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Darrell Nitschke
North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Effective February 1, 2012, SRT Communications, Inc. ("SRT") will make the following changes to the SRT Local Exchange Tariff. These changes do not impact rates. Attached are the sections of the SRT Local Exchange Tariff that have been updated.

Section 2, Sheet 4 & 5

Verbiage changes to B.1., B.6., and B.7. Also, removal of Extension Line verbiage in C.1.a. and C.1.b (this service was actually discontinued in January, 2009).

Section 7, Sheet 1-10

Removal of Switched 56 Service and Frame Relay Service

Section 12, Sheet 1-3

Removal of Leased Wire Service, Analog Data Service, and 56 KB Data Service.

Please give me a call at 701-858-5233 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Lizotte', written in a cursive style.

Julie Lizotte
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosure

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SRT Communications, Inc.

LOCAL SERVICE

A. Determination of Service Classification

The determination as to whether subscriber main line service is furnished at a business or residence rate is at the discretion of the Company as follows:

1. BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION

- a. Service is classified and charged for as a business service where the use is primarily or substantially of a business, professional, institutional or occupational nature, or for the administration of the activities of such institutions as clubs, hospitals, schools, colleges, churches and charitable organizations or any area that is zoned for business use only.
- b. The advertising of a telephone number by the subscriber will generally indicate the use as a business service and applicable rates will apply.
- c. Service provided to a coin operated telephone (COCOT) provider is also classified as business service and the multi line business rate applies.

2. RESIDENCE CLASSIFICATION

Service is classified and charged for as residence service where the primary use of the service is of a social and domestic nature and other use, if any, is merely incidental.

B. Vacation Rates (Suspension of Service)

- 1. Vacation rate service is available to any subscriber with exchange telephone service. Vacation rates apply where exchange telephone service is temporarily suspended, at the subscriber's request, without termination of contract.
 - a. Upon request of subscriber, telephone service may be temporarily suspended to subscribers of Business and Residential Individual Line Service.
 - b. Temporary suspension of service will apply only to the Residence and Business Individual Line Service.
 - c. The monthly rate applicable during the period that service is suspended is as follows:

	<u>Rate</u>
Residential	\$3.00
Business	\$5.00

A portion of mandatory federal charges will also apply.

- d. When service suspended at the subscriber's request is restored, no reconnection charge will be applied.

LOCAL SERVICE**C. 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.

D. Application of Rates for Business and Residence Service

- The applicable exchange rate applies to all subscribers of the Company.
- The rate only covers the provision of network access to a local customer location.
- The rates quoted in this tariff for local exchange service entitle the subscriber to local calls (without toll charge) to all local stations.
- Low-income subscribers may qualify for Lifeline discounts under this Tariff Section.

E. 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	\$13.95
All Other Exchanges*	\$20.95
*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	\$20.95
Rotary Line (Business) – All Exchanges	\$29.90
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%

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F. Temporary Local Service

1. Temporary lines are only available to vendors who request local service lasting less than one month.
2. Temporary lines are billed at a flat-rated charge, no pro-rations.

<u>Temporary Line Service</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Billing Code</u>
a. Vendor Temp Single Line B1	\$120.00	OVTSB
b. Vendor Temp Multi-Line B1	\$120.00	OVTM
Additional Temp Multi-Line B1	\$ 80.00	OVTMA
c. Vendor Temp Rotary Line	\$120.00	OVTR
Additional Temp Rotary Line	\$ 80.00	OVTRA
d. Vendor Temp Centrex	\$120.00	OVTC
Additional Temp Centrex	\$ 80.00	OVTC A

**LOCAL SERVICE
EXTENSIONS**

A. General

1. Extensions from business main stations will ordinarily be installed in residences only where there is established residence main station service. However, in some situations the requirement of separate residence service may be waived:

B. Regulations

1. Code ringing or other means of distinctive signaling of extension stations from the central office are not provided except as provided in Section 6 of this tariff.
2. Applicants are required to pay all the costs of additional underground or pole line construction required solely for extension stations located outside of the building in which the main station is located. Where the construction is to be used immediately or in the near future for carrying circuits serving other subscribers, the Company will bear all or a portion of the cost of such construction. No positive rule as to the amount of the construction costs to be borne by the Company can be established as each case must be determined on its individual merit.
3. When a business or residential customer requests the same number to be active at two (2) different locations, and no service is established at the second location, the customer is required to pay the appropriate Outside Extension Rate, Section 2, Sheet 4.C. of this tariff; and the appropriate Business or Residential Line Charge, Section 2, Sheet 2.E.1. of this tariff. They are not required to establish a new telephone number at the second location.
4. If a customer requests an extension to a detached garage, (contiguous property), the Company requires the customer to purchase cable and perform the labor to install their own cable. In this situation, the cable is customer owned and maintained.

C. Rates

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Billing Code</u>
Outside Extension Charge		
Residential (00001)	\$13.95	000G1
Single Line Business (00SB1)	\$13.95	00SG1
Multiline Business (00010)	\$13.95	00G10
Rotary Line Business (00020)	\$13.95	00G20
Centrex (00060)	\$13.95	00G60

1. 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.
2. The subscriber shall furnish the necessary conduit and molding and shall bear the expense of any drilling of concrete or solid masonry walls.

**LOCAL SERVICE
SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION**

A. General

All rates and charges specified in the General Rules and Regulations and General Exchange Tariff Sections of this rate book provide for the furnishing of facilities and associated channel equipment where plant facilities or associated channel equipment is available or when the construction of facilities and equipment does not involve unusual costs to provide.

B. Regulations

A. Special construction charges apply (except where specified in other sections of this tariff) when one or more of the following conditions exist:

- a. The facilities to provide service are not available and at the request of the subscriber, the Company constructs facilities where there is no other requirement for the facilities and no expected future reuse by another subscriber.
- b. At the request of the subscriber, the Company constructs facilities of a type or in a manner other than that which the Company would otherwise utilize to provide the facilities.
- c. At the request of the subscriber, the Company constructs facilities on a route other than the route the Company would normally utilize or to reroute facilities already in place.
- d. Facilities are not available and at the request of the subscriber the Company expedites construction of facilities at a greater expense than would otherwise be incurred.
- e. Facilities are not available and at the request of the subscriber the Company constructs temporary facilities. "Temporary" is defined as any location where in the judgement of the Company, it is apparent the location is removable or the need for the facilities is for a limited time period.
- f. Where installation, service connections, moves, changes or rearrangements of service, equipment or wiring are made, at the subscriber's request, during other than regular working hours of the regular work week or at any time on a Sunday or Holiday.
- g. Where masonry walls, insulation, hollow tile, etc., constituting parts of a subscriber's premise, or subscriber's failure to provide suitable wire wells, pipes, conduit and outlets for telephone cabling and wiring, will materially increase the cost of placing such cabling and wiring.
- h. Where material quantities of equipment or facilities are acquired or placed by the Company to make new or added service available to a subscriber, and such subscriber cancels the order for such new or additional service prior to its establishment.

**LOCAL SERVICE
SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION**

B. Regulations (continued)

2. Special construction charges are those estimated costs that are in excess of the costs that would be incurred under conditions other than those listed above. Costs include material, supplies, engineering, labor, supervision, transportation, rights-of-way and overhead for placing and removal of facilities and associated channel equipment less estimated net salvage and plant betterment.
3. The subscriber may furnish labor such as trenching and backfilling to reduce special construction charges. Where any portion of construction is furnished by the subscriber, it must conform to the specification of the Company. The facilities will be maintained and remain solely owned by the Company.
4. Application of special construction charges is variable and each situation must be judged on its individual circumstances. Any distance beyond three miles should be referred to management.
5. Construction charges are payable at the time application for service is signed or when a bill is rendered, at the option of the Company.

C. Guarantee of Service Deposit

When construction is required to provide telephone service to a new location, a guarantee of service deposit will be based on the airline distance from the subscriber's location to the nearest telephone plant facilities as follows:

<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>DEPOSIT REQUIRED</u>	<u>PERIODS OF CONTINUOUS, FULL RATE SERVICE GUARANTEED*</u>
Up to ¼ Mile to ½ Mile	\$ 300.00	1 Year
½ to ¾ Mile	\$ 400.00	2 Years
¾ to 1 Mile	\$ 500.00	2 Years
1 to 1¼ Mile	\$ 600.00	3 Years
1¼ to 1½ Miles	\$ 700.00	3 Years
1½ to 1¾ Miles	\$ 800.00	4 Years
1¾ to 2 Miles	\$ 900.00	4 Years
2 to 2¼ Miles	\$1000.00	5 Years
2¼ to 2½ Miles	\$1100.00	5 Years
2½ to 2¾ Miles	\$1200.00	5 Years
2¾ to 3 Miles	\$1300.00	5 Years

**LOCAL SERVICE
LIFELINE AND LINK UP SERVICE**

A. General

1. The Federal Communications Commission and the North Dakota Public Service Commission require that an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier must offer Link Up Service and Lifeline Service.

2. A qualifying low income subscriber is a North Dakota resident who is eligible to receive Lifeline and Link Up assistance under one of the following Program-Based methods:

Medicaid
Food Stamps
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
Low Income Home Energy Assistance
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TNAF)
National School Lunch (NSL) – free lunch program

A subscriber can receive certification through the North Dakota Department of Human Services and certify with SRT by providing a Public Assistance Card and completing an Assistance Application; or they can “self certify” with SRT by completing an Assistance Application.

3. A qualifying low income subscriber is eligible to receive Lifeline and Link Up assistance by certifying under the Income-Based method. The subscriber’s household income must be at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The Universal Service Administration Company (USAC) will be the point of reference to determine the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The subscriber must complete an Assistance Application, provide SRT income documentation, and certify the number of household members. The income of all household members will be used to determine eligibility.

Acceptable income documentation includes:

Prior year’s state, federal, or tribal tax return
Current income statement from an employer
Paycheck stub (must present three consecutive months)
Social security statement of benefits
Veterans administration statement of benefits
Federal or tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance
Child Support, divorce decree (alimony)
Other official document

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LIFELINE AND LINK UP SERVICE**

4. On an annual basis, SRT will verify a Statically Random Sample (calculation provided by the FCC) of Lifeline subscribers to determine if they continue to meet eligibility. This verification may be performed with the ND Department of Human Services, or may be performed on individual mailings to subscribers who are randomly chosen.

B. *Link Up Service*

1. Link Up Service means:
 - a. A reduction in the customary charge for commencing telecommunications service for a single telecommunications connection at a subscriber's principal place of residence. If applicable, the reduction shall be half of the customary service order charge and central office charge in Tariff Section 3.
 - b. A deferred schedule for payment of the charges assessed for commencing service, for which the subscriber does not pay interest. If applicable, the reduced Link Up connection charge shall be payable in the first billing cycle following connection of service.
2. Charges assessed for commencing service include any charge customarily assessed to connect a subscriber to the network. These charges do not include any permissible security deposit requirements.
3. The Link Up program shall allow a subscriber to receive the benefit of the Link Up program for a second or subsequent time only for a principal place of residence with an address different from the residence address at which the Link Up assistance was provided previously.

**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	\$13.95	\$20.95
Federal end user common line charge	<u>\$ 6.50</u>	<u>\$ 6.50</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$20.45	\$27.45
Less Lifeline discount	- <u>\$10.00</u>	- <u>\$10.00</u>
Lifeline charge (including toll blocking at no additional charge if elected)	\$ 10.45	\$17.45

*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**

A. Expanded Linkup for Eligible Residents of Tribal Lands

1. North Dakota residents of Tribal lands who are eligible to receive Enhanced Lifeline for residents of Tribal lands under this tariff, and make the certification required for Enhanced Lifeline are also eligible to receive Expanded Link Up.
 - a. The effective date for Expanded Link Up shall be October 1, 2001.
 - b. Expanded Link Up provides eligible residents of Tribal lands with an additional benefit of up to \$70.00 in addition to regular Link Up. The additional benefit will apply towards 100% of the charges assessed for commencing service at a subscriber's principal place of residence between \$60.00 and \$130.00. Expanded Link Up does not apply to connection charges that are less than \$60.00.

B. Enhanced Lifeline for Eligible Residents of Tribal Lands

1. North Dakota residents of Tribal lands who are eligible to receive one of the following ten assistance programs are eligible to receive Enhanced Lifeline.

Medicaid (e.g., Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)

Food Stamps Program

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)

Low Income Home Energy Assistance

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) General Assistance Program

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program

Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF) Program

National School Lunch (NSL) - free lunch program

Head Start (meeting income qualifying standards)

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

B. Enhanced Lifeline for Eligible Residents of Tribal Lands, continued

- a. The effective date for Enhanced Lifeline shall be residential service periods beginning on or after October 1, 2001.
 - b. A resident of Tribal lands is a consumer living on a reservation as defined by Section 20.1 (v) of the Bureau of Indian Affairs regulations (25 C.F.R. S 20.1 (v)).
 - c. Enhanced Lifeline for eligible residents of Tribal lands provides additional Lifeline support above the Lifeline received under the regular Lifeline program described in Section 2. of up to \$25.00 per month. The amount of Enhanced Lifeline shall equal the tariffed monthly charges for basic local residential service less the Interstate Lifeline Credit or Intrastate Lifeline Credit received pursuant to the regular Lifeline program provided that the combined regular Lifeline and Enhanced Lifeline credits do not bring the basic local residential rate for a single residential line below \$1.00 per month and the total Enhanced Lifeline credit does not exceed \$25.00 per month.
 - d. Enhanced Lifeline benefits apply to the primary flat local residential access charges, including non-optional extended area of service charges.
2. In order to receive Enhanced Lifeline for residents of Tribal lands, a consumer must complete and sign a certification form provided by the Company as described below. The Enhanced Lifeline certification form will include all of the following:
- a. A statement that the consumer is certifying the information conveyed in the completed certification under penalty of perjury.
 - b. Indication that the consumer is receiving benefits under one of the programs listed above, or the customer is at or below 195% of the federal poverty guidelines.
 - c. Indication that the consumer lives on Tribal lands.
 - d. A statement that the consumer agrees to notify the Company if the consumer ceases to participate in the program or programs.
3. In the event a consumer qualifies for Enhanced Lifeline but does not qualify for regular Lifeline under the regular Lifeline Program, the consumer shall also receive, in addition to Enhanced Lifeline, a Lifeline Credit equal to the amount of the federal end user charge, currently \$6.50 per month, plus an additional \$3.50 regular Lifeline Credit for basic local service.

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

B Lifeline for Eligible Residents of Tribal Lands, continued

4. Enhanced Lifeline Credit Amounts

Exchange with Tribal Land

All Exchanges except Minot

Additional Lifeline Credits

\$14.45

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	\$ 20.95
Federal end user common line charge	<u>\$ 6.50</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 27.45
Less regular lifeline discount	<u>\$ -10.00</u>
Regular lifeline service charge	\$ 17.45
Less enhanced lifeline credit	<u>\$ -16.45</u>
Enhanced lifeline service charge (including toll blocking at no additional charge if elected)	\$ 1.00

DIGITAL DATA SERVICES
SMDI MESSAGE DELIVERY SERVICE

A. General

1. SMDI Message Delivery Service transmits call information pertaining to all incoming calls to a Message Delivery Service customer's Uniform Call Distribution (UCD) Group. This information includes the following:
 - a. The called directory number – (10 digits where available).
 - b. The calling number (if the calling number is in the same central office as the subscriber; or from other central offices if technically available – 10 digits where available).
 - c. The reason for forwarding on forwarded calls such as busy or don't answer.
2. This information is transmitted to the customer via a digital data link between the central office switch and the customer's equipment at the subscriber's premises.
3. This service enables the customer to identify the called number on forwarded calls and provide personalized answering responses. Additionally the identity of the calling directory number (if the calling number is available) will allow the subscriber to provide more personalized answering to the caller.
4. SMDI Message Delivery is available as a one-way or two-way service package.
 - a. One-way message service package is calling information from the Central Office to the CPE equipment.
 - b. Two-way message service package is calling information from the Central Office to the CPE equipment and message waiting information returned to the Central Office for processing.
5. SMDR (Station Message Detail Recording) provides detail message recording features to allow the creation of a record of all calls and the entering of a billing number for charge back purposes – per line

B. Regulations

1. The subscriber must have a Uniform Call Distribution (UCD) Group in the exchange where the digital data link terminates.
2. The subscriber must have compatible message desk CPE equipment.
3. Signaling on the digital data link is ASCII asynchronous.
4. More than one subscriber UCD group may be served by the same digital data link as long as the subscriber's equipment can interpret the data transmitted.

**DIGITAL DATA SERVICES
SMDI MESSAGE DELIVER SERVICE**

B. Regulations (continued)

5. When used in conjunction with telephone company provided Message Waiting Indication Audible, Visual, or Audible/Visual, the subscriber must have compatible message desk CPE equipment (two-way message service only).
6. A data circuit (or equivalent) is required in addition to the common equipment to provide signaling between the central office and the customer premises to provide call information and/or message waiting indication.
7. Message Delivery Service will be provided where technically and/or economically feasible and where sufficient demand exists to warrant the provision of the service.
8. The subscriber shall be required to sign an agreement not to disclose the calling number identified as a result of the service unless permission is given by the calling party. Only use of the information to complete processing of that call is authorized.
9. The subscriber is required to provide the modem or channel interface equipment at the customer premises end of the digital data link per Company specifications.
10. It is the subscriber's responsibility to ensure that requests from the subscriber's CPE to activate or deactivate Message Waiting Indication (via the digital data link) shall be made only for end user telephone numbers equipped with a Message Waiting Indication feature. Repeated invalid activation or deactivation requests for the same telephone number may adversely affect the network and, therefore shall be considered as a CPE trouble condition.

C. Rates

1. The following charges apply in addition to all other charges applicable to the associated individual line service:

	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Billing Code</u>
a. One-way Message Service Package	\$400.00	\$250.00	SMDI1
b. Two-way Message Service Package	\$400.00	\$450.00	SMDI2
c. Station Message Detail Recording Per Line		\$.40	SMDR
d. Per UCD group terminating in Central Office	Refer to Centrex Tariff, Section 10		

DIGITAL DATA SERVICES
INTEGRATED SERVICES DIGITAL NETWORK - ISDN

A. General

Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) is a digital architecture that provides an integrated voice/data capability to the subscriber premises facility, utilizing the public switched network. ISDN distributes voice, data, video, image and facsimile by two standard methods of access: a Basic Rate Interface (BRI) or a Primary Rate Interface (PRI). These are serving arrangements which conform to internationally developed, published, and recognized standards generated by the International Telecommunications Union (formerly CCITT).

B. Definition

1. **Basic Rate Interface (BRI)**
BRI consists of up to three distinct channels on one pair of wires: one or two B (Bearer) channels and one D (Delta) channel. BRI is offered on either an individual case basis or in flat or measured rate single line ISDN service.
2. **B (Bearer) Channel**
The B-channel carries circuit-switched voice and/or data communications at speeds up to 64 kbit/s, from the customer's premises, over the loop facility, to the central office.
3. **B-Channel Circuit-Switched Data**
Circuit-Switched Data provides the capability of making data calls over the public switched network. Information is transmitted the same way as digitized voice. Like a voice call, a circuit-switched data call ties up network/system resources for the duration of the call. Similar to voice, caller ID functionality is provided.
4. **D (Delta) Channel**
The D-channel carries signaling and/or packet data information, at speeds up to 16 kbit/s on BRI, and signaling only information up to 64 kbit/s for PRI, from the subscriber's premises to the central office. The D-channel has both data and signaling functionality; it does not have voice capability.
5. **Primary Rate Interface (PRI)**
PRI has a capacity of 1.544 megabits per second (mbit/s) and has multiple channels: 23 B-channels, and 1 D-channel, and is also known as 23 B+D access. The B-channels carry voice calls, circuit switched data, and video, while the D-channel handles signaling information.
6. **Service Area**
Service Area pricing for Single Line ISDN Service includes all subscriber's who:
 - Draw dial tone directly from an ISDN switch, or
 - It is within a designated distance, as determined by the Company, from an ISDN equipped switch.

**DIGITAL DATA SERVICES
INTEGRATED SERVICES DIGITAL NETWORK - ISDN**

B. Definitions (continued)

7. T1/DS1 Facility
This element is the digital facility transmitting at a rate of 1.544 mbit/s. The T1/DS1 signal provided to the subscriber's premises will have a loss not greater than 16.5 dB. Construction charges may apply.
8. Digital Subscriber Loop (DSL)
The digital ISDN connection from the Central Office to the subscriber's premise.

C. Regulations

1. General
 - a. The subscriber will be responsible for the procurement of associated customer premises equipment (CPE) and will ensure compatibility with the ISDN digital switch serving the subscriber. CPE must meet national ISDN1 (NT1) standards to insure compatibility with ISDN services.
 - b. ISDN includes a comprehensive 2 B+D package. Contained in the standard package are numerous voice and data features. The standard features and functions support two terminals per BRI. Within the standard package there is limited flexibility for customization; therefore ISDN does not offer B-channel packet service capabilities.
 - c. The Company will terminate ISDN Services at the subscriber's demarcation point.
 - d. Should any change in inside wiring (including riser cable) not owned by the Company, or CPE, require the Company to redesign ISDN service, the subscriber shall reimburse the Company for all costs incurred by the Company in making such a change. Should ISDN service fail due to inside wiring (including riser cable) not owned by the Company, CPE, or power failure, the responsibility for failure shall be solely that of the subscriber and the Company shall have no liability of any kind.
 - e. The subscriber is responsible for placement, installation, operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of all inside wire (including riser cable), not owned by the Company, and CPE that the subscriber uses in connection with this service. Premises wiring and CPE must be compatible with the Company's provision of ISDN Service.

**DIGITAL DATA SERVICES
INTEGRATED SERVICES DIGITAL NETWORK - ISDN**

C. Regulations (continued)

- f. If there is an ISDN Service interruption which lasts for more than 24 consecutive hours after the subscriber gives the Company notice of such out-of-service condition, except for problems caused by the subscriber's actions, inside wiring, interface, and/or CPE, an out-of-service credit will be applied to the subscriber's bill. This service shall be based on a 30 day month and shall be calculated by dividing the monthly rate for the service affected by 30 days and multiplying that daily rate by the number of days, or major fraction thereof, that the service was interrupted. This will be the subscriber's sole remedy.
 - g. This ISDN service offering is considered as optional service. The ISDN equipment at the subscriber's premise will not function with the loss of electrical power leaving this service inoperable. Service location moves of ISDN circuits will be treated as a discontinuance and start of new service, therefore all associated nonrecurring charges will apply.
2. Availability
- a. The rates and charges specified for ISDN are applicable only to subscribers whose serving central office has been identified by the Company as having ISDN available.
 - b. ISDN may be provided to subscriber's from a central office other than their normal serving office as determined by the Company.
 - c. ISDN is offered where compatible facilities and equipment are available. Service is generally considered available for loops 18 kilofeet or less in length. Loops greater than 18 kilofeet in total length must meet ISDN extension technology design requirements and will be considered available if ISDN compatible pair gain systems are in place or planned to serve the area based on the scheduled placement of compatible pair gain systems. If no pair gain system is in place or planned, loops greater than 18 kilofeet in length will also be considered available if single line loop extension equipment can be deployed and the loop is within the design limitation of this type of extension equipment. If the loop is greater than 18 kilofeet in length, additional engineering and construction charges may apply.
 - d. Some products and services are not available and/or compatible with ISDN therefore the subscriber is responsible for verifying capability before purchasing and installing this service.

**DIGITAL DATA SERVICES
INTEGRATED SERVICES DIGITAL NETWORK - ISDN**

C. Regulations (continued)

3. Local Calling Areas and Telephone Numbers
 - a. If a subscriber is provided service from a designated central office which is not the subscriber's normal serving office, the local calling area for the subscriber's ISDN will be that of the designated ISDN-equipped CO.
 - b. Calling areas are subject to change as additional central offices become capable of directly providing ISDN services to the subscriber's own and nearby serving area. Changes to calling areas will affect subscriber telephone numbers.
4. Indemnification
 - a. It is the subscriber's responsibility to indemnify and hold harmless the Company against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, damages and lawsuits brought by any nonparty and arising, in whole or in part, out of the subscriber's material breach of this Price Schedule. Indemnification shall include, but is not limited to, costs and attorney's fees.
 - b. The subscriber is responsible for the content of communications. Where the subscriber's negligence or wrongful actions in using inside wire not owned by the Company, CPE, or the subscriber's communications result in any claim or legal action brought by any nonparty, the subscriber shall indemnify and hold the Company harmless.
5. Protection of the Network
 - a. The Company has the right and option to check the output of any equipment used in the transmission of signals, to or from the customer premises, for this service. This includes the Company provided facilities or other companies' facilities used in connection with provision of ISDN capabilities, such as CPE.
 - b. The Company will notify the subscriber of any deviation from the authorized transmission or specifications established in provision of the service.

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C. Regulations (continued)

c. Upon notification by the Company that unauthorized transmissions are present due to customer equipment or facilities, the subscriber will correct the situation on an expeditious basis or service will be disconnected by the Company to protect the network. The Company shall not be liable for and disclaims liability for losses which might be incurred as a result of disconnecting service and disclaims any and all implied warranties, including, without limitation, warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. With respect to such equipment or service, subscriber shall not be liable for any incidental or consequential damages, including, but not limited to loss, damage, or expense directly or indirectly arising from the subscriber's use of or inability to use this service or equipment, either separately or in combination with other services or equipment.

6. Agreement

Fixed period agreements will be priced on an Individual Case Basis (ICB) depending on the number of years of the Agreement. Additions or changes to the Agreement will be negotiable between the Company and the subscriber.

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

1. Description

Basic Rate Interface (BRI) is compatible with U.S. National ISDN-1 standard and includes circuit-switched voice and circuit-switched data. The Company supports certain Bellcore defined ISDN Ordering Codes (IOC's).

2. Because of the different types of IOC packages subscribers should check with the Company compatibility before purchasing and installing these services.

3. Following are the monthly rates and nonrecurring charges for Basic Rate Interface (BRI). These rates and charges apply in addition to applicable rates and charges for other Company services.

a. Basic Rate Interface access is offered flat rated on originating calls only. The Company will provide flat BRI's at the same address, for the same subscriber, however, the flat services must reside on separate accounts.

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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	\$ 61.00	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.

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

3. Features and Services
 - a. Service Configurations
 - 1) 23 B+D

This service configuration provides for 23 B-channels and 1 D-channel. The B-channels carry user information such as voice calls, circuit switched data, or video, while the D-channel handles signaling information. The equipped, the D-channel can control a maximum of 479 B-channels. The B-channels may be provisioned on the same facility as the D-channel or on other PRI T1/DS1 facilities.
 - 2) 24B

This service configuration provides for 24 B-channels after the first 23 B+D is ordered. The B-channels carry user information such as voice calls, circuit switched data, or video. The signaling information is provided by a D-channel on the first T1 facility.
 - 3) 23B+Back-up D

This service configuration provides for 23 B-channels and a back-up D-Channel. The back-up D-channel is used if the primary D-channel, which provides signaling for multiple T1 facilities, fails. Active calls are not maintained during the switch-over to the back-up D-channel.
 - b. Service Types
 - 1) Call-by-Call PRI

The PRI B-channels are configured to support inward and outward call flexibility predetermined by the subscriber's traffic flow.
 - 2) Dedicated PRI

Each B-channel is dedicated to inward, outward, or 2-way traffic.
 - c. Usage
 - 1) Circuit Switched Data Connection

A Circuit Switched Data Connection is a central office translation that provisions 23 or 24 B-channels on a PRI T1/DS1 facility. All B-channels are dedicated with 2-way operation and have access to the exchange network. Incoming calls are restricted to circuit switched data or video.
 - 2) ISDN Trunk Connection

An ISDN Trunk Connection (TC) is a central office translation that provisions each B-channel in a PRI. The TC allows access to the exchange network. One ISDN Trunk Connection is required for each B-channel used in a PRI.

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

d. Standard Features

1) Caller ID

This feature displays the call identification information and the calling party's DN prior to the call being answered. Callers have the ability to inhibit the display of calling party information on the terminating number.

e. Features and Services

1) Caller ID Blocking – All Calls

All outgoing calls will be blocked for PRI customers where technically feasible as determined by the Company.

2) Direct Inward/Outward Dialing

Allows station users to place or receive calls by-passing the attendant.

3) Circuit Switched Data

Allows the transmission of circuit switched data on a voice channel.

f. Optional Features

1) ISDN Calling Name Delivery (ICNAM)

ICNAM is a terminating feature that delivers to ISDN Class II equipment, over a Primary Rate ISDN Interface, the original calling party name along with the calling party's telephone number. A private or unavailable indication will appear when the name is not available to the called customer.

4. Rates and Charges of Primary Rate Interface (PRI)

		<u>Nonrecurring</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Billing</u>
		<u>Charge</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Code</u>
1.	Transport			
	• Stand Alone T1/DS1 facility (See Tariff Section 12)	\$175.00	\$111.00	CMT1
2.	Service Configuration			
	• 23B+D	\$350.00	\$400.00	01250
	• 24B	\$350.00	\$400.00	01251
	• 23B+Back-up D	\$350.00	\$400.00	01252
3.	ISDN Trunk Connection, per B-channel (3)			
	• B-channel Connection Each trunk on a T1 facility (per channel) (Requires end user access charges and TDDR per B-channel)*	\$ 12.00	\$ 26.44	PRIB

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		<u>Nonrecurring</u> <u>Charge</u>	<u>Monthly</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Billing</u> <u>Code</u>
4.	ISDN Calling Name Delivery	\$100.00	\$102.00	ISCND

A 10% three-year, or a 20% five-year term discount may apply.

- 5. Nonrecurring charges apply as follows: Regular service order programming charges for CO line connection will apply to installation charges.

*Regular service order programming charges for CO line connection will apply to installation charges – refer to Tariff Section 3.

LEASED LINE SERVICE**LOCAL HIGH CAPACITY DIGITAL PRIVATE LINE SERVICE****A. General**

Local High Capacity Private Line Service provides point-to-point digital facilities within any Company exchange wire center for two-way transmission of digital signals at transmission speeds of 1.544 megabits per second at DS1 (T1) level or 44.736 megabits at DS3 level.

B. Definitions

1. Channel Termination is the dedicated transmission path between a customer designated premise and the customer's serving wire center. It includes an industry standard channel connection which provides technical characteristics for the channel ordered.
2. Channel Mileage is the rate element for transmission facilities and end office equipment between the serving wire centers associated with two customer designated premises. Channel Mileage Facility measurement is based upon the airline miles between the two customer designated premises points. Two rate elements apply for Channel Mileage – Channel Mileage Facility and Channel Mileage Termination.
3. Nonrecurring Charge is the charge for installation and/or rearrangement that applies to each of the following work activities:
 - a. Installation and engineering of each High Capacity Circuit.
 - b. Rearrangement of an existing High Capacity Circuit.
 - c. Service order charges.
4. Local Private Line Circuit is a dedicated circuit between two or more locations in the same exchange or wire center.
5. Intrastate/Intralata Private Line Circuit is defined as a dedicated circuit between two or more locations in the Bismarck LATA.
6. Intrastate/Interlata Private Line Circuit is defined as a dedicated circuit between two or more locations of which one or more crosses the Bismarck LATA boundary.
7. Interstate Private Line Circuit is defined as a dedicated circuit between two or more locations of which one or more travels to another state or contains traffic which has greater than 10% Interstate usage, (i.e. Internet services).
8. Local Channel Multiplexing is central office equipment required to divide up a T1/DS1 circuit into 24 DS0 individual channels, i.e., channel bank hardware solution at central office or the subscriber's premise.

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B. Definitions (continued)

9. Digital Access Cross-Connect Service (DACS) is special network grooming of circuits using central office equipment in specific Company offices. It includes all charges to demultiplex a T1/DS1 circuit into smaller DS0 (channels) circuits or to combine DS0 circuits into T1/DS1 circuit. The pricing is based on a 24 to 1 multiplexing ration. The Company will be responsible for test and administration of the DACS unit supporting this service offering.
10. T1/DS1 Digital Facility Interface (DFI) provides digital termination for a T1/DS1 facility located in the central office. This rate is used to help recover hardware and software expenses at the central office when connecting a T1/DS1 to the network.
11. T1/DS1 Digital Switched Service (DSS) provides software defined exchange service for PBX, Key or ISP subscribers on a T1/DS1 circuit. DSS includes a T1/DS1 circuit (CMT1), Digital Facility Interface (DFI), DS0 channel trunks up to 24 per T1/DS1, Federal Subscriber Line charges, TDD and applicable taxes.

C. Regulations

1. High Capacity Private Line Service can only be provided from central offices equipped for digital transmission.
2. All signals transmitted over the High Capacity Private Line Service are subject to Company approval in regard to specifications and format in order to preserve the integrity of the network.
3. All subscriber requests are subject to the availability of facilities. In some instances, facilities may be upgraded or expanded to meet a subscriber's demands. In other cases, construction charges may apply depending on the extent the upgrade to the Company's facilities is required.
4. Service is subject to minimum service period of not less than ninety (90) days. The subscriber will be charged a minimum of three (3) months of the circuit price to help recover engineering costs.
5. All terms, conditions, and price schedules for Intrastate/Intralata or Intrastate/Interlata services are contained in the US West Private Line Transport Service Tariff.
6. All terms, conditions, and price schedules for Interstate services are contained in the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Private Line Tariff.

D. Rates and Charges

Installation Charge		Monthly Rate		
1.	<u>Rate Element - DS1/DS3</u>	<u>DS1</u>	<u>DS1</u>	<u>DS3</u>
a.	Channel Termination (CMT1)		\$111.00	Note *
b.	Engineering Charge (SOCCC)/per term	\$175.00		Note **
c.	Installation Charge			
	Service Order Charge	\$20.00		
	Central Office Charge	\$48.00		

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D. Rates and Charges (continued)

- d. Inside wiring at the subscriber's premise beyond the demarcation point is not included in the installation charges and would be billed on a time and materials basis.
- e. Pricing Example: The CMT1 and the non-recurring charge is priced per end of the T1/DS1 circuit. If the circuit goes from customer premise to central office only, this is considered one end or \$111.00 per month recurring and \$175.00 non-recurring. If the circuit goes from customer premise through the central office to another customer premise, this is considered two (2) CMT1's or \$222.00 per month recurring and \$350.00 installation charge plus service order charges of \$61.89.

NOTES:

*Pricing of DS3 service will be priced using NECA's Interstate Tariff or US West's North Dakota Intrastate Tariff as applicable.

**Any special facility installation configurations will be priced on an Individual Case Basis and may require special construction charges. The estimated installation due date is ten (10) business days from the date of request to allow for engineering and equipment ordering. Special construction may change the availability date for the subscriber.

	<u>Installation Charge</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Billing Code</u>
2. <u>Rate Element – Local Channel Multiplexing</u>			
a. Channel Bank Multiplexing (DS1)		\$196.53	MPLX
b. Engineering Charge	\$150.00		
c. Installation Charge			
Service Order Charge		\$ 20.00	
Central Office Charge		\$ 48.00	
3. <u>Rate Element – Digital Access Cross-Connect (DACs)</u>			
a. T1 (DS1) Connection		\$ 30.00	DAC1
b. DS0 Connection		\$ 10.00	DAC0
c. Engineering Charge	\$ 50.00 per connection		
d. Installation Charge			
Service Order Charge	\$ 20.00		
Central Office Charge	\$ 48.00		
e. Any special facility configurations other than above will be priced on an Individual Case Basis. The estimated installation due date is ten (10) business days from the date of request to allow for engineering and equipment ordering. Special engineering application could delay the due date to the subscriber. A non-recurring central office charge and a miscellaneous order charge applies per connection.			

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D. Rates and Charges (continued)

- f. Pricing Example: To DACS a T1/DS1 in the central office and demultiplex into 24 DS0's would be priced as:

	<u>Installation Charge</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Billing Code</u>
1 – T1/DS1 Connection Charge	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	DAC1
24 – DS0 Connection Charge	<u>\$1200.00</u>	<u>\$240.00</u>	DAC0
TOTAL	\$1250.00	\$270.00	

4. Rate Element – T1/DS1 Digital Facility Interface (DFI)

a. T1/DS1 Digital Facility Interface		\$155.00	DFI
b. Engineering Charge	\$ 175.00		SODFI
c. Installation Charge			
Service Order Charge	\$ 20.00		
Central Office Charge	\$ 48.00		

5. Rate Element – T1/DS1 Digital Switched Service (DSS)

a. Channel Termination		\$111.00	CMT1
b. T1/DS1 Digital Facility Interface		\$155.00	DFI
c. Up to 24 DID, DOD, or 2-way trunks (See Tariff Section 9)			
d. Engineering Charge	\$ 175.00		
e. Installation Charge			
Service Order Charge	\$ 20.00		
Central Office Charge	\$ 48.00		

NOTES:

- Can be configured as terminating phone service one-way DID trunks or two-way DID/DOD trunks. If configured as DID, the DID number charge applies. See Tariff Section 9.
- When DSS is used for DID or DOD the following provisioning charges will apply for programming in the central office.
 - One-way DID or two-way DOD, a charge of two (2) hours labor (SOCOP)
 - Two-way DID, a charge of four (4) hours labor (SOCOP)
- When DSS is used for terminating phone service the provisioning charges of two (2) hours labor will apply.
- Any special facility configuration other than above will be priced on an individual case basis and may require special engineering charges.
- The estimated installation due date is ten (10) business days from the date of request to allow for engineering and equipment ordering. Special engineering or provisioning may change the availability date for the subscriber.