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**RE: US Link, Inc.
Add Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP)**

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed are the original and one copy of the following tariff page(s) for US Link, Inc.:

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The purpose of this filing is to add Telecommunications Service Priority to the tariff. The Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) Program is a federal program used to identify and prioritize telecommunications services that support National Security and Emergency Preparedness (NS/EP) missions.

The proposed effective date for this filing is November 16, 2009.

Please return a date stamped copy of the tariff filing in the self addressed envelope enclosed. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this filing, please contact me at (608) 664-4169.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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Telecommunications Service Priority Schedule

U.S. Link, Inc.

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SERVICE OFFERINGS**3.13 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PRIORITY**

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A. General

1. The Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) Program is a federal program used to identify and prioritize telecommunications services that support National Security and Emergency Preparedness (NS/EP) missions.

NS/EP services are defined as those telecommunications services which are used to maintain a state of readiness or respond to and manage any event or crisis which causes or could cause injury or harm to the population, damage or loss to property, or degrades or threatens the NS/EP posture of the United States.

TSP restoration and/or provisioning shall be provided in accordance with Part 64.401, Appendix A of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations (47 C.F.R.) and the "Service Vendor Handbook for the Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) Program" and the "Service User Manual for the Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System" (NCS Manual 3-1-1) (Service User Manual) issued and updated as necessary by the Office of Priority Telecommunications (OPT) of the National Communications System. Any changes to or re-issuance of these regulations or manuals supersede tariff language contained herein.

2. The TSP program has two components: restoration and provisioning.
 - a. A restoration priority is applied to new or existing telecommunications services to ensure restoration before any other services during a service outage¹. TSP restoration priorities must be requested and assigned before a service outage occurs.
 - b. A provisioning priority is obtained to facilitate priority installation of new telecommunications services during a service outage. Provisioning on a priority basis becomes necessary when an end-user has an urgent requirement for a new NS/EP service that must be installed immediately or by a specific due date that can be met only by a shorter than standard or expedited Company provisioning time frame. As a matter of general practice, existing TSP services will be restored before provisioning new TSP services¹.

¹ When spare facilities are not available, it may be necessary for the Company to preempt TSP services to provision or restore NS/EP services with a higher priority level assignment. When this is necessary, NS/EP services will be selected in the inverse order of their TSP priority level assignment.

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SERVICE OFFERINGS**3.13 TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PRIORITY (Continued)****C. Rates and Charges**

1. In the event that the Company must utilize additional labor outside of normal business hours in the provisioning or restoration of a service, additional labor charges may apply. Such charges will be billed to the customer. The Company will attempt to inform the customer of approximately how much these charges will be in advance.
2. A one-time charge for the initial establishment of or change in TSP status by the Company will be billed to the customer. In addition, normal connection charges will apply.
3. In subscribing to TSP, the customer recognizes that quoting charges and obtaining customer permission to proceed with service installation or restoration would delay the installation or restoration process and grants the Company the right to assess additional charges, when applicable, after the installation or restoration has been completed. When possible, the Company will attempt to provide an estimate to the customer of the additional charges in advance of the work.
4. Facilities required by the Company for its internal operations are exempt from the TSP rules.

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RATES AND CHARGES

4.25 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PRIORITY**

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Non-Recurring Charge</u>
a. Priority Installation Invocation*		\$120.00
b. Restoration Level Implementation*		\$120.00
c. Restoration Level Change		\$2.50
d. Restoration Maintenance and Administration	\$1.28	

* When a service is ordered in both Priority Installation and Priority Restoration, only the non-recurring charge for Priority Restoration applies.

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