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**Re: DSLnet Communications, LLC Compliance Tariff and Dialing Parity Plan,
Docket Nos. A-310824 and A-310824F0002-F0004**

Dear Mr. McNulty:

On behalf of DSLnet Communications, LLC ("DLC"), enclosed please find an original and three (3) copies of DLC's Resold and Facilities-Based Competitive Local Exchange Carrier Tariff No. 1 and Dialing Parity Plan. DLC has revised its Tariff No. 1 and prepared a Dialing Parity Plan pursuant to the Commission's facsimile dated March 9, 2000, in the above identified docket.

Also enclosed in four (4) separate envelopes are the required copies for the Office of Trial Staff, the Office of Special Assistants, the Bureau of Consumer Affairs, and the Bureau of Fixed Utility Services, respectively.

Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided. Should you have any questions concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


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DSLNET COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
INTRALATA TOLL DIALING PARITY PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

DSLnet Communications, LLC ("DSLnet") may implement the following processes which are designed to give end user customers the opportunity to designate a carrier for their intraLATA toll call traffic in those market areas where DSLnet is a facilities-based local exchange service provider. IntraLATA toll calls will automatically be directed to the designated carrier without the customer having to dial an access code.

POLICIES

DSLnet will deploy two-PIC (Primary Interexchange Carrier) technology in its switches enabling customers to pre-subscribe to either the same or two different carrier for their intraLATA and interLATA service.

Appropriate tariffs will be revised and filed in accordance with this plan.

DSLnet will offer customers the ability to access all participating carriers by dialing the appropriate access code (10XXX/101XXXX).

All eligible DSLnet end user telephone line numbers will be pre-subscribed and have a PIC associated with them.

CARRIER INFORMATION

Interexchange carriers will have the option of offering intraLATA service only or intraLATA and interLATA service.

Interexchange carriers will have the option of participating in all market areas or in a specific market area.

Interexchange carriers will be required to return a completed Non-Disclosure Agreement and Participation Agreement(s).

DSLnet will not participate in billing disputes for intraLATA service between an alternative competing interexchange carrier and its customers.

DSLnet representatives will not initiate or accept three-way calls from an alternative interexchange carriers in order to discuss pre-subscription.

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DSLnet Communications, LLC Sample Dialing Parity Plan

Carriers wishing to participate will be requested to submit Access Service Requests/Translation Questionnaires to the Access Tandem owner and to DSLnet.

CALL ELIGIBILITY/TOLL DIALING PLAN

All local service customers of DSLnet will have calls routed according to the following plan:

If a DSLnet Customer Dials:	The Call is Handled By/Routed To:
911	PSAP on originating line number
411/555-1212	DSLnet's Directory Assistance Operator
0-	DSLnet's Operator
0 + intraexchange number	IntraLATA Toll Provider
1 + 7 or 10 digits	IntraLATA Toll Provider
0 + 7 or 10 digits interexchange number	InterLATA Toll Provider
10XXX or 101XXXX + 0-	XXX/XXXX Carrier
10XXX or 101XXXX + 0 + 7 or 10 digits	XXX/XXXX Carrier
10XXX or 101XXXX + 7 or 10 digits	XXX/XXXX Carrier

If a DSLnet customer originates a call to an alternative interexchange carrier's Operator by dialing 00-, the call will be routed to the PIC on that customer's line. If the customer originates a call to an alternative interexchange carrier's Operator by dialing an access code (e.g., 10XXX/101XXXX + 0-), the call will be routed to the XXX/XXXX carrier. In both cases, the carrier's switch is responsible for routing this call to the alternative interexchange carrier's Operator or to an announcement.

NETWORK INFORMATION

All originating intraLATA traffic will initially be routed via the incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) Access Tandem(s). Following conversion, direct trunks between the DSLnet switch and the interexchange carrier location(s) may be provided when warranted by traffic volume.

Interexchange carriers must have Feature Group D trunks in place (or ordered) between their point of presence and the incumbent LEC Access Tandem(s).

DSLnet will route all originating intraLATA traffic to the designated carrier and will only block traffic at the request of the end user customer and/or in compliance with regulatory requirements. Requests from carriers to block traffic or to remove customers from their network will not be honored. Calls that cannot be completed to a carrier will be routed to an announcement.

CUSTOMER CONTACT INFORMATION

DSLnet customer contact representatives will process customer initiated PIC selections to DSLnet or to an alternative intraLATA carrier. Carriers will have the option of allowing the DSLnet representative to process PIC requests on their behalf.

DSLnet will not ballot or allocate its customer base. At the time of conversion, all customers will be "PIC'd" to DSLnet unless another carrier is chosen by the particular customer.

DSLnet customer contact representatives will respond to customer inquiries about intraLATA carriers in a competitively neutral fashion. If a customer requests information on alternative carriers other than DSLnet, a list of participating carriers will be read to that customer in random order by DSLnet representatives.

If the intraLATA toll carrier selected by the customer permits DSLnet to process orders on its behalf, DSLnet will accept the PIC change request. If the customer selects an intraLATA toll carrier that does not allow DSLnet to process PIC changes on its behalf, DSLnet will provide the customer with the carrier's toll-free number (if provided by the carrier).

DSLnet representatives will not discuss alternative carrier rates or services and will not provide customers with Carrier Identification Codes or access code dialing instructions.

PRE-SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

A \$5.00 PIC change charge will be incurred and billed to a DSLnet customer for each eligible line where a PIC change is made. DSLnet will offer its customers a 90-day grace period following the implementation of this plan during which the customers may change intraLATA carriers without incurring a PIC change charge. Customers can make multiple PIC changes during these 90 days at no charge. After the 90-day period, DSLnet will assess the \$5.00 PIC change charge for each PIC change made. DSLnet will offer interexchange carriers the option of having the PIC charge billed to the carrier or directly to the customer.

New line customers, including customers adding lines, will have the opportunity to select a participating carrier, or they will be assigned a NO PIC designation. If a customer cannot decide upon an intraLATA carrier at the time of order, DSLnet may extend a 30-day period following placement of the customer's service order for the customer to select an intraLATA carrier without charge. Such a customer will be assigned a NO PIC designation in the interim. After this 30-day period, DSLnet will assess the \$5.00 PIC change charge as described above. Customers assigned a NO PIC designation as set forth in this paragraph will be required to dial an access code to reach an intraLATA carrier's network.

If a DSLnet customer denies requesting a change in intraLATA toll providers as submitted by an intraLATA carrier, and the intraLATA carrier is unable to produce a Letter of Agency signed by the

customer or some other form of verification that is permitted by law, the intraLATA carrier will be assessed a \$30.00 charge for the unauthorized PIC change and the PIC will be changed as per the customer's request. This penalty is in addition to any other penalties authorized by law.

Alternative interexchange carriers may submit PIC changes to DSLnet via a fax/paper interface.

DSLnet will process intraLATA PIC selections in the same manner and under the same intervals of time as interLATA PIC changes.

Carriers will be required to submit PIC changes using the Customer Account Record Exchange (CARE) format via paper medium. DSLnet will provide carriers with PIC order confirmation and reject information using the CARE format. Specific details regarding CARE will be provided to participating carriers.

For customers who change their local service provider from the incumbent LEC to DSLnet and retain their incumbent LEC telephone number(s), DSLnet, as part of the CARE PIC process, will provide the selected intraLATA carrier with both the retained (incumbent LEC) telephone number and the DSLnet telephone number.

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PENNSYLVANIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

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RESOLD AND FACILITIES-BASED COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER
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- A. Page Numbering - Page numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Pages are numbered sequentially. However, new pages are occasionally added to the Tariff. When a new page is added between pages already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new page added between pages 14 and 15 would be 14.1.
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APPLICATION OF TARIFF

This tariff sets forth the service offerings, rates, terms and conditions applicable to the furnishing of local exchange end-user telecommunications services within the State of Pennsylvania by DSLnet Communications, LLC.

This tariff is in concurrence with Chapters 63 and 64 of 52 Pa. Code and that any provisions contained in this tariff which are inconsistent with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code (66 pa. C.S.), 52 Pa. Code, the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and the Commission's Regulations and Orders will be deemed inoperative and superseded.

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1.0 DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this tariff, the following definitions will apply.

ACCESS LINE - An arrangement that connects the Customer's location to the Company's designated switching center or point of presence.

ADVANCE PAYMENT - The payment required before the start of service.

AUTHORIZED USER - A person, corporation or other entity who is authorized by the Company's customer to utilize service provided by the Company to the customer. The Customer is responsible for all charges incurred by an Authorized User.

COMMISSION - The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

COMPANY - DSLnet Communications, LLC.

CUSTOMER - The person, firm, corporation, or other entity which orders service pursuant to this tariff and utilizes service provided under tariff by the Company. A Customer is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with all terms of the Company's Tariff.

CUSTOMER PREMISES EQUIPMENT ("CPE") - Equipment provided by the Customer for use with the Company's services.

DIGITAL - A method of storing, processing and transmitting information through the use of distinct electronic or optical pulses that represent the binary digits (bits) 0 and 1. Digital transmission/switching technologies employ a sequence of discrete, individually distinct pulses to represent information, as opposed to the continuously variable signal of analog technologies.

DIGITAL SUBSCRIBER LINE (xDSL) - A technology that uses a metallic copper loop to provide high speed data transmission services.

INDIVIDUAL CASE BASIS ("ICB") - A service arrangement in which the regulation, rates and charges are developed based on the specific circumstances of the case.

INTERRUPTION - The inoperability of the subscriber line due to Company facilities malfunction or human errors.

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1.0 DEFINITIONS (cont'd)

LATA - A Local Access and Transport Area established pursuant to the Modification of Final Judgment entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192; or any other geographic area designated as a LATA in the National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff F.C.C. No 4.

LOOPS - Segments of a line which extend from the serving central office to the originating and terminating point.

MOVE - The disconnection of existing equipment at one location and reconnection of the same equipment at a new location in the same building or in a different building on the same premises.

RECURRING CHARGES - The monthly charges billed by the Company for service, facilities and equipment, which continue for the agreed upon duration for the services.

SERVICE COMMENCEMENT DATE - The first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the requested service or facility is available for use, unless extended by the Customer's refusal to accept service which does not conform to standards set forth in the Service Order or this tariff, in which case the Service Commencement Date is the date of the Customer's acceptance. The Company and the Customer may mutually agree to a substitute Service Commencement Date.

SERVICE ORDER - The written request for service executed by the Customer and the Company in the format devised by the Company. The execution of a Service Order by the customer and acceptance by the Company initiates the respective obligations of the parties as set forth therein and pursuant to this tariff.

SHARED - A facility or equipment system or subsystem that can be used simultaneously by several customers.

TERMINAL EQUIPMENT - The method of physical connection between a Company-provided access line and a Customer's or User's transmission cable, inside wiring or terminal equipment. The Customer is responsible for ordering a terminal interface that is compatible with the Customer's or User's terminal equipment. All terminal interfaces will be provided by industry-standard connectors as specified in or authorized by Subpart F of Part 68, Title 47, Code of Federal Regulations.

USER - A Customer, Joint User or any other person authorized by the Customer to use service provided under this tariff.

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2.0 REGULATIONS**2.1 Undertaking of the Company****2.1.1 Scope**

The Company undertakes to furnish communications service pursuant to the terms of this tariff in connection with one-way and/or two-way data transmission between points within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Customers and users may use services and facilities provided under this tariff to obtain access to services offered by other service providers. The Company is responsible under this tariff only for the services provided hereunder, and it assumes no responsibility for any service provided by any other entity that purchases access to the Company network in order to originate or terminate its own services, or to communicate with its own Customers.

2.1.2 Shortage of Equipment or Facilities

- A. The furnishing of service under this tariff is subject to the availability on a continuing basis of all the necessary facilities and is limited to the capacity of the Company's facilities as well as facilities the Company may obtain from other carriers to furnish service from time to time as required at the sole discretion of the Company, in a non-discriminatory manner consistent with the authority granted by the Commission.
- B. The Company reserves the right to limit or to allocate the use of existing facilities, or of additional facilities offered by the Company, when necessary because of lack of facilities, or due to some other cause beyond the Company's control.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.1 Undertaking of the Company (cont'd)****2.1.3 Terms and Conditions**

- A. Service is provided on the basis of a minimum period of at least one (1) month, 24-hours per day. For the purpose of computing charges in this tariff, a month is considered to have thirty (30) days.
- B. Customers may be required to enter into written Service Orders which shall contain or reference a specific description of the service ordered, the tariff or other approved rates to be charged, the duration of the services, and the terms and conditions in this tariff. Customers will also be required to execute any other documents as may be reasonably requested by the Company.
- C. Except as otherwise stated in the tariff, at the expiration of the initial term specified in each Service Order, or in any extension thereof, service shall continue on a month to month basis at the then current rates unless terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice. Any termination shall not relieve the Customer of its obligation to pay any charges incurred under the Service Order and this tariff prior to termination. The rights and obligations which by their nature extend beyond the termination of the term of the service order shall survive such termination.
- D. Service may be terminated with written notice to the Customer if:
 - 1. the Customer is using the service in violation of this tariff; or
 - 2. the Customer is using the service in violation of the law.
- E. This tariff shall be interpreted and governed by the laws of the State of Pennsylvania without regard for its choice of laws provision.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.1 Undertaking of the Company (cont'd)****2.1.3 Terms and Conditions (cont'd)**

- G. The Company hereby reserves its rights to establish service packages specific to a particular Customer. These contracts may or may not be associated with volume and/or term discounts. All such offerings shall be consistent with the rates and conditions specified herein, or shall require approval of the Commission.

2.1.4 Limitations on Liability

- A. The Company shall not be liable for any delay or failure of performance or equipment due to causes beyond its control resulting from failures of power service, climate control, fire, explosion, water, storm, force majeure, or other catastrophe. The company shall make reasonable provisions to minimize the effects of service outages to the extent it owns the affected equipment.
- B. Except as otherwise stated in this section, the liability of the Company for damages arising out of either: (1) the furnishing of its services, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, or errors, or other defects, or use of these services or (2) the failure to furnish its service, whether caused by acts or omission, shall be limited to the extension of allowances to the Customer for interruptions in service as set forth in Section 2.6.
- C. Except as specified in this tariff, Company and its contractors shall not be liable to a Customer or third party for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, reliance, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages of any kind or nature arising out of or in connection with the installation, use, repair, performance or removal of the equipment, or other services in connection with the performance or failure to perform its obligations, including, but not limited to, loss of revenue or profits, regardless of the foreseeability thereof for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to, any act or omission, failure to perform, delay, interruption, failure to provide any service or any failure in or breakdown of facilities associated with the service.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.1 Undertaking of the Company** (cont'd)**2.1.4 Limitations on Liability** (cont'd)

- D. The liability of the Company for errors in billing that result in overpayment by the Customer shall be limited to a credit equal to the dollar amount erroneously billed or, in the event that payment has been made and service has been discontinued, to a refund of the amount erroneously billed.
- E. The Company shall not be liable for and shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the Customer from and against all loss, liability, damage and expense, including reasonable counsel fees, due to:
1. Any act or omission of: (a) the Customer, (b) any other entity furnishing service, equipment or facilities for use in conjunction with services provided by the Company; or (c) common carriers or warehousemen, except as contracted by the Company;
 2. Any delay or failure of performance or equipment due to causes beyond the Company's control, including but not limited to, acts of God, fires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, or other catastrophes; national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars or other civil commotions; strikes, lockouts, work stoppages or other labor difficulties; criminal actions taken against the Company; unavailability, failure or malfunction of equipment or facilities provided by the Customer or third parties; and any law, order, regulation or other action of any governing authority or agency thereof;
 3. Any unlawful or unauthorized use of the Company's services;
 4. Libel, slander, invasion of *privacy* or *infringement* of patents, trade secrets, or copyrights arising from or in connection with the material transmitted by means of Company-provided services; or by means of the combination of Company-provided services;

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.1 Undertaking of the Company (cont'd)****2.1.4 Limitations on Liability (cont'd)****E. (cont'd)**

5. Defacement of or damage to Customer premises resulting from the furnishing of services or equipment on such premises by the Company or any Carrier or the installation or removal thereof;
6. Injury to property or injury or death to persons, including claims for payments made under Workers' Compensation law or under any plan for employee disability or death benefits, arising out of, or caused by, any act or omission of the Customer, or the construction, installation, maintenance, presence, use or removal of the Customer's facilities or equipment connected, or to be connected to the facilities of any Carrier;
7. Failure of Customer to comply with the requirements of Section 2.3.1.
8. Any noncompletion of calls due to network busy conditions;
9. And any other claim resulting from any act or omission of the Customer or patron(s) of the Customer relating to the use of the Company's services.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.1 Undertaking of the Company (cont'd)****2.1.4 Limitations on Liability (cont'd)**

- F. The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations provided by it for use in an explosive atmosphere.
- G. THE COMPANY MAKES NO WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE, EXCEPT THOSE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN.
- H. Failure by the Company to assert its rights pursuant to one provision of this tariff does not preclude the Company from asserting its rights under other provisions.
- I. Company shall not be liable to Customer or any other person, firm or entity for any failure of performance hereunder if such failure is due to any cause or causes beyond the reasonable control of Company. Such causes shall include, without limitation, acts of God, fire, explosion, vandalism, cable cut, storm or other similar occurrences, any law, order, regulation, direction, action or request of the United States government or of any other government (including state and local governments or of any department agency, board, court, bureau, corporation or other instrumentality of any one or more of said governments) or of any civil or military authority, national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars, strikes, lockouts or work stoppages or other labor difficulties, supplier failures, shortages, breaches or delays.

If Company's failure of performance by reason of force majeure specified above shall be for thirty (30) days or less, then the service shall remain in effect, but an appropriate percentage of charges shall be abated and/or credited in the discretion and determination of Company; if for more than thirty (30) days, then the service may be canceled by either party without any liability.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.1 Undertaking of the Company (cont'd)****2.1.5 Notification of Service-Affecting Activities**

The Company will provide the Customer reasonable notification of service-affecting activities that may occur in normal operation of its business. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, equipment or facilities additions, removals or rearrangements and routine preventative maintenance. Generally, such activities are not specific to an individual Customer but may affect many Customers' services. No specific advance notification period is applicable to all service activities. The Company will work cooperatively with the Customer to determine the reasonable notification requirements. With some emergency or unplanned service-affecting conditions, such as an outage resulting from cable damage, notification to the Customer may not be possible.

2.1.6 Non-Routine Installation

At the Customer's request, installation and/or maintenance may be performed outside the Company's regular business hours or in hazardous locations. In such cases, charges based on cost of the actual labor, material, or other costs incurred by or charged to the Company will apply. If installation is started during regular business hours but, at the Customer's request, extends beyond regular business hours into time periods including, but not limited to, weekends, holidays, and/or night hours, additional charges may apply.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Company (cont'd)

2.1.7 Availability of Services

- A. The Company shall use reasonable efforts to make available services to a Customer on or before a particular date, subject to the provisions of and compliance by the Customer with the regulations contained in the tariffs of the Company.

- B. The Company and Customer shall negotiate a mutually agreed to installation date based on availability of services and facilities and the Customer's requested date.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.2 Prohibited Uses**

- 2.2.1** The services the Company offers shall not be used for any unlawful purpose or for any use as to which the Customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents and permits.
- 2.2.2** The Company may require applicants for service who intend to use the Company's offerings for resale and/or for shared use to file a letter with the Company confirming that their use of the Company's offerings complies with relevant laws and the Pennsylvania Commission's regulations, policies, orders, and decisions.
- 2.2.3** The Company may block any signals being transmitted over its Network by Customers which cause interference to the Company or other Users. Customer shall be relieved of all obligations to make payments for charges relating to any blocked service and shall indemnify the Company for any claim, judgment or liability resulting from such blockage.
- 2.2.4** A Customer, Joint User, or Authorized User may not assign, or transfer in any manner, the service or any rights associated with the service without the written consent of the Company. The Company will permit a Customer to transfer its existing service to another entity at the same location if the existing Customer has paid all charges owed to the Company. Such a transfer will be treated as a disconnection of existing service and installation of new service, and non-recurring installation charges as stated in this tariff will apply.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer

2.3.1 General

The Customer shall be responsible for:

- A. the payment of all applicable charges pursuant to this tariff;
- B. providing the personnel, power and space required to operate all facilities and associated equipment installed on the premises of the Customer;
- C. providing Company personnel access to premises of the Customer at any reasonable hour for the purpose of testing the facilities or equipment of the Company.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (cont'd)

2.3.2 Liability of the Customer

- A. The Customer shall not assert any claim against any other Customer or User of the Company's services for damages resulting in whole or in part from or arising in connection with the furnishing of service under this tariff including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or other defects or misrepresentations, whether or not such other Customer or User contributed in any way to the occurrence of the damages, unless such damages were caused solely by the negligent or intentional act or omission of the other Customer or User and not by any act or omission of the Company. Nothing in this tariff is intended either to limit or to expand Customer's right to assert any claims against third parties for damages of any nature other than those described in the preceding sentence.
- B. The Customer shall be liable for damages to the facilities of the Company and for all incidental and consequential damages caused by the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the Customer, its officers, employees, agents, invitees or contractors where such acts or omissions are not the direct result of the Company's negligence or intentional misconduct.
- C. To the extent caused by any negligent or intentional act of the Customer, the Customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from and against all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses for (1) any loss, destruction or damage to property of any third party, and (2) any liability incurred by the Company to any third party pursuant to this or any other tariff of the Company, or otherwise, for the interruption of, interference to, or other defect in any service provided by the Company to such third party.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.4 Customer Deposits and Advance Payments****2.4.1 Advance Payments**

To safeguard its interests, the Company may require a Customer to make an advance payment before services are furnished, where special construction is involved. The advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to the nonrecurring charge(s) and one (1) months charges for the service or facilities. In addition, the advance payment may also include an amount equal to the estimated non-recurring charges for the special construction and recurring charges (if any) for a period to be set between the Company and the Customer. The advance payment will be credited to the Customer's initial bill. Advance payments do not accrue interest. An advance payment may be required in addition to a deposit.

2.4.2 Deposits

- A. The Company reserves the right to validate the creditworthiness of the Customer prior to the commencement of service, and to reject, in Company's sole judgment, unqualified Customers. No Customer shall have any claim against Company for a credit rejection. A Customer may be required to provide the Company with a security deposit which the Company may apply against overdue charges. The amount of the security deposit shall be equal to the charge for two months of service. If subsequent payment or usage patterns change, the Company may request an increase in or re-submission of the security deposit as appropriate. The Company may also require a security deposit before service is restored (along with the payment of overdue charges) from the Customer whose service has been discontinued for nonpayment of overdue charges. Such security deposit may be based on a new credit history (taking into account the discontinuance of service) and estimates of usage.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.4 Customer Deposits and Advance Payments (cont'd)****2.4.2 Deposits (cont'd)**

B. The fact that a deposit has been made shall in no way relieve the applicant or customer from complying with the Tariff regulations for the prompt payment of bills on presentation. Each applicant from whom a deposit is collected will be given a certificate of deposit and circular containing the terms and conditions applicable to deposits, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Commission pertaining to customer deposits.

C. Inadequate Deposit

If the amount of a deposit is proven to be less than required to meet the requirements specified above, the customer shall be required to pay an additional deposit upon request.

D. Return of Deposit

When a deposit is to be returned, the customer may request that the full amount of the deposit be issued by check. If the customer requests that the full amount be credited to amounts owed the Company, the Company will apply the deposit to any amount currently owed to the Company, and return any remaining amount of the deposit to the customer by check. If the Customer is not entitled to a refund under 52 Pa. Code § 64.37, the Company shall review the Customer's account each succeeding quarter and make the appropriate disposition of the deposit in accordance with § 64.37 and § 64.38 (relating to application of deposit to bills).

E. Refund Statement

When a cash deposit is refunded, the Company shall either mail or deliver to the Customer a written statement showing the amount of the original deposit plus all accrued interest, the application of the deposit to a bill which had previously accrued, the amount of the unpaid bills liquidated by the deposit, and the remaining balance.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.4 Customer Deposits and Advance Payments (cont'd)

2.4.2 Deposits (cont'd)

F. Interest on Deposits

Simple interest at the rate of 9% or the rate specified by the Commission shall be credited or paid to the customer while the Company holds the deposit.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.5 Payment Arrangements****2.5.1 Payment for Service**

Customer shall pay Company, monthly in advance, a monthly charge equal to the rate set forth in the Service Description or equal to the monthly charge as adjusted under the terms hereof, provided, however, that the first such payment shall be for the period from the Service Commencement Date through the end of the next full month. The non-recurring installation charges are due with such first payment. The Customer is responsible for the payment of all charges for services furnished by the Company to the Customer. Billing for service will commence on the Service Commencement Date. Customer must notify company of any errors or discrepancies in the billing statement within thirty (30) days of the date the billing statement was mailed to the Customer. The Customer will be obligated to pay all charges shown on the billing statement if the Customer fails to provide such notice.

Taxes. The Customer is responsible for the payment of federal excise taxes, state and local sales and use, excise or privilege taxes and similar taxes imposed by governmental jurisdictions, all of which shall be separately designated on the Company's invoices. Any taxes imposed by a local jurisdiction (e.g., county and municipal) will only be recovered from those Customers residing in the affected jurisdictions.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.5 Payment Arrangements****2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges**

- A. **Non-recurring Charges.** The non-recurring charges contained in the Service Description are due with the Customer's first payment for charges, which payment shall be for the period from the start of service through the end of the next full month. Non-recurring charges not included with installation charges billed to the Customer shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days after the date the invoice is mailed to the Customer by the Company.

Customer shall be responsible for paying all of the Company's charges for time and material resulting from diagnosing problems which were caused by Customer's equipment.

- B. **Recurring Charges:** The Company shall present invoices for recurring charges monthly to the Customer, in advance of the month in which service is provided, and recurring charges shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days after the date the invoice is mailed to the Customer by the Company.
- C. When service does not begin on the first day of the month, or end on the last day of the month, the charge for the fraction of the month in which service was furnished will be calculated on a pro rata basis. For this purpose, every month is considered to have thirty (30) days.
- D. Billing of the Customer by the Company will begin on the Service Commencement Date and accrues through and includes the day that the service, circuit, arrangement or component is discontinued.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.5 Payment Arrangements****2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges (Cont'd)**

- E. If any portion of the payment is received by the Company after the date due, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Company in funds which are not immediately available upon presentment, then a late payment penalty shall be due to the Company. A late payment charge in the amount of the lesser of 1.25% of the unpaid balance per month or the highest percentage allowable by the Pennsylvania Commission per month, for bills not paid within thirty (30) days of mailing of the invoice, is not applicable to subsequent rebilling of any amount to which a late payment charge has already been applied nor to security deposits. Late payment charges will be applied without discrimination.

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2.0 **REGULATIONS** (cont'd)

2.5 **Payment Arrangements** (cont'd)

2.5.2 **Billing and Collection of Charges** (cont'd)

F. Customer's liability for charges hereunder shall not be reduced by untimely installation or non-operation of the Customer's or a third party's facilities and equipment.

G. The Customer should notify the Company orally per or in writing of any disputed items on an invoice within thirty (30) days of the date of mailing of the invoice, and must pay any portion of the bill that is not in dispute. The Company's Customer Service representatives may be contacted at:

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(800) 455-5546

The Company will then follow the procedures set forth in the Commission's rules regarding disputed bills. If the Customer and the Company are unable to resolve the dispute to their mutual satisfaction, the Company will inform the Customer of his or her right to file a complaint with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure.

The address and telephone number of the Commission are:

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Bureau of Consumer Services
North Office Building, Room B20
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105
Telephone: (800) 692-7380

H. If service is disconnected by the Company and later re-installed, re-installation of service will be subject to all applicable installation charges. If service is suspended by the Company and later restored, restoration of service will be subject to the rates in Section 5.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.5 Payment Arrangements (cont'd)****2.5.3 Discontinuance of Service for Cause (cont'd)****2.5.3 Discontinuance of Service for Cause**

- A. Upon nonpayment of any amounts owing to the Company, the Company may, by giving requisite seven (7) days prior written notice to and attempted telephonic and/or personal contact with the Customer, discontinue or suspend service without incurring any liability. Service may be reinstated at such time as Customer pays in full all arrearages, including late payment charges.
- B. Upon violation of any of the other material terms or conditions of this tariff the Company may, thirty (30) days after giving notice to the Customer discontinue or suspend service without incurring any liability if such violation continues during that period. The Company reserves the option to disconnect service as soon as seven (7) days after the date that the notice of discontinuance or suspension of service was mailed to the customer.
- C. Upon the Customer's insolvency, assignment for the benefit of creditors, filing for bankruptcy or reorganization, or failing to discharge an involuntary petition within the time permitted by law, the Company may, by seven (7) days notice to the Customer, discontinue or suspend service without incurring any liability.
- D. Upon any governmental prohibition or governmental required alteration of the services to be provided or any violation of an applicable law or regulation, the Company may immediately discontinue service without incurring any liability.
- E. When the Company has cause to totally disconnect or has totally disconnected a residential service, it shall postpone disconnection of local service after receiving either verbal or written notification of the existence of a medical emergency for a grace period of seven (7) business days. Written or verbal notifications should include the information listed in 52 Pa. Code § 64.103.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.5 Payment Arrangements (cont'd)****2.5.3 Discontinuance of Service for Cause (cont'd)**

- F. In the event of fraudulent use of the Company's network, the Company may without notice suspend or discontinue service. The Customer will be liable for all related costs. The Customer will also be responsible for payment of any reconnection charges.
- G. Upon the Company's discontinuance of service to the Customer under Section 2.5.3.A or 2.5.3.B, the Company, in addition to all other remedies that may be available to the Company at law or in equity or under any other provision of this tariff, may declare all future monthly and other charges which would have been payable by the Customer during the remainder of the term for which such services would have otherwise been provided to the Customer to be immediately due and payable (discounted to present value at six percent).
- H. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 64.62, the Company will not discontinue or suspend service on a Saturday, Sunday, bank holiday or a day when the business office of the Company is closed.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.5 Payment Arrangements (cont'd)****2.5.4 Notice to Company for Cancellation of Service**

Customers desiring to terminate service shall provide the Company at least five (5) days written notice of desire to terminate service, specifying the date on which it is desired that service be discontinued. The Customer shall retain responsibility for service and equipment charges until the day and time on which service is requested to be discontinued. If the Customer fails to provide the Company with proper notice or access to the premises, the Customer shall continue to be responsible for equipment and service rendered.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.5 Payment Arrangements (cont'd)****2.5.5 Cancellation of Application for Service**

- A. Where the Company permits the Customer to cancel an application for service prior to the Service Commencement Date or prior to any special construction, no charges will be imposed except for those specified below.
- B. Where, prior to cancellation by the Customer, the Company incurs any expenses in installing the service or in preparing to install the service that it otherwise would not have incurred, a charge equal to the costs the Company incurred, less net salvage, shall apply, but in no case shall this charge exceed the sum of the charge for the minimum period of service ordered, including installation charges, and all charges others levied against the Company that would have been chargeable to the Customer had service begun.
- C. Where the Company incurs any expense in connection with special construction, or where special arrangements of facilities or equipment have begun before the Company receives a cancellation notice, a charge equal to the costs incurred, less net salvage, may apply. In such cases, the charge will be based on such elements as the cost of the equipment, facilities, and material, the cost of installation, engineering, labor, and supervision, general and administrative expense, other disbursements, depreciation, maintenance, taxes, provision for return on investment, and any other costs associated with the special construction or arrangements.
- D. The special charges described in 2.5.5.A through 2.5.5.C will be calculated and applied on a case-by-case basis.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.5 Payment Arrangements (cont'd)

2.5.6 Changes in Service Requested

If the Customer makes or requests material changes in circuit engineering, equipment specifications, service parameters, premises locations, or otherwise materially modifies any provision of the application for service, the Customer's installation fee shall be adjusted accordingly.

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2.0 **REGULATIONS** (cont'd)

2.5 **Payment Arrangements** (cont'd)

2.5.7 **Bad Check Charge**

A charge of \$25.00 will be assessed for any check returned by drawee bank or other financial institution for: insufficient or uncollected funds, closed account, apparent tampering, missing signature or endorsement, or any other insufficiency or discrepancy necessitating return of the instrument at the discretion of the drawee bank or other financial institution.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.6 Allowances for Interruptions in Service

2.6.1 General

- A. A credit allowance will be given when service is interrupted, except as specified in Section 2.6.2 following. A service is interrupted when it becomes inoperative to the Customer, e.g., the Customer is unable to transmit or receive, because of a failure of a component furnished by the Company under this tariff.
- B. An interruption period begins when the Customer reports a service, facility or circuit to be inoperative and, if necessary, releases it for testing and repair. An interruption period ends when the service, facility or circuit is operative.
- C. If the Customer reports a service, facility or circuit to be interrupted but declines to release it for testing and repair, or refuses access to its premises for testing and repair by the Company, the service, facility or circuit is considered to be impaired but not interrupted. No credit allowances will be made for a service, facility or circuit considered by the Company to be impaired.

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2.0 **REGULATIONS** (cont'd)

2.6 **Allowances for Interruption in Service** (cont'd)

2.6.1 **General** (cont'd)

- D. The Customer shall be responsible for the payment of service charges for visits by the Company's agents or employees to the premises of the Customer when the service difficulty or trouble report results from the use of equipment or facilities provided by any party other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer.
- E. A credit allowance will be given for interruptions of thirty (30) minutes or more. Two or more interruptions of fifteen (15) minutes or more during any one 24-hour period shall be combined into one cumulative interruption. For calculating credit allowances, every month is considered to have thirty (30) days.
- F. **Interruptions of 24 Hours or Less**

<u>Length of Interruption</u>	<u>Interruption Period To Be Credited</u>
30 minutes to 3 hours	1/10 Day
3 hours up to but not including 6 hours	1/4 Day
6 hours up to but not including 8 hours	3/4 Day
8 hours to 24 hours	One Day

- G. **Over 24 Hours and Less Than 72 Hours.** Interruptions over 24 hours and less than 72 hours will be credited one day for each 24-hour period or fraction thereof. No more than one full day's credit will be allowed for any period of 24 hours.

Interruptions Over 72 Hours. Interruptions over 72 hours will be credited two (2) days for each full 24-hour period. No more than thirty (30) days credit will be allowed for any one month period.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.6 Allowances for Interruption in Service (cont'd)

2.6.2 Limitations of Allowances

No credit allowance will be made for any interruption in service:

- A. Due to the negligence of or noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff by any person or entity other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer;
- B. Due to the failure of power, equipment, systems, connections or services not provided by the Company;
- C. Due to circumstances or causes beyond the reasonable control of the Company;
- D. During any period in which the Company is not given full and free access to its facilities and equipment for the purposes of investigating and correcting interruptions;
- E. A service will not be deemed to be interrupted if a Customer continues to voluntarily make use of such service. If the service is interrupted, the Customer can get a service credit, use another means of communications provided by the Company, or utilize another service provider;
- F. During any period when the Customer has released service to the Company for maintenance purposes or for implementation of a Customer order for a change in service arrangements;
- G. That occurs or continues due to the Customer's failure to authorize replacement of any element of special construction; and
- H. That was not reported to the Company within thirty (30) days of the date that service was affected.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.6 Allowances for Interruption in Service (cont'd)****2.6.3 Use of Another Means of Communications**

If the Customer elects to use another means of communications during the period of interruption, the Customer must pay the charges for the alternative service used.

2.6.4 Application of Credits for Interruptions in Service

Credits for interruptions in service that is provided and billed on a flat rate basis for a minimum period of at least one (1) month, beginning on the date that billing becomes effective, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the Customer for the period of service during which the event that gave rise to the claim for a credit occurred. A credit allowance is applied on a pro rata basis against the rates specified hereunder and is dependent upon the length of the interruption. Only those facilities on the interrupted portion of the circuit will receive a credit.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.7 Cancellation of Service/Termination Liability**

If a Customer cancels a Service Order or terminates services before the completion of the term for any reason or breaches the terms in the service contract, Customer may be requested by the Company to pay to Company termination liability charges, which are defined below. These charges shall become due and owing as of the effective date of the cancellation or termination.

2.7.1 Termination Liability

Customer's termination liability for cancellation of service shall be equal to:

- A. All unpaid non-recurring charges reasonably expended by the Company to establish service to the Customer, including any installation charges which may have been waived by the Company, provided Customer has been notified of the amount of the waived charges and of Customer's liability therefore on cancellation, plus;
- B. Any disconnection, early cancellation or termination charges reasonably incurred and paid to third parties by Company on behalf of Customer, plus;
- C. The difference between the total actual monthly recurring charges to Customer for the Service during the entire time the Service was provided to Customer and the total monthly recurring charges which Customer would have paid or which Customer would have been required to pay if the Service had been based on a month to month term using the Company's most recent tariff prices at the time of cancellation.
- D. Either party shall have the right to cancel services without liability if Company is prohibited from furnishing the Service or if any material rate or term contained herein is substantially changed by order of the Pennsylvania Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, or highest court of competent jurisdiction to which the matter is appealed, or other local, state or federal government authority.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.8 Customer Liability for Unauthorized Use of the Network**

Unauthorized use of the network occurs when a person or entity that does not have actual, apparent, or implied authority to use the network, obtains the Company's services provided under this tariff.

2.8.1 Customer Liability for Fraud and Unauthorized Use of the Network

- A. Except as provided elsewhere in this tariff, the Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services provided under this tariff furnished to the Customer or User. This responsibility is not changed due to any use, misuse, or abuse of the Customer's service or Customer-provided equipment by Users or other third parties, the Customer's employees or the public.
- B. The Customer is liable for all costs incurred as a result of unauthorized use of the Network, including service charges and any direct, indirect, special, incidental, reliance, consequential, exemplary or punitive charges.
- C. The Customer is responsible for payment of any charges related to the suspension and/or termination of service, and any charges for reconnection of service, incurred as a result of unauthorized use of the Network.
- D. The following activities constitute fraudulent use:
 - 1) Using the network to transmit a message, locate a person, or otherwise give or obtain information, without payment for the service;
 - 2) Using or attempting to use the Network with the intent to avoid payment, either in whole or in part, of any of the Company's tariffed charges by either rearranging, tampering with, or making connections not authorized by this tariff to any service components used to furnish the Company's services or using fraudulent means or devices, tricks, schemes or false or invalid numbers, false credit devices or electronic devices.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.9 Use of Customer's Service by Others****2.9.1 Resale and Sharing**

Any service provided under this tariff may be resold to or shared with other persons at the option of Customer, subject to compliance with any applicable laws or Commission regulations governing such resale or sharing. The Customer remains solely responsible for all use of services ordered by it or billed to its telephone number(s) pursuant to this tariff, for determining who is authorized to use its services, and for notifying the Company of any unauthorized use.

2.9.2 Joint Use Arrangements

Joint use arrangements will be permitted for all services provided under this tariff. From each joint use arrangement, one member will be designated as the Customer responsible for the manner in which the joint use of the service will be allocated. The Company will accept orders to start, rearrange, relocate, or discontinue service only from the Customer. Without affecting the Customer's ultimate responsibility for payment of all charges for the service, each joint User shall be responsible for the payment of the charges billed to it.

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2.0 REGULATIONS (cont'd)**2.10 Transfers and Assignments**

Neither the Company nor the Customer may assign or transfer its rights or duties in connection with the services and facilities provided by the Company without the written consent of the other party, except that the Company may assign its rights and duties (a) to any subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company, (b) pursuant to any sale or transfer of substantially all the assets of the Company; or (c) pursuant to any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company.

2.11 Notices and Communications

- A. The Customer shall designate on the Service Order an address to which the Company shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that Customer may also designate a separate address to which the Company's bills for service shall be mailed.
- B. The Company shall designate on the Service Order an address to which the Customer shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that Company may designate a separate address on each bill for service to which the Customer shall mail payment on that bill.
- C. Except as otherwise stated in this tariff, all notices or other communications required to be given pursuant to this tariff will be in writing. Notices and other communications of either party, and all bills mailed by the Company, shall be presumed to have been delivered to the other party on the third business day following placement of the notice, communication or bill with the U.S. Mail or a private delivery service, prepaid and properly addressed, or when actually received or refused by the addressee, whichever occurs first.
- D. The Company or the Customer shall advise the other party of any changes to the addresses designated for notices, other communications or billing, by following the procedures for giving notice set forth herein.

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3.0 SERVICE DESCRIPTION

3.1 General

Company offers xDSL services to provide high-speed data connections. Services may be offered by the Company via its own facilities and/or the facilities of other carriers.

Services are subject to service order and service change charges where the Customer requests new services or changes in existing services, as well as indicated Non-Recurring and Monthly Recurring Charges.

3.2 Caller ID Blocking

At such time that voice services are initiated, the Company will offer Caller ID Blocking as described below.

- A. A Customer placing a call may block the transfer of his or her telephone number on outgoing calls. This is accomplished on a per-call basis by dialing a special code prior to placing each call. Whenever a caller blocks the transfer of his or her telephone number, the number will not be displayed on the Caller ID subscriber's display unit. Instead, the Caller ID subscriber will receive an indicator that the *calling party is blocking his or her telephone number.*
- B. Line call blocking is similar to per-call blocking, but continually blocks the transfer of the Customer's number unless the Customer temporarily deactivates the feature using a special code or requests that the Company unblock the Customer's telephone number.
- C. Per-call blocking is offered free of charge and on an unlimited basis. Per-call blocking is available to all Customers, where facilities permit. Per-call blocking is automatically available without any action on the part of the Customer. Line blocking can be ordered by contacting the Company. CENTREX Customers should contact the Company to order any form of blocking service.

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3.0 SERVICE DESCRIPTION (Cont'd)**3.2 Caller ID Blocking (Cont'd)**

- D. The first request for line blocking will be provided free of charge for all new and existing Customers upon request to the Company. If, however, a Customer subscribes to line blocking, disconnects and then reconnects to the service at the same address, a non-recurring service charge will apply as outlined below. Under no circumstances will the non-recurring service charge apply to victims of domestic violence receiving services from a domestic violence program or protected by court order, social welfare agencies, health and counseling centers, public service hotlines or their associated staff.

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4.0 RATE SCHEDULE

All rates set forth in this Section are subject to change and may be changed by the Company pursuant to notice requirements established by the Commission.

4.1 xDSL DataLoop

Monthly Recurring Charges: \$85.00

Non-Recurring Installation Charge: \$200.00

4.2 Caller ID Blocking

Line Blocking NRC

Residence	\$10.00*
Business	20.00*
CENTREX	10.00*

*Applies only for a reconnection of line blocking for the same Customer at the same address.

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5.0 SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

5.1 Lifeline Telephone Service

5.1.1 Basic Lifeline Service

The company will offer this service at such time as it begin to offer local exchange voice services.

This low price individual message rate service provides a full waiver of the \$3.50 federal subscriber line charge. There is no monthly allowance for local calls. Primary area and home region calls are untimed. Extended area calls (where available) are timed.

5.1.2 Eligibility

This service is restricted to low income residential customers. To qualify for Lifeline service a customer must be income eligible for benefits from any one of the following Entitlement Programs:

- Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)
- Food Stamps
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
- Home Relief
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

The applicant must provide proof to the Company that he or she is certified as income eligible to receive one or more of the above benefits. After initial contact the customer is sent an application form to be completed by the customer or authorized representative of the customer, as designated by the appropriate state agencies and identified as so authorized on the customer's card for any of the above benefits.

In addition, applicants are eligible for discounted Life Line rates when approved to receive either a Veterans Disability Pension or a Veterans Surviving Spouse Pension. Applicants must provide proof to the Company that they are receiving one of these pensions.

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5.0 SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (Cont'd)**5.1 Lifeline Telephone Service (Cont'd)****5.1.2 Eligibility (Cont'd)**

Life Line services are effective upon receipt of a completed and signed form or an application form certified from an entity authorized by the Company. If the form is not returned, no further action is taken by the Company to establish eligibility. The Life Line discount is credited as of the service connection date.

An individual's eligibility may be documented by information obtained by the Company as a result of enrollment programs, including but not limited to confidential computerized matching programs, conducted by the Company in conjunction with state agencies.

The Company, in coordination with appropriate agencies, will periodically verify each Lifeline customer's eligibility. If a customer is identified as being ineligible, the customer will be notified that unless the information is shown to be in error, the Lifeline discount will be discontinued. The customer will be billed for discounts received for any period in which he or she is proven to be ineligible for the service.

5.1.3 Charges

A qualified customer may choose one of the Lifeline services as described. For connection of new service, service connection charges apply unless the customer qualifies for connection assistance under the Link Up America plan as outlined in Section 5.2, following.

Service connection charges do not apply to change existing service from:

- a. Message Rate Service to Basic Lifeline service;
- b. Basic Lifeline service to Message Rate Service.

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5.0 SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (Cont'd)**5.2 Link up America**

The Company will offer this program at such time as it provides local exchange voice services.

The Link Up America program is a connection assistance plan which provides for the reduction of one-half of the charges associated with connection of telephone service, up to \$30.00, subject to the following eligibility criteria:

- a. The applicant must meet the requirements for qualification for Lifeline Telephone Service stipulated in Section 5.1.2, above;
- b. The assistance can only apply for a single telephone line at the principal place of residence of the applicant;
- c. The applicant must not be a dependent for federal income tax purposes, unless he or she is more than 60 years old.

5.3 Special Equipment for the Hearing or Speech Impaired Customer

The Company will offer this program at such time as it provides local exchange voice services.

5.3.1 The Company will provide, upon request, specialized telecommunications equipment for a customer certified as hearing or speech impaired.

5.3.2 A customer can be certified as hearing or speech impaired by a licensed physician, otolaryngologist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist or an authorized representative of a social agency that conducts programs for persons with hearing or speech impairments in cooperation with an official agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

5.3.3 The Company will make every reasonable effort to locate and obtain equipment for a certified customer.

5.3.4 The customer may purchase equipment at a price not to exceed the actual purchase price (including any applicable shipping costs) the Company pays.

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5.0 SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (Cont'd)

5.3 Special Equipment for the Hearing or Speech Impaired Customer (Cont'd)

5.3.5 The Company will also advise the customer who requests this equipment of the applicable terms for purchase.

5.4 Discounted Service for the Hearing or Speech Impaired Customer

The Company will offer this service at such time as it begins to offer local exchange voice services.

5.4.1 Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service

a. General

The Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service is a relay telecommunication service for the deaf, hearing and/or speech disabled population of the Commonwealth. The service permits telephone communications between deaf, hearing, and/or speech disabled individuals who must use a Text Telephone and individuals with normal hearing and speech as provided in the AT&T Communications of Pennsylvania, Inc. Tariff PA. P.U.C. No. 13.

b. Surcharge

In addition to the charges provided in this tariff and other interstate toll tariffs in which this Company concurs, a surcharge will apply to all residence and business access lines served by this Company. This surcharge applies regardless of whether or not the access line uses the Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service.

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5.0 SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (Cont'd)**5.4 Discounted Service for the Hearing or Speech Impaired Customer (Cont'd)****5.4.1 Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service (Cont'd)****b. Surcharge (Cont'd)**

This surcharge serves as the funding vehicle for the operation of the Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service, and shall be calculated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (the Commission). The Commission shall compute the Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service Surcharge each year and notify local exchange carriers of the surcharge amount to be applied for the twelve month period commencing with July 1 of each year.

The Commission may revise the surcharge more frequently than annually at its discretion.

Tariff revisions will be filed whenever the Commission calculates a new surcharge amount and notifies the Company.

The following surcharge rates apply to all bills issued on or after July 1, 1997.

Per residence access line, per month	\$0.08
Per business access line, per month	\$0.16

Centrex-type lines will be charged on an equivalency basis as determined by the Commission.

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5.0 SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (Cont'd)**5.4 Discounted Service for the Hearing or Speech Impaired Customer (Cont'd)****5.4.1 Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service (Cont'd)****c. Rates**

Local calls will be charged at the applicable local flat rate or local measured service rate, except for calls originating from Pay Telephones, which shall be completed free of charge. All intraLATA toll calls, placed through the Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service will be rated according to the Rates Applicable On Messages Place by Certified Speech and/or Hearing Disabled rates in the Pennsylvania Telephone Association Toll Tariff PA. P.U.C. No. 10. This Company concurs in this tariff.

The Company will make available to the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) user either a calling card or a prepaid debit card. The rates for either option will not exceed those that would apply to identical calls for non-TRS users of coin-sent-paid services.

Please refer to the appropriate Interexchange Carrier tariff for interstate charges.

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5.0 SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (Cont'd)

5.4 Discounted Service for the Hearing or Speech Impaired Customer (Cont'd)

5.4.2 Certification

Acceptable certifications are:

1. Those made by a licensed physician, otolaryngologist, speech-language pathologist or audiologist or an authorized representative of a social agency that conducts programs for persons with hearing or speech impairment in cooperation with an official agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or
2. A pre-existing certification establishing the impairment of hearing or speech such as those which qualify the handicapped person for social security benefits on the basis of total hearing impairment or for the use of facilities of an agency for a person with hearing or speech impairment.

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5.0 SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (Cont'd)**5.4 Discounted Service for the Hearing or Speech Impaired Customer (Cont'd)****5.4.3 Qualification**

A customer qualifying for the discount is one whose impairment is such that competent authority would certify him or her as being unable to use a telephone for voice communication. See Section 7.4.2 for a listing of the necessary qualifications.

5.4.4 Billing

The reduction in charges is applied only at one location, designated by the impaired person.

5.5 Universal Emergency Telephone Number Service

The Company will provide this service at such time as it begins to offer local exchange voice service.

5.5.1 General

Universal Emergency Telephone Number Service (911 Service) is an arrangement of Company central office and trunking facilities whereby any telephone user who dials the number 911 will reach the emergency report center for the telephone from which the number is dialed or will be routed to an operator if all lines to an emergency report center are busy. If no emergency report center customer exists for a central office entity, a telephone user who dials the number 911 will be routed to an operator. The telephone user who dials the 911 number will not be charged for the call.

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5.0 SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (Cont'd)**5.5 Universal Emergency Telephone Number Service (Cont'd)****5.5.2 Regulations**

- a. This service is furnished to municipalities and other governmental agencies only for the purpose of voice reporting of emergencies by the public. For this service, the municipality or government agency(s) designated by the customer as responsible for the control and staffing of the emergency report center is referred to as the "Agency".
- b. When 911 service replaces an existing emergency number, intercept service shall be the responsibility of the Agency. However, if the Agency is unable to provide this service, the operator will intercept and forward requests for emergency aid for a period of at least one year
- c. 911 service is furnished for incoming calls only.

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5.0 SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (Cont'd)**5.5 Universal Emergency Telephone Number Service (Cont'd)****5.5.3 Conditions of Furnishing Service**

This service is offered solely as an aid in handling assistance calls in connection with fire, police, medical, and other emergencies. The Company is not responsible, in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, for any losses, claims, demands, suits, or any liability, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by the customer or by any other party or person, for any personal injury to or death of any person or persons, and for any loss, damage, or destruction of any property, whether owned by the customer or others, caused or claimed to have been caused by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, location, or use of such facilities. By dialing 911, the customer agrees to release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Company from any and all loss or claims, whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by the destruction of any property, whether owned by the customer or others. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, in no event shall the Company be liable for any special, incidental, consequential, exemplary, or punitive damages of any nature whatsoever.

The Company is not responsible for any infringement or invasion of the right of privacy of any person or persons, caused, or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, occasion or use of the 911 service features and the equipment associated therewith, including, but not limited to, the identification of the telephone number, address or name associated with the telephone used by the party or parties accessing the 911 service.

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5.0 SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (Cont'd)**5.6 Enhanced Universal Emergency Telephone Number Service**

The Company will provide this service at such time as it begins to provide local exchange voice services.

5.6.1 General

Enhanced Universal Emergency Telephone Number Service (E911 Service) is a Call Delivery Network whereby any telephone user who dials the number 911 will reach a designated Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). E911 Service is offered in the Company's serving area subject to the availability of stored program control central office facilities, Enhanced 911 software, and ANI equipment. The telephone user who dials the 911 number will not be charged for the call.

5.6.2 Regulations

- a. In addition to the following, the regulations in Section 7.5.2 apply.
- b. This tariff does not provide for the inspection or constant monitoring of facilities to discover errors, defects, or malfunctions in the service, nor does the company undertake such responsibility. The Agency shall make such operational tests as in their judgment are required to determine whether the system is functioning properly for its use. The Agency shall promptly notify the Company in the event the system is not functioning properly.
- c. E911 information, consisting of the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all telephone customers, is confidential. The Company will release such information to the Agency periodically for the update of their systems.

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5.0 SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (Cont'd)**5.6 Enhanced Universal Emergency Telephone Number Service (Cont'd)****5.6.2 Regulations (Cont'd)**

- d. The E911 calling party, by dialing 911, waives the privacy afforded by non-listed and non-published service to the extent that the telephone number ("ANI") and address ("ALI") associated with the originating station location are furnished to the PSAP, on a call by call basis, after an E911 call has been received.

- e. Service boundaries of the Company and political subdivision boundaries may not coincide. In the event that the Agency does not subscribe to Selective Routing, it must make arrangements to handle all 911 calls that originate from telephones served by Central offices in the local service areas (i.e., exchange) whether or not the calling telephone is situated on property within the geographical boundaries of the Agency's public safety jurisdiction.

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5.0 SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (Cont'd)**5.6 Enhanced Universal Emergency Telephone Number Service (Cont'd)****5.6.3 Conditions of Furnishing Service**

This service is offered solely as an aid in handling assistance calls in connection with fire, police, medical, and other emergencies. The Company is not responsible, in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, including default routing, for any losses, claims, demands, suits, or any liability, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by the customer or by any other party or person, for any personal injury to or death of any person or persons, and for any loss, damage, or destruction of any property, whether owned by the customer or others, caused or claimed to have been caused by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, location, or use of such facilities. By dialing 911, the customer agrees to release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Company from any and all loss or claims, whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by the destruction of any property, whether owned by the customer or others. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, in no event shall the Company be liable for any special, incidental, consequential, exemplary, or punitive damages of any nature whatsoever, including for default routing.

The Company is not responsible for any infringement or invasion of the right of privacy of any person or persons, caused, or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, occasion or use of the 911 service features and the equipment associated therewith, including, but not limited to, the identification of the telephone number, address or name associated with the telephone used by the party or parties accessing the 911 service.

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5.0 SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (Cont'd)**5.7 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Relay Service****5.7.1 General**

The Company will provide access to a telephone relay center for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Relay Service. The service permits telephone communications between hearing and/or speech impaired individuals who must use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) or a Teletypewriter (TTY) and individuals with normal hearing and speech. The Relay Service can be reached by dialing an toll-free number. Specific toll-free numbers have been designated for both impaired and non-impaired customers to use.

5.7.2 Regulations

- a. Only intrastate calls can be completed using the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Relay Service under the terms and conditions of this tariff.
- b. Charges for calls placed through the Relay Service will be billed as if direct distance dialed (DDD) from the point of origination to the point of termination. The actual routing of the call does not affect billing.
- c. Calls through the Relay Service may be billed to a third number only if that number is within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Calls may also be billed to calling cards issued by the Company or other carriers who may choose to participate in this service.

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5.0 SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (Cont'd)**5.7 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Relay Service (Cont'd)****5.7.2 Regulations (Cont'd)**

- d. The following calls may not be placed through the Relay Service:
1. calls to informational recordings and group bridging service;
 2. calls to time or weather recorded messages;
 3. station sent paid calls from coin telephones; and
 4. operator-handled conference service and other teleconference calls.

5.7.3 Liability

The Company contracts with an outside provider for the provision of *this service*. The outside provider has complete control over the provision of the service except for the facilities provided directly by the Company. In addition to other provisions of this Tariff dealing with liability, in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Company, the Company shall not be liable for and the customer, by using the service, agrees to release, defend, and hold harmless for all damages, whether direct, incidental or consequential, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by the customer, or by any other person, for any loss or destruction of any property whatsoever, whether covered by the customer or others, or for any personal injury or death of, any person. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, in no event shall the Company be liable for any special, incidental, consequential, exemplary, or punitive damages of any nature whatsoever.

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5.0 SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (Cont'd)

5.8 Restoration of Service

A restoration charge equal to the non-recurring charge set forth in Section 4.1 of this tariff applies to the restoration of suspended service and facilities because of nonpayment of bills and is payable at the time that the restoration of the suspended service and facilities is arranged.

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6.0 SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

6.1 Special Construction

6.1.1 Basis for Charges

Where the Company furnishes a facility or service for which a rate or charge is not specified in the Company's tariffs, the Customer may be charged for the following construction costs to the extent they are applicable:

- A. cost installed of the facilities to be provided including estimated costs for the rearrangements of existing facilities. Cost installed includes:
 - 1. equipment and materials provided or used,
 - 2. engineering, labor and supervision,
 - 3. transportation, and
 - 4. rights of way;
- B. cost of maintenance;
- C. depreciation on the estimated cost installed of any facilities provided, based on the anticipated useful service life of the facilities with an appropriate allowance for the estimated net salvage;
- D. administration, taxes and uncollectible revenue on the basis of reasonable average costs for these items;
- E. license preparation, processing and related fees;
- F. tariff preparation, processing and related fees;
- G. any other identifiable costs related to the facilities provided; and
- H. an amount for return and contingencies.

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6.0 SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS (cont'd)**6.1 Special Construction (cont'd)****6.1.2 Termination Liability**

To the extent that there is no other requirement for use by the Company, a termination liability may apply for facilities specially constructed at the request of the customer.

- A. The termination liability period is the estimated service life of the facilities provided.
- B. The amount of the maximum termination liability is equal to the estimated amounts for:
 - 1. Cost installed of the facilities provided including estimated costs for rearrangements of existing facilities and/or construction of new facilities as appropriate, less net salvage. Cost installed includes the cost of:
 - a. equipment and materials provided or used,
 - b. engineering, labor and supervision,
 - c. transportation, and
 - d. rights of way;
 - 2. license preparation, processing, and related fees;
 - 3. tariff preparation, processing, and related fees;
 - 4. cost of removal and restoration, where appropriate; and
 - 5. any other identifiable costs related to the specially constructed or rearranged facilities.
- C. The applicable termination liability method for calculating the unpaid balance of a term obligation. The amount of such charge is obtained by multiplying the sum of the amounts determined by a factor related to the unexpired period of liability and the discount rate for return and contingencies. The amount shall be adjusted to reflect the predetermined estimate net salvage, including any reuse of the facilities provided. This product is adjusted to reflect applicable taxes.

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6.0 SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS (cont'd)**6.2 Individual Case Basis (ICB) Arrangements**

For special situations, rates for services not covered under this tariff will be determined on an *Individual Case Basis (ICB)* and specified by contract between the Company and the Customer. Such contracts will be approved by the Pennsylvania Commission prior to the provision of such service.

6.3 Special Promotions

The Company may from time to time engage in special promotional trial service offerings of limited duration designed to attract new Customers or to increase Customer awareness of a particular tariff offering. Promotional offerings will be included in Section 7 of the Company's tariff. All promotions are offered on a non-discriminatory basis.

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7.0 PROMOTIONAL OFFERINGS

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8.0 EXCHANGE AREA MAPS

DSLnet Communications, LLC may provide service in the exchange areas served by Bell Atlantic - Pennsylvania, Inc., GTE North, Inc., and Sprint/United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania. Availability of service is contingent upon technical and market limitations.

Exchange areas and maps are attached as Appendix A.

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