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Executive Secretary
 North Dakota Public Service Commission
 600 East Boulevard Ave
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**RE: US Link, Inc.
 Rates Changes, Grandfathering & Miscellaneous Text**

To Whom It May Concern:

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

- Section 3** **Second Revised Sheet 5**
- First Revised Sheets 9 & 20**
- Section 4** **First Revised Sheets 2, 3 & 19**
- Fifth Revised Sheet 4.2**
- Third Revised Sheets 5 & 6**
- Second Revised Sheet 9**

The purpose of this filing is to increase analog line rates by \$2 which includes the following product sets: analog lines and trunks, DID/DOD trunks, Centrex 21, and Centrex. These products will also be grandfathered effective October 1, 2013 and will no longer be available to new customers after that date. Customers will be notified in their September bills.

Additionally we are re-naming the Essentials Products and reducing the associated Long Distance and Toll Free Rates.

The proposed effective date for this filing is October 1, 2013.

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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 Senior Administrator-Tariffs
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 525 Junction Rd
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Enclosures

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US Link, Inc.
 Rachelle Ladwig

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3.5 DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICE

A customer may obtain Local Directory Assistance in determining telephone numbers within its local calling area by calling the Directory Assistance operator. Please see Section 4, for applicable charges.

3.6 CENTREX 21 SERVICE⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

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- (A) Centrex 21 is a central office communications service, which provides the customer with multiple individual voice-grade telephone communications channels, each of which can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Centrex Station Lines are provided for connection of Centrex-compatible station sets to the public switched telecommunications network. Centrex Service standard and optional features are described in this Tariff.
- (B) Centrex 21 may be provided in association with lines terminating on common control equipment, commonly referred to as Key Systems.
- (C) Centrex 21 is offered as a customer option and may be provided subject to the availability of facilities and equipment as determined by the Telephone Company.

⁽¹⁾ This service is available to customers that are provisioned via UNE-P.

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3.9 DS-1 SERVICE

(1) General

DS-1 Service is a digital transmission facility of 1.544 Mbps with a capacity of up to twenty-four (24) analog or digital channels. This service supports voice, analog data, digital data and video. This service consists of DS-1 capacity available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.

Any applicable non-recurring and/or recurring rates for service are listed in Section 4.

3.10 DIRECT INWARD DIALING SERVICE⁽¹⁾

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(1) General

The Telephone Company will provide, subject to the availability of facilities, Direct Inward Dialing (DID) Service. DID service provides for the completion of local and toll calls to associated station numbers without intermediate handling by an attendant.

Any applicable non-recurring and/or recurring rates for service are listed in Section 4.

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3.12 CENTREX SERVICE⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

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- 3.12.1 Centrex is a central office communications service, which provides the customer with multiple individual voice-grade telephone communications channels, each of which can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Centrex Station Lines are provided for connection of Centrex-compatible station sets to the public switched telecommunications network. Centrex Service standard and optional features are described in this Tariff.
- 3.12.2 Centrex may be provided in association with lines terminating on common control equipment, commonly referred to as Key Systems.
- 3.12.3 Centrex is offered as a customer option and may be provided subject to the availability of facilities and equipment as determined by the Telephone Company.
- 3.12.4 The minimum period for Centrex services provided under this Tariff shall be one year.
- 3.12.5 Per call blocking and per line blocking will be provided to Centrex customers at no additional charge.

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4.1 BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Continued)

Service to be provided as defined in Section 3 of this tariff. Service charges may also apply.

4.1.3 Business Service⁽²⁾ Monthly Rates⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾ (C)(T)

<u>City</u>	<u>First Line</u>	<u>Stand By Line</u>	
Belfield	\$36.53	\$22.74	(I)
Bismark	\$31.74	\$17.96	
Casselton	\$40.70	\$24.67	
Dickinson	\$33.70	\$19.92	
Emerado	\$36.13	\$22.35	
Fargo	\$34.96	\$19.93	
Gradner	\$39.91	\$24.88	
Grafton	\$30.99	\$18.52	
Grand Forks	\$32.37	\$18.59	
Hatton	\$32.14	\$19.66	
Hillsboro	\$27.84	\$15.36	
Jamestown	\$29.42	\$16.94	
Kindred	\$40.70	\$25.67	
Larimore	\$29.02	\$16.54	
Leonard	\$42.37	\$27.33	
Mandan	\$31.20	\$17.42	
Manvel	\$36.80	\$23.02	
Mayville	\$28.23	\$16.15	
Minto	\$30.43	\$17.96	
Northwood	\$30.18	\$17.71	
Reynolds	\$36.53	\$22.75	
Thompson	\$37.29	\$23.52	
Valley City	\$29.02	\$16.54	
Wahpeton	\$31.10	\$18.52	(I)

- (1) Rates include EAS charges
- (2) This service is grandfathered to existing customers effective October 1, 2013. The service will not be available to new customers after this date. (C)
- (3) Rates will take effect on the October 2013 bill cycle date. (C)

RATES AND CHARGES

4.1 BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Continued)

4.1.4 Trunk Rates⁽¹⁾

Monthly Rates⁽²⁾

<u>City</u>	<u>Two Way Trunk First Line</u>	<u>Inward Trunk</u>	<u>Outward Trunk</u>	<u>Two Way Four Wire Trunk w/DID & Hunting</u>
Belfield	\$46.69	\$46.69	\$46.69	\$82.42
Bismark	\$39.52	\$39.52	\$39.52	\$75.25
Casselton	\$52.33	\$52.33	\$52.33	\$84.79
Dickinson	\$42.45	\$42.45	\$42.45	\$78.18
Emerado	\$46.10	\$46.10	\$46.10	\$81.83
Fargo	\$43.73	\$43.73	\$43.73	\$76.18
Gradner	\$51.15	\$51.15	\$51.15	\$83.60
Grafton	\$39.23	\$39.23	\$39.23	\$78.18
Grand Forks	\$40.45	\$40.45	\$40.45	\$76.18
Hatton	\$40.94	\$40.94	\$40.94	\$79.89
Hillsboro	\$34.49	\$34.49	\$34.49	\$73.44
Jamestown	\$36.86	\$36.86	\$36.86	\$75.81
Kindred	\$52.33	\$52.33	\$52.33	\$84.79
Larimore	\$36.27	\$36.27	\$36.27	\$75.22
Leonard	\$54.83	\$54.83	\$54.83	\$87.28
Mandan	\$38.71	\$38.71	\$38.71	\$74.44
Manvel	\$47.10	\$47.10	\$47.10	\$82.82
Mayville	\$35.67	\$35.67	\$35.67	\$74.62
Minto	\$38.39	\$38.39	\$38.39	\$77.34
Northwood	\$38.01	\$38.01	\$38.01	\$76.96
Reynolds	\$46.69	\$46.69	\$46.69	\$82.42
Thompson	\$47.84	\$47.84	\$47.84	\$83.62
Valley City	\$36.27	\$36.27	\$36.27	\$75.22
Wahpeton	\$39.38	\$39.38	\$39.38	\$78.33

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4.1 BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (Continued)

4.1.6 BUSINESS PACKAGES⁽¹⁾

	<u>Rate Per Month</u>	
TDS BUSINESS BUNDLES ⁽²⁾⁽⁸⁾		(T)
(A) TDS Business Package - Basic ⁽³⁾⁽¹¹⁾	\$27.99	(T)(C)
(B) TDS Business Package ⁽⁴⁾	\$34.99	
(C) TDS Business Package - Enhanced ⁽⁵⁾	\$41.99	(T)
	<u>Per Minute Rate</u>	
Domestic Outbound LD ⁽⁶⁾⁽⁹⁾ (Available with all bundles above)	\$0.039	(T)(R)
Toll Free Option ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁹⁾ (Available to TDS Bus Package Only)	\$0.049	(R) (T)

- (1) Unless otherwise stated all charges in this Section are per line; monthly recurring charge does not include any applicable taxes and surcharges. EAS, End User Common Line Charge (EUCL) or Local Number Portability (LNP) charge.
- (2) The TDS Business Bundles are available only to On-Switch and UNE-P customers. Dual PIC required for all TDS Business Package Lines. USF and EAS charges are included in package prices. (T)
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- (3) Includes flat rated local calling and Hunting. Additional features are available at standard rates.
- (4) Includes flat rated local calling, Remote Access Call Forwarding (Not Available to UNE-P customers), 3-Way Conference Calling, Call Waiting, Hunting, and Call Transfer. Additional features are available at standard rates.
- (5) Includes flat rated local calling, Remote Access Call Forwarding (Not Available to UNE-P customers), 3-Way Conference Calling, Call Waiting, Hunting, Call Transfer, Caller ID Name & Number, and Voice Mail. Additional features are available at standard rates.
- (6) Upgrade available to Unlimited Domestic Outbound LD at \$18.00 per month, per line.
- (7) Toll Free Number must point to a USLink owned number. The Toll Free Service will only be available to subscribers of the TDS Business Package. (T)
- (8) Customers who sign a 24 month (or longer) contract will receive discounted rates. Customers who do not renew their TDS Business contract for a minimum of 24 months, will default to the Month-to-Month pricing above. (T)
- (9) For all long distance calls (inbound and outbound), billing increments are 6 seconds after the initial 30 seconds.
- (10) This plan provides unlimited minutes of use for residential voice service only. The customer agrees that the service is being provided based on reasonable usage, and that use of the service for auto dialers, long distance dial-up access to the internet or other information services, call centers or switching applications is not permitted and will entitle TDS Metrocom to terminate the service upon written notice of the violation. TDS Metrocom reserves the right to monitor customers' usage to determine compliance with these limitations.
- (11) This service is grandfathered to existing customers effective October 1, 2013. The service will not be available to new customers after this date. (C)
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4.2 **CENTREX 21 SERVICE**⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (C)

	Monthly Recurring Charge Rate <u>Group I</u>	Monthly Recurring Charge Rate <u>Group II</u>	Monthly Recurring Charge Rate <u>Group III</u>	
	Grafton, Hatton, Hillsboro, Jamestown, Larimore, Maybille, Minto, Northwood, Valley City and Wahpeton	Belfield, Bismark, Mandan, Dickenson, Emerado, Grand Fords, Manvel, Reynolds and Thompson	asselton, Fargo Gardner, Kindred and Leonard	
<u>ANALOG STATION LINE</u>	2 - 50 Lines ⁽³⁾			(T)
Month – Month	\$48.95	\$48.95	\$48.95	(I)
12 - 36 Months	\$31.88	\$31.88	\$31.88	
37 – 60 Months	\$28.11			
37 – 60 Months		\$30.46	\$30.46	
<u>ISDN 2B+S</u>	2 – 50 Lines ⁽³⁾			(T)
Month – Month	\$68.76	\$68.76	\$68.76	
12 – 36 Months	\$62.47	\$62.47	\$62.47	
37 – 60 Months	\$59.92	\$59.92	\$59.92	

4.2.1 **Electronic Business Set**

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Electronic Business set Interface, Per Main Station Line	\$6.00
Primary Appearance of a Software #	\$2.00
Subsequent Appearance of a Software #	N/A
Single Appearance of a Software #	\$2.00
Adjunct Module, Per Module	\$2.40
Nonstandard config. Group, Per Group	N/C

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4.2 CENTREX 21 SERVICE⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Continued)

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4.2.2 Optional Service Features Include

Monthly Rate

Additional Secondary Directory #	\$1.00
Analog Call Appearance, Per #	\$1.00
Call Park, Per Station Line	\$1.00
Caller ID Name & Number, Per Line	\$3.50
Remote Access Forwarding, Per Line	\$6.95
Scheduled Call Forwarding, Per Line	\$7.95

4.2.3 Miscellaneous Charges

Centrex 21 System Change Charge Per Line	N/C
Conversion Charge, Per Existing Line from Company Access	N/C
Loop Extension Charge, Per Loop	N/C

4.2.4 Standard Features at No Charge

3 Way Conference	Call Waiting
6 Port Conference	Caller ID, Number Only
Call Forward	Caller ID on Call Waiting
-busy	Hunting
-don't answer	Message Waiting
-busy, don't answer	-audible
-don't answer, customer programmable	-visual
-busy, customer programmable	Speed Calling
-variable	-6 individual
Call Hold	-30 individual
Call Pickup	#1 List Controller
-directed	#1 List User
Call Transfer	#2 List Controller
	#2 List User

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4.4 ISDN SERVICE RATES (Continued)

ISDN – PRI T-1 (Continued)

Monthly Recurring Charge

- Trunk Change Charges
 - Changes with a Trunk Type
 - Changes from One Trunk Type to Another Trunk Type
 - Add, Change, or Rearrange Hunting

4.5 2 WIRE PBX TRUNK⁽¹⁾

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DID SERVICE

- Nonsequential Telephone Number, Each	\$0.09		
- DID Block of 20 Sequential Telephone Numbers, Per Block	\$5.00		(I)
- In-Only DID Trunk Termination Each*	\$45.47 ⁽²⁾	(I)	(T)
- 2-Way Digital DID Termination*	\$46.47 ⁽²⁾		
- 2-Way, 4-Wire Analog DID Trunk Termination**	\$47.47 ⁽²⁾	(I)	(T)

- * In Addition, a PBX or DSS Trunk is Required
- ** In Addition, a 2-Way, 4-Wire Trunk is Required

RATE STABILIZED PLAN FOR FLAT RATE PBX-12 TO 84 MONTHS

- 2-Way
- Inward
- Inward w/DID Service
- Outward

* (Rates Vary By Number of Trunks, Term of Contract and Quarter Miles from Company)

MESSAGE RATE TRUNKS⁽¹⁾

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- 2-Way	\$0.70		
- Outward	\$0.70		
- Toll Access Service*	\$28.24 ⁽²⁾		(I)(T)
- Local Messages, Each (In Addition to Monthly Rate)	\$0.15		

* This Service is Designed Primarily for Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and the Hotel/Motel Industry. The Service Enables patients or Guests to Dial Operator Handled, No-Sent Paid and Sent Paid Toll Messages without the Assistance of the Attendant Position.

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4.17 CENTREX SERVICE^{(1)(2)*}

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CENTREX LINE RATE SCHEDULE⁽³⁾					
Number of Centrex Lines	12 Months	24 Months	36 Months	48 Months	60 Months
2-11	\$36.00	\$35.00	\$34.00	\$33.00	\$32.00
12-25	\$34.50	\$33.25	\$32.00	\$30.75	\$29.50
26-50	\$33.00	\$31.50	\$30.00	\$28.50	\$27.00
51-100	\$31.50	\$29.75	\$28.00	\$26.25	\$24.50
101-200	\$30.00	\$28.00	\$26.00	\$24.00	\$22.00
201-499	\$28.50	\$26.25	\$24.00	\$21.75	\$19.50
501+	\$27.00	\$24.75	\$22.50	\$20.25	\$17.00

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Monthly Rate
\$8.95**

- Multi-City Centrex

4.17.1 Non-Chargeable Features

- Hunting Options
 - Per line
 - Circular
 - Regular
 - Denying all Collect and 3rd Party calls
 - Toll Restriction
 - Intercom Only
 - Unrestricted
- No Charge
No Charge
No Charge
No Charge
No Charge
No Charge
No Charge

4.17.2 Chargeable Features

- Assume Dial 9
 - Caller ID Number
 - Caller ID Name and Number
 - Conference Calling 6-way
 - Do-Not-Disturb
 - Message Waiting – Visual
 - Speed Dialing – 30
 - Queue Slot
 - Directed Call Park
- \$3.00
2.25
2.50
2.00
1.75
0.75
0.40
3.00
1.00

* Nonrecurring charges may apply

** There is a \$50.00 nonrecurring installation charge for Multi-City Centrex

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