. All other paper invoice charges are as follows:

•	2-4 pages	\$7.41	(I)
•	5 – 19 pages	\$14.81	
•	20+ pages	\$22.22	(I)
•	Service Fee	\$25.00	

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2.17 Account Handling Charge

Account Handling Charge is assessed to a customer's account for each Company attempt to return an outstanding credit balance to the customer if a first mailing is returned undeliverable. This charge is for maintaining the account after the initial attempt and for each subsequent attempt. This charge will not be assessed more than twice a year.

Account Handling Charge: \$30.00 for each subsequent attempt

2.18 Convenience Fee

In the event a business Customer makes a one-time or recurring payment using a credit card, a Convenience Fee Charge may apply. Any payments for a deposit or advance payment to establish new service are excluded from the Convenience Fee Charge. This charge does not apply to residential Customers or to business Customers that make payment using their financial institution's bill payment service, Customers with negotiated contracts that do not allow the assessment of this fee, or Customers without a computer. This fee will be assessed at the point of payment and will not appear on the Customer's invoice.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

3.1 General

Carrier provides resold interexchange telecommunications services, including direct-dialed message telecommunications services, and 800/888/877 service. Calls are rated based on the duration of the call. Services are available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. Carrier does not charge for service on a mileage basis.

3.2 <u>Charges Based on Duration of Use</u>

Where charges for a service are specified based on the duration of use, such as the duration of a telephone call, the following rules apply:

- 3.2.1 Calls are measured in durational increments identified for each service. All calls which are fractions of a measurement increment are rounded up to the next whole unit.
- 3.2.2 Timing on completed calls begins when the call is answered by the called party. Answering is determined by hardware answer supervision in all cases where this signaling is provided by the terminating local carrier and any intermediate carrier(s).
- 3.2.3 Timing terminates on all calls when the calling party hangs up or the Company's network receives an on-hook signal from the terminating carrier.
- 3.2.4 Calls originating in one time period and terminating in another will be billed in proportion to the rates in effect during different segments of the call.
- 3.2.5 All times refer to local times.
- 3.2.6 Rates are not distance sensitive. As such, unless otherwise indicated, mileage bands are not applicable to the services offered.
- 3.2.7 Unless otherwise indicated, rates do not vary depending upon day or the time of day (Day, Evening, and Night/Weekend).

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3.2 Charges Based on Duration of Use

- 3.2.8 Each call is rated and billed in whole cents according to the following conventions:
 - 1. Calls made using any service by the carrier are rounded up to the next cent at the termination of the call.
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2. Exceptions. Special rounding arrangements may be made through contractual arrangements.

3.3 Product Descriptions

3.3.1 Commercial Switched Outbound (1+)

Switched outbound services provide direct dialed (1+) long distance services to commercial Subscribers. Subscribers may also access Carrier's services by dialing "10XXX." Subscribers access Carrier's services through switched access origination.

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3.3 Product Descriptions (Cont'd)

3.3.2 Commercial Switched 800/888/877 Inbound

Switched 800/888/877 provides an inbound toll-free calling service to commercial Subscribers. The Subscriber is billed for each toll-free call, rather than the call originator. Calls terminate to the Subscriber via switched access lines. Subscribers may be billed a monthly recurring charge. Inbound toll free intraLATA calls or inbound toll free instate interLATA calls where the Company may or may not be the responsible organization and where an interexchange carrier, or an entity other than a local exchange carrier, is not involved in the switching and transport of those calls between the calling party and the Company switching center, shall be subject to the rates for inbound toll free calling as published herein.

3.3.3 Commercial Dedicated Outbound (1+)

Dedicated outbound services provide direct dialed (1+) long distance services to commercial Subscribers. Subscribers may also access Carrier's services by dialing "10XXX." Subscribers access Carrier's services through dedicated access origination.

3.3.4 Commercial Dedicated 800/888/877 Inbound

Dedicated 800/888/877 provides an inbound toll-free calling service to commercial Subscribers. Subscriber is billed for each toll-free call, rather than the call originator. Calls terminate to Subscriber via dedicated access lines. Inbound toll free intraLATA calls or inbound toll free instate interLATA calls where the Company may or may not be the responsible organization and where an interexchange carrier, or an entity other than a local exchange carrier, is not involved in the switching and transport of those calls between the calling party and the Company switching center, shall be subject to the rates for inbound toll free calling as published herein.

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3.3 Product Descriptions (Cont'd)

3.3.5 Residential Switched Outbound (1+)

Switched outbound services provide direct dialed (1+) long distance services to residential subscribers. Subscribers may also access Carrier's services by dialing "10XXX." Subscribers access Carrier's services through switched access origination.

3.3.6 Residential Switched 800/888/877 Inbound

Switched 800/888/877 provides an inbound toll-free calling service to residential Subscribers. Subscriber is billed for each toll-free call, rather than the call originator. Calls terminate to Subscriber via dedicated access lines. Subscribers may be billed a monthly recurring charge. Inbound toll free intraLATA calls or inbound toll free instate interLATA calls where the Company may or may not be the responsible organization and where an interexchange carrier, or an entity other than a local exchange carrier, is not involved in the switching and transport of those calls between the calling party and the Company switching center, shall be subject to the rates for inbound toll free calling as published herein.

3.3.7 800/888/877 Travel Card

800/888/877 Travel Card Service provides customers the opportunity to make calls while away from their home or office. Subscribers may access Carrier's services through an 800/888/877 number provided by Carrier.

3.3.8 Directory Assistance

Subscribers may request directory assistance from Carrier.

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SECTION 4 - RATE SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise specified, the following rates are per minute of use as timed by Carrier in seconds.

4.1 <u>Commercial Switched Outbound (1+)</u>

Billing Minimum: Six Seconds
Billing Increments: Six Seconds

Rate: \$ 0.079

4.2 <u>Commercial Switched Inbound</u>

Billing Minimum: Thirty Seconds
Billing Increments: Six Seconds

Rate: \$ 0.079 MRC: \$8.80

4.3 <u>Commercial Dedicated Outbound</u>

Billing Minimum: Six Seconds
Billing Increments: Six Seconds

Rate: \$ 0.079

4.4 <u>Commercial Dedicated 800/888/877 Inbound</u>

Billing Minimum: Thirty Seconds
Billing Increments: Six Seconds

Rate: \$ 0.079

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4.5 Residential Switched Outbound (1+)

Billing Minimum: One Minute
Billing Increments: One Minute

Rate: \$ 0.0869

4.6 Residential Switched 800/888/877 Inbound

Billing Minimum: One Minute Billing Increments: One Minute

Rate: \$ 0.0869 MRC: \$2.95

4.7 800/888/877 Travel Card Service

Commercial Billing

Billing Minimum: Thirty Seconds
Billing Increment: Six Seconds

Rate: \$ 0.17

Residential Billing

Billing Minimum: One Minute Billing Increment: One Minute

Rate: \$ 0.20

4.8 <u>Directory Assistance</u>

Rate: \$ 1.99 per request

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4.10 <u>Public Pay Telephone Surcharge</u>

In order to recover the Company's expenses to comply with the FCC's pay telephone compensation plan, effective October 7, 1997 (FCC 97-371), an undiscountable per call charge is applicable to all intrastate, interstate, and international calls that originate from any domestic pay telephone used to access Company services. This surcharge, which is in addition to standard Guide Booked usage charges and any applicable service charges and surcharges associated with service, applies for the use of the instrument used to access Company service and is unrelated to the Company service accessed from the pay telephone.

Pay telephones include coin-operated and coinless phones owned by local telephone companies, independent companies and other interexchange carriers. The Public Pay Telephone Surcharge applies to the initial completed call and any reoriginated call (i.e., using the # symbol).

Whenever possible, the Public Pay Telephone Surcharge will appear on the same invoice containing the usage charges for the surcharged call. In cases where proper pay telephone coding digits are not transmitted to the Company prior to completion of a call, the Public Pay Telephone Surcharge may be billed on a subsequent invoice after the Company has obtained information from a carrier that the originating station is an eligible pay telephone.

The Public Pay Telephone Surcharge does not apply to calls placed from pay telephones at which the Customer pays for service by inserting coins during the progress of the call.

Per Call Charge: \$ 0.56

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SECTION 5 – AMERICAN LONG LINES

5.1 Undertaking of PAETEC Communications, Inc.

Customers receiving the rates listed in this section are defined as customers of American Long Lines (the "Existing AmLL Customers") whose long distance services are now being provided by PAETEC Communications, Inc. Service is available on a full-time basis, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Service is provided and billed on a monthly basis unless otherwise specified. The following rates will be available to the Existing AmLL Customers through the remaining term, if any, of the Existing AmLL Customers' respective contracts.

5.2 Returned Check Charge

The Company reserves the right to assess a charge of \$15.00, or the maximum amount allowed by law, whenever a check or draft presented for payment of service is not accepted by the institution upon which it is written.

5.3 Directory Assistance

Directory Assistance is available to the Customer subscribing to the Company's intrastate interexchange switched communications services. The Directory Assistance charge applies to each Directory Assistance call regardless of whether the Directory Assistance bureau is able to furnish the requested telephone number. Unless otherwise provided in the individual product description in This Guide Book, Directory Assistance call charges in one billing period shall apply towards qualifying for volume discounts in that billing period.

Directory Assistance, per request

\$1.99

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If the Customer receives an incorrect telephone number and notifies the Company, a credit allowance for Directory Assistance shall be provided.

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5.4 Option 1 Service

5.41 General Description

Option 1 Service is offered to Residential and Business Subscribers for outbound calling. Option 1 Service utilizes Customer-provided switched access lines.

There is a minimum monthly billing of \$8.89 **(I)**

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5.4.2 Usage Rates Per Minute

5.4.3 Volume Discounts

Volume discounts are offered to business customers only. As each revenue threshold listed below is reached, the per minute rates for usage will be discounted from the base rate as indicated. Intrastate and Interstate usage will be combined to arrive at the appropriate discount level.

<u>Volume</u>	Discount
\$ 200	5%
\$ 500	8%
\$ 1000	10%
\$ 2000	15%
\$ 3000	20%
\$ 5000	25%
\$10000	35%
\$25000	55%

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5.5 Option 2 Service

5.5.1 General Description

Option 2 Service is offered to Residential and Business Subscribers for outbound calling who have a demonstrated monthly usage exceeding \$500. Option 2 Service utilizes Customer-provided switched access lines.

There is a \$8.89 minimum monthly billing.

5.5.2 Usage Rates Per Minute

Time of Day Rate Period	
Day	Evening, Night, Weekend
\$0.1200	\$0.1000

5.5.3 Volume Discounts

Volume discounts are offered to business customers only. As each revenue threshold listed below is reached, the per minute rates for usage will be discounted from the base rate as indicated. Intrastate and Interstate usage will be combined to arrive at the appropriate discount level.

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Discount</u>
\$ 1000	5%
\$ 2000	10%
\$ 3000	15%
\$ 5000	20%
\$10000	25%
\$25000	40%

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5.6 Option 3 Service

5.6.1 General Description

Option 3 Service is available to residential and business Subscribers who originate direct dialed calls over Customer-provided dedicated access lines, and who have a demonstrated monthly usage exceeding \$2500.

There is a minimum monthly billing of \$8.89.

5.6.2 Usage Rate

Per Minute \$0.08

5.6.3 Volume Discounts

Volume discounts are offered to business customers only. As each revenue threshold listed below is reached, the per minute rates for usage will be discounted from the base rate as indicated. Intrastate and Interstate usage will be combined to arrive at the appropriate discount level.

<u>Volume</u>	Discount
\$ 5000	5%
\$10000	10%
\$15000	15%
\$20000	20%
\$25000	25%

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5.7 Term Discounts

Term discounts are offered to Option 1, Option 2, and Option 3 business customers. Term discounts may be used in conjunction with volume discounts.

<u>Term</u>	Discount
1 Yr.	3%
2 Yrs.	6%
3 Yrs.	9%

If a Customer cancels a term plan prior to the expiration of the term, a nonrecurring termination liability of \$25 will be applied.

5.8 Travel Service

5.8.1 General Description

Travel Service is available to Option 1, Option 2, and Option 3 subscribers for originating telephone calls while away from home or office. Service is accessed by dialing the Company-designated toll free access number, along with the destination number, the Travel Service number, and the Authorization Code. Intrastate service is offered in conjunction with Interstate service.

5.8.2 Usage Rate

Per Minute: \$0.1800

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5.9 Inbound Toll-Free (800/888) Service

5.9.1 General Description

ALL's Inbound Toll-Free Number Service is an 800/888 number service available for Customer use twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. Service is terminated over standard Customer-provided switched access lines. Intrastate service is offered in conjunction with Interstate service.

There is a minimum monthly billing of \$6.00.

5.9.2 Reservation of Toll-Free (i.e., 800/888) Numbers

The Company will make every effort to reserve toll-free vanity numbers on behalf of Customers, but makes no guarantee or warranty that the requested toll-free number(s) will be available or assigned to the Customer requesting the number.

5.9.3 Toll-Free (i.e., 800/888) Number Portability

If a Customer accumulates undisputed delinquent charges, the Company reserves the right not to honor that Customer's request for a change in service, including a request for Resp. Org. change, until such charges are paid in full.

The Customer does not retain rights in toll-free numbers which are shared with other Customers of the Company. Shared toll-free numbers are not portable.

5.9.4 Usage Rates:

Per Minute \$0.149

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