



May 11, 2018

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

RE: SRT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF REVISION

Effective July 1, 2018, SRT Communications, Inc. ("SRT") will revise its Intrastate terminating switched access service rates. This revision is due to the FCC's USF/ICC Transformation Order to have Intrastate terminating switched access rates in parity with Interstate terminating switched access rates. Originating Intrastate Tandem Switching rates will also be adjusted to equal the terminating Tandem Switching rates.

Attached is Section 13 of SRT's General Exchange Tariff. Sheets 2-4 include the Intrastate switched access rates that will be effective July 1, 2018. Also included is Section 1, Sheet 9, for the revision of Check Return Charge from \$30.00 to \$40.00.

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

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Lizotte".

Julie Lizotte
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Enclosure

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Revisions to General Exchange Tariff
SRT Communications, Inc.
Julie Lizotte, Director of Reg. Affairs

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	\$0.002133

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.

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	<u>Originating</u>	<u>Terminating</u>
6. <u>Tandem Switched Termination</u> Per Access Minute, Per Termination	\$0.002277	\$0.002277

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	\$0.000439	\$0.000439
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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	\$0.005744	\$0.005744
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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	\$ 59.41
High Capacity DS3	\$381.47

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	\$ 11.47
High Capacity DS3	\$ 99.74

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	\$348.05

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	\$0.005800
	Vertical Feature	\$0.006400

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.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Initial service periods for service, equipment or facilities may be greater than those specified herein when equipment or facilities of the type required are not available and if provided and upon termination would not be useful in serving another subscriber at the same location or as a part of a properly designed telephone distribution system service telephone users in the vicinity of or beyond the subscriber's location.

Subject to the discretion of the Company, Basic Termination Charges for certain other items that are furnished subject to initial service periods of more than one month and are removed prior to the expiration of an initial service period, will be computed, for any item involved, from the sum of the costs as defined in Section 2, Special Construction. The monthly rate of reduction of a Basic Termination Charge thus arrived at will then be determined by dividing it by the number of months (12,24,60, etc) in the applicable initial service period. The termination charge due is determined by multiplying the monthly rate of reduction of the Basic Termination Charge by the unexpired portion of the initial service period expressed in months and thirtieths of one month.

20. **CHECK RETURN CHARGE.** There shall be a charge of \$40.00 for any check or draft submitted to the Company for payment which is dishonored or returned by the financial institution on which it is drawn.
21. **INTEREST CHARGE ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS.** Payment for services rendered by the Company are due promptly upon receipt of the billing statement by the customer. Failure of the customer to pay for telephone services within the Company's normal monthly billing cycle will result in an overdue account and a late payment interest charge will be added to the customer's next regular billing statement. The interest charge on overdue accounts will be calculated at one and one half percent (1 ½%) of the amount due for the telephone services provided by the Company. Such interest charge shall be calculated monthly on all applicable overdue accounts.