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# Re: <u>Hotwire Communications, Ltd. Toll Registration and IXC Tariff</u>

Dear Ms. Bayó:

On behalf of Hotwire Communications, Ltd. ("Hotwire"), transmitted herewith is an original and six (6) copies of Hotwire's IXC Registration Form and its IXC tariff. The tariff, designated as Florida Tariff No. 1 (Interexchange Services), consists of Original Pages 1 - 32 and is being filed to be effective on at least one day's (1) notice, bearing an issued date of February 5, 2007 and an effective date of February 6, 2007.

Please date-stamp the extra copy of this letter and return it in the enclosed selfaddressed, stamped envelope. Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **IXC REGISTRATION FORM**

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My company's tariff as required in Section 364.04, Florida Statutes, is enclosed with this form. I understand that my company must notify the Commission of any changes to the above information pursuant to Section 364.02, Florida Statutes. My company will owe Regulatory Assessment Fees for each year or partial year my registration is active pursuant to Section 364.336, Florida Statutes. My company will comply with Section 364.603, Florida Statutes, concerning carrier selection requirements, and Section 364.604, Florida Statutes, concerning billing practices.

Signature of Company Representative

Date

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Printed/Typed Name of Representative

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### TITLE SHEET FLORIDA TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of interexchange service and facilities for telecommunications services provided by Hotwire Communications, Ltd., with principal offices at 300 E. Lancaster Ave., Suite 208, Wynnewood, PA 19096. This tariff applies for services furnished within the state of Florida. This tariff is on file with the Florida Public Service Commission, and copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the Company's principal place of business.

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#### CHECK SHEET

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#### **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
- (T) To signify a change in text but no change in rate
- (Z) To signify a correction

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#### FORMAT

- A. **Page Numbering** Page numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Pages are numbered sequentially. However, new pages are occasionally added to the tariff. When a new page is added between pages already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new page added between Page 14 and 15 would be 14.1.
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#### Section 1. TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

"Applicant" refers to an individual, partnership, corporation, association, or government agency who applies to the Company for any new or additional telephone service.

"Business Hours" refers to the time after 8:00 A.M. and before 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday excluding holidays.

"Carrier," "Company" or "Utility" refers to Hotwire Communications, Ltd.

"Commission or FPSC" refers to the Florida 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.

"Customer" refers to any person, firm, corporation, or governmental entity who has applied for and is granted service or who is responsible for payment of service.

"Delinquent or Delinquency" refers to an account for which payment has not been paid in full on or before the last day for timely payment.

"Grandfathered Service" applies to an obsolete and/or outdated service the Utility no longer wishes to provide. The grandfathering of a service is the Utility's method of managing a tariff for this service prior to ultimately discontinuing the service, or change existing tariff regulations without discontinuing certain rights, privileges or conditions of the service to existing customers.

"Hunting Service" refers to an arrangement to search multiple lines of the same class of service and of the same customer for a vacant line for each incoming call.

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#### Section 1. <u>TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS</u>(Cont'd)

"Local Access Transport Area ("LATA")" refers to a geographical area established by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 820192.

"Nonrecurring Charges" refer to a one-time charge associated with given service or item of equipment which applies on a per-service and/or per item basis each time the service or item of equipment is provided.

"Non-Published or Unlisted Service" refers to service that is not accompanied by inclusion of the Customer's name, address, or telephone number in a published directory or directory assistance data base.

"Service" refers to any telecommunications service(s) provided by the Company under this tariff.

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

"Tariffs" refer to the tariffs, price lists, and generally applicable terms and conditions on file with a state or federal regulatory authority or publicly available on the Company's website in accordance with the regulations of a state or federal regulatory authority.

"Telephone Numbers" refer to The North American Numbering Plan [NPA-NXX-XXXX] numbers assigned to Hotwire Customers and used in conjunction with the Services provided pursuant to this price list.

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#### SECTION 2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 2.1 Undertaking of the Company
  - 2.1.1 This tariff contains the regulations, rates and charges applicable to resold and facilities-based interexchange services provided by the Company that originate and terminate within the State of Florida.
  - 2.1.2 The Company installs operates, and maintains the communications services provided herein in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this tariff. It may act as the customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities when authorized by the customer, to allow connection of a customer's location to the Company's network. The customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangement.
  - 2.1.3 The Company's services and facilities are provided on a monthly basis unless ordered on a longer term basis, and are available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.
  - 2.1.4 The Company's services are available to business customers.

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- 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.

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

- 2.2 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)
  - 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.
  - 2.2.2 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.

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

- 2.2 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)
  - 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 price lists 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.

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- 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:
    - (A) The Company's damages arising out of its negligent acts, or mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, or defects during the course of furnishing service, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to Company's charges for service during the period affected by such negligence, or in which such mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, or defects occurred. Any mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, or defects that are caused by or materially contributed to by the negligence or willful acts of Customer, or that arise from facilities or equipment used by Customer and not provided by Company, shall not result in the imposition of any liability upon Hotwire.

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

2.3 Liability of the Company (Cont'd)

- Customer shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the (B) Company, its officers and directors, employees, and agents from and against any and all lawsuits, claims, demands, penalties, losses, fines, liabilities, damages, and expenses of any kind and nature (including, without limitation, liability to third parties for personal injury or death and for loss or damage to property, and loss or damage to Company property, and injury to Company employees), without limitation whatsoever, that in any way arise out of or result from Customer's operations, installation or maintenance of equipment and facilities, or performance under this Agreement, or that arises out of or in any way is connected with Customer's provision of service to its end users, or any use or attempted use by Customer or any such end user of services provided by the Company hereunder; provided that this section shall not apply to the extent that any injury, loss, or damage is caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Company.
- (C) The Company will not be liable for any act, omission to act, negligence, or defect in the quality of service of any underlying carrier or other service provider whose facilities or services are used in furnishing any portion of the service received by Customer. Hotwire will not be liable for any failure of performance that is caused by or the result of any act or omission by Customer or any entity other than Company, that furnishes services, facilities, or equipment used in connection with Company's services or facilities.

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- 2.3 Liability of the Company (Cont'd)
  - (D) EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS TARIFF, HOTWIRE MAKES NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED REPRESENTATIONS, OR WARRANTIES, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTIES REGARDING MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
  - (E) IN NO EVENT SHALL COMPANY BE LIABLE TO CUSTOMER FOR SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, LOST PROFITS OR REVENUE).
  - 2.3.2 Limitation of Liability
    - 2.3.2.1 Nothing in this tariff shall be construed to limit the Company's liability in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.
  - 2.3.3 Force Majeure
    - 2.3.3.1 Neither Party shall be responsible for delays or failures in performance, except for the obligation to make payments required under this Agreement, resulting from acts or occurrences in the nature of force majeure such as fire, explosion, acts of God, war, or civil commotion; any law, order, regulation, or ordinance of any government or legal body; strikes; or delays caused by the other Party. In such event, the Party affected shall, upon giving prompt notice to the other, be excused from such performance to the extent of such interference. The affected Party shall use its reasonable efforts to avoid or remove the cause of non-performance and both Parties shall proceed to perform with dispatch once the causes are removed or cease.

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- 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 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.
  - 2.4.2 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.

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2.4 Application for Service (Cont'd)

- 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.
- 2.4.2.4 The Company reserves the right to redefine its regions, add new regions, or remove regions from its current offering, as it deems appropriate in its sole discretion and will provide the Customer with at least thirty (30) days' notice of any change in the definition of the Company's regions.
- 2.4.2.5 In the event that the Company plans to exit a current region, the Customer shall be provided with thirty (30) days prior written notification of the Company's intent. The Customer shall be allowed to immediately terminate services in the affected region without penalty.

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#### 2.5 Payment for Service

- 2.5.1 Hotwire will bill Customer monthly, with recurring charges being billed in advance and any usage charges billed in arrears. Payment is due upon receipt by Customer and payable within twenty-two (22) days of the Bill Date (the "Due Date").
- 2.5.2 Payments are past due if not received by the Company by the Due Date. Any amounts past due will be subject to a late payment charge accruing at the rate of 1-1/2% per month until paid. Bills not paid within forty (40) days of the Bill Date and which have not been disputed in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 2.8.1 of this tariff, may result in suspension of service until the overdue payments and any additional charges that may be imposed to restore service have been paid. Customer agrees to pay all costs incurred by Company in collecting any unpaid amounts, including attorneys' fees. Failure of the Customer to pay all undisputed amounts by the Due Date is a material breach and a seven (7) day notice shall be required in order to terminate services hereunder for non- payment.

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

- 2.5 Payment for Service (Cont'd)
  - 2.5.3 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.
  - 2.5.4 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.

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

- 2.6 Deposits and Credit Cards
  - 2.6.1 The Company may require a deposit or guarantee of payment in the form of a credit card from any customer or applicant who has not established good credit with that utility. Deposit or credit card guarantee of payment requirements as prescribed by the utility must be based upon standards which bear a reasonable relationship to the assurance of payment. A deposit shall not exceed an estimated two months' gross bill or existing two months' bill where applicable. All deposits shall be in addition to payment of an outstanding bill or a part of such bill as has been resolved to the satisfaction of the Company, except where such bill has been discharged in bankruptcy. The Company will not require a deposit or a credit card guarantee of payment without explaining in writing why that deposit or credit card guarantee is being required and under what conditions, if any, the deposit will be diminished upon return.

The Company may determine whether a customer has established good credit with that utility, except as herein restricted:

- 2.6.1.1 A customer, who within the last 12 months has not had service disconnected for nonpayment of a bill and has not been liable for disconnection of service for nonpayment of a bill, and the bill is not in dispute, shall be deemed to have established good credit.
- 2.6.1.2 The Company shall not require a deposit or a credit card guarantee of payment based upon income, home ownership, residential location, employment tenure, nature of occupation, race, color, creed, sex, marital status, age, national origin, or any other criteria which does not bear a reasonable relationship to the assurance of payment or which is not authorized by this chapter.

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- 2.6 Deposits and Credit Cards(Cont'd)
  - 2.6.1.3 No utility shall use any credit reports other than those reflecting the purchase of utility services to determine the adequacy of a customer's credit history without the permission in writing of the customer. Any credit history so used shall be mailed to the customer in order to provide the customer an opportunity to review the data. Refusal of a customer to permit use of a credit rating or credit service other than that of a utility shall not affect the determination by the utility as to that customer's credit history.
  - 2.6.2 Return of Deposit

Pursuant to FI. Stat. 25-4-109(4), the Company will return the deposit to the Customer after twenty three (23) months of continuous service and satisfactory payments, including interest, subject to conditions.

When a deposit is to be returned, the Customer may request that the full amount of the deposit be issued by check. If the Customer requests that the full amount be credited to amounts owed the Company, the Company will apply the deposit to any amount currently owed to the Company, and return any remaining amount of the deposit to the Customer by check.

2.6.3 Interest on Deposits

Interest shall be paid on deposits at a rate of 7 percent per annum. Interest on deposits shall be payable from the date of deposit to the date of refund or disconnection.

Upon termination of service, the deposit with accrued interest shall be credited to the final bill and the balance shall be returned within forth-five (45) days to the customer.

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

- 2.7 Customer Complaints and Billing Disputes
  - 2.7.1 In the event that Customer disputes any charges, Customer must submit a written claim describing the disputed amount. Customer shall submit all documentation as may reasonably be required to support the claim. Payment may be withheld for the amounts subject to a dispute submitted prior to the Due Date. All disputes and claims for refunds must be submitted to Hotwire within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the Bill Date. If Customer does not submit a claim as stated above, Customer waives all rights to file a claim thereafter. Company shall investigate and resolve all disputes within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the dispute and Company's resolution of such a dispute is final. Any portion of a disputed amount deemed payable by Company must be paid in full within ten (10) days of resolution or Customer's service may be subject to disconnection and late payment charges imposed on the overdue amount.
- 2.8 Allowance for Interruptions in Service
  - 2.8.1 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.
  - 2.8.2 The following allowances are provided for interruptions in service, as specified for particular services furnished solely by the Company:

The Company shall allow for interruptions in exchange telephone service of 24 hours or more not due to conduct of Customer an amount equal to the fixed monthly charges for exchange service multiplied by the ratio of the days of interruption to thirty days. When interruptions continue beyond 24 hours, credit allowance will be given in successive 24-hour multiples

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

#### 2.9 Taxes and Fees

- 2.9.1 All state and local taxes and fees shall be listed as separate line items on the customer's bill.
- 2.9.2 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.
- 2.9.3 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.
- 2.10 Returned Check Charge

The charge for a returned check is \$25.00.

2.11 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.

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2.12 Disconnection and Termination of Service

The Company reserves the right to disconnect basic local service for nonpayment of toll or information service charges or any service other than basic local service.

#### 2.12.1 Disconnection of Service Without Notice

Company shall have the right to refuse or discontinue telephone service or service arrangements without advance notice, if the acts of the Customer or the conditions upon their premises are such as to indicate an intent to defraud Company or to use the Service to defraud a third party, including but not limited to, providing false credit information, significantly misstating expected service volumes, using the services for unlawful purposes, or using services without intent to pay.

Company will attempt to contact the Customer by telephone prior to discontinuing the Service or portions thereof. If Company is unable to contact the Customer by telephone, a letter will be mailed to the Customer on the same date that their service or service arrangement is discontinued, explaining the reasons for such action and the Customer's right to dispute such action.

Customer is responsible for all charges attributable to Customer, even if incurred as a result of fraudulent or unauthorized use of the Service by third parties. Company may, but is not obligated to, detect or report unauthorized or fraudulent use of Service.

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- 2.12 Disconnection and Termination of Service (Cont'd)
  - 2.12.2. Disconnection of Service Requiring Notice
    - 2.12.2.1 The Company may disconnect service for any of the following reasons provided it has notified the customer of its intent, in writing, to disconnect service and has allowed the customer a reasonable time of not less than five (5) working days in which to remove the cause for disconnection:
      - 2.12.2.1.A Non-compliance with Regulations. For violation of or noncompliance with Commission's rules and regulations or for violation of or non-compliance with the Company's tariff on file with the Commission.
      - 2.12.2.1.B Failure on Contractual Obligations. For failure of the customer to fulfill his contractual obligations for service or facilities subject to regulation by the Commission.
      - 2.12.2.1.C Refusal of Access. For failure of the customer to permit the Company to have reasonable access to its equipment and property.
      - 2.12.2.1.D Failure to meet the utility's deposit and credit requirements.
      - 2.12.2.1.E 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 five (5) working days notice, in which to make settlement before service is denied.

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

- 2.12 Disconnection and Termination of Service (Cont'd)
  - 2.12.2.1.F 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.
  - 2.12.2.1.G Failure to Comply with Municipal Ordinances. For failure to comply with municipal ordinances or other laws pertaining to telephone service.

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

- 2.13 Unlawful Use of Service
  - 2.13.1 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:
    - 2.13.1.1 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
    - 2.13.1.2 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.
  - 2.13.2 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 receipt of written or verbal request of the Customer, and agreement to pay restoration of service charges and other applicable service charges, the Company shall promptly restore such service.
- 2.14 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.

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#### 2.15 Telephone Solicitation by Use of Recorded Messages

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.

#### 2.16 Incomplete Calls

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 so long as the customer promptly notifies the Company of the error.

#### 2.17 Overcharge/Undercharge

When a customer has been overcharged, the amount shall be refunded or credited to the customer.

#### 2.18 Notices

Any notice required or permitted to be given under this tariff shall be in writing and delivered by hand, mail, national overnight courier service, or by fax if confirmed by telephone to the customer, at the address or phone numbers shown herein or at such other address or phone numbers as shall be designated from time to time.

#### 2.19 Minimum Call Completion Rate

A customer can expect a call completion rate (number of calls completed / number of calls attempted) of not less than 90% during peak use periods for all Feature Group D services ("1+" dialing).

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#### SECTION 3. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

- 3.1 Calculation of Rates
  - 3.1.1 The chargeable time for a local toll call is determined by the duration of the call. Chargeable time begins when connection is established between the calling station and the called station. Chargeable time ends when the calling station hangs up. If the called station hangs up, but the calling station does not, chargeable time ends when the connection is released by either automatic timing equipment in the telecommunications network or by an operator.
  - 3.1.2 Calls are billed in (six) 6 second increments with an eighteen (18) second minimum for interLATA calls and a twenty-four (24) second minimum on intraLATA calls.
  - 3.1.3 The Company does not charge different rates on weekends or on the following Federal holidays: New Year's Day, President's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.
- 3.2 Trial Services and Promotional Offerings
  - 3.2.1 The Company may, from time to time, engage in special Promotional Offerings or Trial Service Offerings limited to certain dates, times, or locations designed to attract new Customers or to increase Customers awareness of a particular tariff offering. These promotions will be approved by the FPSC with specific starting and ending dates, and be made part of this tariff.

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#### SECTION 3. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES (Cont'd)

- 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 the tariff on file with the Commission, and the quoted ICB rates may be different than the rates in the tariff. 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 Special Rates For The Handicapped
  - 3.4.1 Telecommunications Relay Service

For calls received from relay service, the Company will when billing relay calls discount relay service calls by 50 percent off of the otherwise applicable rate for a voice non-relay call except that where either the calling or called party indicates that either party is both hearing and visually impaired, the call shall be discounted 60 percent off of the otherwise applicable rate for a voice non-relay call.

- 3.5 Customized Pricing Arrangements ("CPAs") Offerings
  - 3.5.1 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.
- 3.6 Long Distance Service
  - 3.6.1 Company's long distance service is offered to business customers. The service permits direct dialed outbound calling at a single per minute rate. Service is provided from presubscribed, dedicated or shared use access lines.

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#### SECTION 3. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES (Cont'd)

3.7 Directory Assistance

Directory Assistance (DA) is defined as furnishing aid in obtaining telephone numbers. The Directory Assistance operator will not transfer, forward or redial a customer's call to any other location for any purpose other than the provision of DA service. The service is furnished subject to the condition that there will be no abuse or fraudulent use of the service. Abuse or fraudulent use of the service includes the obtaining, or attempting to obtain, or assisting another to obtain or to attempt to obtain Directory Assistance service, by rearranging, tampering with, or making connection with any facilities of the Company, or by any trick, scheme, false representation, or false credit device, or by or through any other fraudulent means or device whatsoever, with attempt to avoid payment, in whole or in part, of the regular charge for such service. In addition to any other action authorized by this Tariff, the Company may, in such cases of abuse or fraudulent use, assess appropriate Directory Assistance charges on the Customer's regular telephone account.

#### 3.7.1. Directory Assistance Call Allowance

Business Customers are allowed one directly dialed Local Directory Assistance call per month at no charge for each central office line or trunk.

3.8 Operator Services

Hotwire provides Operator Services in conjunction with a Contracted Operator. All Operator Assisted calls placed from Hotwire telephone services will be billed directly to the billable Customer by the Contracted Operator.

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

4.1 Long Distance Service

Rate per minute - \$0.04

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