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Mr. Pat Fahn  
Utility Analyst  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
State Capitol  
600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Fahn,

Attached are revision pages to the SRT Communications, Inc. ("SRT") Local Exchange Tariff.

As of January 1, 2009, SRT will have a \$2.00 increase in our monthly Business and Residence Local Service Line Charge, Private Branch Exchange Services, and Centrex Line Charges. The specific changes are as follows:

**Section 2, Sheet 2, D.1. – Rates for Business and Residence Service Line Charge**

Residence Line Charge – Minot – current rate \$8.95, effective 01/01/09 - \$10.95  
Residence Line Charge – Other Exchanges – current rate \$15.95, effective 01/01/09 - \$17.95  
Business Line Charge – current rate \$15.95, effective 01/01/09 - \$17.95  
Rotary Line Charge – current rate \$24.90, effective 01/01/09 - \$26.90

**Section 2, Sheet 4, C.1.b. - Local Service Extensions**

Extension of a line more than 150 feet from building – current rate \$8.95, effective 01/01/09  
\$10.95

**Section 2, Sheet 9, 7 – Lifeline Service**

Lifeline Services – Minot – current rate \$5.45, effective 01/01/09 - \$7.45  
Lifeline Services – Other Exchanges – current rate \$12.45, effective 01/01/09 - \$14.45

**Section 2, Sheet 12, B.5 – Tribal Land Lifeline Service**

Enhanced Lifeline Discount – current discount \$21.45, effective 01/01/09 - \$23.45

**Section 7, Sheet 18, D.b. – BRI ISDN**

Basic Rate Interface – current rate \$56.00, effective 01/01/09 - \$58.00

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**Section 9, Sheet 1, B.1. – Private Branch Exchange Service**

One-Way Direct Inward Dial (DID)

On copper – current rate \$39.77, effective 01/01/09 - \$41.77

On T1 facility – current rate \$19.88, effective 01/01/09 - \$21.88

**Section 9, Sheet 2, B.1-4 – Private Branch Exchange Service**

Two-Way Direct Inward Dial (TDID)

On copper – current rate \$55.10, effective 01/01/09 - \$57.10

On T1 facility – current rate \$27.55, effective 01/01/09 - \$29.55

One-Way Inward Dial (OID)

On T1 facility – current rate \$12.45, effective 01/01/09 - \$14.45

Two-Way Direct Outward Dial (DOD)

On copper – current rate \$24.90, effective 01/01/09 - \$26.90

On T1 facility – current rate \$12.45, effective 01/01/09 - \$14.45

**Section 10, Sheet 5&6, C.4.a-c – Centrex Services**

Centrex Line Charge – current rate \$7.85, effective 01/01/09 - \$9.85

Miscellaneous Centrex Line Charge with cable pair – current rate \$7.85, effective 01/01/09 - \$9.85

Additional Centrex Line Charge without cable pair – current rate \$7.85, effective 01/01/09 - \$9.85

Please accept this filing to meet the twenty-day notification period required by the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

If you have any question, please give me a call at 701.858.5233.

Thank you,



Julie Lizotte  
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosure

**LOCAL SERVICE**

**B. Determination of Service Status, continued**

2. Hold Number Only Service is available to potential subscribers who request the Company to reserve a telephone number in the telephone directory that is not a working number and has no permanent location assignment. Following an indefinite period, service is connected to a location identified by the subscriber.

	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Billing Code</u>
a. Residential – Hold Number Directory	\$3.00	HNDR
b. Business – Hold Number Directory	\$6.50	HNDB
c. No EAS charges will apply to this service.		
d. Normal service order charges may apply.		
e. Non-pub charges apply if applicable.		

3. All other business and residence service is considered standard and normal rates apply as applicable.

**C. Application of Rates for Business and Residence Service:**

1. The applicable exchange rate applies to all subscribers of the Company.
2. The rate only covers the provision of network access to a local customer location.
3. The rates quoted in this tariff for local exchange service entitle the subscriber to local calls (without toll charge) to all local stations.
4. The Extended Area Service, “EAS Adder” rate entitles the subscriber to an extended local calling area (without toll charge) for all local stations and exchanges served by the Company.
5. Low-income subscribers may qualify for Lifeline discounts under this Tariff Section.

**D. Rates for Business and Residence Service Line Charge**

1. Service Classification                      Monthly Charge for Local Exchange Telephone Service

	<u>Rate</u>
Residence – Minot Exchange Only	\$10.95
All Other Exchanges*	\$17.95
*Antler, Berthold, Butte, Carpio, Deering, Des Lacs, Donnybrook, Glenburn, Karlsruhe, Landa, Lansford, Martin, Maxbass, Metigoshe, Minot Air Force Base, Mohall, Newburg, Sawyer, Sherwood, South Prairie, Tolley, Towner, Upham, Velva, Westhope	
Business – All Exchanges	\$17.95
Rotary Line (Business) – All Exchanges	\$26.90
Centrex – See Section 10	

2. Rotary Line Volume Discounts will be based on the number of Rotary Lines (aka Trunk Hunting). Discounts will apply to the Individual Line Rate only.

<u>Number of Rotary Lines</u>	<u>% Discount</u>
5-9 Trunks	10%
10-24 Trunks	15%
25-49 Trunks	20%
50-69 Trunks	30%
70+ Trunks	40%

**LOCAL SERVICE  
EXTENSIONS**

**B. Regulations (continued)**

6. If a customer requests an extension to a detached garage, (contiguous property), the Company encourages the customer to purchase cable and perform the labor to install their own cable. In this situation, the cable is customer owned and maintained.
7. If a customer has established phone service at two different locations with two different telephone numbers, and requests that one of their numbers also work at the other location, they will be charged mileage for the outside extension. Mileage is calculated based on actual cable route miles and is rounded up to the nearest quarter mile increment.

**C. Rates**

1. For exchange service located outside of the building in which the main terminal equipment is located, the following mileage charges apply. Mileage charges are computed separately for each service extension and are based on actual cable length measurements from the main terminal equipment to the building in which the service extension is to be located.

<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Billing Code</u>
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| a. Extension of a line 150 feet or less from building:   | \$ .50  | MIMN |
| b. Extension of a line more than 150 feet from building: | \$10.95 |      |
2. Where underground or pole line construction is required or attachments are placed on buildings in connection with the installation of outside stations, an additional charge will be made to cover any excessive cost involved.
  3. The subscriber shall furnish the necessary conduit and molding and shall bear the expense of any drilling of concrete or solid masonry walls.

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**LOCAL SERVICE  
LIFELINE AND LINK UP SERVICE**

**C. Lifeline Service**

1. Lifeline service means qualifying low income subscribers pay reduced charges for retail residential local telecommunications service.
2. Lifeline service includes voice grade access to the public switched network, local usage, dual tone multi-frequency signaling (touch tone) or its functional equivalent, single-party service, access to emergency services, access to operator services, access to interexchange service, access to directory assistance, primary published directory listing, and toll limitation (toll blocking).
3. The applicable exchange residential rate (including the federal end user common line charge) shall be reduced by \$10.00 per month for all exchanges for residential local telecommunications service to qualified low income subscribers.
4. Toll limitation shall be offered at no charge to a qualifying low income subscriber.
5. A service deposit shall not be collected in order to initiate Lifeline service if the qualifying low income subscriber voluntarily elects toll blocking.
6. The Company will not disconnect residential Lifeline service for non-payment of toll (long distance) charges.
7. The reduced Lifeline charge for retail residential local telecommunications service to qualifying low income subscribers is:

	<u>Minot Exchange</u>	<u>All Other Exchanges*</u>
Local exchange and extended area service	\$10.95	\$17.95
Federal end user common line charge	<u>\$ 6.50</u>	<u>\$ 6.50</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$17.45	\$24.45
Less Lifeline discount	- <u>\$10.00</u>	- <u>\$10.00</u>
Lifeline charge (including toll blocking at no additional charge if elected)	\$ 7.45	\$14.45

\*Antler, Berthold, Butte, Carpio, Deering, DesLacs, Donnybrook, Glenburn, Karlsruhe, Landa, Lansford, Martin, Maxbass, Metigoshe, Minot Air Force Base, Mohall, Newburg, Sawyer, Sherwood, South Prairie, Tolley, Towner, Upham, Velva, Westhope

**LOCAL SERVICE  
 LIFELINE AND LINK UP SERVICE/TRIBAL LANDS**

**B Lifeline for Eligible Residents of Tribal Lands, continued**

4.	Enhanced Lifeline Credit Amounts	
	<u>Exchange with Tribal Land</u>	<u>Additional Lifeline Credits</u>
	All Exchanges except Minot	\$13.45

5. For customers of the Company who qualify for both regular Lifeline and Enhanced Lifeline, application of Lifeline credits for all exchanges except Minot shall be as follows:

Local exchange and extended area service	\$ 17.95
Federal end user common line charge	<u>\$ 6.50</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 24.45
Less regular lifeline discount	<u>\$ -10.00</u>
Regular lifeline service charge	\$ 14.45
Less enhanced lifeline credit	<u>\$ -13.45</u>
Enhanced lifeline service charge (including toll blocking at no additional charge if elected)	\$ 1.00

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**DIGITAL DATA SERVICES  
INTEGRATED SERVICES DIGITAL NETWORK – ISDN**

**D. Rates and Charges – Basic Rate Interface (BRI) (continued)**

	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Billing Code</u>
b. Basic Rate Interface (1) Month-to-Month Flat Rate, Unlimited Usage	\$110.00	\$ 58.00	01202

**E. Rates and Charges – Primary Rate Interface (PRI)**

1. Description  
The basic Primary Rate Interface (PRI) structure consists of 23 B-channels and a D-channel, for a total transmission rate of 1.544 Mbit/s, which is equivalent to a T1/DS1 facility and is defined as 23 B+D. The B-channel is a 64 kbit/s channel used for information such as voice calls, circuit switched data, or video. The D-channel is a 64 kbit/s channel that is used to carry the control or signaling information. The subscriber may use CPE to bond together 64 kbit/s B-channels for the transmission of circuit switched data or video.
2. Terms and Conditions of Primary Rate Interface (PRI)
  - a. PRI is provided subject to the availability of central office facilities.
  - b. Each PRI consists of one T1/DS1 facility and one service configuration. A subscriber may request more than one PRI per premises.
  - c. The PRI facility may be provided from a foreign central office or foreign exchange at the DS1 transport mileage rates. Associated charges will be applied to the PRI facility.
  - d. PRI offerings are not available for use by commercial mobile radio carriers, private mobile radio carriers and interexchange carriers in the provision of services to their subscribers. Other digital services are offered by the Company for interconnection specifically for these carriers.
  - e. The PRI facility for all channels may be provisioned on an existing or new T1/DS1 facility.
  - f. PRI subscribers must subscribe to a minimum of one 23 B+D service configuration. See E. 3a of this section.
  - g. DID numbers associated with PRI and a trunk connections is required for each inward of 2-way DID b-channel in a PRI and are not included with charges below.
  - h. Circuit Switched Data PRI is only intended for data calls, including video.
  - i. Subscribers requiring ISDN features not offered on a month-to-month schedule will be considered on an individual case basis. The contract period offered will be negotiable between the Company and the subscriber.

**PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE SERVICE**

**A. General**

1. Private Branch Exchange Service (PBX) is an end user service offered to subscribers who need switched access for local and long distance service from their customer owned telephone system.
2. Stations connected to the private branch exchange service may be located in shops, stores, and other places of business in the same building. Intercommunications with other stations of the private branch exchange in other buildings, an off premise charge may apply.
3. The subscriber is held responsible to the telephone company for all charges at regular tariff rates for these exchange services and for all regular service order, end user, TDDR, or other applicable charges.
4. This service is a wireline service not applicable to or intended for Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) use with the exception of provisioning two way trunks to provide CMRS interconnection. In these cases, interconnection between the local exchange company and the CMRS company will be provided under a separately negotiated Interconnection Agreement that will specifically identify the services to be provided. The applicable billing for standard two way trunks (per channel) utilized in accordance with an Interconnection Agreement between the Company and the CMRS provider company is the rate as specified in item B.2. below for two way Direct Inward Dialing.
5. These rates include the \$2.95 per month EAS Adder identified in Tariff Section 2.
6. Service order and central office service connection charges apply as identified in Tariff Section 3.

**B. Regulations/Rates**

	<u>Installation Charge</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Billing Code</u>
1. <u>One Way Direct Inward Dialing (DID)</u> This service will be provided for phone systems that allow a subscriber to dial directly into a specific telephone station within the customer owned system.			
Each Trunk on Copper Facility	\$100.00	\$41.77	DID
Each Trunk on a T1 Facility (per channel)*	\$ 12.00	\$21.88	T1ID

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**PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE SERVICE**
**B. Regulations/Rates (continued)**

	<u>Installation Charge</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Billing Code</u>
2. <u>Two Way Direct Inward Dialing (TDID)</u> This service will be provided for phone systems that allow a subscriber to dial directly into a specific telephone station and/or allowing for the station to originate an outgoing call to the public switched network utilizing the same facility or trunk. This service requires the use of T1 circuit configuration for proper operation. Each Trunk on Copper Facility Each Trunk on T1 Facility (per channel)*	\$100.00 \$ 12.00	\$57.10 \$29.55	CDID TDID
3. <u>One Way Inward Dialing (OID)</u> This service will provide for up to 24 channels of inward calling on a T1 with one (1) main number only. No out dialing capability on this service. Each Trunk on T1 Facility (per channel)*	See A.6 above	\$14.45	CHNT1
4. <u>Two Way Direct Outward Dialing (DOD)</u> This service will be provided for phone systems and allows telephone stations within the system to dial out directly without operator assistance. This service comes with one phone number for termination. Each Trunk on Copper Facility Each Trunk on T1 Facility (per channel)*	See A.6. above	\$ 26.90 \$ 14.45	DOD T1OD
5. <u>Optional Trunk Signaling</u> Option #1 – Ground Start Trunk Configuration option installed on each trunk to signal the line as being on/off hook.  Option #2 – Answer Supervision (Line Side) Provides “off-hook” supervisory signals to customer’s premise equipment. These signals originate from the “called” party’s serving (terminating) central office to a line interface central office.	See A.6. above  See A.6. above	\$ 1.25/Trunk  \$ 1.25/Line	GSTO  ASLS
*T1 transport per Tariff Section 12 also applies.			

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**CENTREX SERVICE**
**C. Rates (continued)**

		<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Billing Code</u>
1.	System Software Program		
a.	Enhanced Business Service Package (EBSP) per system over Ten (10) lines EBSP provides console/system features – per system	\$34.95	CExx
b.	Small Business Centrex Package (SBCP) Ten (10) lines or less – per system)	\$18.95	SBCP
2.	Virtual Facility Group – subscriber option to purchase number of transmission paths desired based upon actual usage. A minimum of one (1) trunk is required per subscriber	\$12.75	VFxx
3.	Trunk Rate – provided on a trunk equivalency basis or as an optional service at additional costs provided on a virtual software group basis per trunk (i.e., paging access, music on hold, DISA, and system routing)	\$20.07	CTxx
4.	Centrex Line Charge – one (1) is required for every identifiable Centrex number.		
a.	Centrex Line Charge/per line	\$ 9.85	CXxx
b.	Miscellaneous Centrex Line Charge/per line Analog extension with cable pair	\$ 9.85	CMxx

**CENTREX SERVICE****C. Rates, continued**

	Monthly Rate	Billing Code
c. Additional centrex number without cable pair on a digital set	\$ 9.85	CNxx

Centrex Line Charge volume discounts will be based on the number of Centrex lines. Discounts will apply to the Centrex Line Charge line and EAS Adder rate.

	<u>% Discount</u>
50-99 Lines	10%
100-249 Lines	15%
250-499 Lines	20%
500-699 Lines	30%
700-1199 Lines	40%
1200 or More	50%

**D. Centrex Packages/Rates**

1. <b>Basic Package</b> – provides the following services per line: Direct Inward Dial Direct Outward Dial Three Way Transfer Toll Restriction	\$1.10	CBxx
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Basic package discounts will be based on the number of Centrex lines:

	<u>% Discount</u>
50-99 Lines	10%
100-249 Lines	15%
250-499 Lines	20%
500-699 Lines	30%
700-1199 Lines	40%
1200 or More	50%