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# A3.2 Statewide Rate Schedule (Cont'd)

### A3.2.9 Area Calling Plan (Cont'd)

**D.** Customers may choose only one of the following usage package options per account. Customers subscribing to resold exchange services such as Shared Tenant Service and customer-provided public telephone service must select an option from A3.2.9.D. following.

1. Option 1

All local calls are billed in accordance with the usage schedule in A3.2.9.E.1. following. Local usage charges for calls terminating in Bands A, B, C, and D are capped at \$15.00 per residence line and \$25.00 per business line, trunk, ESSX service NAR, MultiServ PLUS service NAR, and BellSouth Centrex service NAR. The per line/trunk/NAR cap for specified local usage charges is applied on an account basis. The cap for an account is equal to the number of lines, trunks or NARs on the account times the appropriate per line/trunk/NAR cap.

- (a) Economy, per line
- 2. Option 2

This package includes a \$7.50 allowance for local calls terminating in Bands A, B, C, and D. All usage charges are billed in accordance with the usage schedule in A3.2.9.E.1. following. All calls terminating in Bands A, B, C, and D in excess of the allowance are rated at a 20 percent discount, in addition to the off-peak discount described in A3.2.9.F. following. Total billed usage charges for calls terminating in Bands A, B, C, and D are capped at \$15.00 per residence line and \$25.00 per business line, trunk, ESSX service NAR, MultiServ PLUS service NAR, and BellSouth Centrex service NAR. The per line/trunk/NAR cap or allowance for specified local usage charges is applied on an account basis. The cap or allowance for an account is equal to the number of lines, trunks or NARs on the account times the appropriate per line/trunk/NAR cap or allowance.

- (a) Standard, per line \$6.00 NA
   E. Shared Tenant Service and customer-provided public telephone service subscribers must choose only one of the following usage package options per account.
  - 1. Option 1

All local calls are billed in accordance with the usage schedule described in A3.2.9.E.1. following.

### (a) Economy, per line

2. Option 2

This package includes a \$7.50 allowance for local calls terminating in Bands A, B, and C. All usage charges are billed in accordance with the usage schedule described in A3.2.9.E.1. following. All calls terminating in Bands A, B, and C in excess of the allowance are rated at a 20 percent discount, in addition to the off-peak discount described in A3.2.9.F. following.

(a) Standard, per line 6.00 NA Exacts (M)

F. Usage Rates

1. The following rates apply for all Area Calling Plan usage and are based on airline mileage between wire centers. Wire (M) center coordinates are specified in the National Exchange Carrier Association F.C.C. Tariff No. 4.

		Initial Minute	Additional Minutes	
	Mileage Bands	Charge	Charge	
А	(0 miles)	\$.02	\$.01	(M)
В	(1 - 10 miles)	.04	.02	(M)
С	(11 - 16 miles, existing local calling area described in A3.6 greater than 16 miles, and calls to the county seat greater than 16 miles)	.06	.04	(M)
D	(17 - 30 miles)	.09	.07	(M)
Е	(31 - 55 miles Biloxi LATA)	.09	.07	(M)
F	(31 - 55 miles Jackson LATA)	.12	.10	(M)
G	(56 - 85 miles Biloxi LATA)	.18	.14	(M)

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# A3.2 Statewide Rate Schedule (Cont'd)

### A3.2.9 Area Calling Plan (Cont'd)

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- **G.** Time/Day Discount The preceding usage rates are peak period rates and apply from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Off-peak period rates apply to all other times and are rated at a 50 percent discount. When messages span more than one rate period, total charges for the minutes in each rate period are summarized and the results for each period are totaled to obtain the total message charge.
- **H.** In addition to the local calling area described in A3.6.1, Area Calling Plan subscribers will receive local calling for station-to-station sent paid calls completed to their county seat and to wire centers within 55 miles of their originating wire center. If any wire center in an exchange is located within 55 miles of any wire center in the originating exchange, local calling will be provided from the entire originating exchange to the entire terminating exchange at the Band F usage rates. Area Calling Plan calling arrangements prior to January 1, 1993, which allowed or provided for calling beyond 30 miles shall be grandfathered at the existing rates. Effective December 1, 1989, Area Calling Plan subscribers in the Biloxi LATA will be provided local calling for station-to-station sent paid calls completed to any wire center within the LATA on a trial basis.

Non-sent paid calls are charged at the established long distance and operator surcharge rates.

- **I.** Customers desiring grouping service who subscribe to the Area Calling Plan will be rated at the charges described in A3.19.2.A.1.(d).
- **J.** Calls completed with operator assistance within the local calling area described in A3.6.1 following will have usage charges and appropriate Operator Assisted Local Call surcharges applied (when applicable). Such calls are itemized on the subscriber's billing statement and are billed outside any applicable usage allowances for dialed sent paid calls.
- **K.** Usage charges, only for calls completed within the local calling area described in A3.6.1. following, may be billed to numbers (M1) other than the Area Calling Plan telephone.
- L. Hernando Area Calling Plan
  - Effective October 18, 2001, customers served by the Hernando, Mississippi exchange will only be allowed to subscribe to the Hernando Area Calling Plan or other calling plans which include the calling scope of the Hernando Area Calling Plan as defined by this Guidebook, pursuant to Mississippi Public Service Commission Order in Docket 2000-AD-413 dated August 15, 2000.
  - 2. In addition to the calling described in H. preceding, Area Calling Plan subscribers in Hernando will be provided extended (M1) local calling to Collierville and Memphis, Tennessee
  - 3. Calls terminating in the Collierville and Memphis wire centers beyond 16 miles will be billed usage charges for Band C. (M1)
  - 4. All other *terms and conditions* for the Area Calling Plan are applicable.

### A3.2.10 Complete Choice Service (Obsoleted, See Section A103)

Pages 7.3 through 7.6 are hereby deleted in their entirety and removed from this Guidebook.

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# A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

# A3.2 Statewide Rate Schedules (Cont'd)

## A.3.2.11 Area Plus Service

- A. General
  - 1. Area Plus service provides residence subscribers a flat rate individual access line with a calling scope as specified in 2. Touch-Tone Calling service is included with the access line at no additional charge.
  - 2. The rates specified herein entitle a residence subscriber to unlimited calling to all exchange access lines within the serving exchange, the additional exchanges listed for the serving exchange in A3.6.1 and all other exchanges in the subscriber's LATA. The LATA for each exchange is indicated in A3.6.1 and the exchanges in each LATA are listed in A3.6.2.
  - 3. Calls completed with operator assistance to additional exchanges listed in A3.6.1 will be billed the appropriate Operator Assisted surcharges. Such calls are itemized on the subscriber's billing statement. All other calls completed with operator assistance will be billed the applicable Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service (MTS) usage charges and operator assisted surcharges specified in A18.
  - 4. Residence customers may also subscribe to Area Plus service with the Complete Choice option. All services/features specified in A103.2.10 as available with Complete Choice service are available with this option of Area Plus service. *Terms, conditions* and limitations specified in A103.2.10 for Complete Choice service apply to this option of Area Plus service.
  - 5 Residence customers may subscribe to the Two-Line Plan or the Three-Line Plan for Area Plus service with the Complete Choice option. Both plans offer grouping as specified in A103.2.10. All services/features specified in A103.2.10 as available with Complete Choice service are available with each line of a multi-line package. *Terms, conditions* and limitations specified in A103.2.10 for Complete Choice service apply to each line of a multi-line package with the Complete Choice option. All lines in each multi-line package must be billed to the same account and located at the same premises.
  - 6. Service charges specified in Section A4 do not apply for a conversion of existing service to/from Area Plus service or Area Plus service with the Complete Choice option.
  - 7. Existing customers of Area Plus service with the Complete Choice option can not take advantage of special promotions for Complete Choice service or Area Plus service with the Complete Choice option or any of the services/features specified in A103.2.10.A.3 unless specifically allowed by the terms of the special promotion.

### B. Rates and Charges

1. Individual line service

		Suspend Rate	Monthly Rate	USOC	
(a)	Per line (without the Complete Choice option)	\$27.50	\$66.00	AR6	
(b)	Per line with the Complete Choice option	26.50	79.00	NA	
	(USOCs A6C and VSB must both be used to provide this service.)				
(c)	Per Two-Line Plan package with the Complete Choice option or	53.00	119.95	ACML2	
	Credit for two individual lines qualifying as Two-Line Plan package		-38.05	CRD2A	
(d)	Per Three-Line Plan package with the Complete Choice option	79.50	144.95	ACML3	
A3.2.12 PreferredPac	k Plan (Obsoleted, See Section A103)				

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### A3.2.13 2 Pack Plan (Obsoleted, See Section A103)

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# A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

# A3.2 Statewide Rate Schedule (Cont'd)

# A3.2.14 Complete Choice Enhanced Service

- A. Description of Service
  - 1. Complete Choice Enhanced service provides the features/services specified following and a flat rate access line with Touch-Tone capability.
  - 2. The rate specified herein entitles a residence subscriber to unlimited calling to all exchange access lines within the subscriber's local calling area as defined in A3.6.1.
  - 3. The rate specified herein also entitles a residence subscriber to unlimited use of the following services/features in the sections specified:
    - A13.9 Custom Calling Services excluding Customer Control<sup>1</sup> and Multipath<sup>1</sup> versions of the Call Forwarding features
    - A13.19 TouchStar services excluding Personalized Ring 6<sup>1</sup>, Caller ID-Basic and Calling Number Delivery Blocking-Permanent<sup>1</sup>
    - A13.34 RingMaster service
    - A13.47 Message Waiting Indication

A subscriber may select an unlimited number of compatible services or features from the services/features listed above. All *terms, conditions* and limitations specified in the sections listed apply to the respective services/features requested as part of this service. Service charges specified in Section A4 do not apply for transactions involving only additions, deletions or changes to the services/features requested as part of this service.

- 4. All features/services are furnished only from central offices that have been arranged to provide these services. The features/services are provided subject to availability of facilities.
- 5. Existing customers of Complete Choice Enhanced service can not take advantage of special promotions for Complete Choice Enhanced service or any of the services/features specified in 3, unless specifically allowed by the terms of the special promotion.
- 6. Complete Choice Enhanced service can be suspended as specified in A2.3.16. During the period of suspension, the rate specified following applies.
- B. Rates and Charges
  - 1. Individual line service

		Suspend	Monthly		
		Rate	Rate	USOC	
	(a) Per plan package	\$7.50	\$36.00	PAMA8	
C.	Complete Choice Enhanced Retention Offer				

Existing residential customers who call to disconnect their local telephone service may be eligible to receive an \$8 monthly bill credit for 12 months on a maximum of 2 access lines. The following conditions apply:

- 1. Customer must have or newly subscribe to Complete Choice Enhanced to be eligible for this offer.
- 2. Complete Choice Enhanced is required on each line receiving the discount.
- 3. The access line(s) must be in service for a minimum of 60 days before the customer is eligible for this offer.
- 4. AT&T employees are not eligible for this offer.
- 5. This offer is available on a maximum of two (2) lines (a maximum monthly reward of \$16).
- 6. This offer may not be combined with other residence line retention offers, including but not limited to the \$6 x 12 Mo. Residence Access Line Retention Offer.
- 7. Eligible customers are existing AT&T residential customers who have a primary access line, or a primary access line with an additional access line(s), and are calling to disconnect one or more access lines.
- 8. This offer is only available for retention purposes.
- 9. Customers must retain the required services for 30 days to receive the benefit of this offer.
- 10. The monthly bill credit will cease if the customer disconnects the line or the package, or moves from their current location.
- 11. Eligible customers may only receive this offer once during the offer benefit period.
- 12. AT&T may discontinue this offer upon 14 day notice or less.

Note 1: These features are available separately as specified in A13.9 or A13.19.

# A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

# A3.2 Statewide Rate Schedule (Cont'd)

## A3.2.15 Complete Choice Basic Service

- A. Description of Service
  - 1. The Complete Choice Basic service provides the features/services specified following and a flat rate access line with Touch-Tone capability.
  - 2. The rate specified herein entitles a residence subscriber to unlimited calling to all exchange access lines within the subscriber's local calling area as defined in A3.6.1.
  - 3. The rate specified herein also entitles a residence subscriber to unlimited use of the features/services specified following from the listed sections:

A13.9 Call Waiting ID

A13.19 Caller ID

A subscriber must select Caller ID and, in addition, may select Call Waiting ID. All *terms, conditions* and limitations specified in the sections listed apply to the respective services/features requested as part of this service. Service charges specified in Section A4 do not apply for transactions involving only additions, deletions or changes to the services/features requested as part of this service.

- 4. All features/services are furnished only from central offices that have been arranged to provide these services. The features/services are provided subject to availability of facilities.
- 5. Existing subscribers of the Complete Choice Basic service can not take advantage of special promotions for the Complete Choice Basic service or any of the features/services specified in A3.2.15.A.3, unless specifically allowed by the terms of the special promotion.
- 6. Complete Choice Basic service can be suspended as specified in A2.3.16. During the period of suspension, the rate specified following applies.
- **B.** Rates and Charges
  - 1. Individual line service

		Suspend	Monthly	
		Rate	Rate	USOC
	Per plan package	\$7.50	\$32.00	PAMA7
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**C.** Complete Choice Basic Offer<sup>1</sup>

Eligible residential subscribers who purchase local service with AT&T and subscribe to and retain the Complete Choice Basic (CCB) package may receive a monthly bill credit for 12 months, on up to two lines, that will provide a net price of \$15.00 for the CCB package.

Rules

- 1. Eligible subscribers are those residential subscribers who have at least one local exchange access line or a substitute (e.g. wireless or VoIP service) with a provider other than the Company at a service location that can be served by the Company.
- 2. Eligible subscribers must request the qualifying service at the same address as the existing service, unless they are planning an imminent move within 30 (thirty) days of responding to the offer from one address in an AT&T incumbent local exchange service area to another address in an AT&T incumbent local exchange service area.
- 3. The subscriber is required to subscribe to AT&T for local service and purchase the Complete Choice Basic package on each line receiving the credit.
- 4. Eligible subscribers will receive a bill credit for 12 months on up to two lines that will provide a net price of \$15.00 for each Complete Choice Basic package. If the subscriber discontinues the package, the credits will cease.
- 5. This offer may not be combined with other local service offers that provide a monthly recurring credit or discount, but may be combined with an offer that waives the nonrecurring installation/service charge(s).
- 6. Subscribers must keep the CCB package for 30 days to receive the benefits of this offer.
- 7. This offer is not available to subscribers who are switching service between affiliated companies.
  - **Note 1:** Effective December 15, 2015, the Complete Choice Basic Offer is no longer available to new customers. Existing customers receiving benefits of this offer may continue to receive the benefit until the end of the 12-month period.

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# A3.3 Reverse Billing Option

## A3.3.1 General

A. Effective March 9, 1990, the Reverse Billing Option is an optional local exchange service that provides for reverse billing of usage charges for customers subscribing to the Area Calling Plan. This service is available in the Hernando exchange only and applies to calls placed from the Memphis, Tennessee calling area to Hernando. Memphis telephone numbers are provided to subscribers of Reverse Billing Option. This option is not available to Shared Tenant Service or customer-provided public telephone subscribers. A3.3.2 Rates and Charges

### A3.3.2 Rates and Charges

- A. The following charges are in addition to the access line rate for the Area Calling Plan and any applicable service order charges.
  - 1. Rate, per feature arranged and one access path

	<ul><li>(a) Residence</li><li>(b) Business</li></ul>	Installation Charge \$12.50 12.50	Monthly Rate \$16.00 16.00	USOC RBORR RBOBB
2.	Additional Access Path (with Initial Installation)			
3.	(a) Each Subsequent Access Path		Monthly Rate \$16.00	USOC RBOB1
	(a) Each	Installation Charge \$10.50	Monthly Rate \$16.00	USOC RBOBS

**B.** The following usage charges are for calls originating in the Memphis calling area and terminating in Hernando and are in addition to any local usage charges billed in connection with the Area Calling Plan. Usage charges in connection with the Reverse Billing Option will not exceed \$25.00 per access path.

1. Usage Charge

C.

		Rate	
		Per Minute	
		Of Use	USOC
(a)	Per minute	\$.05	NA
Except as described	herein, all other terms and conditions for 2	Remote Call Forwarding, Section A13. are applicate	able to the
Reverse Billing Opti	on.		

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# A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

# A3.4 Regrouping

- A. Rates for local exchange service are set out in this section for each exchange and vary between exchanges depending upon the number of main station lines, including Centrex Type Services main station lines and PBX trunks, in the local calling area of each exchange, as indicated in the herein filed Statewide Rate Schedule.
- B. Rate regrouping due to access line growth will be permitted once in a twelve month period irrespective of any rate caps.
- **C.** When the number of main station lines within the local calling area of an exchange increases to the extent of exceeding, for four (4) consecutive month-end counts, the upper limit of the group under which billing has been made, or decreases to the extent of being less, for four (4) consecutive month-end counts, than the lower limit of the group under which billing has been made, the Company shall *publish* a revised *guidebook* sheet, to be effective with billing dates beginning two (2) months after the fourth (4th) month-end count, reclassifying that exchange to the appropriate group.
- D. When the number of main station lines within the local calling area will be increased because of expansion of the local flat rate calling area due to a change in extended area service, to the extent of exceeding the upper limit of the group under which billing has been made, the Company shall *publish*, in advance of the change in such local flat rate calling area, a revised *guidebook* sheet, including any group differential, if appropriate, to be effective on the date of change in the calling area, reclassifying the exchange to the appropriate group.
- **E.** The Company will publish notice three (3) times in the official journal of the municipality and/or county in which the exchange to be regrouped is located stating the effective date of the regrouping change which shall not be less than 30 days from the first publication.

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## A3.6 Local Calling Areas

### A3.6.1 General

- **A.** The rates specified in A3.7 entitle subscribers to access all stations bearing the central office designations of additional exchanges as shown following. The local calling area of the exchange in the left hand column includes the exchange itself and the exchanges listed in the Additional Exchanges column.
- **B.** For Area Plus services as specified in A3.2.11 and for BellSouth Business Plus services as specified in A3.43, the local calling area of the exchange in the left hand column includes the exchange itself, the exchanges listed in the Additional Exchanges column and all other exchanges in the LATA indicated in the right hand column. The exchanges in each LATA are listed in A3.6.2.
- C. Local Calling Area Exchanges

Exchange	Additional Exchanges	LATA
Aberdeen	Amory, Smithville <sup>1</sup>	Jackson
Amory	Aberdeen, Smithville <sup>1</sup>	Jackson
Baldwyn	Guntown <sup>1</sup> , Nettleton, Shannon, Tupelo, Verona	Jackson
Bay Saint Louis	Pass Christian, Pearlington	Biloxi
Belmont	Burnsville, Iuka, Tishomingo <sup>1</sup>	Jackson
Belzoni	Isola <sup>1</sup> , Louise <sup>1</sup>	Jackson
Benoit	Greenville, Leland	Jackson
Biloxi	Gulfport, Ocean Springs, Vancleave	Biloxi
Blue Mountain	Ripley	Jackson
Bolton	Edwards, Jackson	Jackson
Brandon	Jackson, Pelahatchie, Walters <sup>1</sup>	Jackson
Briarwood	Duffee, Obadiah, Meridian, Naval Air Station, Toomsuba	Jackson
Bucatunna	Enterprise, Quitman, Shubuta, Waynesboro	Jackson
Burnsville	Belmont, Iuka, Tishomingo <sup>1</sup>	Jackson
Caledonia	Columbus, Columbus AFB	Jackson

Note 1: Independent Company Exchange

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**Note 1:** Zone Mileage Charges deleted July 1, 200 retroactive to January 1, 2000.

Pages 23.1 and 24.1 are hereby deleted in their entirety and removed from this Guidebook.

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# A3.10 Local Exceptions (Cont'd)

### A. Biloxi

Special Foreign Exchange Service

- 1. Gulfport
  - a. Within the area shown on the Biloxi Special Foreign Exchange Service Area Map, Gulfport Foreign Exchange Service is offered at the rates quoted following to those subscribers having Gulfport service prior to June 19, 1971, who desires to retain this service.
  - b. Subscribers to this service may not have Biloxi Exchange Service except as Foreign Exchange Service, as covered in Section A9., with Gulfport considered as the serving rate center.
  - c. For the purpose of providing extensions on Special Foreign Exchange Service, the subscriber's local service area is considered to be:
    - (1) The area indicated on the Biloxi Special Foreign Exchange Service Area Map and
    - (2) The Gulfport exchange.
  - d. The rate per channel for this service will be the total of A3.10.A.1.d.(1) and (2) following:
    - (1) The monthly rate for individual line, main station line service or private branch exchange trunk line service applicable within the base rate area of the Gulfport exchange.
    - (2) For the distance from the applicant's location to the Biloxi-Gulfport exchange boundary, a special charge applies as follows:

		Monthly		
	(a) Individual line or PBX trunk	Rate \$.35	USOC ZZ7AT	
e.	Directory listings in both the Biloxi and the Gulfport telephone directories will be furnished for The listings in each directory shall be subject to all rules concerning directory listings as set for	r no additional	charge.	(T)
f.	Outside of the Foreign Exchange Service Area indicated on the Biloxi Foreign Exchange Serv Biloxi Exchange Service Area, Gulfport Foreign Exchange Service is offered under the con- set forth in Section 9.	1		(T)

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# A3.10 Local Exceptions (Cont'd)

Special Foreign Exchange Service

### **B.** Carthage

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- 1. Forest
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   a. Within the area shown on the Carthage Special Foreign Exchange Service Area Map, Forest foreign exchange service is offered at the following rates provided direct facilities from the Forest central office are available.
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   Construction charges will be applicable for any construction required to provide facilities to serve the special foreign exchange service.
   (M)
  - b. The rate per channel for this service will be:
    - (1) The monthly rate for individual line main station service or private branch exchange trunk line service (M) applicable within the base rate area of the Forest exchange.
    - (2) For the distance from the applicant's location to the point where the Carthage-Forest Exchange Service Area Boundary crosses Highway 492, a special mileage charge applies as follows:

			Monthly		
			Rate	USOC	
	(a)	Individual line or PBX trunk, per 1/4 mile or fraction	\$.95	NA	
		thereof, airline measurement			
3)	For t	he distance from the above mentioned point on the Carthage-Forest Exchange S	Service Area Boun	dary to	(T

(3) For the distance from the above mentioned point on the Carthage-Forest Exchange Service Area Boundary to (T) the Forest Base Rate Area Boundary, mileage charges apply as set forth in this *Guidebook*.

Outside of the Foreign Exchange Service Area indicated on the Carthage Foreign Exchange Service Area Map and (T)(M1) within the Carthage Exchange Service Area, Forest Foreign Exchange Service is offered under the conditions and at the rates set forth in Section A9.

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# A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

# A3.10 Local Exceptions (Cont'd)

### C. Gulfport

The rates, *terms and conditions* of the General *Exchange Guidebook* and Private Line *Guidebook* and for the classes of (T) service and equipment offered apply except as provided following:

Those subscribers residing in the area bounded by the L. & N. Railroad on the north, Briarfield Avenue on the east, Mean (T) Water Level of the Mississippi Sound on the south and Kenmore Drive and its extension on the west, who were receiving Gulfport local exchange service on June 1, 1970 may retain this service at the present address, provided Biloxi local exchange service is not also furnished. Such existing Gulfport subscribers who discontinue service or who change their street address location after June 1, 1960 and wish to restore or retain service from the Gulfport exchange may do so at rates, *terms and conditions* stipulated in the foreign exchange service section of the Private Line *Guidebook*.

#### D. Hattiesburg

University of Southern Mississippi

Description of the area defined as the premises of the University of Southern Mississippi is as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of Highways 49 and 98 northward along Highway 49 to the intersection of West 4th Street, thence westward to Morningside Street, thence continuing in a westerly direction on Morningside Street to the intersection with North 37th Avenue, thence southward to the intersection with Montague Boulevard, thence eastward on Montague Boulevard to the intersection of North 31st Avenue, thence southward to the intersection of Hardy Street, extended (Highway 98), thence eastward along Highway 98 to the intersection of Highway 49, the point of beginning. All of the area described preceding is located in Sections 7 and 8, R-13-W, T-4-N Forrest County, Mississippi. Property contiguous to the above described area, whether or not intersected by a public thoroughfare, which is at present or becomes in the future a part of the University of Southern Mississippi campus shall also be included as part of the same premises.

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# A3.10 Local Exceptions (Cont'd)

Е.	Her	nando	(T)
	1.	Optional Calling Plan	(T)
		The rates specified herein, with mileage charges when applicable, entitle subscribers to an unlimited number of messages to all stations bearing the designation of a Hernando or Coldwater central office. This rate also entitles subscribers to up to one hours use per month of specially designed Optional Calling Plans, applicable to calls placed on the following basis.	M)
		One-Way Plan - Applicable to subscriber dialed station-to-station sent-paid toll messages, placed from the OCP subscriber's telephone to stations located in Olive Branch or the Memphis Metropolitan Exchange, including those stations located in Memphis, Mississippi and vicinity which are a part of the Memphis Exchange.	M)
		Two-Way Plan - Applicable to dial station-to-station toll messages, placed to or from the OCP subscriber's telephone from or to, respectively, stations located in Olive Branch or the Memphis Metropolitan Exchange, including those stations located in Memphis, Mississippi and vicinity which are a part of the Memphis Exchange.	M)
		Additional usage of the Optional Calling Plan will be at rates specified following. All other toll messages will be billed at regular toll charges.	
		a. Monthly rate for each additional 1/10 hour	
		(1) Additional usage of the Optional Calling Plan to Olive Branch or the Memphis Metropolitan Exchange for use above the one hour minimum.	
		Residence Business USOC	
		(a) One-Way \$.28 \$.31 NA	
	2	(b) Two-Way .31 .35 NA	
	2.	Within the Base Rate Area, i.e., the area indicated on the Exchange Service Area Map of Hernando, the following rates apply. (These charges are in addition to the applicable access line rate.)	
		a. One-Way	
		Monthly	
		Rate USOC	
		(1) Business	
		(a)Individual Line\$3.15OS21Qb.Two-Way	
		(1) Business	
		(a) Individual Line 3.55 OS21R	
	3.	Outside the area indicated in A3.10.E.2. and within the exchange service area as shown on the Exchange Service Area	
		Map for Hernando, the following rates apply. (These charges are in addition to the applicable access line rate.)	
		a. One-Way	
		(1) Business	
		(a) Individual Line3.15OS21Qb. Two-Way	
		(1) Business	
		(1) Business	

(a)Individual Line3.55OS21R

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# A3.10 Local Exceptions (Cont'd)

- I. (DELETED)
- J. Walnut<sup>1</sup>

Special Foreign Exchange Service

Corinth

- 1. Within the area shown on the Walnut Special Foreign Exchange Service Area Map, Corinth foreign exchange service is offered at the following rates provided direct facilities from the Corinth central office are available. Construction charges will be applicable for any construction required to provide facilities to serve the special foreign exchange service.
- 2. The rate per channel for this service will be:
  - a. The monthly rate for individual main station line service or private branch exchange trunk line service applicable within the base rate area of the Corinth exchange.
  - b. For the distance from the applicant's location to the point where the Corinth-Walnut Exchange Service Area Boundary crosses Union Center School Road, a special mileage charge applies as follows:
    - (1) Individual line or PBX trunk

	(a) Per 1/4 mile or fraction thereof, airline measurement	.95	NA	
c.	For the distance from the preceding mentioned point on the Corinth-Walnut Excha	ange Service Area Bo	oundary to the	(T)
	Corinth Base Rate Area Boundary, mileage charges apply as set forth in this Guide	ebook.		

Note 1: Zone Mileage Charges deleted July 1, 2000 retroactive to January 1, 2000.

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# A3.10 Local Exceptions (Cont'd)

### **K.** Water Valley

Banner, Miss.

Foreign Exchange Rural Service

- Outside the Water Valley exchange service area but within the area of 40 acres consisting of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, Calhoun County, Mississippi, located approximately 11 airline miles southeast of Water Valley, Mississippi and 6 miles northeast of Pine Valley, Mississippi, the following monthly charges in addition to the Water Valley, Mississippi rural line base rates will apply.
  - For the distance from the Water Valley, Mississippi central office to the boundary of the area described preceding, a a. mileage charge applies for each rural line. This mileage charge will apply regardless of the number of rural stations connected to the line.
    - (1) Mileage charge

			Monthly	
			Rate	USOC
	(a)	Per mile or fraction thereof, airline measurement	\$3.75	NA
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oreign Excl	hange H	Rural Service		
Outside	e the V	Viggins exchange service area but within the area known as the Hou	ston Texas Gas and Oil Pin	e Line

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- 1. utside the Wiggins exchange service area but within the area known as the Houston Texa Company compressor station site located in the SW quarter of the NE quarter of Section 19, TIS, R10W in Perry County, Mississippi which is 8 1/4 airline miles northeast of the Wiggins, Mississippi base rate area, the following monthly charges in addition to the Wiggins, Mississippi rural line base rates will apply.
  - For the distance from Wiggins, Mississippi central office to the boundary of the area described preceding (9-3/4 a. airline miles), a mileage charge applies for each rural line. This mileage charge will apply regardless of the number of rural stations connected to the line.
    - (1) Mileage charge

(a)	Per mile or fraction thereof, airline measurement	5.30	NA
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M. Michigan City, Mississippi (Part of Grand Junction, Tenn.)

Special Foreign Exchange Service

Ashland

- 1. Within the area shown on the Michigan City, Mississippi (Ashland, Miss.) Special Foreign Exchange Service Area Map, Ashland foreign exchange service is offered at the following rates provided direct facilities from the Ashland central office are available. Construction charges will be applicable for any construction required to provide facilities to serve the special foreign exchange service.
- The rate per channel for this service will be: 2
  - The monthly rate for individual main station line service or private branch exchange trunk line service applicable (M) a. within the base rate area of the Ashland exchange.
  - b. For the distance from the applicant's location to the point where the Wolf River crosses the Chickasaw Meridian, a (M) special mileage charge applies as follows:
    - (1) Individual line or PBX trunk

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	Monthly		
	Rate	USOC	
(a) Per $1/4$ mile or fraction thereof, airline measurement	\$.95	NA	(M)
c. For the distance from the preceding mentioned point on the Wolf River to the Ashland E mileage charges apply as set forth in Section A3.	ase Rate Area Bo	undary,	(T)(M)

Outside of the Foreign Exchange Service Area indicated on the Michigan City, Mississippi (Ashland, Miss.) Exchange (T)(M)Service Area Map and within the Grand Junction, Tennessee Exchange Service Area, Ashland Foreign Exchange Service is offered under the conditions and at the rates set forth in Section A9.

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# A3.10 Local Exceptions (Cont'd)

- N. Pine Belt Regional Airport Calling Plan
  - 1. All subscribers located within the area of the Hattiesburg exchange designated as the Pine Belt Regional Airport (P.B.R.A.) and its associated Industrial Park are eligible to subscribe to this plan. It will permit Laurel Local Calling Area customers (Laurel, Soso, Ellisville, Big Creek and Pittman) to place calls on a dial station-to-station sent-paid basis to subscribers to the plan in the designated area with the charge for each call billed to the P.B.R.A. plan for the customer called. Dial station-to-station sent-paid calls from P.B.R.A. subscribers to subscribers in the exchanges in the Laurel Local Calling Area will also be charged to the P.B.R.A. customer's calling plan. The rate includes a listing in the alphabetical section of the Laurel directory and such additional explanatory notes as required to indicate that dialed calls to the Hattiesburg number will be at no charge to the Laurel customer.

(a)	P.B.R.A. Calling Plan for the first hour or fraction of	3.65	NA
	calling time.		
(b)	For each additional 1/10 hour or fraction	.36	NA

### O. Lake

Special Foreign Exchange Service

- 1. Newton
  - a. Within the area shown on the Lake Special Foreign Exchange Service Area Map, Newton foreign exchange service is offered at the following rates provided direct facilities from the Newton central office are available. Construction charges will be applicable for any construction required to provide facilities to serve the special exchange service.
  - b. The rate per channel for this service will be:
    - (1) The monthly rate for individual line or private branch exchange trunk line service applicable within the base rate area of the Newton exchange.
    - (2) For the distance from the applicant's location to the point where the Newton-Lake Exchange Service Area (M1) Boundary crosses the Lawrence-Hazel Road, a special mileage charge applies as follows.

		Monthly		
		Rate	USOC	
	(a) Per 1/4 mile or fraction thereof, airline measurement	\$.95	ZZ2AT	(M1)
(3)	For the distance from the above mentioned point on the Newton-Lake Exchange Service	Area Boundary	to the	(T)(M1
	Newton Base Rate Area Boundary, mileage charges apply as set forth in this <i>Guidebook</i> .			

Outside of the Foreign Exchange Service Area indicated on the Lake Foreign Exchange Service Area Map and (T)(M1) within the Lake Exchange Service Area, Newton Foreign Exchange Service is offered under the conditions and at the rates set forth in Section A9.

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# A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

# A3.10 Local Exceptions (Cont'd)

P. Columbus

Mississippi University for Women

A description of the area defined as the premises of Mississippi University for Women is as follows:

Point of beginning to be the southeast corner-Second Avenue South and Eleventh Street South, proceed easterly along the southern boundary of Second Avenue South to Fifteenth Street South, then southerly along the western boundary of Fifteenth Street South to the railroad crossing south of Sixth Avenue South, then westerly along the northern boundary of the railroad to Ninth Street South, then northerly along the eastern boundary of Ninth Street South to Sixth Avenue South, then westerly along the eastern boundary of Eighth Street South to Fifth Avenue South, then easterly along the southern boundary of Fifth Avenue South to Eighth Street South to Fifth Avenue South, then easterly along the southern boundary of Fifth Avenue South to Eleventh Street South, then northerly along the eastern boundary of Eleventh Street South to Second Avenue South being the point of beginning.

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Pages 34.1 through 34.3 are hereby deleted in their entirety and removed from this Guidebook.

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# A3.10 Local Exceptions (Cont'd)

- S. Enhanced Area Calling Plan Trial (Cont'd)
  - 6. Time/Day Discount The preceding usage rates are peak period rates and apply from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Off-peak period rates apply to all other times and are rated at a 50 percent discount. When messages span more than one rate period, total charges for the minutes in each rate period are summarized and the results for each period are totaled to obtain the total message charge.
  - 7. In addition to the local calling area described in A3.6.1, Enhanced Area Calling Plan Trial subscribers will receive local calling for station-to-station sent paid calls completed to their county seat and to wire centers within 55 miles of their originating wire center. If any wire center in an exchange is located within 55 miles of any wire center in the originating exchange, local calling will be provided from the entire originating exchange to the entire terminating exchange.
    Non cent raid calls are observed at the established long distance and correct surphase rates.
    - Non-sent paid calls are charged at the established long distance and operator surcharge rates.
  - 8. Customers desiring grouping service who subscribe to the Enhanced Area Calling Plan Trial will be rated at the charges described in A3.19.2.A.1.(e).
  - 9. Calls completed with operator assistance within the local calling area described in A3.6.1 will have usage charges and appropriate Operator Assisted Local Call surcharges applied (when applicable). Such calls are itemized on the subscriber's billing statement and are billed outside any applicable usage allowances for dialed sent paid calls.
  - 10. Usage charges, only for calls completed within the local calling area described in A3.6.1, may be billed to numbers other than the Enhanced Area Calling Plan Trial telephone.
  - 11. The Company will evaluate the circumstances of any business customer who believes the trial has created an economic hardship on his business after completion of the sixth month of the trial. If the Company is able to demonstrate no economic harm has occurred, the customer will remain on the plan. If economic harm has occurred, the customer will be allowed to convert to his previous service arrangement.
  - 12. Service order charges are waived for customers who wish to change their usage package option for the duration of this trial. (M)
  - 13. All terms and conditions that appear in other sections apply unless otherwise stated herein.

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# A3.11 Reserved For Future Use

## A3.12 Network Access Register Usage Package

### A3.12.1 General

The Network Access Register (NAR) Usage Package provides for exchange and long distance message network calling to and from main stations and attendant positions of an ESSX service, Digital ESSX service, MultiServ PLUS service, or BellSouth Centrex service system, or a system requiring trunk or line applications in conjunction with MegaLink channel service, CNM - FlexServ service or LightGate service. The Network Access Register Usage Package provides for Flat, Measured Rate, or Volume Usage Measured Rate network usage access<sup>1</sup>. It is used in conjunction with a Network Access Limiter for ESSX service and Digital ESSX service as provided in Section A112. When ESSX service and Digital ESSX service Network Access Registers (NAR) are furnished on LightGate service, MegaLink channel service or CNM - FlexServ service, Volume Usage Measured Rate Service is provided at the rates and charges described in A3.26.

### A3.12.2 Terms, Conditions And Application Of Rates

- A. If there is more than one Inward and/or Both Way NAR in a group, Grouping Service is required on all Inward and Both Way NARs in the group. The charges listed in A3.19 following for Business Line Grouping Service will apply.
- B. The Flat Rate NAR Usage package includes an unlimited number of dialed sent paid local calls.
- C. For the Measured Rate NAR Usage Package, all limitations specified in A3.2.3. for Measured Rate Service apply.
- **D.** For the Volume Usage Measured Rate Service NAR Usage Package, all limitations specified in A3.7. for Volume Usage Measured Rate Service apply. A usage allowance for dialed sent paid local calls and usage charges above the allowance apply as specified in A3.7. for Volume Usage Measured Rate Service.
- **E.** All monthly rates and charges shown following for NAR Usage Packages apply on a statewide basis. The rates shown are applicable whether the NAR usage Package is used for Inward, Outward, or Combination applications.
- F. The conditions and rates specified in other guidebooks for services which may be associated with these services are in addition to those specified herein.
- **G.** Where the Area Calling Plan is available, the rates and charges described in A3.2.9. will replace the following measured rate NAR usage package offering for new installations or transfers of service to new locations.
- **H.** Where the Enhanced Area Calling Plan Trial is available, subscribers must choose network access and a usage option from A3.10.S.
  - **Note 1:** MultiServ PLUS service and BellSouth Centrex service are applicable to Flat, Area Calling Plan (ACP) and Enhanced ACP network access.

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# A3.12 Network Access Register Usage Package (Cont'd)

## A3.12.3 Rates

- **A.** Per Flat Rate NAR Usage Package<sup>1</sup>
  - 1. Inward only (for use with ESSX service and Digital ESSX service)

		(a) Each NAR	I	Monthly Rate \$24.00	USOC EQB
	2.	Outward only (for use with ESSX ser	vice and Digital ESSX service)	φ24.00	EQD
	3.	(a) Each NAR Both Way (for use with ESSX service	-	24.00	EQC
	4.	(a) Each NAR	with MultiServ PLUS service or BellSouth Centrex service)	24.00	EQA
	5.	(a) Each NAR One-way Inward, Flat Rate Service (f	for use with MultiServ PLUS service or BellSouth Centrex service)	24.00	M9QCX
	6.	(a) Each NAR One-way Outward, Flat Rate Service	(for use with MultiServ PLUS service or BellSouth Centrex service	<b>24.00</b>	M9Q1X
	7.	(a) Each NAR Inward only (for use with MegaLink (	channel service, CNM – FlexServ service and LightGate service)	24.00	M9QOX
	8.	(a) Each NAR Outward only (for use with MegaLinl	k channel service, CNM – FlexServ service and LightGate service)	35.00	NQP
	9.	(a) Each NAR Both Way (for use with MegaLink ch	annel service, CNM – FlexServ service and LightGate service)	35.00	NQT
	10.	(a) Each NAR DID Combination <sup>2</sup> (for use with Meg	aLink channel service, CNM – FlexServ service and LightGate ser	<b>35.00</b> vice)	NQM
B.	Per	(a) Each NAR Measured Rate NAR Usage Package <sup>1,3,</sup>	.4	70.00	ND3
	Per	LMS NAR Package			
			rates for Measured Rate Service specified in A3.2.3. preceding. Tent paid local calls equal in amount to the monthly rate.)	The month	ly rate
	1.	Inward only (for use with ESSX servi	ice and Digital ESSX service)		
	2.	(a) Each NAR Outward only (for use with ESSX ser	vice and Digital ESSX service)	7.50	EQR
	3.	(a) Each NAR Both Way (for use with ESSX service	and Digital ECCV sequina)	7.50	EQS
	5.	(a) Each NAR	e and Digital ESSX service)	7.50	EQP
		Note 1: Not availab	ble for subscribers in the Mize, Raleigh or Taylorsville exchanges. S	See A3.12.	2.H.
		<b>Note 2:</b> Available v apply.	where facilities permit. Appropriate charges for DID service and C	Grouping S	Service
			ble for new installations or transfers of service to new locations n is available. See A3.12.2.G.	where th	e Area
			Serv PLUS service and BellSouth Centrex service Measured Set A3.2.9 and A3.10.	ervice NA	Rs are

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A3.12 Network Access Register Usage Package (Cont'd)

## A3.12.3 Rates (Cont'd)

C. Per Volume Usage Measured Rate NAR Package<sup>1, 2</sup>

Volume Usage

(All usage is at the usage conditions and rates for Measured Rate Service specified in A3.2, preceding, except that time of day discounts do not apply and all dial sent paid usage is discounted by 50 percent. The monthly rate includes a local usage allowance for dial sent paid local calls equal in amount to the monthly rate. Where the Area Calling Plan is available, the conditions listed in A3.26 for Network Access Service apply.)

1. Inward only (for use with ESSX service and Digital ESSX service)

2.	(a) Each NAR Outward only (for use with ESSX service and Digital ESSX service)	Monthly Rate \$20.00	USOC EQW
	(a) Each NAR	20.00	EQX
3.	Both Way (for use with ESSX service and Digital ESSX service)		
	(a) Each NAR	20.00	EQ2
4.	One-way Inward (for use with MultiServ PLUS service or BellSouth Centrex service) <sup>3</sup>		
	(a) Each NAR	20.00	M9Q1V
5.	One-way Outward (for use with MultiServ PLUS service or BellSouth Centrex service) <sup>3</sup>		
	(a) Each NAR	20.00	M9QOV
6.	Both Way (for use with MultiServ PLUS service or BellSouth Centrex service) <sup>3</sup>		
	(a) Each NAR	20.00	M9QCV

**Note 1:** Not available for subscribers in the Mize, Raleigh or Taylorsville exchanges. See A3.12.2.H.

**Note 2:** Not available for new installations or transfers of service to new locations where the Area Calling Plan is available. See A3.12.2.G.

**Note 3:** Available to ESSX service or Digital ESSX service customers subscribing to Volume Usage Measured Service and converting to MultiServ PLUS service. Also available to ESSX service, Digital ESSX service, or MultiServ PLUS service customers subscribing to Volume Usage Measured Service and converting to BellSouth Centrex service.

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# A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

## A3.13 Directory Assistance Service

### A3.13.1 General

- The Company furnishes Directory Assistance service for the purpose of aiding customers in obtaining listing information. Α.
- В. The charging application and rates set forth in A3.13.2. and 3. following apply to customer requests for Directory Assistance.
- С. Directory Assistance service allows a subscriber to get a telephone number and/or directory address.
- D. Directory Assistance service does not provide telephone number, name, address, or ZIP Code on a private (non-published) listing, but does furnish these items from informational records on a semiprivate listing.

### A3.13.2 Application Of Charges

- A. There will be a charge for all customer calls to Directory Assistance except as noted in B. following.
- B. Charges are not applicable to the following customers that request listing information within their local calling area:
  - 1. Hotel/motel guests and hospital patients
  - Local Directory Assistance (DA) may be provided at no charge to persons who are unable to use a telephone directory 2. due to a disability which can be confirmed by a physician or certifying agent. Directory Assistance calls will not be charged to the approved telephone number. The DA exemption applies to local listings only. The exemption does not apply to other types of directory service requests, such as requests for numbers outside of the Company's local calling and LATA/NPA serving areas for the approved telephone number. To obtain an exemption, the customer must complete the appropriate form and have it certified by a registered physician or certifying agent. Local Directory Assistance exemption is valid for a two-year period and must be renewed. Failure to provide the required documentation may result in loss of the exemption. Directory Assistance usage will be monitored by the Company and is subject to review and investigation. Misuse of the exemption by a customer could result in its removal. Directory Assistance exemption is a voluntary program of the Company that may be terminated at any time.
  - Customers who make a call to Directory Assistance service for an address or telephone number that was incorrectly 3. published in the alphabetical section of the directory.

C.	C. Surcharges as described in A3.14 apply to operator served Directory Assistance calls.			(M)
A3.1	A3.13.3 Rates and Charges			
		Charge	USOC	
A.	Request of listing information - maximum of three requests per call			(M)
	1. Listing(s) within the caller's NPA			(M)
	(a) Per Call	\$2.29	NA	(M)
	2. Listing(s) outside the caller's NPA <sup>1</sup>			(M)
	(a) Per Call	2.29	NA	(M)
B.	Directory Assistance service to Payphone Providers			(M)
	(a) Per Call	.35	NA	(M)

Note 1: No allowances, exemptions or exceptions apply. This service is available where technically feasible.

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# A3.14 Operator Assisted Local Calls

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### A3.14.2 Application Of Charges

A. Operator Assisted Local Calls

A surcharge will apply when the caller requests operator assistance and the call is completed within the local service area. The call may be billed to the originating telephone or any other Company-approved identification number. The surcharge will be applied to each completed call except:

- 1. For calls to the Company for official telephone business.
- 2. For emergency calls to agency type telephone numbers such as to those agencies of the federal, state or local government which have the capability and legal authority to provide aid in emergency situations and to any emergency medical number.
- 3. Operator Assistance (OA) may be provided at no charge to persons who are unable to use a telephone due to a disability which can be confirmed by a physician or certifying agent. Operator Assistance service charges will not be charged to the approved telephone number. To obtain an exemption, the customer must complete the appropriate form and have it certified by a registered physician or certifying agent. Operator Assistance exemption is valid for a two-year period and must be renewed. Failure to provide the required documentation may result in loss of the exemption. Operator Assistance usage will be monitored by the Company and is subject to review and investigation. Misuse of the exemption by a customer could result in its removal. Operator Assistance exemption is a voluntary program of the Company that may be terminated at any time.
- 4. When the caller advises he has had service trouble in reaching the terminating number.
- B. In addition to applicable service charge(s), each local non-sent paid call originating from a payphone service provider line and utilizing the Company's operator handling service will be rated at \$.35.

### A3.14.3 Rates and Charges

- A. For any completed message in the call classes listed following, a service charge will be applied as follows:
  - 1. Billing Surcharges

2.	(a) Operator Diale	Station-to-station operator assisted sent paid, each ed Surcharge <sup>1</sup>	Rate \$1.00	USOC NA	(M1)
3.	(a) Partially Autor	Station-to-station operator assisted calls where the operator dials the terminating number, each nated Surcharge <sup>2</sup>	1.00	NA	(M1)
	(a)	Station-to-station operator assisted calls where the customer dials the terminating number, and elects to have the operator handle billing, each	1.25	NA	(M1)

Note 1: An Operator Dialed Surcharge is in addition to any applicable Billing Surcharge.

Note 2: A Partially Automated Surcharge is in addition to any applicable Billing Surcharge.

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# A3.14 Operator Assisted Local Calls (Cont'd)

### A3.14.4 Operator Assisted Premium Plan

- **A.** A premium is defined as a commission applicable to surcharge revenue associated with local operator assisted call requests sent to the Company by the customer. Such premiums may be payable to subscribing customers based on the Company's surcharge revenue generated by said calls. These calls must:
  - 1. originate from a telephone line associated with the customer's account,
  - 2. originate and terminate in the same Basic Local Calling Area,
  - 3. be carried and completed by the Company via Company facilities and
  - 4. be billed by the Company.

In the event the company billing records used to determine the premiums are destroyed or lost, the Company shall not be liable for payments of premiums on such lost data.

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# A3.17 Auxiliary Line Service (Inward Service)

## A3.17.1 General

- **A.** Under the conditions specified following, a subscriber to the Area Calling Plan, two-way flat or measured rate individual line business service in an exchange offering auxiliary line service, may subscribe for one or more auxiliary lines of the same class as their two-way service at the rate specified following for auxiliary lines.
- B. The auxiliary line must terminate on the same premises as that in which the main service is located.
- C. The auxiliary line is arranged for receiving incoming calls only.
- **D.** The telephone numbers of auxiliary lines may be consecutive with those of the main service and if so arranged are the first numbers in the series assigned to a subscriber.
- **E.** All listings must be in connection with the telephone number of the first auxiliary line if it is consecutive with the main (M) service.
- **F.** Auxiliary line service is furnished within the Base Rate Area of each exchange at the rate applicable for business individual (M) line flat or measured rate service for that exchange.<sup>1</sup>
- **G.** Where the Enhanced Area Calling Plan Trial is available, subscribers must choose network access and a usage option from (M) A3.10.S.

Note 1: Zone Mileage Charges deleted July 1, 2000 retroactive to January 1, 2000.

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# A3.18 Concession Service

### A3.18.1 General

- A. The classes of subscribers specified following are allowed the concession indicated for the following services:
  - 1. Individual flat rate or individual line measured and message rate main station line service and flat or message rate PBX Service.
    - a. In connection with measured and message rate service, the concession applies on the amount of the monthly rate but not on charges for local usage or messages in excess of the monthly allowance. The number of messages or amount of usage allowed each month is the same as would be allowed if the concession did not apply.
  - 2. Extension and tie line mileage charges associated with the service enumerated preceding.<sup>1</sup>
  - Concessions are not allowed to any class of subscribers from the regular rates for the following services and equipment:
  - 1. Toll messages, interstate or intrastate subscriber line charges.
  - 2. Local usage or messages in excess of the allowance for measured or message rate service.
  - 3. Joint user service.
    - a. Contracts for joint user service are not accepted in connection with service at a concession rate, unless the joint user, if a main station subscriber, would be entitled to a concession.
  - 4. Construction charges.
  - 5. Additional directory listings.
  - 6. Miscellaneous equipment or other facilities, including any extension line mileage charges associated with the miscellaneous equipment or other facilities.
  - 7. Installation, service connection, inside move or change charges.
  - 8. Optional Calling Plans.
  - 9. Grouping Service.

#### A3.18.2 Charitable Institutions

- A concession of 25 percent from the regular business rate is allowed to corporations, associations and institutions, or any (M1) branch thereof who comply with all of the following qualifications:
- A. Are dependent upon voluntary contributions for their support.
- **B.** Are exclusively engaged in charitable work.
- **C.** Provide a majority of its services free of charge and utilize any compensation received for its services wholly in the (M1) prosecution of its charitable work, not resulting in any profit to the organization or any member thereof.
- D. Are engaged principally in the furnishing of direct aid to the physical health and comfort of human beings in the form of money, services or necessary commodities. For determining eligibility for concession service, those corporations, associations and institutions whose principal work is the elevation or enlightenment of minds or morals, or the reformation, punishment, or correction of acts, habits or mental conditions, or the enforcement of law, or the protection of rights, are not to be classed as charitable institutions.
- **E.** Communication equipment furnished at concession rates for charitable institutions must be located in the administrative (M1) offices, institutional buildings or any of the branches thereof.

### A3.18.3 Schools, Churches And Clergymen

- A. A concession of 15 percent from the regular business rate is allowed to schools and churches, provided the telephone is located (M1) in the school, church or church study and listed under the name of the school or church.
- B.
   (Obsoleted, See A103.18)
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   C.
   (Obsoleted, See A103.18)
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- **D.** The concession described in A3.18.3.A preceding is allowed for elementary, junior and high schools. (M1)

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# A3.19 Grouping Service

## A3.19.1 General

Grouping service is a combination of two or more residence or business individual lines or trunks connected to the central office so that incoming calls to the listed number overflow to the next available line if the listed number is busy.

# A3.19.2 Rates

9.2 R	lates				(M1)
A. Monthly rate for Grouping Service			(M1)		
1.	Residence				(M1)
			Monthly		
			Rate	USOC	
	(a)	Flat Rate Service	\$-	HTG	(M1)
		(50 percent of the individual flat or trunk rate)			
	(b)	Measured Service <sup>1</sup>	-	HTGME	(M1)
		(50 percent of the individual flat or trunk rate)			
	(c)	Message Service	-	HTGMS	(M1)
		(50 percent of the individual flat or trunk rate)			
	(d)	Area Calling Plan	-	HTGLO	(M1)
		(32 percent of the individual flat or trunk rate)			
	(e)	Enhanced Area Calling Plan Trial	-	HTGLE	(M1)
		(44 percent of the individual flat or trunk rate)			
2.	Business				(M1)
			Monthly		
			Rate	USOC	
	(a)	Flat Rate Service <sup>2</sup>	\$10.00	HTG	(M1)
	(b)	Measured Service	10.00	HTGME	(M1)
	(c)	Message Service	10.00	HTGMS	(M1)
	(d)	Area Calling Plan	10.00	HTGLO	(M1)
	(e)	Enhanced Area Calling Plan Trial	10.00	HTGLE	(M1)
	(f)	Grouping Service associated with Announcement	10.00	HTG	(M1)
		Facilities			
	Mo 1.	<ol> <li>Residence         <ul> <li>(a)</li> <li>(b)</li> <li>(c)</li> <li>(d)</li> <li>(e)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Business         <ul> <li>(a)</li> <li>(b)</li> <li>(c)</li> <li>(d)</li> <li>(b)</li> <li>(c)</li> <li>(d)</li> <li>(e)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Monthly rate for Grouping Service 1. Residence (a) Flat Rate Service (50 percent of the individual flat or trunk rate) (b) Measured Service <sup>1</sup> (50 percent of the individual flat or trunk rate) (c) Message Service (50 percent of the individual flat or trunk rate) (d) Area Calling Plan (32 percent of the individual flat or trunk rate) (e) Enhanced Area Calling Plan Trial (44 percent of the individual flat or trunk rate) 2. Business (a) Flat Rate Service <sup>2</sup> (b) Measured Service (c) Message Service (d) Area Calling Plan (e) Enhanced Area Calling Plan Trial (f) Grouping Service associated with Announcement	Monthly rate for Grouping Service          1. Residence       Monthly Rate         (a) Flat Rate Service (50 percent of the individual flat or trunk rate)       \$-         (b) Measured Service <sup>1</sup> -         (c) Message Service (50 percent of the individual flat or trunk rate)       -         (c) Message Service (50 percent of the individual flat or trunk rate)       -         (d) Area Calling Plan       -         (32 percent of the individual flat or trunk rate)       -         (e) Enhanced Area Calling Plan Trial (44 percent of the individual flat or trunk rate)       -         2. Business       Monthly Rate         (a) Flat Rate Service <sup>2</sup> \$10.00         (b) Measured Service       10.00         (c) Message Service       10.00         (e) Enhanced Area Calling Plan Trial       10.00         (f) Grouping Service associated with Announcement       10.00	Monthly rate for Grouping Service 1. Residence Monthly Rate USOC (a) Flat Rate Service (50 percent of the individual flat or trunk rate) (b) Measured Service <sup>1</sup> (c) Message Service (c) Message Service (d) Area Calling Plan (d) Area Calling Plan (f) Enhanced Area Calling Plan Trial (f) Monthly Rate (f) Support of the individual flat or trunk rate) (g) Percent of the individual flat or trunk rate) (h) Measured Service (h) Measured Service (h

**B.** This charge is applied as indicated herein and in Section A100., and applies in addition to the regular individual line or trunk rate. The Grouping Service Charge is not applicable to Station lines for PBX, Horizon, MultiServ PLUS service, BellSouth Centrex service, ESSX service, Digital ESSX service and/or WATS (USOC: HTGNR).

Note 1: Effective May 1, 2013, Measured Rate Service is obsolete for Residence customers (see Section A103).	(M1)
Note 2: Rates also apply for Grouping service for BellSouth Business Plus service.	(M1)

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# A3.20 Trunk Lines

### A3.20.1 General

- **A.** Except as stated herein Area Calling Plan, flat and measured rate trunk service are offered to business subscribers. Message rate service is limited to hospitals and hotels in all exchanges. Measured rate trunk service is available in those central offices with measured service capability.
- **B.** Hospital and hotel subscribers may combine flat and measured, flat and Area Calling Plan, or flat and message rate service on a premises. The Area Calling Plan, measured and message rate service may not be combined on a premises. These trunks are provided at the rates stated in A3.20.8. following for the appropriate service.
- **C.** Hotels may subscribe to the Area Calling Plan, flat, message or measured rate service. A combination of flat and measured, flat and Area Calling Plan, or flat and message rate service will be allowed only when flat rate service is provided exclusively for management use and the Area Calling Plan, message or measured rate service is provided for guest use and lobbies. Guests may contract separately for one of the services otherwise available to them.
- D. Hospitals may subscribe to the Area Calling Plan, flat, message or measured rate service. A combination of flat and measured, flat and Area Calling Plan, or flat and message rate service will be allowed only when flat rate service is provided exclusively for management use and the Area Calling Plan, measured or message rate service is furnished for patient use and lobbies. A patient may contract separately for one of the services otherwise available to them.
- E. Grouping service is provided for trunk lines at the rates specified in A3.19.
- **F.** Where the Enhanced Area Calling Plan Trial is available, subscribers must choose network access and a usage option from (T)(M1) A3.10.S.

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### A3.20.8 Rates And Charges

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- A. Flat rate service is provided for business, hotel, hospital and Shared Tenant Service subscribers at the Business Individual Line Flat Rates as specified in A3.2.1.
  - 1. Business Trunk-Flat

		Monthly	
		Rate	USOC
(a)	Combination	\$-	TFC
	(Bus. Ind. Line Flat Rate)		
(b)	Inward Only	-	TFN
	(Bus. Ind. Line Flat Rate)		
(c)	Outward Only	-	TFU
	(Bus. Ind. Line Flat Rate)		
(d)	Both Way <sup>1</sup>	-	TFB
	(Bus. Ind. Line Flat Rate)		
(e)	DID (Direct In-Dial)	-	TDD1X
	(Bus. Ind. Line Flat Rate)		
(f)	DID Combination <sup>2</sup>	-	TDDCX
	(200 percent of Bus. Ind. Line Flat Rate)		

- B. Measured rate service is provided for business, hotel, hospital and Shared Tenant Service subscribers where facilities are available, at the Business Individual Line Measured Rate as specified in A3.2.3. In addition, usage charges and allowances apply as stated in A3.2.3. Where the Area Calling Plan is available, measured rate service is an Obsolete Service Offering, as described in A2.3.4. preceding.
  - Business Trunk-Measured (Bus. Ind. Line Measured Rate)
    (a) Combination - TKG (b) Inward Only - BMU (c) Outward Only - TKV
- **C.** Message rate service is provided exclusively for use by hotel and hospital subscribers with an allowance of 80 local messages on the first trunk. Additional trunks are provided with no call allowance.

### 1. Business Trunk-Message-First

(75 percent of Bus. Ind. Line Flat Rate)

(a)	Combination	-	TMC
(b)	Outward Only	-	TMU

**Note 1:** Both way trunks are no longer available for new installations as of December 7, 1986. Combination trunks will be provided to customers requesting both way trunks.

**Note 2:** Available where facilities permit. Appropriate charges for DID service and Grouping Service apply.

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## A3.20.8 Rates And Charges (Cont'd)

- C. (Cont'd)
  - 1. Business Trunk-Message-First (75 percent of Bus. Ind. Line Flat Rate) (Cont'd)

	Monthly	
	Rate	USOC
(c) Both $Way^1$	<b>\$-</b>	TMB
2. Business Trunk-Message-Additional		
(Same as First Trunk Less \$5.60)		
(a) Combination	-	TM5
(b) Outward Only	-	TM3
(c) Both $Way^1$	-	TM2
3. Local messages in excess of allowance		
(a) Each	.07	NA
A3.20.9 Trunk Enhancements		

- **A.** In addition to the charges stated in A3.20.8 preceding, optional premium service may be furnished to improve transmission specifications on a trunk which will provide a maximum 1004 Hz loss of 5.0 dB. Basic services provide a maximum of 1004 Hz loss of 10.0 dB.
- **B.** Service order charges and central office line connection charges will apply as specified in Section A4.
- C. Premium service is furnished at the following monthly rates.

Premium Service			
(a)	Two-Wire	-	PTK2X
(b)	Four-Wire	-	PTK4X

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**Note 1:** Both way trunks are no longer available for new installations. Combination trunks will be provided to customers requesting both way trunks.

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## A3.22 Local Usage Detail (LUD) Measured Service/Area Calling Plan Option

### A3.22.1 General

A. Local Usage Detail (LUD) is an option for usage based pricing customers who desire a printed listing of local call details in lieu of the usual summary billing of all dialed sent paid local usage. Requests for LUD must be processed five days prior to the billing date of the month in which it is desired, and must be initiated at the beginning, and terminated at the end of billing periods. In these cases, LUD must remain in place for complete billing periods, except where total service is terminated. LUD may be initiated between billing dates only when requested at the time usage based pricing service is established.

A charge equivalent to a Secondary Service Charge will apply for initiating LUD, except when it is requested at the same time usage based pricing is established. When an order is issued solely to initiate LUD, no service charges apply for BellSouth Business Plus service only.

## A3.22.2 Rates And Charges

<b>4.</b> 4	2 Rates And Cha	rges			(111)	
]	Local Usage Detail (LUD)					
1. Printed listing					(M)	
			Charge	USOC		
	(a)	Per message listed for services excluding BellSouth	\$.01	NA	(M)	
Business Plus service Option 2						
	(b)	Per message listed for BellSouth Business Plus service	.00	NA	(M)	
Option 2 service and Back-Up Line for BellSouth						
		Business Plus service Option 2 only				
(	Charges for LUD are in addition to other applicable local usage charges specified in this Guidebook.					
1	LUD will be provided on a per line basis avaget when a sustemer has multiple usage based priving lines on the same service					

LUD will be provided on a per-line basis except when a customer has multiple usage based pricing lines on the same service (M) account for combined usage and allowance billing. One LUD listing is furnished for these accounts.

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## A3.24 Local Directory Assistance Call Completion Service

### A3.24.1 Description of Service

A. Local Directory Assistance Call Completion (DACC) is an optional service provided to users of Local Directory Assistance (DA) Service. When dialing (411), Local DA customers may choose to have the telephone number they are requesting dialed by the DA System. **B**. The service is available to Business and Residence customers except as limited in A3.24.4 following. C. Individual message detail is not included as a part of this service. D. The service is available only where billing and terminal capability exists. Customers may request blocking of DACC Calls originating from their telephone lines by contacting the local Company Е. **Business** Office. A3.24.2 General Terms and Conditions (T) A. The service is not subject to concessions. A3.24.3 Use of the Service A. The service is furnished subject to all applicable *terms and conditions* in section A2. (T) A3.24.4 Limitations of Service Δ The service is not available for the following classes of service call categories: 1. UniServ DA number requests 2. Any Special Line Class Codes 3. Any PBX type customer who requires real-time notification of charges, i.e., HOBIC (T)4. Calls from tandems where the end user cannot be identified (T)(M1) 5. Calls from the Payphone Service Provider Telephones (T)(M1) A3.24.5 Application of Charges and Exemptions The charges specified in A3.24.6 following will be applicable to all subscribers except disabled customers who are exempt (M1) from Directory Assistance charges, as detailed in A3.13.2. В. Chargeable Calls (M1) 1. For charging purposes, a DACC completed call is as defined in Section A1. (M1) A3.24.6 Rates and Charges (M1) A. Service Charges (M1) (1) Directory Assistance Call Completion Charge (M1) USOC Rate \$.00 NA (M1) Charge Per Completed Call (a)

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A3.25.1 Description of Service

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A. Directory Assistance/Directory Assistance Call Completion (DA/DACC) provides the subscribing customer a Company Local

Exchange Subscriber telephone number and Call Completion to the number provided, if requested, given a listed name and

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B.	DA/DACC is for use by Mobile Service Providers (MSPs) only, except as limited in A3.25.2 following.					
C.	DA/DACC is provisioned via a dedicated, application specific interconnect trunk connecting the MSP's Mobile Telephone Serving Office (MTSO) and the Company location where DA/DACC is provided.					
D.	DA/DACC is available only where billing and terminal capability exists.					
Е.	Access to cal A3.25.6 follo	detail records is included as part of this service. Optiving.	onal call detail billing files and charges a	are as specified in		
A3.2	5.2 General 7	rms and Conditions			(T)	
А.	. The subscribing DA/DACC Mobile Service Provider (MSP) must make arrangements with the Company for provision of dedicated, application specific interconnect trunk connecting the MSP's Mobile Telephone Serving Office (MTSO) and the Company location where DA/DACC is provided.					
A3.2	5.3 Use of the	Service				
А.	The service is	furnished subject to all applicable terms and condition	es in section A2.		(T)	
A3.2	5.4 Limitation	s of Service				
А.	The service is	not available for the following classes of service call c	ategories:			
	1. InterLATA long distance calls					
	2. Residen	e and Business Customers			(M1)	
A3.25.5 Application of Charges						
А.	Charges specified in A3.25.6.A.1 following will apply each time the subscriber receives a requested Company Local Exchange Subscriber telephone number.					
В.	-					
A3.2	5.6 Rates and	Charges			(M1)	
А.	Service Charg	?S			(M1)	
	(1)	DA/DACC			(M1)	
			Rate	USOC		
		(a) Per Local Exchange Subscriber telephone number	er \$.45	NA	(M1)	
	(2)	provided Optional DA/DACC Call Detail Billing Files			(M1)	
	(-)		Monthly		()	
			Rate	USOC		
		(a) Magnetic Tape - One (1) tape weekly per RAO	\$74.00	DAAMT	(M1)	
		(b) Diskette - One (1) diskette weekly per RAO	83.00	DAADM	(M1)	

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## A3.26 Network Access Service

### A3.26.1 General

- A. Network access may be provided on a volume usage measured rate basis for those customers subscribing to LightGate service, MegaLink channel service, CNM - FlexServ service or MegaLink ISDN<sup>1</sup> service. The charges following in A3.26.2 are applicable only on those lines, trunks, or Network Access Registers (NAR) provided for local network access.
- **B.** When the facility portion of an ESSX service main station line is provided on LightGate service, MegaLink channel service or CNM FlexServ service, network access will be provided at the following charges for ESSX service NAR Volume Usage Measured Rate Service. These rates replace those described in A3.12.
- **C.** Foreign Exchange Service, when provided for use with LightGate service, MegaLink channel service, CNM FlexServ service or MegaLink ISDN<sup>1</sup> service, will be furnished on a volume usage basis and billed the volume usage measured rate following.
- **D.** The following usage *terms and conditions* will apply for all dialed sent paid local calls for each line, trunk, or NAR provided for local network access.
  - 1. Usage charges will be billed at the applicable usage schedule rates for measured rate service, Area Calling Plan, or the Enhanced Area Calling Plan Trial, as appropriate.
  - 2. Summarized total usage charges will be reduced by 50 percent prior to the application of the usage allowance. Time/Day discounts do not apply.
  - 3. A usage allowance of \$20.00 per line, trunk, or NAR is applicable.
  - 4. Total billed usage charges will not exceed \$20.00 per line, trunk or NAR. This *term and condition* does not apply to resold services.
  - 5. Allowances and caps apply to calls terminating in Bands A, B and C for Area Calling Plan subscribers and Bands A, B, C and D for Enhanced Area Calling Plan Trial Subscribers.
- **E.** Local calls completed within the local calling area described in A3.6.1 that are not dialed sent paid, i.e., operator assisted, etc., will be billed individually at the same usage rates specified in D.1. preceding (including Time/Day usage provisions), in addition to any applicable Operator Assisted Local Call surcharges. Such calls are itemized on the subscriber's billing statement and are billed outside any applicable calling allowance, caps, or usage billing reductions for dialed sent paid local calls.

Non-sent paid calls outside of the local calling area described in A3.6.1. are charged at the established long distance and operator surcharge rates.

- F. When individual lines or trunks are provided in addition to LightGate service, MegaLink channel service, CNM FlexServ (M) service or MegaLink ISDN<sup>1</sup> service, they are provided at the rates stated in A3.26.2.C., F. and I. following. These rates include the usage allowance referenced in D.3. preceding and an exchange access line. All other *terms and conditions* stated in A3.26.1.D. are applicable. Volume Usage Measured Rate Service on LightGate service, MegaLink channel service, CNM FlexServ service or MegaLink ISDN<sup>1</sup> service cannot be mixed with any other measured or flat rate local exchange service.
- G. All terms and conditions that appear in other sections of this Guidebook apply unless otherwise stated herein.

Note 1: MegaLink ISDN service obsoleted 11-10-96. (See Section B107.)

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# A3.26 Network Access Service (Cont'd)

### A3.26.2 Rates And Charges (Cont'd)

L. Network Access - MegaLink ISDN<sup>1</sup> service - Enhanced Area Calling Plan Trial

Volume Usage Measured Rate Service, per line or turnk 1.

<ul> <li>(a) Inward only</li> <li>(b) Outward only</li> <li>(c) Both way</li> <li>M. Network Access Service - Enhanced Area Calling Plan Trial</li> <li>(Applicable to individual lines in addition to LightGate service, MegaLink channel service, CNM - FlexServ service or MegaLink ISDN<sup>1</sup> service. Includes access line and allowance.)</li> </ul>	Monthly Rate \$20.00 20.00 20.00	USOC NNW1E NNWOE NNWCE
1. Volume Usage Measured Rate Service, per line or trunk		
(a) Inward only	45.10	NN91E
(b) Outward only	45.10	NN9OE
(c) Both way	45.10	NN9CE
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# A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

## A3.30 Reserved For Future Use

## A3.31 Lifeline

### A3.31.1 Description of Service

- **A.** The Lifeline program is designed to increase the availability of telecommunications services to low income subscribers by providing a credit to monthly recurring local service for qualifying residential subscribers. Basic terms and conditions are in compliance with the FCC's Order No. 97-157 on Universal Service, which adopts the Federal-State Joint Board's recommendation in CC Docket 96-45, which complies with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the FCC Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket No. 11-42, adopted January 31, 2012.
- **B.** Lifeline is supported by the federal universal service support mechanism.
- **C.** Federal uniform support of \$9.25 is available for each Lifeline service and is passed through to an eligible customer via a monthly Federal Lifeline credit. The total monthly Lifeline credit available to an eligible customer in Mississippi is \$9.25. The amount of credit will not exceed the charge for local service.

#### A3.31.2 Terms and Conditions

- A. General
  - 1. One low income credit is available per household and is applicable to the primary residential connection only. Lifeline support is limited to a single subscription per household where household is defined to be any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit. For the purposes of this rule, an economic unit consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household.
  - 2. A Lifeline customer may subscribe to any local service offering available to other residence customers.
  - 3. Toll blocking, if elected, will be provided at no charge to the Lifeline subscriber.
  - 4. The deposit requirement is not applicable to a Lifeline customer who subscribes to toll blocking. If a Lifeline customer removes toll blocking prior to establishing an acceptable credit history, a deposit may be required. When applicable, advance payments will not exceed the connection and local service charges for one month.
  - 5. Lifeline service is exempt from the Installment Billing Service Fee.
  - 6. The Federal Universal Service Charge will not be billed to Lifeline customers.
  - 7. A Lifeline subscriber's local service will not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges. Local service may be denied for non-payment of local calls in accordance with A2. Access to toll service may be denied for non-payment of toll charges. A Lifeline subscriber's request for reconnection of local service will not be denied if the service was previously denied for non-payment of toll charges.
  - 8. The Lifeline credit amounts will be provided to resellers ordering local service at the prescribed resale discount from this guidebook, for their eligible end users. Eligible carriers, as defined by the FCC, are required to establish their own Lifeline programs.

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## A3.31 Lifeline (Cont'd)

### A3.31.2 Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)

- **B**. Eligibility
  - 1. To be eligible for Lifeline, a customer must be a current recipient of any one of the following low income assistance programs.
    - a. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
    - b. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
    - c. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
    - d. Medicaid
    - e. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
    - f. Federal Public Housing Assistance/Section 8
    - g. National School Lunch Program's free lunch program
  - 2. Additionally, customers not receiving benefits under one of the preceding programs, and whose total gross annual income does not exceed one hundred and thirty-five percent (135%) of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are eligible for Lifeline.
  - 3. All applications for service are subject to verification with the state agency responsible for administration of the qualifying program.
- C. Certification
  - 1. Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low income assistance programs should be provided by the eligible Lifeline subscriber to the Company at the time of application for service. The Lifeline credit will not be established until the Company has received proof of eligibility. If the customer requests installation prior to the Company's receipt of proof of eligibility, the requested service will be provided without the Lifeline credit. When eligibility documentation is provided subsequent to installation, the Lifeline credit will be provided on a going forward basis. Recertification is required annually.
  - 2. The Company reserves the right to periodically audit its records, working in conjunction with the appropriate state agencies, for the purpose of determining continuing eligibility. Information obtained during such audit will be treated as confidential information to the extent required under State and Federal laws. The use or disclosure of information concerning enrollees will be limited to purposes directly connected with the administration of the Lifeline plan.
  - 3. When a customer is determined to be ineligible as a result of an audit, the Company will contact the customer. If the customer cannot provide eligibility documentation, the Lifeline credit will be discontinued.
  - 4. Resellers providing Lifeline service from this guidebook are responsible for determining proof of eligibility prior to requesting the service. As set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 417(a) and (b), a reseller must provide a certification, upon request, to AT&T that it is complying with all FCC and applicable State requirements governing Lifeline/Tribal Link-Up programs, including certification and verification procedures. Resellers are required to retain the required documentation for three (3) years and be able to produce the documentation to the Commission or its Administrator to demonstrate that they are providing discounted services only to qualified low-income customers as outlined in B. preceding.

Disclosure requirements described in 2. preceding are applicable to resellers of Lifeline service.

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## A3.31 Lifeline (Cont'd)

A. General

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- 1. Lifeline is provided as a monthly credit on the eligible residential subscriber's access line bill for local service. (M)
- 2. Service Charges in Section A4. are applicable for installing or changing Lifeline service.
- 3. The Secondary Service Charge in Section A4. is not applicable when existing service is converted intact to Lifeline (M) service.
- B. The total Lifeline credit consists of one Federal credit.

Feder	al credit	Monthly Credit
(a)	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	\$9.25
(b)	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	9.25
(c)	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	9.25
(d)	Medicaid	9.25
(e)	Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	9.25
(f)	Federal Public Housing Assistance/Section 8	9.25
(g)	National School Lunch Program's free lunch program	9.25
(h)	Income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines	9.25
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#### A3.31.4 Tribal Lifeline

A. Description of Service

Qualified residents of federally recognized tribal lands may receive up to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month in additional federal Lifeline support for their residential service.

#### B. Terms and Conditions

- 1. Tribal Lifeline support is in addition to traditional Lifeline support.
- 2. All Lifeline regulations are applicable to Tribal Lifeline.
- C. Eligibility

To qualify, in addition to meeting the tribal land residency requirement, the customer may be a current recipient of any of the programs identified for Lifeline, or may be a recipient of one of the following federal programs:

- 1. BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) General Assistance
- 2. Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- 3. Head Start (income eligible)
- 4. Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- **D.** Rates and Charges
  - 1. General
    - a. The Tribal Lifeline credit is in addition to the federal Lifeline credit.

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A3.32 Classroom Communication Service (Obsoleted, See Section A103)

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# A3.38 Back-Up Line (Obsoleted, See Section A103)

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A3.41 Reserved For Future Use	(M)
A3.42 Reserved For Future Use	(M)
A3.43 BellSouth Business Plus Service (Obsoleted, See Section A103)	(M)
A3.44 BellSouth Business Choice Package (Obsoleted, See Section A103.)	(M)
A3.45 Complete Choice for Business Package (Obsoleted, See Section A103)	(M)

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# A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

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A3.46	AT&T Business Local Calling Assurance			(M1)
A3.46	6.1 General			(M1)
А.	AT&T Business Local Calling Assurance is offered where facilities and	l equipment are available.		(M1)
В.	AT&T Business Local Calling Assurance is a one (1) to four (4) line of the following for a fixed monthly rate:	ffering available to business subscrib	ers and consists of	(M1)
	- Business Access Line (flat rate-unlimited local calling)			(M1)
	- Caller ID Deluxe			(M1)
	- Remote Access to Call Forwarding (or) Call Forwarding Variable			(M1)
C.	All of the <i>terms, conditions</i> and limitations specified elsewhere in t services and features provided as part of this service.	his section or in Section A13 apply	to the respective	(T)(M1)
D.	AT&T Business Local Calling Assurance requires a 12-month or a provided with this service continues after the end of the term.	24-month term agreement <sup>1</sup> . The f	ixed monthly rate	(M1)
Е.	Normally applicable service charges (i.e. line connection charges) will not apply for lines included in this offering.			
F.	This offering is only available to single location subscribers and only o	ne package is permitted per location.		(M1)
G.	G. This offering may not be used concurrently with any local exchange service term election agreement program or local service promotion unless otherwise stated.			(M1)
H.	Fees applicable to early termination of an agreement do not apply agreement.	to the AT&T Business Local Callin	g Assurance term	(M1)
A3.4(	6.2 Rates and Charges			(M1)
А.	AT&T Business Local Calling Assurance			(M1)
	1. Package includes flat rate business line and specified features			(M1)
		Monthly		
		Rate	USOC	
	(a) Each 1-line package	\$25.00	PGOV1	(M1)
	(b) Each 2-line package	50.00	PGOV2	(M1)
	(c) Each 3-line package	75.00	PGOV3	(M1)
	(d) Each 4-line package	100.00	PGOV4	(M1)

**Note 1:** Effective January 2, 2015, 24-month term agreements are obsolete and no longer available to new or (M1) renewing customers.

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# A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

AT&T Business Local Calling (BLC) is an optional business package that provides multiple line option packages which include

varying combinations of a network access line, unlimited local usage, select calling features and hunting/grouping service

# A3.47 AT&T Business Local Calling (BLC)

(optional). Additional calling feature options are also available.

### A3.47.1 Description

A3.47.2 Terms and Conditions

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- A. AT&T Business Local Calling is available to business customers who agree to a 12-Month, 24-Month<sup>1</sup>, or 36-Month<sup>1</sup> term  $(\mathbf{M})$ and who commit to the line option packages and prices as shown in A3.47.6. Customers may also subscribe to AT&T Business Local Calling on a Month-to-Month basis at prices as shown in A3.47.6.
- B. AT&T Business Local Calling is not available on Foreign Exchange Service, WATS access lines, PBX Trunks, Centrex,  $(\mathbf{M})$ ISDN, PRI, 800/900 Service, Hot Line or Coin Services.
- C. AT&T Business Local Calling is only available where facilities and equipment permit.
- **D.** All lines in an AT&T Business Local Calling account must be subscribed to a line option package as listed in A3.47.6.  $(\mathbf{M})$ Multiple options per account are permissible.
- E. Lines subscribed to AT&T Business Local Calling cannot be subscribed to any other optional local calling plan.
- F. An AT&T Business Local Calling plan is not transferable to, nor may it be assumed by, a customer or customers other than (M) the customer of record.
- G. Volume Price Level rates as listed in A3.47.6 will apply for the life of the term plan based on the number of lines subscribed (M) to on the initial order.
- H. AT&T Business Local Calling line option packages contain certain core components as well as a variety of optional  $(\mathbf{M})$ components. Optional components are included in the AT&T Business Local Calling line option prices and are activated at the customer's discretion. There is no reduction in price for any optional feature not activated. Optional features selected for activation by the customer are provided on a per line basis. Core components are not optional and cannot be removed from the package.
- I. Certain standalone calling features not designated as either core or optional components in any line option package may be  $(\mathbf{M})$ added on an a la carte basis at the rate listed in A3.47.6. These standalone calling features are limited to Three-Way Calling, Call Forwarding Variable, Remote Access Call Forwarding Variable, Call Waiting, Speed Calling 30, Repeat Dialing, Call Return, and Call Block. Other standalone features may be added on an a la carte basis at their individual rates listed in the Guidebook.
- J. A customer may subscribe to multiple agreements for AT&T Business Local Calling at the same time, but a telephone number (M) may only be included under one agreement.
- K. There is no nonrecurring service charge or set-up charge to establish an AT&T Business Local Calling account.
- L. Customers will receive a waiver of normally applicable service ordering and Line Connection nonrecurring charges (NRCs)  $(\mathbf{M})$ associated with the establishment of all local exchange access lines that are subscribed to AT&T Business Local Calling, as well as a waiver of NRCs, if applicable, associated with calling features ordered at the time of initial subscription to AT&T Business Local Calling. Service charges associated with changing to/from hunting service, if applicable, will also be waived for AT&T Business Local Calling customers. Standard NRCs will apply to standalone features added to an existing AT&T Business Local Calling account when such features are added subsequent to the initial subscription. This waiver of NRCs is not applicable for customers subscribing to a Month-to-Month plan or when moving or transferring their telephone service as described in A3.47.2.Q.
  - Note 1: Effective September 1, 2014, customers with 1-19 lines may not establish new term plans (M) greater than 1-year for Business Local Calling, and existing term plans for customers with 1-19 lines may not be renewed or extended for a term greater than 1 year.

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### A3.47.2 Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)

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- M. The 12-month term is also available as a 12-month oral agreement with option to re-subscribe<sup>1</sup>. If the customer selects the 12-month oral agreement with option to re-subscribe, the plan will renew for 12-month intervals. A maximum of two 12-month renewals are available after the first 12-month term. The customer will receive written notification of their selection outlining the details of the agreement, plus subsequent notifications regarding their re-subscription options prior to the expiration of each 12-month term. The customer is under no obligation to re-subscribe after completion of a 12-month term period. Customers will be provided the rates established in the first 12-month term for both successive 12-month terms.
- N. Applicable local, state, and federal charges; taxes; 911 fees; and the End User Common Line charge are in addition to the line (M) option prices listed in A3.47.6.
- O. If a customer does not commit to a new term plan or an alternate plan by the last date of the existing term plan, the customer's existing AT&T Business Local Calling plan, discounts and rates will terminate and the customer's services will be billed at the Month-to-Month rates as shown in A3.47.6 following. AT&T Business Local Calling will also be available on a Month-to-Month basis without having previously subscribed to a term plan. Month-to-Month prices will be subject to Company-initiated price adjustments.
- **P.** Lines subscribed to an AT&T Business Local Calling account cannot be placed on customer-initiated temporary suspension.
- Q. AT&T Business Local Calling customers with 1-19 initial line agreements who request a move or transfer of their telephone (M) service either within the same premises or from one premises to another will be charged a one-time \$20 per line Service Order and Line Connection Charge for a maximum of 4 lines per move or transfer. This charge will not apply if the move or transfer is within 90 days of term expiration and the customer agrees to a new AT&T Business Local Calling agreement.
- **R.** AT&T Business Local Calling customers may combine subscribed lines from any state where an AT&T ILEC provides local (M) service and where the AT&T Business Local Calling plan is available, into one agreement to meet line commitments.
- S. Each business customer may establish multiple 1-19 line AT&T Business Local Calling agreements, but will be limited to a maximum of one 20+ line AT&T Business Local Calling agreement at any given time. The total number of lines subscribed under all agreement types combined is limited to 35,000 per customer. This limitation applies for each business customer across all states where an AT&T ILEC provides local service and where AT&T Business Local Calling is also available.

### A3.47.3 Line Option Packages

- **A.** "Unlimited A" (Option A)
  - <u>Core Components</u>: network access line, unlimited local usage, Caller ID Deluxe or Enhanced, Three Way Calling, and (M) either Call Forwarding Variable or Remote Access Call Forwarding Variable.

Optional Components: Call Waiting, Speed Calling 30, Call Return, Repeat Dialing, Call Block, Call Forwarding Busy Line, (M) Call Forwarding Don't Answer, Message Waiting Indicator, and Hunting/Grouping service.

**B.** "Unlimited B" (Option B)

Core Components: network access line, unlimited local usage, Caller ID – Deluxe or Enhanced.

<u>Optional Components</u>: Call Forwarding Busy Line, Call Forwarding Don't Answer, Message Waiting Indicator, and (M) Hunting/Grouping service.

**Note 1:** Effective September 1, 2014, the 12-month agreement with option to re-subscribe is not (M) available for new Business Local Calling agreements. Existing customers may continue with existing term offers until those term offers expire.

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A.	Except as provided for elsewhere in this Guidebook, customers who terminate their entire AT&T Business Local Calling	(M)
	account prior to completion of the selected term period are subject to termination charges. Termination charges are equal to	
	\$15.00 times the number of months remaining on the term commitment times the number of lines subscribed to on the initial	

**B.** Termination charges are not applicable if, during the term period:

A3.47.4 Termination Liability and Shortfall

- the customer converts to another Company access and local usage plan with a term equal to or greater than the time  $(\mathbf{M})$ remaining on the AT&T Business Local Calling term plan. For 20+ line agreements the customer must also establish a new line commitment at least as great as in their initial subscription in order to qualify; or
- the customer converts to an upgraded technology with the Company (e.g., network access lines to PBX Trunks, Centrex,  $(\mathbf{M})$ 2. ISDN) and commits to a term equal to or greater than the time remaining on the AT&T Business Local Calling term plan. It is at the Company's sole determination whether a product change satisfies the requirements for waiver of the termination liability under this clause; or
- the customer chooses to terminate their agreement and to negotiate a new AT&T Business Local Calling agreement with  $(\mathbf{M})$ 3. a term period greater than the time remaining on the existing AT&T Business Local Calling agreement. The new service agreement will be based on the term plan rates in effect at the time of establishing the new agreement. For 20+ line agreements the customer must also establish a new line commitment at least as great as in their initial subscription in order to qualify, or
- an AT&T ILEC Service (referred to as the "Terminated ILEC Service") provided under an AT&T Business Local Calling 4.  $(\mathbf{M})$ Agreement is migrated to a qualifying AT&T Business Voice over IP (BVoIP) Service or to a qualifying AT&T Mobility Service (referred to collectively as the "Replacement Service"), then the Early Termination Charge associated with the Terminated ILEC Service will be waived provided:
  - a. the Terminated ILEC Service has been installed at the Customer site for no fewer than 3 months;
  - b. the Term of the Replacement Service agreement is equal to or greater than the remaining term for the Terminated (M) ILEC Service;
  - the Replacement Service is installed or available at the same Customer sites as the Terminated ILEC Service; c.
  - the Replacement Service is contracted for in the same relative quantity(ies) as those Terminated ILEC Services d.  $(\mathbf{M})$ being displaced; and
  - activation of the Replacement Service at the Customer sites or for Customer use at such Customer Sites occurs e.  $(\mathbf{M})$ within 90 days of termination of the ILEC Service at that site.

It is at the Company's sole discretion whether a product change satisfies these requirements

C. For customers who initially subscribe to 20+ lines: in any month during the term of an AT&T Business Local Calling (M) agreement if the customer's total number of subscribed lines falls below 80% of the number of lines subscribed to on the agreement, then a shortfall adjustment charge will be applicable and will appear on the customer's bill for each of those months. This shortfall adjustment charge is equal to \$10.00 times the number of lines below the 80% requirement.

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### A3.47.5 References

The AT&T Business Local Calling plan components are provided in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of their (M) applicable Guidebook sections except as noted in Sections A3.47.2 and A3.47.6.

### A3.47.6 Prices

A. Service Elements

Service Elements						(M)
		Term &	& Volume Monthl	y Prices		(M)
			Per Line			(M)
Volume	Line				Month-to-	
Price Level	<u>Option</u>	<u>1-Year</u>	<u>2-Year</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>3-Year<sup>1</sup></u>	Month	
(a) <b>1-19 Lines</b>	Option A	\$50.00	\$44.00	\$43.00	\$97.00	(M)
	Option B	45.00	39.00	38.00	89.00	(M)
(b) <b>20+Lines</b>	Option A	34.00	33.00	32.00	68.00	(M)
	<b>Option B</b>	29.00	28.00	27.00	61.00	(M)
Monthly Rate						
Calling Features listed in A3.47.2.I, per feature, per line \$3.00				(M)		

Note 1: Effective September 1, 2014, customers with 1-19 lines may not establish new term plans (M) greater than 1-year for Business Local Calling, and existing term plans for customers with 1-19 lines may not be renewed or extended for a term greater than 1 year.

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# **A4. SERVICE CHARGES**

### A4.1 Definitions

#### SERVICE CHARGE

Service Charge is a nonrecurring charge or charges applying to the ordering, installing, moving, changing, rearranging or furnishing of telecommunication services or facilities. Service Charges are categorized as:

Line Connection Charge Line Charge Charge Secondary Service Charge Premises Work Charge

Line Connection Charge (First Line and/or Additional Line) applies for establishing an exchange access line or trunk. The charge includes service ordering, central office work, exchange access line work and a standard voice miniature six position network interface.

Line Change Charge (First Line and/or Additional Line) applies per line to miscellaneous customer requested changes on existing service for, but not limited to, number change and suspend/restore.

Secondary Service Charge applies per customer request for the receiving, recording, and processing of customer requests to change services or add new or additional services.

Premises Work Charge is a nonrecurring charge based on the labor time and miscellaneous materials required to rearrange the drop wire, protector and/or network interface.

#### CUSTOMER REQUEST

The term "per customer request" as used in this section shall be defined as a customer request for service that is ordered at the same time to be provided on the same date, the same premises, the same system, and the same account.

#### NETWORK INTERFACE

The network interface is a FCC approved standard registration program jack which is used at the demarcation point as a means of connection between the telecommunications network and the customer's inside wire and/or equipment.

#### DEMARCATION POINT

The point of demarcation and/or interconnection between Company communications facilities and the customer's terminal equipment, protective apparatus or wiring at a subscriber's premises.<sup>1</sup> Company-installed facilities at, or constituting, the demarcation point shall consist of wire or a jack conforming to Subpart F of Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules.

### A4.2 Application of Charges

#### A4.2.1 General Application of Service Charges

A. Except as provided hereinafter, the following are subject to service charges:

- 1. All classes of Basic Exchange Service
- 2. ESSX-1 Service
- 3. ESSX service/Digital ESSX service/MultiServ service/MultiServ PLUS service/BellSouth Centrex service
- 4. Centrex Service
- 5. Wide Area Telecommunications Service (Intrastate)
- 6. Mobile Telephone Service, except Bellboy service pagers  $(\mathbf{M})$ 7. **Telephone Answering Service**  $(\mathbf{M})$ Miscellaneous service arrangements and auxiliary equipment 8.  $(\mathbf{M})$ For Mobile Telephone Service, and Intrastate Wide Area Telecommunications Service (WATS), the appropriate Business B. (M) service charges are applicable. C. The Line Connection Charge includes a standard voice miniature six position network interface for simple type services which  $(\mathbf{M})$ do not require other network interfaces. See Section A14. for FCC approved network interfaces. Installation charges throughout this *Guidebook* maybe applicable in addition to the charges in A4. D. (T)(M) E. Service Charges may be required to be paid at the time of application for service. (M)

**Note 1:** Premises is defined in Section A1.

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# A4.2 Application of Charges (Cont'd)

### A4.2.2 Line Connection Charge Application

- **A.** The Line Connection Charge First Line is applicable if the customer is requesting only one line or for the first line if multiple lines are being ordered.
- **B.** On multiple line orders, the Line Connection Charge Additional Line applies for each additional line ordered after the first line per customer request.
- **C.** The Line Connection Charge applies:
  - 1. For the connection of an exchange access line or trunk. The charge is applicable per exchange access line or trunk.
  - 2. Per main station line for ESSX service, Digital ESSX service, Centrex service, MultiServ PLUS service, or BellSouth Centrex service.
  - 3. Per Network Access Register NAR for ESSX-1 service.

#### A4.2.3 Line Change Charge Application

- **A.** The Line Change First Line is applicable if the customer is requesting changes on only one line or for the first line if changes are being made on multiple lines.
- **B.** On each multiple line request, the Line Charge Additional Line applies for each additional line requested changed after the first line.
- **C.** If the Line Connection Charge First Line applies on a customer request, any additional Line Change Charges applicable for the same customer request will be billed at the Line Change Charge Additional Line rate.
- **D.** The Line Change Charge applies:
  - 1. For each telephone number changed when requested by the customer.

# **A4. SERVICE CHARGES**

### A4.6 Tribal Link-Up

#### A4.6.1 General

- **A.** Tribal Link-Up is a program designed to increase the availability of telecommunications services to low income subscribers residing on federally recognized Tribal lands by providing a credit to the non-recurring installation and service charges to qualifying residential subscribers. Basic terms and conditions are in compliance with the FCC's Order on Universal Service in WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 12-23; CC Docket No. 96-45, which complies with the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the FCC Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket No. 11-42, adopted January 31, 2012. Specific terms and conditions are as prescribed by the Mississippi Public Service Commission and are as set forth in this *guidebook*.
- **B.** Tribal Link-Up is supported by the federal universal service support mechanism.
- **C.** A federal credit amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the non-recurring charges for connection of service, up to a maximum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), is available to be passed through to the subscriber.

#### A4.6.2 Terms and Conditions

- A. General
  - 1. Customers eligible under Tribal Link-Up are also eligible for monthly recurring assistance under the Lifeline program.
  - 2. One Tribal Link-Up connection assistance is available per household and is applicable to the primary residential connection only.
  - 3. The Tribal Link-Up credit is available a second or subsequent time only for otherwise qualifying commencement of telecommunications service at a principal place of residence with an address different from the address for which Tribal Link Up assistance was provided previously.
  - 4. To receive the credit, proof of eligibility must be provided prior to installation of service.
  - 5. The total *guidebook* charges for connecting service, including service and any other applicable installation charges, are (T) considered in the credit calculation.
  - 6. The non-discounted federal credit amount will be passed along to resellers ordering local service at the prescribed resale (T) discount from this *Guidebook*, for their eligible end users. Eligible carriers, as defined by the FCC, are required to establish their own Tribal Link-Up program.

### B. Eligibility

- 1. To be eligible for a Tribal Link-Up credit, in addition to meeting a tribal land residency requirement, the customer must be a current recipient of any of the following low income assistance programs.
  - a. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
  - b. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - c. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
  - d. Medicaid
  - e. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Plan (LIHEAP)
  - f. Federal Public Housing Assistance/Section 8
  - g. National School Lunch Program's free lunch program
  - e. BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) General Assistance
  - f. Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
  - g. Head Start Program (income eligible)
  - h. Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- 2. Additionally, customers not receiving benefits under one of the preceding programs, and whose household's total gross annual income does not exceed one hundred and thirty-five percent (135%) of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, meet the requirements for eligibility.
- 3. All applications for service are subject to verification with the state agency responsible for administration of the qualifying program.

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### A4.6 Tribal Link-Up (Cont'd)

#### A4.6.2 Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)

#### C. Certification

- 1. Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low income assistance programs should be provided by the eligible Tribal Link-Up subscriber to the Company at the time of application for service. The Tribal Link-Up credit will not be established until the Company has received proof of eligibility. If the customer requests installation without proof of eligibility, the requested service will be provided without the Tribal Link-Up credit.
- 2. The use or disclosure of information concerning enrollees will be limited to purposes directly connected with the administration of the Tribal Link-Up program.
- 3. Resellers providing Tribal Link-Up service from this *Guidebook* are responsible for determining proof of eligibility prior to requesting the service. As set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 417, a reseller must provide a certification, upon request, to AT&T that it is complying with all FCC and applicable State requirements governing Lifeline/Tribal Link-Up programs, including certification and verification procedures. Resellers are required to retain the required documentation for three (3) years and be able to produce the documentation to the Commission or its Administrator to demonstrate that they are providing discounted services only to qualified low-income customers as outlined in B.1. and B.2. preceding. Disclosure requirements described in 2. preceding are applicable to resellers of Tribal Link-Up service.

### A4.6.3 Rates and Charges

- **A.** The federal credit available for a Tribal Link-Up connection is a one hundred percent (100%) reduction, up to one hundred dollars (\$100.00), of the customary charge for commencing telecommunications service for a single telecommunications connection at a subscriber's principal place of residence.
- **B.** Upon request, qualifying residents may also receive a deferred schedule of payments of up to two hundred dollars (\$200), and any interest charges associated with the connection charge shall be deferred for a period not longer than one (1) year.

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# A5. CHARGES APPLICABLE UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS

## **A5.1 Construction Charges**

#### A5.1.1 Application

The provisions of A5.1.1. and its sub-paragraphs relate to other than Rural Line Service construction which is provided for in A5.2.

### A5.1.2 General

- **A.** Construction charges are applicable under certain conditions as hereinafter set forth and are in addition to other charges specified in this Guidebook.
- **B.** Construction charges are payable upon application for service or when billing is rendered as the Company, at its option, may require.
- C. Construction performed by the applicant, where authorized in this Guidebook, is subject to the approval of the Company.
- **D.** The word "cost", when used in this Section, means the in-plant cost consisting of labor, materials, supervision and other overhead expenses associated with the construction. Estimated cost will be used; however, where the subscriber requests, actual cost will be used where practicable.
- **E.** Except as otherwise provided herein, the *terms and conditions* in this Guidebook contemplate that the type of construction required to provide the quantity and class of service involved will be determined by the Company. The applicant may be required to pay the additional costs involved where a different type of construction than that proposed by the Company is desired.
- **F.** When attachments are made to poles of other companies in lieu of providing new pole line construction for which construction charges would be applicable under the provisions of this Section, the attachments may be assessed to the applicant(s) in whole or in part as the particular circumstances may warrant.
- **G.** When an applicant is so located that it is necessary to use private right-of-way to furnish service and the Company is unable to obtain the required right-of-way without cost, the applicant may be required to pay the costs incurred in securing, clearing and retaining such right-of-way.

#### A5.1.3 Construction On Public Highways Or Other Easements

- A. Pole Line Construction
  - 1. No construction charge is applicable for the provision of new pole line construction on public highways or other easements within the base rate area, or outside the base rate area when such pole line is to be used in serving subscribers in general.
  - 2. Except as provided preceding, when an applicant for service is located outside the base rate area in territory where new pole line construction is required and the revenue is not expected to be sufficient to insure, within a reasonable time, an adequate return on the necessary investment, the Company will provide new pole line construction to the extent of two poles per subscriber to be served at no construction charge, provided said two poles are to be used for the purpose of carrying central office circuits. Poles in excess of such two poles per subscriber to be served are provided in one of the following methods:
    - a. The subscriber may pay the Company the cost of each pole provided. Ownership and maintenance of such poles is vested in the Company.

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## **A5.4 Special Service Arrangements**

### A5.4.1 General

- **A.** Where practicable, special equipment and arrangements,<sup>1</sup> not otherwise provided for in this Guidebook, are furnished if they are in accord with authorized service offerings and if they are to be used in connection with and not detrimental to any of the services furnished by the Company. The Company may provide such special service arrangements when the nature and magnitude of the provision is sufficient to impose the need for specific customer pricing. Charges for such special service arrangements will be based on the estimated costs of furnishing them, such costs to consist of the following items to the extent they are applicable:
  - 1. Cost of Maintenance.
  - 2. Cost of operation.
  - 3. Depreciation on the estimated cost installed of the facilities utilized, based on the anticipated useful service life of the facilities with an appropriate allowance for the estimated net salvage.
  - 4. Administrations and taxes on the basis of reasonable average charges for these items.
  - 5. Any other specific items of expense associated with the particular situation.
  - 6. A reasonable amount, computed on the estimated cost installed of the facilities utilized, for return and contingencies.
- **B.** Estimated cost installed as mentioned in A5.4.1.A.3. and A5.4.1.A.6. preceding includes cost of equipment and materials specifically provided or used plus the estimated cost of installing, including engineering, labor, supervision, transportation, rights-of-way and any other investment items. When a special service arrangement is furnished under contract, pursuant to this Guidebook provision, that service will be provided at a market price supported by an economic analysis for that specific customer to assure that relevant costs are covered. Initial service periods exceeding one month may be necessary for facilities and equipment provided under a special service arrangement.

#### A5.4.2 Reserved For Future Use

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## A5.5 Reserved For Future Use

### **A5.6 Contract Service Arrangements**

#### A5.6.1 General

- **A.** Competitive alternatives are available to subscribers that may wish to use certain of the Company's services in this Guidebook. When economically practicable, customer specific contract service arrangements may be furnished in lieu of existing Guidebook offerings.
- **B.** Rates, charges, terms and additional *terms and conditions*, if applicable, for the contract service arrangements will be developed on an individual case basis. For customers with service locations in multiple rate groups within the State, the Contract Service Arrangement may include a composite statewide rate based on a weighted average of the applicable business line rates for the rate groups in which the lines are located.
- C. Unless otherwise specified, the *terms and conditions* for contract service arrangements are in addition to the applicable *terms*, (T)(M) *conditions* and rates specified in other sections of this Guidebook.
  - **Note 1:** In order to meet Open Network Architecture (ONA) requirements, the Company, upon (T) customer request, will produce a special arrangement for Performance and Fault Management Service based upon criteria in A5.4.1.

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# **A5.7 Preliminary Pricing**

In order to meet customer needs, a service may be provided where equipment is available in advance of fully detailed pricing information. In such instances, rates will be billed, based on preliminary information. Subsequently, when fully detailed pricing information becomes available, the preliminary rates will be replaced with superseded prices.

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## A5.11 Reserved For Future Use

## A5.12 Conduit Occupancy

### A5.12.1 Application Of Guidebook

This Guidebook contains the rates, terms and conditions applicable to conduit occupancy accommodations granted to attachee (T) by AT&T Mississippi, hereinafter referred to as the Company.

#### A5.12.2 Definitions Of Terms

#### ATTACHEE

The InterLATA Carrier authorized by the Company to place its facilities in a conduit system.

#### ATTACHEE'S FACILITIES

All facilities, including but not limited to cables, equipment and associated hardware, owned and utilized by the attachee which occupy a conduit system.

#### CONDUIT OCCUPANCY

Occupancy of a conduit system by any item of attachee's facilities.

#### CONDUIT SYSTEM

Any combination of ducts, conduits, manholes, handholes, and vaults joined to form an integrated whole, which is owned by the Company.

#### DUCT

A single enclosed raceway for conductors or cables.

#### INTERLATA CARRIER

The term "InterLATA Carrier" denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, governmental entity or corporation engaged for hire in InterLATA communications by wire or radio.

### INTRASTATE COMMUNICATIONS

The term "Intrastate Communications" denotes any communications within the state subject to oversight by the state regulatory commission as provided by the laws of the state.

#### JOINT USER

A party which may attach to a pole or anchor or occupy a conduit owned by the Company in return for granting the Company equivalent rights of attachment or occupancy to poles, anchors, and/or conduit which it owns.

# A5. CHARGES APPLICABLE UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS

### A5.12 Conduit Occupancy (Cont'd)

### A5.12.4 Obligation Of Attachee (Cont'd)

- A. Legal Requirements (Cont'd)
  - 3. No authorization granted under this Guidebook shall extend to any conduit system where the attachment or placement of attachee's facilities would result in a forfeiture of the rights of the Company or joint users to occupy the property on which such conduit system is located. If the existence of attachee's facilities in a conduit system would cause a forfeiture of the right of the Company or joint user, or both to occupy such property, attachee agrees to remove its facilities forthwith upon receipt of written notification from the Company. If the attachee has not completed such removal within (60) days of receipt of such written notification the Company may perform and/or have performed such removal and attachee agrees to pay the Company or joint user or both, the cost thereof and for all losses and damages that may result.
- B. Assignment Of Rights

Attachee shall not assign or transfer any authorization granted hereunder and such authorizations shall not inure to the benefit of attachee's successors or assigns without the prior written consent of the Company. The Company shall not unreasonably withhold such consent. In the event such consent is granted by the Company, the provisions of this *Guidebook* shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the attachee.

- C. Construction, Maintenance And Removal Of Attachee's Facilities
  - 1. The attachee's facilities shall be placed and maintained in accordance with the requirements and specifications of the current editions of the National Electrical Code (NEC), the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC), the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), the Manual of Construction Procedures (Blue Book) and Company-administered practices.
  - 2. The attachee's employees, agents or contractors will be permitted to enter or work in the Company's manholes only when an authorized agent or employee of the Company is present. The attachee agrees to pay, in accordance with the terms and conditions of A5.12.9.C. following, for having the Company's agent or employee present when attachee's work is being done in the Company's manholes. The presence of the Company's authorized agent or employee shall not relieve the attachee of its responsibility to conduct all of its work operations in and around the Company's manholes in a safe and workmanlike manner and in accordance with A5.12.4.C.1. preceding.
- **D.** Claims And Damages
  - 1. The attachee shall exercise precaution to avoid damaging the facilities of the Company and others occupying a conduit system and the attachee assumes all responsibility for such damage caused by attachee's employees, agents or contractors.
  - 2. Attachee shall make an immediate report to the owner of the facilities that are so damaged and reimburse such party for the costs incurred in making the required repairs.
  - 3. Attachee shall promptly advise the Company of all claims relating to damage of property or injury to or death of persons, arising or alleged to have arisen in any manner, directly or indirectly, by the erection, maintenance, repair, replacement, presence, use or removal of the attachee's facilities. Copies of all accident reports and statements made to attachee's insurer by the attachee or others, shall be furnished promptly to the Company.