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4 - End User Access Service (Cont'd)

4.6 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

- (N) When an end user is provided a local exchange service which is not identified as Centrex, Business Service or Residence Service (e.g., Farm Service, Local Service), the Telephone Company will designate the service as Centrex Type Services, Business Service or Residence Service. The charges as set forth in 4.7 following for Centrex Type Services, Business Subscriber or Residence Subscriber in accordance with the designation will apply.
- (O) With the exception of Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharges recovered from Special Access end user customers described in Section 4.6(P) following, the Telephone Company will recover the FUSF Surcharge through flat-rated, monthly charges. FUSF Surcharges, as set forth in 4.7(F), following, will be billed to the end user subscriber of the associated local exchange service, with exception to Lifeline and Reseller customers.

Dormitory lines that receive residential treatment as described in Section 4.6(C) preceding will be assessed the Primary or Additional Residential FUSF Surcharge as set forth in 4.7(F), following.

- (P) The Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge recovers the Telephone Company's contributions to the Universal Service Support Mechanisms. Customers may certify exemption from FUSF Surcharges at the ACNA level, BAN level or circuit level. Certification at the ACNA level will exempt all BANs under the ACNA. Certification at the BAN level will exempt only the specified BANs. A customer must annually certify exemption from FUSF Surcharges.

A Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge will be assessed to recurring and non-recurring end user customers. The monthly charge will be applied at the billing account level. The charge will be determined monthly by multiplying the current quarterly Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge contribution factor, listed below, as released by the F.C.C., by the end user customer's monthly billing account level charges.

FUSF Surcharge Contribution Factor	0.388	(I)
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4 - End User Access Service (Cont'd)

4.7 Rate Charges (Cont'd)

(D) Access Recovery Charge (ARC)

	Rate Per Month	
<u>ALABAMA</u>		
Residence, each	0.00	
Single Line Business		
- Individual line or trunk, each	0.00	
Multiline Business		
- Individual line or trunk, each	2.30	(R)
Centrex, each	2.30	
ISDN-PRI	11.50	(R)
<u>FLORIDA</u>		
Residence, each	0.00	
Single Line Business		
- Individual line or trunk, each	0.00	
Multiline Business		
- Individual line or trunk, each	2.30	(R)
Centrex, each	2.30	
ISDN-PRI	11.50	(R)
<u>GEORGIA</u>		
Residence, each	0.00	
Single Line Business		
- Individual line or trunk, each	0.00	
Multiline Business		
- Individual line or trunk, each	2.30	(R)
Centrex, each	2.30	
ISDN-PRI	11.50	(R)
<u>KENTUCKY</u>		
Residence, each	0.00	
Single Line Business		
- Individual line or trunk, each	0.00	
Multiline Business		
- Individual line or trunk, each	2.30	(R)
Centrex, each	2.30	
ISDN-PRI	11.50	(R)
<u>LOUISIANA</u>		
Residence, each	0.00	
Single Line Business		
- Individual line or trunk, each	0.00	
Multiline Business		
- Individual line or trunk, each	2.30	(R)
Centrex, each	2.30	
ISDN-PRI	11.50	(R)
<u>MISSISSIPPI</u>		
Residence, each	0.00	
Single Line Business		
- Individual line or trunk, each	0.00	
Multiline Business		
- Individual line or trunk, each	2.30	(R)
Centrex, each	2.30	
ISDN-PRI	11.50	(R)

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4 - End User Access Service (Cont'd)

4.7 Rate Charges (Cont'd)

(D) Access Recovery Charge (ARC) (Cont'd)

	Rate Per Month	
<u>NORTH CAROLINA</u>		
Residence, each	0.00	
Single Line Business		
- Individual line or trunk, each	0.00	
Multiline Business		
- Individual line or trunk, each	2.30	(R)
Centrex, each	2.30	}
ISDN-PRI	11.50	
<u>SOUTH CAROLINA</u>		
Residence, each	0.00	
Single Line Business		
- Individual line or trunk, each	0.00	
Multiline Business		
- Individual line or trunk, each	2.30	(R)
Centrex, each	2.30	}
ISDN-PRI	11.50	
<u>TENNESSEE</u>		
Residence, each	0.00	
Single Line Business		
- Individual line or trunk, each	0.00	
Multiline Business		
- Individual line or trunk, each	2.30	(R)
Centrex, each	2.30	}
ISDN-PRI	11.50	

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4.7 Rate Charges (Cont'd)

(E) Excess Line Port Charge

ALL STATES

	<u>USOC</u>	<u>Rate Per Month</u>
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line	9ZEBR	\$ 2.44
- Per Primary Rate ISDN Interface	9ZEPR	14.00

(F) Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge

Alabama

- Per Primary Residential Line or Trunk	FUJ1X	\$2.52	(I)
- Per Additional Residential Line or Trunk	FUJAX	\$2.71	
- Per Single Line Business Line or Trunk	FUJ1X	\$2.52	(I)
- Per Multi-Line Business Line or Trunk	FUJMX	\$5.16	(R)
- Per Centrex Station Line (Note 1)	FUJMX	\$0.57	
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Residence Subscriber	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Single Line Business Subscriber	FUJAX	\$3.66	
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Multiline Business Subscriber (Note 2)	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Primary Rate ISDN Interface	FUJMX	\$30.60	(R)

Florida

- Per Primary Residential Line or Trunk	FUJ1X	\$2.52	(I)
- Per Additional Residential Line or Trunk	FUJAX	\$2.71	
- Per Single Line Business Line or Trunk	FUJ1X	\$2.52	(I)
- Per Multi-Line Business Line or Trunk	FUJMX	\$5.69	(R)
- Per Centrex Station Line (Note 1)	FUJMX	\$0.63	(R)
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Residence Subscriber	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Single Line Business Subscriber	FUJAX	\$3.66	
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Multiline Business Subscriber (Note 2)	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Primary Rate ISDN Interface	FUJMX	\$33.25	(R)

Note 1: For Centrex-type services (e.g. BellSouth ESSX service, BellSouth MultiServ service, BellSouth MultiServ Plus and BellSouth Centrex), the FUSF Surcharge will be assessed at one-ninth the Multiline Business charge.

Note 2: This Basic Rate ISDN FUSF Surcharge also applies to Basic Rate ISDN lines that are provided as part of a Centrex system, in lieu of the Centrex Station Line rate.

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4.7 Rate Charges (Cont'd)

(F) Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge (Cont'd)

Georgia

- Per Primary Residential Line or Trunk	FUJ1X	\$2.52	(I)
- Per Additional Residential Line or Trunk	FUJAX	\$2.71	(I)
- Per Single Line Business Line or Trunk	FUJ1X	\$2.52	(I)
- Per Multi-Line Business Line or Trunk	FUJMX	\$6.31	(R)
- Per Centrex Station Line (Note 1)	FUJMX	\$0.70	
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Residence Subscriber	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Single Line Business Subscriber	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Multiline Business Subscriber (Note 2)	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Primary Rate ISDN Interface	FUJMX	\$36.35	(R)

Kentucky

- Per Primary Residential Line or Trunk	FUJ1X	\$2.52	(I)
- Per Additional Residential Line or Trunk	FUJAX	\$2.71	(R)
- Per Single Line Business Line or Trunk	FUJ1X	\$2.52	(I)
- Per Multi-Line Business Line or Trunk	FUJMX	\$5.49	(R)
- Per Centrex Station Line (Note 1)	FUJMX	\$0.61	
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Residence Subscriber	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Single Line Business Subscriber	FUJAX	\$3.66	
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Multiline Business Subscriber (Note 2)	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Primary Rate ISDN Interface	FUJMX	\$32.25	(R)

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4.7 Rate Charges (Cont'd)

(F) Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge (Cont'd)

Louisiana

- Per Primary Residential Line or Trunk	FUJ1X	\$2.52	(I)
- Per Additional Residential Line or Trunk	FUJAX	\$2.71	
- Per Single Line Business Line or Trunk	FUJ1X	\$2.52	(I)
- Per Multi-Line Business Line or Trunk	FUJMX	\$5.78	(R)
- Per Centrex Station Line (Note 1)	FUJMX	\$0.64	(R)
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Residence Subscriber	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Single Line Business Subscriber	FUJAX	\$3.66	
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Multiline Business Subscriber (Note 2)	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Primary Rate ISDN Interface	FUJMX	\$33.70	(R)

Mississippi

- Per Primary Residential Line or Trunk	FUJ1X	\$2.52	(I)
- Per Additional Residential Line or Trunk	FUJAX	\$2.71	
- Per Single Line Business Line or Trunk	FUJ1X	\$2.52	(I)
- Per Multi-Line Business Line or Trunk	FUJMX	\$5.27	(R)
- Per Centrex Station Line (Note 1)	FUJMX	\$0.58	(R)
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Residence Subscriber	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Single Line Business Subscriber	FUJAX	\$3.66	
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Multiline Business Subscriber (Note 2)	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Primary Rate ISDN Interface	FUJMX	\$31.15	(R)

Note 1: For Centrex-type services (e.g. BellSouth ESSX service, BellSouth MultiServ service, BellSouth MultiServ Plus and BellSouth Centrex), the FUSF Surcharge will be assessed at one-ninth the Multiline Business charge.

Note 2: This Basic Rate ISDN FUSF Surcharge also applies to Basic Rate ISDN lines that are provided as part of a Centrex system, in lieu of the Centrex Station Line rate.

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4.7 Rate Charges (Cont'd)

(F) Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge (Cont'd)

North Carolina

- Per Primary Residential Line or Trunk	FUJ1X	\$2.52	(I)
- Per Additional Residential Line or Trunk	FUJAX	\$2.71	
- Per Single Line Business Line or Trunk	FUJ1X	\$2.52	(I)
- Per Multi-Line Business Line or Trunk	FUJMX	\$5.75	(R)
- Per Centrex Station Line (Note 1)	FUJMX	\$0.63	(R)
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Residence Subscriber	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Single Line Business Subscriber	FUJAX	\$3.66	
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Multiline Business Subscriber (Note 2)	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Primary Rate ISDN Interface	FUJMX	\$33.55	(R)

South Carolina

- Per Primary Residential Line or Trunk	FUJ1X	\$2.52	(I)
- Per Additional Residential Line or Trunk	FUJAX	\$2.71	
- Per Single Line Business Line or Trunk	FUJ1X	\$2.52	(I)
- Per Multi-Line Business Line or Trunk	FUJMX	\$5.44	(R)
- Per Centrex Station Line (Note 1)	FUJMX	\$0.60	(R)
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Residence Subscriber	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Single Line Business Subscriber	FUJAX	\$3.66	
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Multiline Business Subscriber (Note 2)	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Primary Rate ISDN Interface	FUJMX	\$32.00	(R)

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Note 2: This Basic Rate ISDN FUSF Surcharge also applies to Basic Rate ISDN lines that are provided as part of a Centrex system, in lieu of the Centrex Station Line rate.

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4.7 Rate Charges (Cont'd)

(F) Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge (Cont'd)

Tennessee

- Per Primary Residential Line or Trunk	FUJ1X	\$2.52	(I)
- Per Additional Residential Line or Trunk	FUJAX	\$2.71	
- Per Single Line Business Line or Trunk	FUJ1X	\$2.52	(I)
- Per Multi-Line Business Line or Trunk	FUJMX	\$4.89	(R)
- Per Centrex Station Line (Note 1)	FUJMX	\$0.54	(R)
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Residence Subscriber	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Single Line Business Subscriber	FUJAX	\$3.66	
- Per Basic Rate ISDN Digital Subscriber Line, Multiline Business Subscriber (Note 2)	FUJAX	\$3.66	(I)
- Per Primary Rate ISDN Interface	FUJMX	\$29.25	(R)

Note 1: For Centrex-type services (e.g. BellSouth ESSX service, BellSouth MultiServ service, BellSouth MultiServ Plus and BellSouth Centrex), the FUSF Surcharge will be assessed at one-ninth the Multiline Business charge.

Note 2: This Basic Rate ISDN FUSF Surcharge also applies to Basic Rate ISDN lines that are provided as part of a Centrex system, in lieu of the Centrex Station Line rate.