



April 26, 2016

North Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capitol
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

RE: RATE CHANGE NOTIFICATION

Effective June 1, 2016, SRT Communications, Inc. ("SRT") will make the following revisions to the Monthly Local Service Line Charges. Section 2, Sheet 2, of the SRT General Exchange Tariff is attached.

Minot Residential Line Charge will increase \$2.50. The new rate will be \$18.50.
Business Line Charge will increase \$2.00. The new rate will be \$22.95.

Also, in accordance with the 2011 National Broadband Plan, and continuing to be at rate parity with the National Exchange Carrier Association ("NECA"), SRT's Intrastate Switched Access Service Rates will be revised effective July 1, 2016. Section 13, Sheets 2-4, of the SRT General Exchange Tariff are attached.

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".

Julie Lizotte
Director of Regulatory affairs

Enclosures

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Revision to General Exchange Tariff

SRT Communications, Inc.

Julie Lizotte, Director of Reg. Affairs

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

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. 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	\$18.50
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	\$22.95
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%

INTRASTATE SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE
B. Switched Access Rate Elements – Local Transport Restructure (“LTR”) – Recurring

	<u>Originating</u>	<u>Terminating</u>
1. <u>Local Switching</u> Per Access Minute	\$0.014483	\$0.005000

The Local Switching rate element provides for the use of the end office access switching arrangement.

2. <u>Carrier Common Line</u> Per Originating Access Minute	\$0.010905	\$0.000000
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Carrier Common Line Access provides for the use of end users' Telephone Company provided common lines by customers for access to such end users to furnish Intrastate Communications.

3. <u>Information Surcharge</u> Per 100 Access Minutes	\$0.053111	\$0.000000
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Information Surcharge rates are related to the local end office switching and end user termination functions necessary to complete the transmission of switched access communications to and from the end users served by the local end office.

4. <u>Access Adjustment Rate</u> Per Originating IntraLata Access Minute	\$0.005432	\$0.000000
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The Access Adjustment Rate is a rate effecting an adjustment resulting from the North Dakota Access Charge Order dated October 8, 1985, in which average schedule telephone companies were directed to use the 1984 IntraLata settlements as a surrogate for their Intrastate IntraLata toll revenue requirements.

5. <u>Residual Interconnection Charge</u> Per Originating Access Minute	\$0.056414	\$0.000000
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The Residual Interconnection Charge is a rate developed due to the conversion to Local Transport Restructure effective July 1, 2013, as a result of the FCC's November 2011 Order. It serves as a revenue requirement for originating switched access to remain revenue neutral prior to July 1, 2013 when the non-Local Transport Restructure method was used for switched access billing.

INTRASTATE SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE
B. Switched Access Rate Elements – Local Transport Restructure (“LTR”) – Recurring

	<u>Originating</u>	<u>Terminating</u>
6. <u>Tandem Switched Termination</u> Per Access Minute, Per Termination	\$0.002247	\$0.002247

The Tandem Switched Termination rate recovers a portion of the costs of the circuit equipment that is necessary for the termination of each end of the Tandem Switched Facility.

7. <u>Tandem Switched Facility</u> Per Access Minute, Per Mile	\$0.000433	\$0.000433
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The Tandem Switched Facility rate recovers a portion of the costs of the transmission facilities, including intermediate transmission circuit equipment, between the end points of the interoffice circuits.

8. <u>Tandem Switching</u> Per Access Minute Per Tandem	\$0.005668	\$0.005668
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The Tandem Switching rate recovers a portion of the costs of switching traffic through the Telephone Company's Access Tandem.

9. <u>Direct Trunked Termination</u> Per Termination	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
High Capacity DS1	\$ 58.62
High Capacity DS3	\$376.42

Direct Trunk Termination rate covers the costs of the circuit equipment that is necessary for the termination of each end of the Direct Trunked Facility.

10. <u>Direct Trunked Facility</u> Per Mile	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
High Capacity DS1	\$ 11.31
High Capacity DS3	\$ 98.42

The Direct Trunked Facility rate covers the transmission facilities, including intermediate transmission circuit equipment, between the end points of the interoffice circuits.

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11.	<u>Multiplexing</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
	Per DS3-DS1 Arrangement	\$343.44

The Multiplexing rate applies when a High Capacity DS3 Direct Facility is connected with High Capacity DS1 Direct Transport.

12.	<u>800 Data Base Access Service Queries</u>	
	Per Query	
	Basic	\$0.005700
	Vertical Feature	\$0.006300

800 Data Base Access Service is provided to all customers in conjunction with FGC and FGD switched access service. A Basic or Vertical Feature Query charge is assessed for each query launched to the 800 data base. The Basic Query provides the identification of the customer to whom the call will be delivered and includes area of service routing which allows routing of 800 calls by telephone companies to different interexchange carriers based on the Local Access Transport Area (LATA) in which the call originates. The Vertical Feature Query provides this same customer identification function in addition to vertical features which may include: 1) call validation (ensuring that call originates from subscribed service area); 2) POTS translation of 800 numbers (which is generally necessary for the routing of 800 calls); 3) alternate POTS translation (which allows subscribers to vary the routing of 800 calls based on factors such as time of day, place of origination of the call, etc.); and 4) multiple carrier routing based on factors similar to those in 3.