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SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF REVISION

Enclosed is a revision to SRT Communications, Inc. Local Exchange Tariff effective March 1, 2014. This revision removes the offering of Basic Rate Interface (BRI) ISDN.

A soft-copy of this filing will also be emailed to the Public Service Commission at NDPSC@ND.GOV.

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Revised tariff
SRT Communications, Inc.
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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. PRI is a serving arrangement which conform to internationally developed, published, and recognized standards generated by the International Telecommunications Union (formerly CCITT).

B. Definition

1. B (Bearer) Channel

The B-channel carrier circuit-switched voice and/or data communications at speeds up to 64 kbit/s, from the customers premises, over the loop facility, to the central office.

2. 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.

3. D (Delta) Channel

The D-channel carries 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

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B. Definitions (continued)

6. 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.
7. 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. The Company will terminate ISDN Services at the subscriber's demarcation point.
 - c. 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.
 - d. 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.

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C. Regulations (continued)

- e. 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.
 - f. 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 subscribers 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.

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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.

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D. 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.