

In the Matter of IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF NORTH DAKOTA
LONG DISTANCE FOR A CERTIFICATE
OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN
SOUTH DAKOTA

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

DATE

MEMORANDA

DATE	MEMORANDA
2/17/98	Received Filing;
2/23/98	Received Check and Docketed;
2/26/98	TC Fee Filing;
5/12/98	Submittal Bond;
5/12/98	Revised Tariff Sheets;
5/14/98	Certificate of Authority from Sec. of State;
6/19/98	Order Granting COA;
6/19/98	Docket Closed.

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"Your Global Connection"

NORTH DAKOTA LONG DISTANCE

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Harlan Best
Deputy Director-Fixed Utilities Division
Public Utilities Commission
500 E Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Mr. Best
Pursuant to our conversation, the following is the information required in 20:10:24 02 - Certificate of authority.

1. Applicant name: North Dakota Long Distance
PO Box 857
Devils Lake, ND 58301
(701) 662-7350

2. Same as above

3. Not applicable

4. Partnership-Partner information:

Dakota Central Communications
PO Box 299
Carrington, ND 58421
General Partner

ND Telephone Company
PO Box 180
Devils Lake, ND 58301
General Partner

Polar Communications
PO Box 270
Park River, ND 58270
General Partner

United Telephone
PO Box 729
Langdon, ND 58249
General Partner

Dickey Rural Telecommunications
PO Box 69
Ellendale, ND 58436
General Partner

5. Description of services: Long distance services which include prepaid calling cards, travel cards, 10XXX, international calling, and 800/888# service. All service standards will follow the FCC Part 15 Regulation requirements. Emergency call handling will have the 24 hour contact point and operator response time will be contracted with an operator service provider (Century).
6. Statement of means: North Dakota Long Distance (NDLD) will resell the above listed services through a contract with WorldCom. NDLD does not own or maintain any lines.

Locally Owned By

Dakota Central Co-op
North Dakota Telephone Company

Polar Communications
United Telephone

7. Geographic areas (map enclosed)

<u>Exchange</u>	<u>Prefix</u>
South Forbes	358
South Guelph	383
South Nelvik	379
South Ventura	687
Ashley	289
Ellendale	346
Forman	735

8. Current Financial Statement and copies of Tariff's- attached Annual report and report to stockholders - not applicable

9. Representatives:

Doug Sattler	Juh Schafer-DeVier
PO Box 857	PO Box 857
Devils Lake, ND 58301	Devils Lake, ND 58301
701-662-7350	701-662-7350

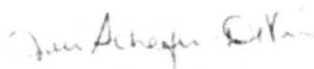
10. List of States: North Dakota and Minnesota

11. Marketing: Marketing will be done in conjunction with the local telephone company, Dickey Rural, through radio, television and newspaper advertising, customer sales representative with businesses and direct mail limited only to those exchanges list in #7 above. The marketing communications consultant has a Bachelors of Arts degree with an emphasis on communications and a minor in Political Science. The customer sales representative has an Associates of Science degree and twelve years of sales experience. A sample of our brochures is enclosed.

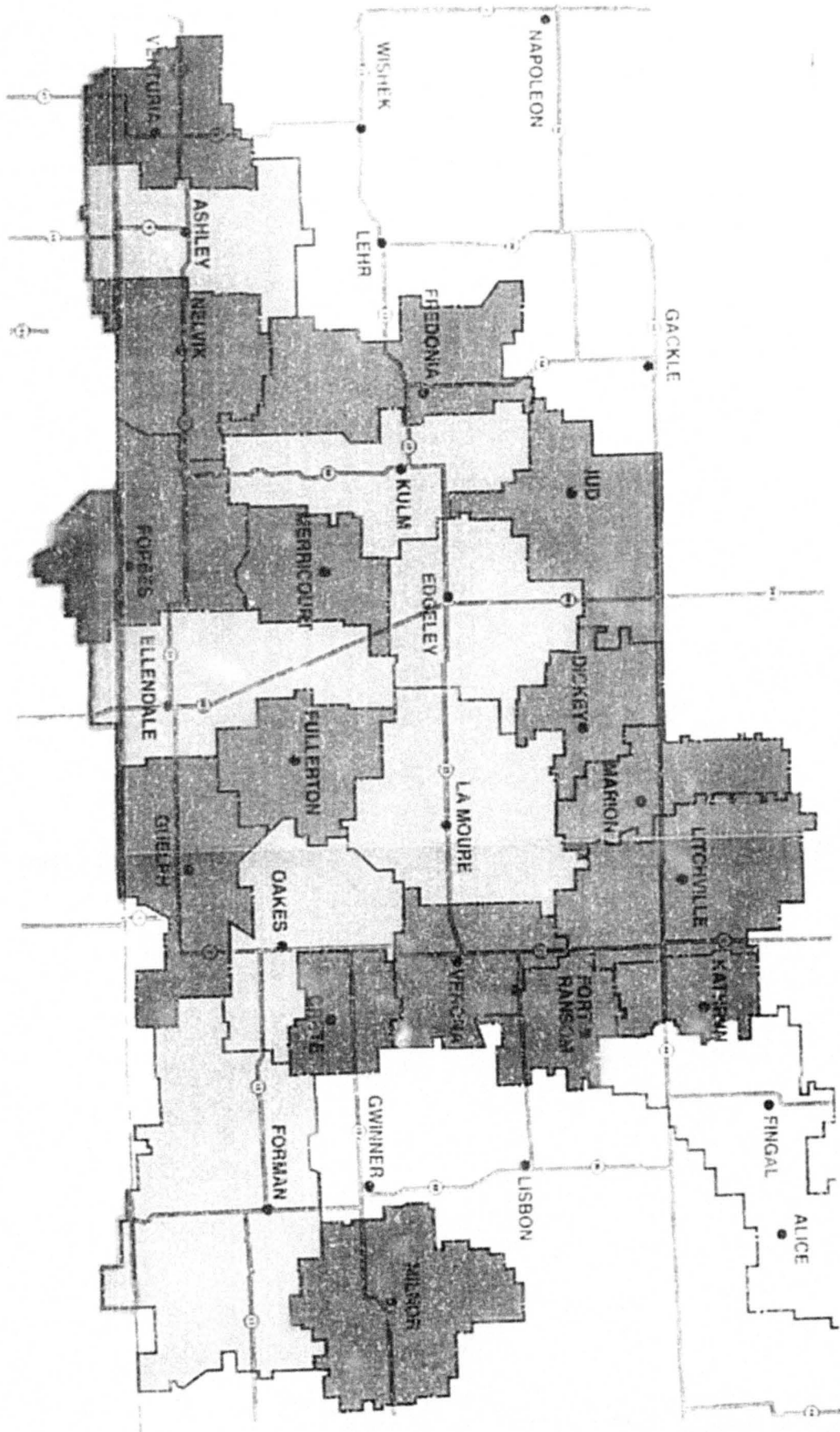
12. All services offered are very competitive and there are no plans to offer any other noncompetitive services in the future.

If there is any other information you need, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Juh Schafer-DeVier
Operations Manager



North Dakota Long Distance LLC
For the Month Ended
December 31, 1997

STATEMENT OF INCOME

THIS MONTH

THIS YEAR

OPERATING REVENUES:

Long Distance Message Revenue	239,067.28	483,135.20
Network Access		
Long Distance Network		
Billing and Collection		
Miscellaneous		
Uncollectible Operating		
A. Total Operating Revenues	239,067.28	483,135.20

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Building & Support Expense	12,664.17	24,710.87
Network Administration	5,271.36	53,138.57
Depreciation Expense	428.99	4,778.84
Marketing Expense	3,713.19	33,471.20
Customer Services Expense	33,474.61	93,084.00
Executive Expense	2,562.26	56,504.10
General & Administrative	6,878.17	142,683.88
Access Expense	168,131.20	392,135.16
Operating Taxes-Income	0.00	0.00
Operating Taxes-Other		
B. Total Operating Expense	233,123.95	800,506.62
C. Net Operating Income	5,943.33	(317,371.42)

NONOPERATING INCOME:

Interest Income	303.59	4,636.82
Special Charges	0.00	(75.00)
Nonreg. Net Income		
D. Total Nonop. Income	303.59	(4,561.82)
E. Interest Expense	0.00	0.00
Net Income	6,246.92	(312,809.60)

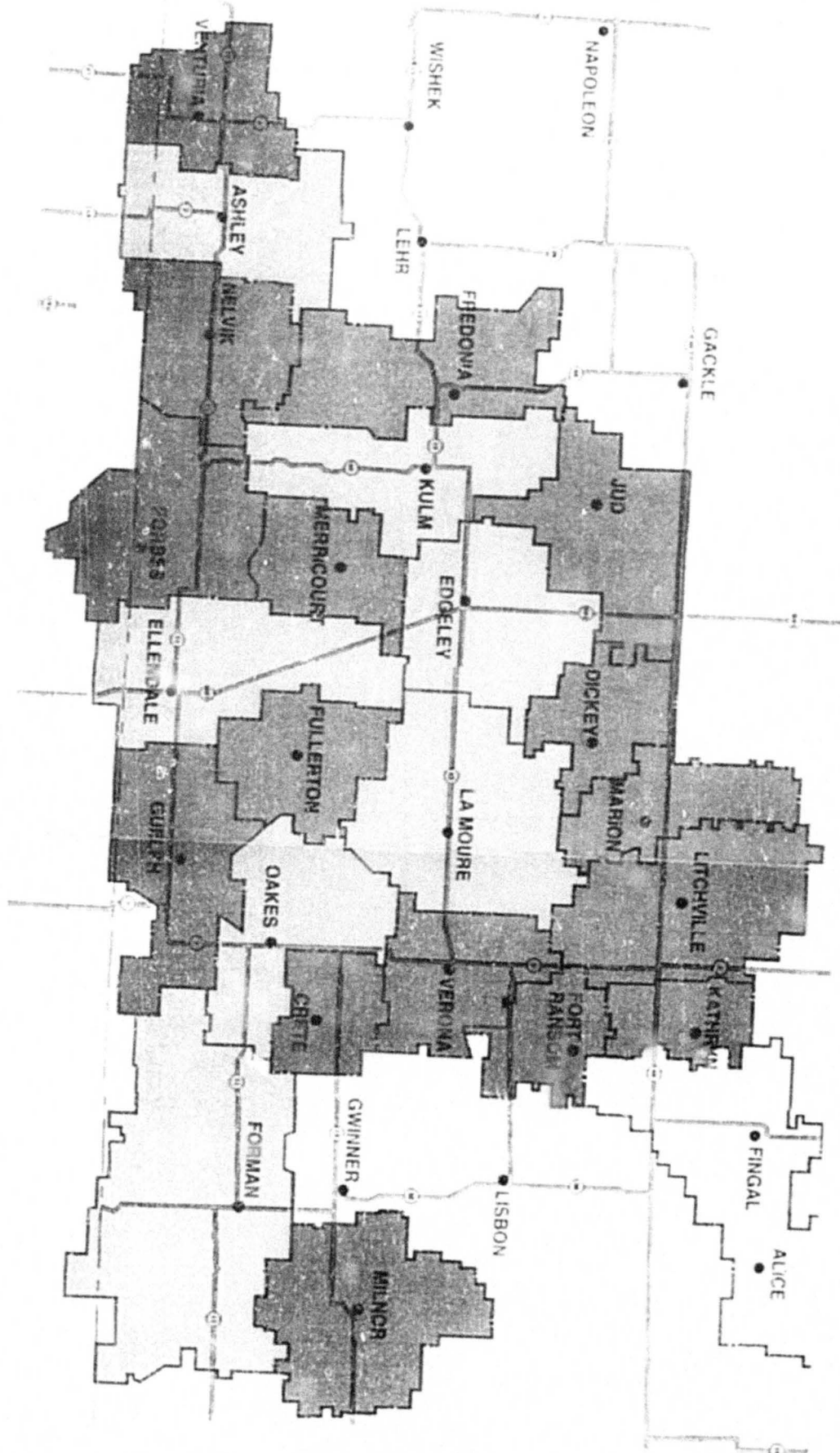
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North Dakota Long Distance LLC
For the Month Ended
December 31, 1997

ASSETS		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash		109,918.24	177,182.91
Accounts Receivable			
Telecommunications			
Other		177,082.00	96,021.04
Interest Receivable		0.00	0.00
Materials			
Prepayments		0.00	0.00
Other Current			
Total Current Assets		282,000.24	273,203.95
INVESTMENTS AND NONCURRENT ASSETS:			
Investments in Nonaffiliates		0.00	0.00
Total Other Assets		0.00	0.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANT:			
In Service		25,019.61	18,363.38
Under Construction			
Total Plant		25,019.61	18,363.38
Less:			
Accumulated Depreciation		(3,810.36)	(193.54)
Total Plant		21,209.25	18,169.84
TOTAL ASSETS		303,209.49	291,373.79

North Dakota Long Distance LLC
for the Month Ended
December 31, 1997

	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	124,680.00	0.00
Other	9,966.55	10,941.54
Affiliated	0.00	0.00
Current Maturities LTD		
Advance Payments		
Customer Deposits	0.00	0.00
Taxes Payable - Income	0.00	0.00
Other Current		
Total	134,646.55	10,941.54
LONG TERM DEBT:		
Other Long-Term Liabilities	940.29	0.00
DEFERRED CREDITS:		
Investment Tax Credits		
Deferred Income Taxes		
Total Deferred Credits		
EQUITIES:		
Common Stock	560,000.00	360,000.00
Other Equity	(392,377.35)	(79,567.75)
Retained Earnings	167,622.65	280,432.25
Total Equities	303,209.49	291,373.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		



ATTACHMENT 20:10:24:02 ITEM #8

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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REGULATIONS RATES AND SCHEDULE
OF CHARGES APPLICABLE TO
INTERNATIONAL MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES
FURNISHED BETWEEN POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES
AND INTERNATIONAL POINTS

BY

NORTH DAKOTA LONG DISTANCE, LLC

AS PROVIDED FOR HEREIN.

All material in this Tariff is new.

Service is provided by means of wire, radio, terrestrial, or satellite facilities or any combination thereof.

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INTERNATIONAL MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

CHECK SHEET

The title page and pages 1 through 45 inclusive of this Tariff are effective as of the dates shown. Original and revised pages, as named below, comprise all changes from the original tariff in effect on the date indicated.

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CONCURRING CARRIERS

None

CONNECTING CARRIERS

None

OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

None

REGISTERED SERVICE MARKS

None

REGISTERED TRADEMARKS

None

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- (C) - To signify changed regulation
- (D) - To signify discontinued rate of regulation
- (I) - To signify increase
- (M) - To signify matter relocated without change
- (N) - To signify new rate or regulation
- (R) - To signify reduction
- (S) - To signify reissued matter
- (T) - To signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation
- (Z) - To signify a correction

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INTERNATIONAL MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

1. General

1.1 Application of Tariff

1.1.A. This tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to the provision of International Message Telecommunications Service, hereinafter referred to as "Service", by NORTH DAKOTA LONG DISTANCE, LLC, hereafter referred to as the "Company", from its points of presence in the states of North Dakota and Minnesota to international points, as specified herein. Service is furnished subject to the availability of facilities and subject to transmission, atmospheric and like conditions.

1.1.B. The provision of such Service by the Company as set forth in this Tariff does not constitute a joint undertaking with the Customer for the furnishing of any Service.

1.2 Definitions

Certain terms used throughout this Tariff are defined as follows:

1.2.A. Application for Service

A standard order form which includes all pertinent billing, technical, and other descriptive information which will enable the Company to provide the Service as required.

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1. General (Cont'd)

1.2 Definitions (Cont'd)

1.2.B. Authorization Code

A numerical code, one or more of which may be assigned to a Customer to enable the Company to identify the origin of the user or individual users or groups of users on one account so that the Company may rate and bill the call.

1.2.C. Commission

The Federal Communications Commission.

1.2.D. Company

NORTH DAKOTA LONG DISTANCE, LLC, unless the context indicates otherwise.

1.2.E. Customer

Any individual, partnership, association, trust, corporation, cooperative or governmental agency or other entity which utilizes the Services provided by the Company on a subscription basis. A Customer, as set forth herein, is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with all applicable terms of the Company's Tariff.

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1. General (Cont'd)

1.2 Definitions (Cont'd)

1.2.F. Customer Provided Equipment

Terminal Equipment or facilities provided by persons other than the Company and connected to the Company's Services and/or facilities.

1.2.G. Dialed Access

An arrangement whereby a Customer uses the public switched network facilities of a local exchange telephone company to access the terminal of the Company.

1.2.H. International Message Telecommunications Service (IMTS)

The term "International Message Telecommunications Service" denotes the furnishing of station-to-station direct dial international switched network services to the Customer for the completion of international voice and dial up low speed data transmissions over voice grade channel from the Company's Points of Presence to international points as specified herein.

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1. General (Cont'd)

1.2 Definitions (Cont'd)

1.2.I. Local Exchange Carrier (LEC)

A telephone company which furnishes local exchange services.

1.2.J. Measured Usage Charge or Measured Charge

A charge assessed on a per-minute basis in calculating all or a portion of the charges due for a completed call over the Company's facilities.

1.2.K. Premises

The space designated by a Customer as its place or places of business for provision of Service or for its own communications needs.

1.2.L. Service

The offerings by the Company to the Customer under this Tariff.

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INTERNATIONAL MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

2. Rules and Regulations - International Message Telecommunications Services

2.1. Undertaking of the Company

2.1.A. Scope

The Company is a carrier providing international communications services to Customers for their direct transmission of voice, data and other types of telecommunications as described in this Tariff between points in the United States and international points described in this Tariff.

2.1.B. Limitations

1. The services provided pursuant to this tariff are offered subject to the availability of facilities and the other provisions of this Tariff.
2. The Company does not undertake to transmit communications or messages, but rather furnishes facilities. Service and equipment for such transmissions by the Customer.
3. The Company retains the right to deny Service to any Customer which fails to comply with the rules and regulations of this Tariff, or other applicable rules, regulations or laws.

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INTERNATIONAL MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

2. Rules and Regulations - International Message Telecommunications Services (Cont'd)

2.2. Obligations of the Customer

- 2.2.A. All Customers assume general responsibilities in connection with the provision and use of the Company's Service. General responsibilities are described in this section. When facilities, equipment, and/or communication systems provided by others are connected to the Company's facilities, the Customer assumes the additional responsibilities as set forth in Section 2.2, herein.
- 2.2.B. The Customer is responsible for the payment of all charges for any and all Services or facilities provided by the Company to the Customer.
- 2.2.C. Subject to availability, the Customer may use specific codes to identify the users groups on its account and to allocate the cost of its service accordingly. The numerical composition of such codes shall be set forth by the Company to assure compatibility with the Company's accounting and automation systems and to avoid duplication of such specific codes.
- 2.2.D. The Company reserves the right to discontinue the use of any code provided to the Customer and to substitute another code for such Customer's use.
- 2.2.E. The Customer shall indemnify and save harmless the Company from and against all loss, liability, damage and expense, including reasonable counsel fees, due to claims for libel, slander, or infringement of copyright or trademark in connection with any material transmitted by the

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2. Rules and Regulations - International Message Telecommunications Services (Cont'd)

2.2. Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.2.E. (Cont'd)

Customer using the Company's Services; and any other claim resulting from any act or omission of the Customer to the use of the Company's facilities.

2.2.F. Nothing contained herein, or in any other provision of this Tariff, or in any marketing materials issued by the Company shall give any Customer or person any ownership interest or proprietary right in any particular code issued by Company; provided, however, that a Customer that continues to subscribe to Company's Services will be provided a replacement code in the event such Customer's initial code is canceled.

2.2.G. The Customer shall reimburse the Company for damages to the Company's facilities caused by any negligence or willful act or acts on the part of the Customer.

2.2.H. The Customer shall pay and hold the Company harmless from the payment of all charges for service ordered by the Customer from the Local Exchange Carriers or other entities for telecommunications services and/or facilities connecting the Customer and the Company.

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2. Rules and Regulations - International Message Telecommunications Services (Cont'd)

2.2. Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.2.I In the event a suit is brought by the Company, or an attorney is retained by the Company to collect any bill or enforce the terms of this Tariff against a Customer, that Customer shall be responsible for payment of all reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, costs of investigation and any and all other related costs and expenses incurred by the Company in connection therewith.

2.2.J. The Customer understands that the Services are furnished subject to the condition that there will be no abuse, fraudulent and/or illegal use thereof. Such activity includes, but is not limited to:

2.2.J.1. Using the Service for any purpose which is in violation of any law.

2.2.J.2. Obtaining or attempting to obtain Services through any scheme, false representation and/or use of any fraudulent means or devices whatsoever with the intent to avoid payment, in whole or in part, of charges for Services, or assisting any other person or firm in such regard.

2.2.J.3. Attempting to, or actually obtaining, accessing, altering, or interfering with the communications and/or information by rearranging, tampering with or making any connection with any facilities of the Company or assisting any other person or firm in such regard.

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2. Rules and Regulations - International Message Telecommunications Services (Cont'd)

2.2. Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.2.J. The Customer understands that the Services are furnished subject to the condition that there will be no abuse, fraudulent and/or illegal use thereof. Such activity includes, but is not limited to: (Cont'd)

2.2.J.4. Using the Services in a manner that interferes unreasonably with the use of Service by one or more other Customers.

2.2.J.5. Using the Service to convey information deemed to be obscene, salacious, or prurient, to impersonate another person with fraudulent or malicious intent, to call another person or persons so frequently, at such times, or in such a manner as to annoy, abuse, or harass, or to convey information of a nature or in a manner that renders such conveyance unlawful.

2.2.K. The Customer, not the Company, shall be responsible for compliance with FCC Rules, 47 C.F.R. Part 68, and for all maintenance of such equipment and/or facilities.

2.3. Liabilities of the Company

2.3.A. Except as stated in this Section 2.3, the Company shall have no liability for damages of any kind arising out of or related to events, acts, rights or privileges contemplated in this Tariff.

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2. Rules and Regulations - International Message Telecommunications Services (Cont'd)

2.3. Liabilities of the Company (Cont'd)

2.3.B. The liability of the Company 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 shall not exceed an amount equal to the charges under this Tariff applicable to the specific call (or portion thereof) that was affected. No other liability shall attach to the Company.

2.3.C. The Company shall not be liable for any failure of performance hereunder due to causes beyond its control, including, but not limited to: (1) acts of God, fires, flood or other catastrophes; (2) any law, order, regulation, directive, action or request of the United States Government, or any other government, including state and local governments having jurisdiction over the Company, or of any department, agency, commission, bureau, corporation or other instrumentality of any one or more of said governments, or of any civil or military authority; or (3) national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars or other labor difficulties.

2.3.D. The Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any other entity furnishing facilities, equipment, or services used by a Customer, with the Company's Services. In addition, the Company shall not be liable for any damages or losses due to the failure or negligence of any Customer or due to the failure of Customer Provided Equipment, facilities or services.

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2. Rules and Regulations - International Message Telecommunications Services (Cont'd)

2.4. Service Orders

The Customer must place an Application for Service with the Company to initiate, cancel or change the Services provided pursuant to this Tariff. All Applications for Services must be in writing and provide, at a minimum, the following information:

2.4.A. Customer's name(s), telephone number(s) and address(es). In the case of a corporation or partnership, a designated officer or agent shall be named as the contact person for such corporation or partnership.

2.4.B. Name(s), address(es) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to whom notices from the Company to the Customer shall be addressed, if different from (A) above.

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2. Rules and Regulations - International Message Telecommunications Services (Cont'd)

2.5. Charges and Payments for Service or Facilities

2.5.A. Deposits

2.5.A.1. The Company may, in order to safeguard its interests, require a Customer to make a suitable deposit or provide a surety bond or letter of credit in the amount of the required deposit as a guarantee of the payment of charges. The Company shall have the right to require the Customer to make a deposit prior to or at any time after provision of any Service, not to exceed two (2) months estimated charges. The Company may increase the amount of the deposit to reflect increases to the Customer's annual bill. The Customer will receive a receipt for the deposit.

2.5.A.2. Any deposit as referred to in this Section shall be held by the Company to secure the payment of the Customer's bill. At the Company's option, the deposit may be refunded or credited to the Customer at any time prior to the termination of Service.

2.5.A.3. Interest will be paid by the Company on all sums held on deposit at the rate established annually by the State Public Service Commission for customer deposits. The interest will be accrued for the period during which the deposit is held by the Company.

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2. Rules and Regulations - International Message Telecommunications Services (Cont'd)

2.5. Charges and Payments for Service or Facilities (Cont'd)

2.5.A. Deposits (Cont'd)

2.5.A.4. The fact that a deposit is made does not relieve the Customer from making advance payments or from complying with the Company's regulations for the payment of bills in accordance with the terms herein and does not constitute a waiver or modification of the regulations of the Company providing for the discontinuance of Service for nonpayment of any sums due the Company for Service rendered.

2.5.A.5. Upon termination of Service, and assuming deposits of the Customer are not applied as indicated in Section 2.5.A.2, the deposit will be credited to the Customer's account and any credit balance will be refunded after all amounts due the Company have been paid.

2.5.B. Description of Payment and Billing Periods

2.5.B.1. Service is provided and billed on a monthly basis. Service continues to be provided and billed on a monthly basis until canceled by the Customer through notice given to the Company.

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2.5.B.2. When billing functions are performed by a Local Exchange Carrier (LEC), commercial credit card company or others, the payment conditions and requirements of such LECs apply, including any applicable interest.

2.5.B.3. In the event a Local Exchange Carrier, commercial credit card company or others ceases efforts to collect any amounts associated with the Company's charges, the Company may bill the Customer or the called party directly, and may utilize its own billing and collection procedures which shall be consistent with all applicable statutes, rules and regulations.

2.5.C. Taxes, Gross Revenue, Gross Income, and Gross Earnings Surcharges

2.5.C.1. Sales tax is covered by state statute and other applicable taxes may be covered by state or federal statutes. Such taxes may be included on Customer bills in accordance with any applicable rules of the state or federal regulatory authority.

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2.5.C.2. In addition to all recurring, non-recurring, minimum, usage, surcharges or special charges, the Customer identified in this Tariff shall also be responsible for and shall pay all applicable federal, state and local taxes or surcharges, including sales, use, excise, gross earnings, and gross income taxes. All such taxes shall be separately shown and charged on bills rendered by Company or its billing agent. Sales and use taxes shall be applied to all charges and shall also be applied to all applicable gross earnings, gross revenue and gross income taxes.

2.5.D. Payment and Late Payment Charge

2.5.D.1. Payment will be due as specified on the Customer bill. Commencing after that due date, a late charge of up to the highest interest rate allowable by law will be applied to all amounts past due.

2.5.D.2. Collection procedures and the requirement for a deposit are unaffected by the application of a late payment charge. The late payment charge does not apply to

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2.5.D.2 (Cont'd)

unpaid balances associated with disputed amounts. Undisputed amounts on the same bill are subject to the late payment charge if unpaid and carried forward to the next bill.

2.5.D.3. Service may be denied or discontinued at the Company's discretion for nonpayment of amounts due the Company past the due date as specified in 2.5.D.1. Restoration of Service will be subject to all applicable installation charges.

2.5.E. Returned Check Charge

In cases where the Company issues direct bills to Customers, and payment by check is returned for insufficient funds, or is otherwise not processed for payment, there will be a charge as set forth herein. Such charge will be applicable on each occasion when a check is returned or not processed.

2.5.F. Suspension or Termination for Nonpayment

In the event of nonpayment of any bill rendered or any required deposit, the Company may, after written notice, suspend Service to the Customer.

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2.5. Charges and Payments for Service or Facilities (Cont'd)

2.5.G. Credit Allowances/Service Interruptions

- 2.5.G.1. Credit for failure of Service will be allowed only when failure is caused by or occurs in the Company's facilities or equipment owned, provided and billed for by the Company. A credit allowance is not applicable for any period during which Customer cannot utilize the Service, except for such period where the Service is interrupted by the Company for access to its facilities for the purposes of investigating and clearing troubles and/or maintenance.
- 2.5.G.2. Credit allowances for failure of Service or equipment starts when the Customer notifies the Company of the failure and ceases when the operation has been restored and an attempt has been made to notify the Customer by the Company.
- 2.5.G.3. The Customer shall notify the Company of failures of Service or equipment and make reasonable attempts to ascertain that the failure is not caused by Customer Provided Equipment or Customer provided facilities, any act, or omission of the Customer, or in wiring or equipment connected to the Customer's terminal.
- 2.5.G.4. Only those portions of the Service or equipment operation disabled will be credited.

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2.5. Charges and Payments for Service or Facilities (Cont'd)

2.5.H. Service Interruption Measurement (Cont'd)

2.5.H.2. A credit allowance will not be given for interruptions caused by the negligence or willful act of the Customer, or interruptions caused by failure of equipment or service not provided by the Company.

2.6. Termination or Denial of Service by Company

2.6.A. The Company may, immediately and without notice to the Customer, and without liability of any nature, temporarily deny, terminate, or suspend Service to any Customer:

2.6.A.1. In the event such Customer or its agent: (a) willfully damages the Company equipment, interferes with use of the Company's Service by other Customers of the Company; (b) unreasonably places capacity demands upon the Company's facilities or Service; or (c) violates any statute or provision of law, or any rule or regulation of any state or federal regulatory agency relating to communications; or (d) otherwise fails to comply with the provisions of this Tariff or applicable law; or

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2.6. Termination or Denial of Service by Company (Cont'd)

2.6.A. The Company may, immediately and without notice to the Customer, and without liability of any nature, temporarily deny, terminate, or suspend Service to any Customer: (Cont'd)

2.6.A.2. In the event a Customer becomes insolvent, is the subject of any formal legal proceeding commenced in a court involving a voluntary or involuntary petition or proceeding in bankruptcy, seeks protection or relief from creditors in a formal legal proceeding after a filing for such relief, or executes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or

2.6.A.3. In the event that the Company determines that any Service is being used fraudulently or illegally, whether by a Customer or its agent.

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2.7. Special Services

2.7.A. General

For the purpose of this Tariff, Special Services are deemed to be any Service requested by the Customer and provided by the Company for which there is no prescribed rate in this Tariff. Special Services charges will be developed on an individual case basis (ICB) and may be established by contract between the Company and the Customer. Such contract or ICB rates will be filed with the Commission for its approval if required by applicable rules and regulations.

2.7.B. When Applicable

Special Services rates apply in the following circumstances:

- 2.7.B.1. If at the request of the Customer, the Company obtains facilities not normally used by the Company to provide Service to its Customer;
- 2.7.B.2. If at the request of the Customer, the Company provides technical assistance not normally required to provide Service;
- 2.7.B.3. Where special signaling, conditioning, equipment, or other features are required to make Customer Provided Equipment compatible with the Company's Service;

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2.7. Special Services (Cont'd)

2.7.B. When Applicable (Cont'd)

2.7.B.4. When, at the specific request of the Customer, installation by the Company or its agent and/or routine maintenance is performed outside of the regular business hours.

2.7.B.5. If installation and/or routine maintenance is extended beyond normal business hours at the request of the Customer and these circumstances are not the fault of the Company, Special Service charges may apply. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to, stand-by in excess of one hour, weekend, holiday or night time cut-over, and additional installation testing in excess of the normal testing required to provide Service.

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2.7. Special Services (Cont'd)2.7.C. Cancellation

If a Customer orders Service requiring special facilities dedicated to the Customer's use and then cancels its order before the Service begins, before completion of any minimum Service periods associated with such special facilities ordered by the Company or before completion of some other period mutually agreed upon by the Customer and the Company, a charge will be made to the Customer for the nonrecoverable portions of expenditures or liabilities incurred expressly on behalf of the Customer by the Company and not fully reimbursed by installation and monthly charges. If, based on such an order, any construction has either begun or been completed, but no such Service provided, the nonrecoverable cost of such construction shall be borne by the Customer.

2.8. Special Pricing Arrangements

Customized Service packages and competitive pricing arrangements at negotiated rates may be furnished on a case-by-case basis in response to requests by Customers for proposals or for competitive bids. Special Pricing Arrangements offered under this Tariff will be provided to the Customer pursuant to contract. Unless otherwise specified, the regulations for such arrangements are in addition to the applicable regulations and prices in other sections of the Tariff. Specialized rates or charges will be made available to similarly situated Customers on a non-discriminatory basis. Such contracts will be filed with the Commission for approval if required by applicable rule or regulation.

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2.9. Special Construction

All rates and charges quoted in this Tariff provide for the furnishing of a Service when suitable facilities are available or where the construction of the necessary facilities does not involve unusual costs. When the revenue to be derived from the Service does not warrant the Company assuming the unusual costs of providing the necessary construction, the Customer may be required to pay all or a portion of such costs and to contract for the service for a sufficient period to warrant the construction, depending upon the circumstances in each case. The Company's charges for such special construction shall follow the same guidelines for establishing charges for Special Services as described in Section 2.7 of this Tariff.

2.10. Inspection, Testing and Adjustment

2.10.A. The Company may, upon reasonable notice, make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to investigate the installation, operation or maintenance of the Customer's or the Company's equipment or connecting facilities. The Company may interrupt Service at any time, without penalty or liability to itself, where necessary to prevent improper use of Service, equipment, facilities, or connections.

2.10.B. Upon reasonable notice, the facilities and equipment provided by the Company shall be made available to the Company for such tests and adjustments as may be necessary for its maintenance in a condition satisfactory to the Company. No interruption allowance will be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made, unless such interruption exceeds twenty-four (24) hours in length.

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2.11. Operator Services

2.11.A. Operator services will not be provided by the Company as part of the Service furnished by the Company.

3. General Classification and Description of the Company's Service - International Message Telecommunications Services

3.1 Service Points

3.1.A. The Company provides originating Service from domestic points in the United States to international points identified in this Tariff.

3.2. Measurements

3.2.A. Time-of-Day Rate Period

Time-of-Day Rate Periods are reflected in the rates found in Section 4, herein.

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3. General Classification and Description of the Company's Service -
International Message Telecommunications Services (Cont'd)

3.3 Timing of Calls

- 3.3.A. Calls are timed by the Company in six (6) second increments unless otherwise stipulated by the Company in this Tariff. "Ring-busy" and "ring-no-answer" calls will not knowingly be charged to the Customer and if charged in error, will be credited by the Company to the Customer. Timing begins at the "starting event" and ends at the "terminating event," unless otherwise specified. Time between the starting event and the terminating event is the call duration. The minimum call duration for a completed call is thirty (30) seconds, unless otherwise specified.
- 3.3.B. The starting event occurs when the Company's terminal experiences an "Incoming Signaling Protocol Successful," i.e., upon the seizure of an inbound trunk.
- 3.3.C. The terminating event occurs when the Company's terminal receives a signal from the Local Exchange Carrier that either the calling party or the called party has hung up.
- 3.3.D. There shall be no charge for unanswered calls. Upon receiving reasonable and adequate notice of billing from a Customer for any such call, the Company may issue a credit in an amount equal to the charge for the call. Calls which are in progress longer than one minute will be presumed to have been answered.

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3. General Classification and Description of the Company's Service -
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3.4. Method of Applying Rates

3.4.A. Calls that begin in one rate period and terminate in another will be billed for the entire call duration at the rate applicable at the commencement of the call.

3.4.B. Unless specified otherwise in this Tariff, the duration of each call for billing purposes will be rounded off to the nearest higher minute.

3.5. Promotional Discounts

The Company may from time to time offer promotional discounts. Such discounts will be for a specified period of time, will not exceed published rates, and will be offered to all qualifying Customers on a non-discriminatory basis, under any rules prescribed by the Commission.

3.6. Dialed International Message Telecommunications Services

3.6.A. Dialed International Message Telecommunications Services are measured use, full time services and are offered on a monthly basis, utilizing international communications facilities. When appropriate access arrangements exist, these switched services are available on a presubscription (equal access) basis.

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3.6. Dialed International Message Telecommunications Services
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3.6.B. Depending upon the service option chosen by the Customer, the charges for the use of such international communications facilities may be based upon the time of day, the total minutes of use and/or the distance of each call.

3.7. RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE.

3.8. RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE.

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4. Rates for International Message Telecommunications Service

4.1. Returned Check Charge

Customers whose payment by check is returned for insufficient funds, or is otherwise not processed for payment, may be subject to a returned check charge. Such charge may be applicable on each occasion when a check is returned or not processed.

Per Occasion\$ 15.00

4.2. Rate Schedules4.2.A. Standard Service

Rates for Direct Dialed International
Message Telecommunications Service

1+Residential & Business Rates to Canada

Day: \$.30/min (Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:59 p.m.)

Evening/Weekend: \$.18/min (Monday thru Friday, Saturday &
Sunday (5:00 p.m. - 7:59 a.m.))

1+Residential & Business Rates to Mexico

Please refer to Mexico Rate Schedule (Note: All direct
dialed calls made from North Dakota to Mexico will be subject
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1+International Rates Made From Domestic U.S.

Please refer to International Rate Schedule.

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BAND	NDLD STANDARD RATE	NDLD ECONOMY RATE
1	\$.28/minute*	\$.19/minute**
2	\$.30/minute*	\$.23/minute**
3	\$.50/minute*	\$.35/minute**
4	\$.63/minute*	\$.42/minute**
5	\$.83/minute*	\$.58/minute**
6	\$1.00/minute*	\$.70/minute**
7	\$1.25/minute*	\$.87/minute**
8	\$1.37/minute*	\$.95/minute**

* Standard rates are Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 6:59 p.m.

** Economy rates are Monday - Friday: 7:00 p.m. - 6:59 a.m.
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Sunday

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4.2. Rate Schedules (Cont'd)

4.2.A. Standard Service (Cont'd)

COUNTRY	NDLD STANDARD RATES	NDLD ECONOMY RATES	
Afghanistan	3.07	1.84	(calls need to be operator assisted)
Albania	3.00	1.80	
Algeria	2.14	1.29	
Amer. Samoa	2.01	1.21	
Andorra	0.75	0.45	
Angola	3.56	2.13	
Anguilla	1.50	0.90	
Antarctica	6.82	4.09	(government Base: Scott Base)
Scott Base	6.82	4.09	
Antigua (Barbuc	1.41	0.85	
Argentina	1.82	1.09	
Armenia	2.50	1.50	
Aruba	1.29	0.77	
Asc. Island	3.45	2.07	
Australia	0.73	0.44	
Austria	1.44	0.86	
Azerbaijani	2.42	1.45	
Bahamas	0.75	0.45	
Bahrain	2.02	1.21	
Bangladesh	2.73	1.64	
Barbados	1.52	0.91	
Belarus	2.50	1.50	
Belgium	1.20	0.72	
Belize	1.81	1.09	
Benin	2.19	1.32	
Bermuda	1.07	0.64	
Bhutan	5.02	3.01	
Bolivia	2.19	1.31	
Bosnia	2.79	1.67	
Botswana	2.03	1.22	
Brazil	1.45	0.87	
British VI	1.43	0.86	
Brunel	2.54	1.53	
Bulgaria	1.53	0.92	
Burkina Faso	1.64	0.99	

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4.2.A. Standard Service (Cont'd)

COUNTRY	NDLD STANDARD RATES	NDLD ECONOMY RATES	
Burundi	4.38	2.63	
Camvodia	4.22	2.53	
Cameroon	2.23	1.34	
Cape Verde Is	2.73	1.64	
Cayman Is.	1.41	0.85	
African Rep.	9.00	5.40	
Chad	4.78	2.87	
Chile	1.31	0.79	
China	2.71	1.62	
Xmas & Cocos	6.82	4.09	
Colombia	1.60	0.96	
Comoros	10.07	6.04	
Congo	2.66	1.60	
Cook Islands	4.97	2.98	
Costa Rica	1.43	0.86	
Croatia	1.95	1.17	
Cuba	1.90	1.14	
Cyprus	1.92	1.15	
Czech Rep.	1.68	1.01	
Denmark	1.13	0.68	
Diego Garcia	5.53	3.32	
Djibouti	3.14	1.88	
Dominica	1.47	0.88	
Dom. Republic	1.18	0.71	
Ecuador	.89	1.14	
Egypt	1.78	1.07	
El Salvador	1.69	1.01	
Egu. Guinea	7.33	4.40	
Eritrea	5.09	3.05	(using AT&T's rate periods)
Estonia	2.50	1.50	
Ethiopia	2.54	1.52	
Faeroe Islands	1.38	0.83	
Falkland Isl.	5.47	3.28	
Fiji Islands	2.93	1.76	
Finland	1.17	0.70	
France	0.75	0.45	

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4.2. Rate Schedules (Cont'd)

4.2.A. Standard Service (Cont'd)

COUNTRY	NDLD STANDARD RATES	NDLD ECONOMY RATES	
French Antilles	1.46	0.87	
French Guiana	1.99	1.19	
Fr. Polynesia	2.89	1.73	
Gabon	2.18	1.31	
Gambia	1.93	1.16	
Georgia	3.04	1.83	
Germany	0.78	0.47	
Ghana	2.40	1.44	
Gibraltar	1.90	1.14	
Greece	1.79	1.07	
Greenland	1.77	1.06	
Grenada	1.47	0.88	
Guadeloupe	1.44	0.87	
Guam	1.68	1.01	
Guan. Bay	1.69	1.01	
Guatemala	1.38	0.83	
Guinea	2.72	1.63	
Guinea Bissau	4.23	2.54	
Guyana	2.12	1.27	
Haiti	1.49	0.89	
Honduras	2.27	1.36	
Hong Kong	1.03	0.62	
Hungary	1.45	0.87	
Iceland	1.76	1.06	
India	1.95	1.17	
Indonesia	2.19	1.31	
Iran	3.24	1.94	
Iraq	2.94	1.76	
Ireland	1.28	0.77	
Israel	1.83	1.10	
Italy	1.23	0.74	
Ivory Coast	2.75	1.65	
Jamaica	1.66	1.00	
Japan	0.90	0.54	
Jordan	1.89	1.13	

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4.2.A. Standard Service (Cont'd)

COUNTRY	NDLD STANDARD RATES	NDLD ECONOMY RATES	
Kazakhstan	3.04	1.83	
Kenya	2.28	1.37	
Kiribati	6.46	3.87	
Kuwait	2.04	1.22	
Kyrgyzstan	3.04	1.83	
Laos	5.14	3.09	
Latvia	2.50	1.50	
Lebanon	2.32	1.39	
Lesotho	3.26	1.95	
Liberia	1.31	0.78	
Libya	3.37	2.02	
Liechtenstein	0.80	0.48	
Lithuania	2.50	1.50	
Luxembourg	1.18	0.71	
Macao	2.88	1.73	
Macedonia	3.71	2.23	
Madagascar	4.86	2.92	
Malawi	2.01	1.21	
Malaysia	1.40	0.84	
Maldives	4.21	2.53	
Mali Reupblic	3.18	1.91	
Malta	2.11	1.27	
Marisat-Altic	22.94	13.76	Government Bases: only AT&T rates will apply to these countries
Marisat-Indian	21.14	12.69	
Marisat-Pacific	23.66	14.20	
Marisat-W.Alt	22.57	13.54	
Marshall Isl.	2.84	1.71	
Mauritania	3.09	1.86	
Mauritius	3.52	2.11	
Mayotte Isl.	10.07	6.04	
Micronesia	2.64	1.59	
Moldova	3.04	1.83	
Monaco	0.75	0.45	
Mongolia	5.33	3.20	
Montserrat	1.43	0.86	

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4.2.A. Standard Service (Cont'd)

COUNTRY	NDLD STANDARD RATES	NDLD ECONOMY RATES	
Morocco	2.73	1.64	
Mozambique	3.54	2.12	
Myanmar (Burr)	6.46	3.88	
Nakhodka	2.13	1.28	
Namibia	3.10	1.86	
Nauru	3.26	1.95	
Nepal	2.85	1.71	
Netherlands	0.80	0.48	
Nthrls Antilles	1.11	0.67	
Nevis	1.49	0.90	
New Caledonia	2.84	1.71	
New Zealand	2.35	1.41	
Nicaragua	2.12	1.27	
Niger	2.95	1.77	
Nigeria	1.83	1.10	
Niue Island	7.37	4.42	
Norkfolk Island	6.82	4.09	
North Korea	(cannot make	calls to	North Korea)
Norway	0.75	0.45	
Oman	2.38	1.43	
Pakistan	2.76	1.65	
Palau	3.57	2.14	
Panama	1.76	1.06	
Papua Ngu	2.54	1.52	
Paraguay	2.10	1.26	
Peru	1.77	1.06	
Philippines	1.63	0.98	
Poland	1.42	0.85	
Portugal	1.53	0.92	
Qatar	2.43	1.46	
Reunion Island	3.26	1.96	
Romania	2.09	1.25	
Russia	2.13	1.28	
Rwanda	3.57	2.14	
Saipan	1.62	0.97	

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4. Rates for International Message Telecommunications Service
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4.2. Rate Schedules (Cont'd)

4.2.A. Standard Service (Cont'd)

COUNTRY	NDLD STANDARD RATES	NDLD ECONOMY RATES	
Sakahlia	2.13	1.28	
San Marino	2.67	1.60	
Sao Tome	4.24	2.54	
Saudi Arabia	2.07	1.24	
Senegal Rep.	2.98	1.79	
Seychelles	4.01	2.41	
Sierra Leone	2.65	1.59	
Singapore	0.98	0.59	
Slovakia	1.68	1.01	
Rep. Slovenia	3.12	1.87	
Solomon Isl.	3.31	1.99	
Somalia	4.58	2.75	(using AT&T's rate periods)
South Africa	1.66	0.99	
South Korea	1.45	0.87	
Spain	1.47	0.88	
Sri Lanka	3.08	1.85	
St. Helena	3.70	2.22	
St. Kitts	1.49	0.90	
St. Lucia	1.51	0.90	
St. Pierre	1.43	0.86	
St. Vincent	1.50	0.90	
Sudan	1.90	1.14	(using AT&T's rate periods)
Suriname	2.40	1.44	
Swaziland	2.11	1.27	
Sweden	0.70	0.42	
Switzerland	0.80	0.48	
Syria	3.14	1.89	
Taiwan	1.39	0.84	
Tajikistan	2.50	1.50	
Tanzania	2.08	1.25	
Thailand	1.89	1.13	
Togo	3.21	1.93	
Tonga Islands	3.42	2.05	
Trinidad	1.73	1.04	
Tunisia	2.18	1.31	

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4. Rates for International Message Telecommunications Service
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4.2. Rate Schedules (Cont'd)

4.2.B. Calling Card Service

4.2.B.1. Calling Card Rates and Surcharges for calls made to Canada.

Residential Flat Rate: \$.50 Surcharge/call \$.35/min
Business Flat Rate: \$.40 Surcharge/call \$.33/min

4.2.B.2 Calling Card Rates and Surcharges for calls made to Mexico.

Residential: \$.80 Surcharge/call
Business: \$.80 Surcharge/call

Calling Card Rates per minute will be the same as Direct Dialed Calls to Mexico. Please see attached rate schedule for calls to Mexico.

4.2.B.3 Calling Card Rates and Surcharges for calls made to international countries from U.S.

Residential: \$.50 Surcharge/call
Business: \$.40 Surcharge/call

Calling Card Rates per minute will be the same as the international list for direct dialed calls.

4.2.B.4 Calling Card Rates and Surcharges for calls made from Canada to U.S. (Domestic).

Residential Flat Rate: \$1.50 Surcharge/call \$.35/min
Business: Flat Rate: \$1.50 Surcharge/call \$.35/min

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4.2. Rate Schedules (Cont'd)

4.2.B. Calling Card Service (Cont'd)

4.2.B.5 Calling Card Rates made from the following
International countries to the United States.

International Origination	Standard Rates	Economy Rates
Australia	\$2.00/min	\$1.38/min
France	\$1.35/min	\$1.25/min
Germany	\$1.25/min	\$1.15/min
Hong Kong	\$1.43/min	\$1.33/min
Israel	\$2.50/min	\$1.35/min
Italy	\$1.13/min	\$1.03/min
Japan	\$2.50/min	\$1.35/min
Korea	\$2.50/min	\$1.35/min
Netherlands	\$1.18/min	\$1.08/min
Switzerland	\$1.30/min	\$1.20/min
United Kingdom	\$1.30/min	\$1.20/min

** Customers are only able to make calling card calls from the above mentioned international countries to the United States. All calling card calls made from these international countries to the United States will have a \$.50/call surcharge assessed to them.**

4.2.C. Inbound 800# Rates and Monthly Fees from Canada

	Monthly Fee	Day	Eveng/Wnd
Residential Flat Rate:	\$2.00	\$.43/min	\$.37/min
Business Flat Rate:	\$5.00	\$.39/min	\$.35/min

4.2.D. Directory Assistance Rates

DA calls made within U.S., including DA calls made to
Canada \$.80/call

DA calls made to international countries, including
Mexico \$3.95/call

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OF CHARGES APPLICABLE TO
MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES
FURNISHED BY

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BETWEEN POINTS
WITHIN THE UNITED STATES
FOR INTERSTATE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES
FOR INTERSTATE CUSTOMERS
AS PROVIDED FOR HEREIN.

All material in this Tariff is new.

Service is provided by means of wire, radio, terrestrial, or satellite facilities or any combination thereof, as specified herein.

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CONCURRING CARRIERS

None

CONNECTING CARRIERS

None

OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

None

REGISTERED SERVICE MARKS

None

REGISTERED TRADEMARKS

None

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- (C) - To signify changed regulation
- (D) - To signify discontinued rate of regulation
- (I) - To signify increase
- (M) - To signify matter relocated without change
- (N) - To signify new rate or regulation
- (R) - To signify reduction
- (S) - To signify reissued matter
- (T) - To signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation
- (Z) - To signify a correction

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INTERSTATE MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
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1. General

1.1 Application of Tariff

1.1.A This Tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to the provision of Interstate Message Telecommunications Service, hereinafter referred to as "Service", by North Dakota Long Distance, LLC, hereafter referred to as the "Company", from its points of presence in the states of North Dakota and Minnesota to domestic points, as specified herein. Service is furnished subject to the availability of facilities and subject to transmission, atmospheric and like conditions.

1.1.B The provision of such Service by the Company as set forth in this Tariff does not constitute a joint undertaking with the Customer for the furnishing of any Service.

1.2 Definitions

Certain terms used throughout this Tariff are defined as follows:

1.2.A Access Code

A sequence of numbers that, when dialed, connect the caller to the Provider associated with that sequence.

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1. General (Cont'd)

1.2 Definitions (Cont'd)

1.2.B Aggregator

Any person that, in the ordinary course of its operations, makes telephones available to the public or to transient users of its premises, for interstate telephone calls.

1.2.C Application for Service

A standard order form which includes all pertinent billing, technical, and other descriptive information which will enable the Company to provide the Service as required.

1.2.D Authorization Code

A numerical code, one or more of which may be assigned to a Customer to enable the Company to identify the origin of the user or individual users or groups of users on one account so that the Company may rate and bill the call.

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1. General (Cont'd)

1.2 Definitions (Cont'd)

1.2.E Billed Party

The person or entity responsible for payment of the Company's service for an Operator Assisted Call, as follows:

- (A) in the case of a Room Charge call, the Subscriber;
- (B) in the case of a Calling Card or Credit Card call, the holder of the calling card or credit card used by the consumer; and
- (C) in the case of a Collect or Third Party call, the person responsible for the local telephone service at the telephone number that agrees to accept charges for the call.

1.2.F Call Splashing

The transfer of a telephone call from one provider of operator services to another such provider in such a manner that the subsequent provider is unable or unwilling to determine the location of the origination of the call and, because of such inability or unwillingness, is prevented from billing the call on the basis of such location.

1.2.G Commission

The Federal Communications Commission.

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1. General (Cont'd)

1.2 Definitions (Cont'd)

1.2.H Common Carrier

A company or entity providing telecommunications services to the public.

1.2.I Company

North Dakota Long Distance, LLC, unless the context indicates otherwise.

1.2.J Consumer

A person initiating any interstate telephone call.

1.2.K Customer

Any individual, partnership, association, trust, corporation, cooperative or governmental agency or other entity which utilizes the Services provided by the Company on a subscription basis. A Customer, as set forth herein, is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with all applicable terms of the Company's Tariff.

1.2.L Customer Dialed Calling Card Call

A Calling Card Call which is dialed by the Customer and may or may not require intervention by an attended operator position to complete.

1.2.M Customer Provided Equipment

Terminal Equipment or facilities provided by persons other than the Company and connected to the Company's Services and/or facilities.

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1. General (Cont'd)

1.2 Definitions (Cont'd)

1.2.N Dialed Access

An arrangement whereby a Customer uses the public switched network facilities of a local exchange telephone company to access the terminal of the Company.

1.2.O Domestic Message Telecommunications Service (MTS)

The term "Domestic Message Telecommunications Service" denotes the furnishing of station-to-station direct dial interstate switched network services to the Customer for the completion of long distance voice and dial up low speed data transmissions over voice grade channel from the Company's Points of Presence to domestic points as specified herein.

1.2.P Equal Access

Has the meaning given that term in Appendix B of the Modification of Final Judgment entered August 24, 1982, in United States v. Western Electric, Civil Action No. 82-0192 (United States District Court, District of Columbia), as amended by the Court in its orders issued prior to October 17, 1990.

1.2.Q Equal Access Code

An access code that allows the public to obtain an Equal Access connection to the carrier associated with that code.

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1. General (Cont'd)

1.2 Definitions (Cont'd)

1.2.R Local Exchange Carrier (LEC)

A telephone company which furnishes local exchange services.

1.2.S Measured Usage Charge or Measured Charge

A charge assessed on a per-minute basis in calculating all or a portion of the charges due for a completed call over the Company's facilities.

1.2.T Operator Assisted Call

An interstate telephone connection completed through the use of the Company Operator Services.

1.2.U Operator Service Charge

A non-measured (fixed) charge which is added to a measured charge in calculating the total Tariff charges due for a completed Operator Assisted Call.

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1. General (Cont'd)

1.2 Definitions (Cont'd)1.2.V Operator Services

Any interstate telecommunications service initiated from an Aggregator location that includes, as a component, any automatic or live assistance to a consumer to arrange for billing or completion, or both, of an interstate telephone call through a method other than:

- (A) automatic completion with billing to the telephone from which the call originated; or
- (B) completion through an access code used by the Consumer, with billing to an account previously established with the carrier by the Consumer.

1.2.W Other Common Carrier

The term "Other Common Carrier" denotes a common carrier, other than the Company, providing domestic or international communications service to the public.

1.2.X Premises

The space designated by a Customer as its place or places of business for provision of Service or for its own communications needs.

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1. General (Cont'd)

1.2 Definitions (Cont'd)

1.2.Y Presubscribed Provider of Operator Services

The interstate Provider of Operator Services to which the Consumer is connected when the Consumer places a call using a Provider of Operator Services without dialing an access code.

1.2.Z Provider of Operator Services

Any common carrier that provides operator Services or any other person determined by the Federal Communications Commission to be providing Operator Services.

1.2.AA Service

The offerings by the Company to the Customer under this Tariff.

1.2.BB Subscriber

An Aggregator that selects the Company as the Presubscribed provider of Operator Services for one or more locations within that Aggregator's control.

1.2.CC Subscriber Surcharge

A surcharge imposed by the Subscriber, to be paid by the consumer, for the use of Subscriber's telephone instruments, and other facilities in obtaining access to the Company's services.

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1. General (Cont'd)

1.2 Definitions (Cont'd)

1.2.DD Telecommunications

The transmission of voice communications or, subject to the transmission capabilities of the service, the transmission of data, facsimile, signalling, metering, or any other form of intelligence.

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2. Rules and Regulations - Interstate Message Telecommunications Services

2.1 Undertaking of the Company

2.1.A Scope

The Company is a carrier providing interstate domestic communications services to Customers for their direct transmission of voice, data and other types of telecommunications within the United States as described in this Tariff.

2.1.B Limitations

1. The services provided pursuant to this Tariff are offered subject to the availability of facilities and the other provisions of this Tariff.
2. The Company does not undertake to transmit communications or messages, but rather furnishes facilities, Service and equipment for such transmissions by the Customer.
3. The Company retains the right to deny Service to any Customer which fails to comply with the rules and regulations of this Tariff, or other applicable rules, regulations or laws.

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2. Rules and Regulations - Interstate Message Telecommunications Services (Cont'd)

2.2 Obligations of the Customer

- 2.2.A All Customers assume general responsibilities in connection with the provision and use of the Company's Service. General responsibilities are described in this section. When facilities, equipment, and/or communication systems provided by others are connected to the Company's facilities, the Customer assumes the additional responsibilities as set forth in Section 2.2, herein.
- 2.2.B The Customer is responsible for the payment of all charges for any and all Services or facilities provided by the Company to the Customer.
- 2.2.C Subject to availability, the Customer may use specific codes to identify the users groups on its account and to allocate the cost of its service accordingly. The numerical composition of such codes shall be set forth by the Company to assure compatibility with the Company's accounting and automation systems and to avoid duplication of such specific codes.
- 2.2.D The Company reserves the right to discontinue the use of any code provided to the Customer and to substitute another code for such Customer's use.
- 2.2.E The Customer shall indemnify and save harmless the Company from and against all loss, liability, damage and expense, including reasonable counsel fees, due to claims for libel, slander, or infringement of copyright or trademark in connection with any material

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2. Rules and Regulations - Interstate Message Telecommunications
Services (Cont'd)

2.2 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.2.E (Cont'd)

transmitted by the Customer using the Company's Services; and any other claim resulting from any act or omission of the Customer to the use of the Company's facilities.

2.2.F Nothing contained herein, or in any other provision of this Tariff, or in any marketing materials issued by the Company shall give any Customer or person any ownership interest or proprietary right in any particular code issued by Company; provided, however, that a Customer that continues to subscribe to Company's Services will be provided a replacement code in the event such Customer's initial code is canceled.

2.2.G The Customer shall reimburse the Company for damages to the Company's facilities caused by any negligence or willful act or acts on the part of the Customer.

2.2.H The Customer shall pay and hold the Company harmless from the payment of all charges for service ordered by the Customer from the Local Exchange Carriers or other entities for telecommunications services and/or facilities connecting the Customer and the Company.

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2. Rules and Regulations - Interstate Message Telecommunications
Services (Cont'd)

2.2 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.2.I In the event a suit is brought by the Company, or an attorney is retained by the Company to collect any bill or enforce the terms of this Tariff against a Customer, that Customer shall be responsible for payment of all reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, costs of investigation and any and all other related costs and expenses incurred by the Company in connection therewith.

2.2.J The Customer understands that the Services are furnished subject to the condition that there will be no abuse, fraudulent and/or illegal use thereof. Such activity includes, but is not limited to:

2.2.J.1 Using the Service for any purpose which is in violation of any law.

2.2.J.2 Obtaining or attempting to obtain Services through any scheme, false representation and/or use of any fraudulent means or devices whatsoever with the intent to avoid payment, in whole or in part, of charges for Services, or assisting any other person or firm in such regard.

2.2.J.3 Attempting to, or actually obtaining, accessing, altering, or interfering with the communications and/or information by rearranging, tampering with or making any connection with any facilities of the Company or assisting any other person or firm in such regard.

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2. Rules and Regulations - Interstate Message Telecommunications
Services (Cont'd)

2.2 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.2.J The Customer understands that the Services are furnished subject to the condition that there will be no abuse, fraudulent and/or illegal use thereof. Such activity includes, but is not limited to: (Cont'd)

2.2.J.4 Using the Services in a manner that interferes unreasonably with the use of Service by one or more other Customers.

2.2.J.5 Using the Service to convey information deemed to be obscene, salacious, or prurient, to impersonate another person with fraudulent or malicious intent, to call another person or persons so frequently, at such times, or in such a manner as to annoy, abuse, or harass, or to convey information of a nature or in a manner that renders such conveyance unlawful.

2.2.K The Customer, not the Company, shall be responsible for compliance with FCC Rules, 47 C.F.R. Part 68, and for all maintenance of such equipment and/or facilities.

2.3 Liabilities of the Company

2.3.A Except as stated in this Section 2.3, the Company shall have no liability for damages of any kind arising out of or related to events, acts, rights or privileges contemplated in this Tariff.

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2.3 Liabilities of the Company (Cont'd)

2.3.B The liability of the Company 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 shall not exceed an amount equal to the charges under this Tariff applicable to the specific call (or portion thereof) that was affected. No other liability shall attach to the Company.

2.3.C The Company shall not be liable for any failure of performance hereunder due to causes beyond its control, including, but not limited to: (1) acts of God, fires, flood or other catastrophes; (2) any law, order, regulation, directive, action or request of the United States Government, or any other government, including state and local governments having jurisdiction over the Company, or of any department, agency, commission, bureau, corporation or other instrumentality of any one or more of said governments, or of any civil or military authority; or (3) national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars or other labor difficulties.

2.3.D The Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any other entity furnishing facilities, equipment, or services used by a Customer, with the Company's Services. In addition, the Company shall not be liable for any damages or losses due to the failure or negligence of any Customer or due to the failure of Customer Provided Equipment, facilities or services.

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2.4 Service Orders

The Customer must place an Application for Service with the Company to initiate, cancel or change the Services provided pursuant to this Tariff. All Applications for Services must be in writing and provide, at a minimum, the following information:

2.4.A Customer's name(s), telephone number(s) and address(es). In the case of a corporation or partnership, a designated officer or agent shall be named as the contact person for such corporation or partnership.

2.4.B Name(s), address(es) and telephone number(s) of person(s) to whom notices from the Company to the Customer shall be addressed, if different from (A) above.

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2.5 Charges and Payments for Service or Facilities

2.5.A Deposits

2.5.A.1 The Company may, in order to safeguard its interests, require a Customer to make a suitable deposit or provide a surety bond or letter of credit in the amount of the required deposit as a guarantee of the payment of charges. The Company shall have the right to require the Customer to make a deposit prior to or at any time after provision of any Service, not to exceed two (2) months estimated charges. The Company may increase the amount of the deposit to reflect increases to the Customer's annual bill. The Customer will receive a receipt for the deposit.

2.5.A.2 Any deposit as referred to in this Section shall be held by the Company to secure the payment of the Customer's bill. At the Company's option, the deposit may be refunded or credited to the Customer at any time prior to the termination of Service.

2.5.A.3 Interest will be paid by the Company on all sums held on deposit at the rate established annually by the North Dakota Public Service Commission for customer deposits. The interest will be accrued for the period during which the deposit is held by the Company.

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2.5 Charges and Payments for Service or Facilities (Cont'd)

2.5.A Deposits (Cont'd)

2.5.A.4 The fact that a deposit is made does not relieve the Customer from making advance payments or from complying with the Company's regulations for the payment of bills in accordance with the terms herein and does not constitute a waiver or modification of the regulations of the Company providing for the discontinuance of Service for nonpayment of any sums due the Company for Service rendered.

2.5.A.5 Upon termination of Service, and assuming deposits of the Customer are not applied as indicated in Section 2.5.A.2, the deposit will be credited to the Customer's account and any credit balance will be refunded after all amounts due the Company have been paid.

2.5.B Description of Payment and Billing Periods

2.5.B.1 Service is provided and billed on a monthly basis. Service continues to be provided and billed on a monthly basis until canceled by the Customer through notice given to the Company.

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2.5 Charges and Payments for Service or Facilities (Cont'd)

2.5.B Description of Payment and Billing Periods
(Cont'd)

2.5.B.2 When billing functions are performed by a Local Exchange Carrier (LEC), commercial credit card company or others, the payment conditions and requirements of such LECs apply, including any applicable interest.

2.5.B.3 In the event a Local Exchange Carrier, commercial credit card company or others ceases efforts to collect any amounts associated with the Company's charges, the Company may bill the Customer or the called party directly, and may utilize its own billing and collection procedures which shall be consistent with all applicable statutes, rules and regulations.

2.5.C Taxes, Gross Revenue, Gross Income, and Gross Earnings Surcharges

2.5.C.1 Sales tax is covered by state statute and other applicable taxes may be covered by state or federal statutes. Such taxes may be included on Customer bills in accordance with any applicable rules of the state or federal regulatory authority.

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2.5 Charges and Payments for Service or Facilities (Cont'd)

2.5.C Taxes, Gross Revenue, Gross Income, and Gross
Earnings Surcharges (Cont'd)

2.5.C.2 In addition to all recurring, non-recurring, minimum, usage, surcharges or special charges, the Customer identified in this Tariff shall also be responsible for and shall pay all applicable federal, state and local taxes or surcharges, including sales, use, excise, gross earnings, and gross income taxes. All such taxes shall be separately shown and charged on bills rendered by Company or its billing agent. Sales and use taxes shall be applied to all charges and shall also be applied to all applicable gross earnings, gross revenue and gross income taxes.

2.5.D Payment and Late Payment Charge

2.5.D.1 Payment will be due as specified on the Customer bill. Commencing after that due date, a late charge of up to the highest interest rate allowable by law will be applied to all amounts past due.

2.5.D.2 Collection procedures and the requirement for a deposit are unaffected by the application of a late payment charge. The late payment charge does not apply to

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2.5 Charges and Payments for Service or Facilities (Cont'd)

2.5.D Payment and Late Payment Charge (Cont'd)

2.5.D.2 (Cont'd)

unpaid balances associated with disputed amounts. Undisputed amounts on the same bill are subject to the late payment charge if unpaid and carried forward to the next bill.

2.5.D.3 Service may be denied or discontinued at the Company's discretion for nonpayment of amounts due the Company past the due date as specified in 2.5.D.1. Restoration of Service will be subject to all applicable installation charges.

2.5.E Returned Check Charge

In cases where the Company issues direct bills to Customers, and payment by check is returned for insufficient funds, or is otherwise not processed for payment, there will be a charge as set forth herein. Such charge will be applicable on each occasion when a check is returned or not processed.

2.5.F Suspension or Termination for Nonpayment

In the event of nonpayment of any bill rendered or any required deposit, the Company may, after written notice, suspend Service to the Customer.

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2.5 Charges and Payments for Service or Facilities (Cont'd)

2.5.G Credit Allowances/Service Interruptions

- 2.5.G.1 Credit for failure of Service will be allowed only when failure is caused by or occurs in the Company's facilities or equipment owned, provided and billed for by the Company. A credit allowance is not applicable for any period during which Customer cannot utilize the Service, except for such period where the Service is interrupted by the Company for access to its facilities for the purposes of investigating and clearing troubles and/or maintenance.
- 2.5.G.2 Credit allowances for failure of Service or equipment starts when the Customer notifies the Company of the failure and ceases when the operation has been restored and an attempt has been made to notify the Customer by the Company.
- 2.5.G.3 The Customer shall notify the Company of failures of Service or equipment and make reasonable attempts to ascertain that the failure is not caused by Customer Provided Equipment or Customer provided facilities, any act, or omission of the Customer, or in wiring or equipment connected to the Customer's terminal.
- 2.5.G.4 Only those portions of the Service or equipment operation disabled will be credited.

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2.5.G Credit Allowances/Service Interruptions
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2.5.G.5 Any credit provided to the Customer under this Tariff shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.5.H.

2.5.H Service Interruption Measurement

2.5.H.1 In the event of an interruption of Service that exceeds the minimum requirements set forth in this paragraph, the Company shall make a credit allowance at the Customer's request for a pro rata adjustment of all Service charges billed by the Company for Services rendered inoperative by the interruption. The credit allowance will be computed by dividing the duration of the service interruption measured in twenty-four (24) hour days, from the time the interruption is reported to the Company, by a standard thirty (30) day month, and then multiplying the result by the Company's fixed monthly charges for each interrupted Service.

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2.5 Charges and Payments for Service or Facilities (Cont'd)

2.5.H Service Interruption Measurement (Cont'd)

2.5.H.2 A credit allowance will not be given for interruptions caused by the negligence or willful act of the Customer, or interruptions caused by failure of equipment or service not provided by the Company.

2.6 Termination or Denial of Service by the Company

2.6.A The Company may, immediately and without notice to the Customer, and without liability of any nature, temporarily deny, terminate, or suspend Service to any Customer:

2.6.A.1 In the event such Customer or its agent: (a) willfully damages the Company equipment, interferes with use of the Company's Service by other Customers of the Company; (b) unreasonably places capacity demands upon the Company's facilities or Service; or (c) violates any statute or provision of law, or any rule or regulation of any state or federal regulatory agency relating to communications; or (d) otherwise fails to comply with the provisions of this Tariff or applicable law; or

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2.6 Termination or Denial of Service by Company (Cont'd)

2.6.A The Company may, immediately and without notice to the Customer, and without liability of any nature, temporarily deny, terminate, or suspend Service to any Customer: (Cont'd)

2.6.A.2 In the event a Customer becomes insolvent, is the subject of any formal legal proceeding commenced in a court involving a voluntary or involuntary petition or proceeding in bankruptcy, seeks protection or relief from creditors in a formal legal proceeding after a filing for such relief, or executes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or

2.6.A.3 In the event that the Company determines that any Service is being used fraudulently or illegally, whether by a Customer or its agent.

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For the purpose of this Tariff, Special Services are deemed to be any Service requested by the Customer and provided by the Company for which there is no prescribed rate in this Tariff. Special Services charges will be developed on an individual case basis (ICB) and may be established by contract between the Company and the Customer. Such contract or ICB rates will be filed with the Commission for its approval if required by applicable rules and regulations.

2.7.B When Applicable

Special Services rates apply in the following circumstances:

- 2.7.B.1 If at the request of the Customer, the Company obtains facilities not normally used by the Company to provide Service to its Customer;
- 2.7.B.2 If at the request of the Customer, the Company provides technical assistance not normally required to provide Service;
- 2.7.B.3 Where special signaling, conditioning, equipment, or other features are required to make Customer Provided Equipment compatible with the Company's Service;

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2.7 Special Services (Cont'd)

2.7.B When Applicable (Cont'd)

2.7.B.4 When, at the specific request of the Customer, installation by the Company or its agent and/or routine maintenance is performed outside of the regular business hours.

2.7.B.5 If installation and/or routine maintenance is extended beyond normal business hours at the request of the Customer and these circumstances are not the fault of the Company, Special Service charges may apply. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to, stand-by in excess of one hour, weekend, holiday or night time cut-over, and additional installation testing in excess of the normal testing required to provide Service.

2.7.C Cancellation

If a Customer orders Service requiring special facilities dedicated to the Customer's use and then cancels its order before the Service begins, before completion of any minimum Service periods associated with such special facilities ordered by the Company or before completion of some other period mutually agreed upon by the Customer and the Company, a charge will be made to the Customer for the nonrecoverable portions of expenditures or liabilities incurred expressly on behalf of the Customer by the Company and not fully reimbursed by installation and monthly charges. If, based on such an order, any

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construction has either begun or been completed, but no such Service provided, the nonrecoverable cost of such construction shall be borne by the Customer.

2.8 Special Pricing Arrangements

Customized Service packages and competitive pricing arrangements at negotiated rates may be furnished on a case-by-case basis in response to requests by Customers for proposals or for competitive bids. Special Pricing Arrangements offered under this Tariff will be provided to the Customer pursuant to contract. Unless otherwise specified, the regulations for such arrangements are in addition to the applicable regulations and prices in other sections of the Tariff. Specialized rates or charges will be made available to similarly situated Customers on a non-discriminatory basis. Such contracts will be filed with the Commission for approval if required by applicable rule or regulation.

2.9 Special Construction

All rates and charges quoted in this Tariff provide for the furnishing of a Service when suitable facilities are available or where the construction of the necessary facilities does not involve unusual costs. When the revenue to be derived from the Service does not warrant the Company assuming the unusual costs of providing the necessary construction, the Customer may be required to pay all or a portion of such costs and to contract for the service for a sufficient period to warrant the construction, depending upon the circumstances in each case. The Company's charges for such special construction shall follow the same guidelines for establishing charges for Special Services as described in Section 2.8 of this Tariff.

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2.10 Inspection, Testing and Adjustment

2.10.A The Company may, upon reasonable notice, make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to investigate the installation, operation or maintenance of the Customer's or the Company's equipment or connecting facilities. The Company may interrupt Service at any time, without penalty or liability to itself, where necessary to prevent improper use of Service, equipment, facilities, or connections.

2.10.B Upon reasonable notice, the facilities and equipment provided by the Company shall be made available to the Company for such tests and adjustments as may be necessary for its maintenance in a condition satisfactory to the Company. No interruption allowance will be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made, unless such interruption exceeds twenty-four (24) hours in length.

2.11 Directory Assistance and Toll Services

2.11.A Directory assistance and operator services will be provided by the Company as part of the Service furnished by the Company. The Customer will be billed usage at the appropriate rate when a call is placed from its telephone to directory assistance.

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3.1 Service Points

3.1.A The Company provides Service from domestic
points identified in this Tariff to domestic
points in the United States.

3.2 Measurements

3.2.A Time-of-Day Rate Period

Time-of-Day Rate Periods are reflected in the
rate found in Section 4, herein.

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3.2 Measurements (Cont'd)

3.2.B Availability of Service

The Service is available at the rates listed in Section 4, through subscription to any of the domestic message telecommunication service offerings available from the Company. Each of these offerings utilize the same rate schedules but have different rates and billing increments for each of the rate schedules.

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3.3 Timing of Calls

- 3.3.A Unless otherwise indicated in this Tariff, calls are timed by the Company in six (6) second increments. "Ring-busy" and "ring-no-answer" calls will not knowingly be charged to the Customer and if charged in error, will be credited by the Company to the Customer. Timing begins at the "starting event" and ends at the "terminating event," unless otherwise specified. Time between the starting event and the terminating event is the call duration. The minimum call duration for a completed call is six (6) seconds, unless otherwise specified.
- 3.3.B The starting event occurs when the Company's terminal experiences an "Incoming Signaling Protocol Successful," i.e., upon the seizure of an inbound trunk.
- 3.3.C The terminating event occurs when the Company's terminal receives a signal from the Local Exchange Carrier that either the calling party or the called party has hung up.
- 3.3.D There shall be no charge for unanswered calls. Upon receiving reasonable and adequate notice of billing from a Customer for any such call, the Company may issue a credit in an amount equal to the charge for the call. Calls which are in progress longer than one minute will be presumed to have been answered.

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3.3 Timing of Calls (Cont'd)

3.3.E Domestic Message Telecommunications Service rates are quoted in terms of initial and additional minutes. The initial minute is the first minute or any fraction thereof after connection is made. The additional minute is each minute or any fraction thereof after the initial minute.

3.3.F The time of day at the calling party rate center determines what Time-of-Day rate period applies.

3.4 Computation of Distance

3.4.A All calls are rated on the basis of airline mileage locations of the caller and the called party, regardless of the call's routing.

3.4.B Airline mileage is obtained by using the "V" and "H" coordinates assigned to each point. To determine the airlines distance between any two cities, the airline mileage is determined as follows:

3.4.B.1 Obtain the "V" and "H" coordinates for each city.

3.4.B.2 Obtain the difference between the "V" coordinates of each of the cities. Obtain the difference between the "H" coordinates.

3.4.B.3 Square each difference obtained in step 2, above.

3.4.B.4 Add the square of the "V" difference and the "H" difference obtained in step 3, above.

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3.4.B (Cont'd)

3.4.B.5 Divide the number obtained in step 4 by 10. Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction is obtained.

3.4.B.6 Obtain the square root of the whole number obtained in step 5 above. Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction is obtained. This is the airline mileage.

3.5 Method of Applying Rates

3.5.A Calls that begin in one rate period and terminate in another will be billed at the rate applicable for each respective minute of the call.

3.5.B Unless specified otherwise in this Tariff, the duration of each call for billing purposes will be rounded off to the nearest higher six (6) second increment.

3.6 Promotional Discounts

The Company may from time to time offer promotional discounts. Such discounts will be for a specified period of time, will not exceed published rates, and will be offered to all qualifying Customers on a non-discriminatory basis, under any rules prescribed by the Commission.

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3.7 Dialed Domestic Message Telecommunications Services

3.7.A Dialed Domestic Message Telecommunications Services are measured use, full time services and are offered on a monthly basis, utilizing interstate communications facilities. When appropriate access arrangements exist, these switched services are available on a presubscription (Equal Access) basis. Otherwise, the Services require that a Customer access the Company's network via an alternative access code arrangement such as "950-XXXX" plus the Customer's security code, a toll-free "1-800" telephone number with the Customer's security code, or via "1-0-XXXX" code with Customer security code.

3.7.B Depending upon the service option chosen by the Customer, the charges for the use of such domestic interstate communications facilities may be based upon the time of day, the total minutes of use and/or the distance of each call.

3.7.C All Customers shall be charged the rates identified in Section 4.2.A for Residential Customers and in Section 4.2.B for Business Customers.

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3.8 Calling Card Service

3.8.A Calling Card Service permits Customers which have arranged for a Company-issued calling card to make calling card calls throughout the domestic United States through the use of a specific "1-800" telephone number provided by the Company. The rates for this service are provided for in Section 4.2.D, herein.

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3.9 800 Service

3.9.A 800 Service is a one-way inbound service originating on feature group facilities provided by the Company and terminating on a regular telephone line. The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges associated with such terminating calls rather than the calling party.

3.10 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE.

3.11 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE.

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4. Rates for Interstate Message Telecommunications Service

4.1 Returned Check Charge

Customers whose payment by check is returned for insufficient funds, or is otherwise not processed for payment, will be subject to a returned check charge. Such charge will be applicable on each occasion when a check is returned or not processed.

Per Occasion\$15.00

4.2 Rate Schedules4.2.A Residential Direct Dial Service

1. Flat Rate Plan \$.155/min.

4.2.B Business Direct Dial Service

1. Flat Rate Plan \$.14/min.

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The Company issues the North Dakota Long Distance, LLC Calling Card, and also allows Customers to utilize the line-based Calling Cards of other local exchange carriers. Different pricing applies to the utilization of other carriers' line-based Calling Cards.

2. Surcharge for Calling Card Service

Residential	\$.50 per call
Business Corporate	\$.40 per call

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4.2.C Calling Card Service (Cont'd)

3. Calling Card Rate Schedule

North Dakota Long Distance, LLC Calling
Card

Calling Card Calls completed with the
North Dakota Long Distance, LLC Calling
Card are available at the rates specified
below:

Residential Plan

Day, Evening, Night, Weekend \$.25/min.

Business Plan

Day, Evening, Night, Weekend \$.23/min.

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In addition to the Monthly Recurring Charge and the Usage Charge described in this Section, an Installation Charge per line for each 800 Service terminating line shall be assessed at the rate specified below:

No Charge

2. Monthly Recurring Charge

In addition to the Usage Charge described in this Section, there shall be assessed a monthly charge per line for each 800 Service terminating line at the rates specified below:

Residential \$2.00/month

Business \$5.00/month

3. Usage Charge

800 Service is available at the same usage sensitive (per-minute) rate as specified below:

Residential .23/min daytime*
.20/min evening & weekend**

Business .14/min daytime*
.14/min evening & weekend**

*Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:59 p.m.

**Monday thru Friday 5:00 p.m. to 7:59 a.m., all day Saturday and Sunday.

Issued: April 30, 1997

Effective: May 1, 1997

Issued by:

North Dakota Long Distance, LLC
P.O. Box 857
Devils Lake, North Dakota 58301

INTERSTATE MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
AND OPERATOR SERVICES

5. Directory Assistance

5.1 Directory Assistance

Interstate Directory Assistance calls obtained by dialing 1-NPA-555-1212 will be completed at the rates specified below:

\$.80 per call

6. TDD Rates

6.1 1+ Residential Rates for TDD calls made in U.S.

Flat Rate \$.15/min

6.2 1+ Business Rates for TDD calls made in U.S.

Flat Rate \$.14/min

6.3 Calling Card Rates for TDD calls made in U.S.

Residential: \$.50 surcharge/call \$.23/min

Business: \$.40 surcharge/call \$.20/min

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800 Number

We offer our 800 Number to customers with no start-up costs, and calls are made from anywhere your calls are made. Numbers are necessary for a number and no additional charge to have an 800 Number. You can have a telephone in your home, office, or business, and you can have a 800 Number.

If you have a child

and a telephone and you

are a resident of 800

Monthly Fee \$2.00

Evening/Weekend 20¢ a minute

Day Rate 23¢ a minute

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1-800-597-NDLD

P.O. Box 857

501-3rd St.

Devils Lake 58301-0857

Locally: (701) 662-7350

Fax: (701) 662-7955

I would like to know how I can switch to North Dakota Long Distance, please call or send me more information!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Send to ND Long Distance or insert in your next local telephone payment envelope if customer of one of the local telephone companies.

*When you need to
hear those little
voices the most...*



Photo by Bill Harris

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Long Distance**

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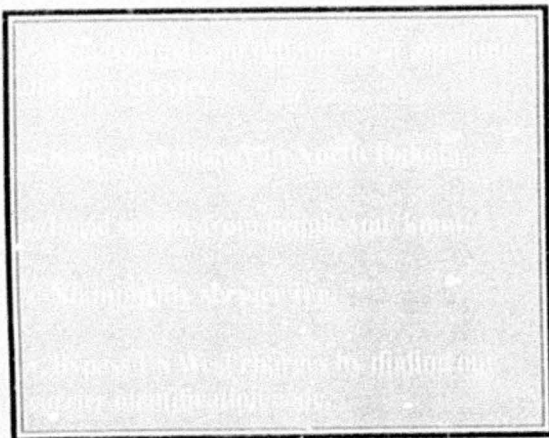
Five Owners

Dickey Rural Telecommunications - Ellendale
Dakota Central Co-op - Carrington
North Dakota Telephone Company - Devils Lake
United Telephone - Langdon
Polar Communications - Park River

Our purpose is to provide our customers with quality state of the art long distance services. Call anywhere in the world with ND Long Distance.

Call today to check availability in your area.

Our purpose is to provide our customers with quality state of the art long distance services. Moreover, our owners are proud to provide service throughout North Dakota. Call today to check on availability in your area.



Residential Calling Plans Made Easy

Are you fed up with all those long distance calling plans and promises made to you? Avoid the confusion... North Dakota Long Distance offers two flat rates per minute that are easy to remember no matter where you call in the domestic United States.

Out-of-State Calls

15.5¢

Anytime/Anywhere

In State Calls

15¢

Anytime/Anywhere

Make Traveling Easier With Your North Dakota Long Distance Calling Card



Residential
Calling Card

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ND Long Distance calling cards are easy to use! If you are making last minute business or vacation plans, a card can be issued to you fast and conveniently (1-2 days).

They can be used in the United States and internationally as well. You will see your calling card charges on your regular phone bill.

The easy-to-follow instructions on the back of your card will take you through the steps to complete a call from anywhere.

- 1 Dial 1-800-966-6353 (NDLDD) to access the network.
- 2 Enter your personal card number printed on the front of the card.
- 3 Dial area code + number you wish to call.

Just 25¢ a minute

Surcharge per call 50¢

AUTOMATIC DIALING EQUIPMENT

Automatic dialing equipment (auto dialer) is an added component to your phone system and is a great way for businesses to save money on their intralata toll.

Business customers eligible for dialers is based on the following:

\$75-\$125 Average Monthly Toll Bill; installation fee will be \$45, but maintenance for the dialer will be free of charge.

\$126+ Average Monthly Toll Bill; free installation and free maintenance.

CORPORATE CALLING CARDS

If you are a frequent traveler and do a lot of long distance calling while you are gone, a North Dakota Long Distance Corporate Card is a MUST!



*Corporate
Calling Card*

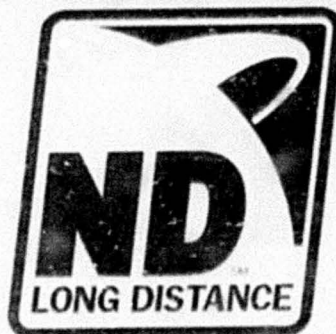
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23c/Min. - Anytime/Anywhere
40c Surcharge

PREPAID CALLING CARDS

Prepaid calling cards are paid for in advance and can be used immediately to make long distance telephone calls. They can be purchased at North Dakota Long Distance or at your telephone company for **just 25¢ a minute**. Sold in increments of \$10, \$20, \$50.

Prepaid calling cards are a great gift idea and can be used with your next promotion...everyone appreciates a free long distance call!



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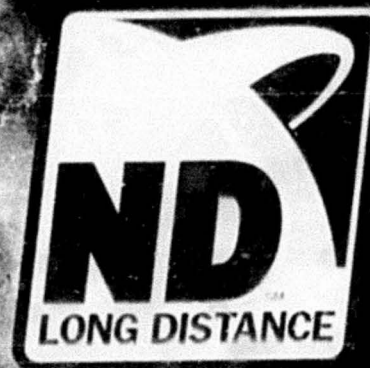
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Name _____

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Phone# _____

Send to ND Long Distance or insert in your next local telephone payment envelope if customer of one of the five companies



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YOUR GLOBAL CONNECTION

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Our purpose is to provide our customers with quality state of the art long distance services. Call anywhere in the world with ND Long Distance.

Call today to check availability in your area.

To save you even more money, all domestic direct dialed and inbound calls are billed in 6 second increments so you pay for the time you actually spend talking.

6 Second Increments

As of January 1997, North Dakota Long Distance can proudly say that we are a member of Pride of Dakota. We look forward to serving you so we can help the economy of North Dakota grow and keep quality products in the state. We invite you to bring your long distance back home.

PRIDE OF DAKOTA
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Regardless of your company's size or its specific communication requirements, North Dakota Long Distance can help you achieve your business objectives by bundling all of your telecommunication needs. Call anywhere in the domestic United States and remember these simple flat rates!

IN-STATE CALLS

15¢

A MINUTE ANYTIME/ANYWHERE

OUT-OF-STATE CALLS

14¢

A MINUTE ANYTIME/ANYWHERE

CALL CANADA

18¢/MIN.
(6:00 PM - 7:59 PM)
ON WEEKENDS

30¢/MIN.
(6:00 AM - 5:00 PM)
MON-FRI

ACCOUNT CODE FEATURE

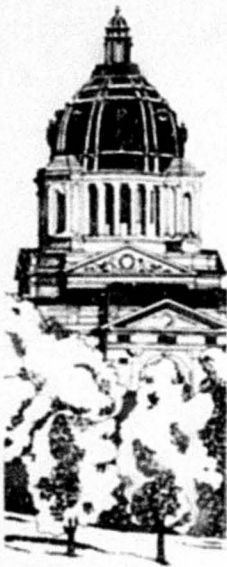
North Dakota Long Distance can provide businesses with a detailed telephone bill, using account assignments. The Account Code feature is ideal for businesses who need an itemized statement identified for each long distance call being made. An assigned code helps identify each call by state, place, time, duration and cost. A summary of calls by account code will help you identify long distance usage by department or individual employee.

TOLL FREE SERVICE

1-800 or 888 service is designed to help your business grow by expanding your market. Increase the exposure of your products and services to existing prospective customers by advertising your toll free number.

- Secure your existing toll-free number for consistent recognition.
- Calls will ring into your existing businesses.
- A toll free number can make a small business look Big!
- Monthly bill will detail where your calls are coming from so you can see where the majority of your customers are located.
- An affordable addition to increase customer service within your business.

MONTHLY FEE: \$5.00
SAME GREAT RATES
WHEN YOUR CUSTOMERS
CALL YOU ON YOUR
1-800-NUMBER(S)!



South Dakota Public Utilities Commission



State Capitol Building, 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070
VIA FAX: 701-662-7955

February 17, 1998

Ms. Juli Schafer-DeVier
Operations Manager
North Dakota Long Distance
P. O. Box 857
Devils Lake, ND 58301-0857

RE: APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
North Dakota Long Distance

Dear Ms. Schafer-DeVier:

We received your Application for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company in the state of South Dakota. Pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3, telecommunication companies shall submit a \$250 application fee when filing:

SDCL 49-31-3: Each telecommunications company shall file an application for a certificate of authority with the commission no less than sixty days prior to initiating any telecommunications service in this state. Each telecommunications company shall submit a two hundred fifty dollar application fee with its application which shall be deposited into the gross receipts tax fund established pursuant to § 49-1A-2.

Also, you must send us the original application plus 10 copies. Since you only sent us the original, please send us 10 copies of your application, together with your check in amount of \$250.00 for the filing fee.

We cannot take any action on your application until we receive the applicable fee and 10 copies of your application.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Delaine Kolbo
Legal Secretary

Capitol Office
Telephone (605)773-3201
FAX (605)773-3809

Transportation/
Warehouse Division
Telephone (605)773-5280
FAX (605)773-3225

Consumer Hotline
1-800-332-1782

TTY Through
Relay South Dakota
1-800-877-1113

Internet
bill@puc.state.sd.us

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Harlan Best
Deputy Director-Fixed Utilities Division
Public Utilities Commission
500 E Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Dear Mr. Best:

Enclosed are the 10 copies of the original Application for Certificate of Authority as well as the \$250.00 application fee as required pursuant to SDCL 49-31-3.

If you need any further information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Juli Schafer-DeVier,
Operations Manager

Locally Owned By:

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North Dakota Telephone Company

Polar Communications
United Telephone

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02/19/1998		SD Pub Util Com PSC Filing fee	6728.	250.00
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PLEASE DETACH BEFORE CASHING

North Dakota Long Distance LLC

P O Box 180
Devils Lake ND 58301

GENERAL FUND

No. 001591

First American Bank
P.O. Box 883 • 801 5th Ave South
Devils Lake, ND 58301 • (701) 662-2100

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Two Hundred Fifty and no/100

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600 EAST CAPITOL AVE
PIERRE SD 57501-5070

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South Dakota
Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol 500 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-5070
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Fax: (605) 773-3809

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE FILINGS

These are the telecommunications service filings that the Commission has received for the period of:

02/20/98 through 02/26/98

If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact Delaine Kolbo within five days of this filing.

DOCKET NUMBER	TITLE/STAFF/SYNOPSIS	DATE FILED	INTERVENTION DEADLINE
REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY			
TC98-055	Application by Western Tele-Communications, inc./Retail Sales Group d/b/a People Link by TCI for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: TS/CH) "Applicant seeks to provide intrastate toll service from points of origin in South Dakota to destination points in South Dakota, other parts of the United States, and foreign countries. Applicant intends to offer these services under a variety of means, initially by means of prepaid debit calling cards. Applicant intends to provide services as a non-facilities based carrier, and will not construct any new facilities in South Dakota to implement the authority sought herein. Applicant does not intend to provide local exchange service. Applicant's Prepaid Calling Card will be offered at a fixed dollar amount."	02/20/98	03/13/98
TC98-056	Application by North Dakota Long Distance for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: TS/CH) Applicant seeks to provide "long distance services which include prepaid calling cards, travel cards, 10XXX, international calling, and 800/888# service....North Dakota Long Distance will resell the above listed services through a contract with WorldCom. NDLD does not own or maintain any lines."	02/23/98	03/13/98
TC98-057	Application by SmartStop, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: DJ/KC) "Applicant seeks...authority to serve, 800 WATS, and 1+ prepaid telecard services COCOT (COPT) and IPP to the general public....Such authority would include twenty-four hour origination and termination intrastate interLATA and intraLATA calls for customers, and to operate as a Travel and Prepaid Card reseller and Independent Payphone Provider (IPP). SmartStop is not applying for authorization to provide Operator services."	02/23/98	03/13/98
TC98-058	Application by Nova Telecom, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: DJ/KC) "Applicant is a reseller which intends to offer 1+ direct dialing, 800 toll free, travel card and prepaid calling card service through the resale of telephone services provided by facilities-based interexchange carriers."	02/23/98	03/13/98
TC98-059	Application by CSI Corp for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: TS/KC) "Applicant proposes to offer switched and dedicated access "1+" long distance telecommunications services suitable for voice and limited data applications in the state of South Dakota. The applicant does not propose to provide alternative operator services."	02/23/98	03/13/98

TC98-060	Application by U.S. Telco, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to operate as a telecommunications company within the state of South Dakota. (Staff: TS/CH) "Applicant plans to provide on a resale basis, pre-paid monthly recurring, flat-rate local exchange service, including extended area service, toll restriction, call control options, tone dialing, custom calling services, and any other services available on a resale basis from U S WEST, the underlying incumbent local exchange carriers. Applicant will not construct, own or lease any facilities for the provision of its local services. Applicant hereby requests authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services throughout the state of South Dakota. Applicant intends to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services in those areas currently served by U S WEST and any other relevant incumbent facilities-based LECs."	02/25/98	03/13/98
PETITION TO UTILIZE NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT			
TC98-061	Dakota Telecom, Inc. and Dakota Telecommunications Systems, Inc. filed a petition to utilize, in its entirety, the negotiated agreement between Sprint Communications Company, L.P. and U S WEST Communications, Inc. which was filed for approval with the Commission on August 27, 1997, and which was approved by the Commission, subject to minor revisions, on November 18, 1997. (Staff: HB/KC)	02/25/98	

Important Notice: The Commission is compiling a list of internet addresses. If you have an internet address please notify the Commission by E-mailing it to Terry Norum at: terryn@puc.state.sd.us Faxing the address to the Commission at 605-773-3809



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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Harlan Best
Deputy Director-Fixed Utilities Division
Public Utilities Commission
500 E Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

FAX Received MAY 14 1998

Dear Mr. Best:

Enclosed you will find the requested information for the application for a certificate of authority to conduct telecommunications business in South Dakota.

1. The certificate of authority from the Secretary of State's office.
2. The registered agent if South Dakota is: Andrew Spillum
200 N Phillips
Sioux Falls, SD 57102
3. North Dakota Long Distance does not own or control any subsidiaries.
4. A copy of the revised tariff the has the company's address and 1-800 number for complaint resolution as well as the Commission's address and 1-800 number.
5. The \$25,000 indemnity bond as required.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

Juli Schafer-DeVier
Operations Officer

INDEMNITY BOND

To The

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Bond No. 497900

We, North Dakota Long Distance, LLC the principal and applicant for a CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY to resell long distance telecommunications services within the State of South Dakota, and Old Republic Surety Company, as an admitted surety insurer, bind ourselves unto the Public Service Commission of the State of South Dakota and the consumers of South Dakota as Obligees, in the sum of \$25,000.00.

The conditions of the obligation are such that the principal, having been granted such CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY subject to the provision that said principal purchase this Indemnity Bond, and if said principal shall in all respects fully and faithfully comply with all applicable provisions of South Dakota State Law, and reimburse customers of North Dakota Long Distance, LLC for any prepayment or deposits they have made which may be unable or unwilling to return to said customers as a result of insolvency or other business failure, then this obligation shall be void, discharged and forever exonerated, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This bond shall take effect as the date hereon and shall remain in force and effect until the surety is released from liability by the written order of the Public Service Commission, provided that the surety may cancel this Bond and be relieved of further liability hereunder by delivering thirty (30) days written notice to the Public Service Commission. Such cancellation shall not affect any liability incurred or accrued hereunder prior to the termination of said thirty (30) day period.

Dated this 13th day of April, 1998.
To be effective this 13th day of April, 1998.

By North Dakota Long Distance, LLC

X Jui Schaefer-DeVin

Principal

Countersigned this 9th day of April, 1998

Countersigned for South Dakota

By Lera A. Karen
Resident Agent

By Old Republic Surety Company

Surety

By Randall C. Lebahn

Attorney in Fact
RANDALL C. LEBAHN

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bottom desk drawer.*

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY, a Wisconsin stock insurance corporation, does make, constitute and appoint:

ROGER A. UNRUH, W. PAUL MANDT, RANDALL C. LEBAHN, OF JAMESTOWN, ND

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority for and on behalf of the company as surety, to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company thereto (if a seal is required), bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, (other than bail bonds, bank depository bonds, mortgage deficiency bonds, mortgage guaranty bonds, guarantees of installment paper and note guaranty bonds, self-insurance workers compensation bonds guaranteeing payment of benefits, asbestos abatement contract bonds, waste management bonds, hazardous waste remediation bonds or black lung bonds), as follows:

ALL WRITTEN INSTRUMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED AN AGGREGATE OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) ----- FOR ANY SINGLE OBLIGATION, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF INSTRUMENTS ISSUED FOR THE OBLIGATION.

and to bind OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY thereby, and all of the acts of said Attorneys-in-Fact, pursuant to these presents, are ratified and confirmed. This document is not valid unless printed on colored background and is multi-colored. This appointment is made under and by authority of the board of directors at a special meeting held on February 18, 1982. This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the board of directors of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY on February 18, 1982.

RESOLVED that the president, any vice president, or assistant vice president in conjunction with the secretary or any assistant secretary, may appoint attorneys-in-fact or agents with authority as defined or limited in the instrument evidencing the appointment in each case, for and on behalf of the company to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company to bonds, undertakings, recognizances, and suretyship obligations of all kinds; and said officers may remove any such attorney-in-fact or agent and revoke any Power of Attorney previously granted to such person.

RESOLVED FURTHER that any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or suretyship obligation shall be valid and binding upon the Company

- (i) when signed by the president, any vice president or assistant vice president, and attested and sealed (if a seal be required) by any secretary or assistant secretary, or
- (ii) when signed by the president, any vice president or assistant vice president, secretary or assistant secretary, and countersigned and sealed (if a seal be required) by a duly authorized attorney-in-fact or agent, or
- (iii) when duly executed and sealed (if a seal be required) by one or more attorneys-in-fact or agents pursuant to and within the limits of the authority evidenced by the Power of Attorney issued by the company to such person or persons.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the company; and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its proper officer, and its corporate seal to be affixed this 16TH day of OCTOBER, 1997

OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY

David G. Menzel
Assistant Secretary



James E. Lee
President

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF WAUKESHA -- SS

On this 16TH day of OCTOBER, 1997, personally came before me, JAMES E. LEE and DAVID G. MENZEL, to me known to be the individuals and officers of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY who executed the above instrument, and they each acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, did severally dispose and say, that they are the said officers of the corporation aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the above instrument is the seal of the corporation, and that said corporate seal and their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority of the board of directors of said corporation.



Sharon A. Rogers
Notary Public
My commission expires 02/18/2001

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, assistant secretary of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY, a Wisconsin corporation, CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked, and furthermore, that the Resolutions of the board of directors set forth in the Power of Attorney, are now in force.

40-1283



Signed and sealed at the City of Brookfield, WI this 9TH day of APRIL, 1998

Geraldine J. Stelter
Assistant Secretary

FARMERS UNION SERVICE ASSN.

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NORTH DAKOTA LONG DISTANCE, LLC

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INTERNATIONAL MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

CHECK SHEET

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INTERNATIONAL MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

5. Contact Information

5.1. Company Information

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Devils Lake, ND 58301-0857

Phone: 1-800-597-NDLD
E-mail: nodakld@daktel.com

5.2. Commission Information

South Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capital Building
500 East Capital Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Phone: 1-800-332-1782

Issued: ISSDATE

Issued by:

North Dakota Long Distance, LLC
P.O. Box 857
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INTERSTATE MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE
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7. **Contact Information**

7.1 Company Information

North Dakota Long Distance
P.O. Box 857
501 3rd Street
Devils Lake, ND 58301-0857

Phone: 1-800-597-NDLD
E-mail: nodakld@daktel.com

7.2 Commission Information

South Dakota Public Service Commission
State Capital Building
500 East Capital Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Phone: 1-800-332-1782

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500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota
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TDD (605) 773-5010



JOYCE HAZELTINE
Secretary of State

TOM LECKEY
Deputy

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

FROM: Joyce Hazeltine, Secretary of State
Corporations

RE: FOREIGN CORPORATION

The application for certificate of authority has been received and filed on behalf of the name enclosed.

Enclosed is the Certificate attached to the duplicate application along with a receipt for the filing fee.

SDCL: 47-9-3 requires the filing of a corporate annual report with our office between the anniversary date of qualification and prior to the first day of the second month following. The report is due the year following qualification. An annual report form will be mailed to the corporate address listed in number five on the application for timely filing. Please contact our office if the corporate address changes or if the form is not received.

Thank you.

State of South Dakota



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

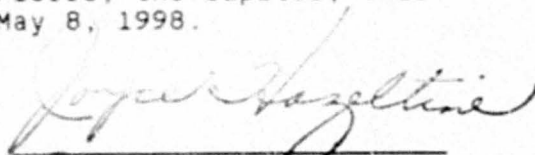
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

I, JOYCE HAZELTINE, Secretary of State of the State of South Dakota, hereby certify that the Application for a Certificate of Authority of NORTH DAKOTA LONG DISTANCE LLC (ND) transact business in this state duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of the South Dakota Limited Liability Company Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I hereby issue this Certificate of Authority and attach hereto a duplicate of the application to transact business in this state under the name of NORTH DAKOTA LONG DISTANCE LLC.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, at Pierre, the Capital, this May 8, 1998.


JOYCE HAZELTINE
Secretary of State

Secretary of State
State of South Dakota
500 E. Capitol
Pierre SD 57501-5070
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**CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY APPLICATION
OF A
FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

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1. The name of the foreign Limited Liability Company is:

NORTH DAKOTA LONG DISTANCE LLC

2. The name of the state or country under whose law it is organized is: ND

3. The street address of its principal office is:

P.O. Box 857
DEVILS LAKE, ND 58301

4. The address of its initial designated office in South Dakota is:

N/A

5. The name and street address of its initial agent for service of process in South Dakota is:

ANDREW SPILLUM
200 N PHILLIPS
SIOUX FALLS, SD 57102

6. The period of duration is: PERPETUAL

7. If the company is manager-managed, rather than member-managed, the name and address of each initial manager:

Dakota Central Telecom. - Robert Hill, General Manager
ND Telephone Co. - David Dircks, General Manager
Polar Communications - David Dunning, General Manager
United Telephone - Kenneth Carlson, General Manager
Dickey Rural Telecom. - Roger Johnson, General Manager

PO Box 299, Carrington, ND 58421-0299
PO Box 857, Devils Lake, ND 58301-0857
PO Box 270, Park River, ND 58270-0270
PO Box 729 Langdon, ND 58249-0729
PO Box 69, Ellendale, ND 58436-0069

8. Whether one or more of the members of the company are to be liable for its debts and obligations under a provision similar to section 303(c).

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The application must be signed by a member if the company is a member-managed company or by a manager if its a manager-managed company.

Date: 4/17/98


Signature and title

Filing Instructions:

- The application for authority must be accompanied by the first annual report.
- One original and one exact or conformed copy must be submitted.
- The application must be accompanied by an original, currently dated Certificate of Good Standing or Existence from the Secretary of State in the state where it is organized.
- Filing fee: see attached annual report

8. Whether one or more of the members of the company are to be liable for its debts and obligations under a provision similar to section 303(c).

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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is:

NORTH DAKOTA LONG DISTANCE, LLC

2. The state or country under whose law it is organized is:

NORTH DAKOTA

3. The address of its registered office and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process in South Dakota is: REGISTERED OFFICE SAME AS AGENT:

AGENT: ANDREW SPILLUM

200 N PHILLIPS

SIOUX FALLS, SD 57102

4. The address of its principal office is:

P.O. Box 857

DEVILS LAKE ND 58301

5. The names and business addresses of any managers:

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PO Box 299, Carrington, ND 58421-0299

ND Telephone Co. - David Dircks, General Manager

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6. The dollar amount of the total agreed contributions to the limited liability company is \$AM IN EXCESS OF \$50,000.

Date: 4/17/98

[Signature]
Signature & Title

* FILING FEE:

AGREED CONTRIBUTION

Not in excess of \$50,000

\$50,001 to \$100,000

In excess of \$100,000

FEE

\$ 90

\$150

\$150 for first \$100,000 plus \$.50
for each additional \$1,000

The maximum amount charged may not exceed sixteen thousand dollars.

State of North Dakota

SECRETARY OF STATE



CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

OF

NORTH DAKOTA LONG DISTANCE, LLC

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of North Dakota, hereby certifies that NORTH DAKOTA LONG DISTANCE, LLC, a North Dakota limited liability company, was issued a certificate of organization on July 11, 1996 and, according to the records of this office as of this date, has paid all fees due this office as required by North Dakota statutes governing a North Dakota limited liability company.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Good Standing to

NORTH DAKOTA LONG DISTANCE, LLC

April 28, 1997

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

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April 28, 1997

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Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FILED

JUN 27 1997

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jon Anderson".

Secretary of State

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
NORTH DAKOTA LONG DISTANCE, LLC FOR)
A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN)
SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
CERTIFICATE OF
AUTHORITY

TC98-056

On February 23, 1998, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, received an application for a certificate of authority from North Dakota Long Distance, LLC (NDLD).

NDLD proposes to offer long distance services which will include prepaid calling cards, travel cards, 10XXX, international calling, and 800/888 service. NDLD will resell the above listed services through a contract with WorldCom. NDLD does not own or maintain any lines. A proposed tariff was filed by NDLD. The Commission has classified long distance service as fully competitive.

On February 26, 1998, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 13, 1998, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed and at its regularly scheduled June 11, 1998, meeting, the Commission considered NDLD's request for a certificate of authority. Commission Staff recommended granting a certificate of authority.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Chapter 49-31, specifically 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02 and 20:10:24:03. The Commission finds that NDLD has met the legal requirements established for the granting of a certificate of authority. NDLD has, in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3, demonstrated sufficient technical, financial and managerial capabilities to offer telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Commission approves NDLD's application for a certificate of authority. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that NDLD's application for a certificate of authority is hereby granted. It is

FURTHER ORDERED, that NDLD shall file informational copies of tariff changes with the Commission as the changes occur.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of June, 1998.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By <u><i>Melanie Kaelin</i></u>
Date <u>6/19/98</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY

To Conduct Business As A Telecommunications Company
Within The State Of South Dakota

Authority was Granted June 11, 1998
Docket No. TC98-056

This is to certify that

NORTH DAKOTA LONG DISTANCE, LLC

is authorized to provide telecommunications services in South Dakota.

This certificate is issued in accordance with SDCL 49-31-3 and ARSD 20:10:24:02, and is subject to all of the conditions and limitations contained in the rules and statutes governing its conduct of offering telecommunications services

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of June, 1998.

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION:



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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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