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INTRASTATE INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

This Tariff contains the descriptions, regulations and rates applicable to the furnishing of intrastate, interexchange telecommunications services provided by Convergia, Inc. within the State of Idaho. This Tariff is on file with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission. Copies may also be inspected during normal business hours at the Company's principal place of business, 237 Hymus Boulevard, Pointe Claire, Quebec H9R 5C7.

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CONCURRING CARRIERS

None

CONNECTING CARRIERS

None

OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

None

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- (C) To signify **changed** condition or regulation
- (D) To signify **deleted or discontinued** rate, regulation or condition
- (I) To signify a change resulting in an **increase** to a Customer's bill
- (M) To signify that material has been **moved from** another Tariff location
- (N) To signify a **new** rate, regulation condition or sheet
- (R) To signify a change resulting in a **reduction** to a Customer's bill
- (T) To signify a change in **text** but no change to rate or charge

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- A. **Sheet Numbering** - Sheet numbers appear in the heading of each sheet. Sheets are numbered sequentially. However, occasionally, when a new sheet is added between sheets already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new sheet added between sheets 14 and 15 would be 14.1.

- B. **Sheet Revision Numbers** - Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each sheet. These numbers are used to determine the most current sheet version on file with the Commission. For example, the 4th revised Sheet 14 cancels the 3rd Revised Sheet 14. Because of various suspension periods, deferrals, etc. the Commission follows in its Tariff approval process, the most current sheet number on file with the Commission is not always the sheet in effect. Consult the Check Sheet for the sheet currently in effect.

- C. **Paragraph Numbering Sequence** - There are nine levels of paragraph coding. Each level of code is subservient to its next higher level:
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SECTION 1 - APPLICATION OF TARIFF

This Tariff sets forth the rates, terms, and conditions applicable to the provision of specialized resold intrastate common carrier telecommunications services by Convergia, Inc. between various locations within the State of Idaho.

All services are interstate offerings. Intrastate service is an add-on service available only if the Customer subscribes to the Company's interstate offerings.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1. TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Account Code:

A numerical code, one or more of which are available to a Customer to enable identification of individual users or groups of users on an account and to allocate costs of service accordingly.

Called Station:

The terminating point of a call (*i.e.*, the called number).

Calling Card:

A card issued by Company containing such account numbers assigned to its Customer which enables the charges for calls made to be properly billed on a pre-arranged basis.

Commission:

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission").

Company:

Convergia, Inc. ("Convergia")

Credit Card:

A valid bank or financial organization card, representing an account to which the costs of products and services purchased by the card holder may be charged for future payment. Such cards include those issued by VISA or MasterCard.

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2.1. TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS, Continued

Debit Card

A valid bank or financial organization card, representing an account from which the costs of products and services purchased by the cardholder may be charged.

Customer:

The person, firm, corporation or other entity which orders or uses service and is responsible for payment of charges and compliance with tariff regulation.

Dedicated Access:

Non-switched access between a Customer's premises and the point of presence of the Company's underlying carrier.

Disconnect or Disconnection:

The termination of a circuit connection between the originating station and the called station or the Company's operator.

Prepaid Calling Card:

A card issued by the Company permitting users to purchase a predetermined amount of access to the Company's long distance service prior to the use of Service(s). Also called a debit card.

Subscriber:

See "Customer" definition.

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2.1. TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS, Continued

“800” (Toll Free) Number:

An interexchange service offered pursuant to this tariff for which the called party is assigned a unique 800-NXX-XXXX, 888-NXX-XXXX, 877-NXX-XXXX number, or other designated toll-free NPA area code), and is billed for calls terminating to that number.

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2.2. UNDERTAKING OF THE COMPANY

- 2.2.1. Company's services are furnished for telecommunications originating and terminating in any area within the State of Idaho.
- 2.2.2. Company is a non-facilities-based provider of resold interexchange telecommunications to Customers for their direct transmission and reception of voice, data, and other types of communications.
- 2.2.3. Company resells access, switching, transport, and termination services provided by other interexchange carriers.
- 2.2.4. Subject to availability, the Customer may use account codes to identify the users or user groups on the Customer's account. The numerical composition of the codes shall be set by Company to assure compatibility with the Company's accounting and billing systems and to avoid the duplication of codes.
- 2.2.5. The Company's services are provided on a monthly basis unless otherwise provided, and are available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.
- 2.2.6. Request for service under this Tariff will authorize the Company to conduct a credit search on the Customer. The Company reserves the right to refuse service on the basis of credit history, and to refuse further service due to late payment or nonpayment by the Customer.

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2.3. LIMITATIONS OF SERVICE

- 2.3.1. Service is offered subject to availability of the necessary facilities and/or equipment and subject to the provisions of this Tariff.
- 2.3.2. Company reserves the right to immediately disconnect service without incurring liability when necessitated by conditions beyond the Company's control or when the Customer is using the service in violation of either the provisions of this Tariff or the Commission rules.
- 2.3.3. The Company does not undertake to transmit messages, but offers the use of its facilities when available, and will not be liable for errors in transmission or for failure to establish connections.
- 2.3.4. The Customer obtains no property right or interest in the use of any specific type of facility, service, equipment, telephone number, process or code. All rights, titles and interests remain, at all times, solely with the Company.
- 2.3.5. Prior written permission from the Company is required before any assignment or transfer. All regulations and conditions contained in this Tariff shall apply to all such permitted assignees or transferees, as well as all conditions of service.
- 2.3.6. The Company reserves the right to refuse an application for service by a present or former Customer who is indebted to the Company for service previously rendered pursuant to this Tariff until the indebtedness is satisfied.

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2.4. USE

- 2.4.1. Service may be used for the transmission of communications by the Customer for any lawful purpose for which the service is technically suited.
- 2.4.2. Service may not be used for any unlawful purpose or for any purpose for which any payment or other compensation is received by the Customer, except when the Customer is a duly authorized and regulated common carrier. This provision does not prohibit an arrangement between the Customer, authorized user or joint user to share the cost of service.
- 2.4.3. Application for service may be made verbally or in writing. The name(s) of the Customer(s) desiring to use the service must be set forth in the application for service.
- 2.4.4. The Company strictly prohibits use of the Company's services without payment or an avoidance of payment by the Customer by fraudulent means or devices including providing falsified calling card numbers or invalid calling card numbers to the Company, providing falsified or invalid credit card numbers to the Company or in any way misrepresenting the identity of the Customer.

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2.5. LIABILITIES OF THE COMPANY

- 2.5.1. The liability of the Company for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission occurring in the course of furnishing service or other facilities and not caused by the negligence of the Customer, commences upon activation of service and in no event exceeds an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the Customer for the period of service during which such mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission occur. For the purpose of computing such amount, a month is considered to have thirty (30) days. To the extent permitted by law, the Company will in no event be responsible for any indirect, incidental, consequential, reliance, special, lost revenue, lost savings, lost profits, or exemplary or punitive damages, regardless of the form of action, whether in contract, tort, negligence of any kind whether active or passive, strict liability or otherwise. The terms of this Section shall apply notwithstanding the failure of any exclusive remedy.
- 2.5.2. Company is not liable for any act or omission of any other company or companies furnishing a portion of the service.

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2.5. GENERAL LIABILITIES OF THE COMPANY, Continued

- 2.5.3. Except as expressly warranted in writing by Company, Company makes no warranty or guarantee, express or implied, and Company expressly disclaims any implied warranties, of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.
- 2.5.4. Company shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Customer against:
- A. Claims for libel, slander, infringement of copyright or unauthorized use of any trademark, trade name or service mark arising out of the material, data, information or other content transmitted over Company's facilities; and
 - B. Claims for patent infringement arising from combining or connecting company's facilities with apparatus and systems of the Customer; and
 - C. All other claims arising out of any act or omission of the Customer in connection with any service provided by Company.
- 2.5.5. The Company is not liable for any defacement of, or damage to, the equipment or premises of a Customer resulting from the furnishing of services when such defacement or damage is not the result of the Company's negligence.

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2.5. GENERAL LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY, Continued

- 2.5.6. Company shall not be liable for and the Customer indemnifies and holds harmless from any and all loss claims, demands, suits, or other action or liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made instituted or asserted by the Customer or by any other party or person, for any personal injury to, death of any person or persons, and for any loss, damage, defacement or destruction of the premises of the Customer or any other property, whether owned by the Customer or by others, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, location or use of equipment or wiring provided by Company where such installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, condition, location or use is not the direct result of Company's negligence.
- 2.5.7. No agents or employees of connecting, concurring or other participating carriers or companies shall be deemed to be agents or employees of the Company without written authorization.
- 2.5.8. The Company is not liable for any failure of performance hereunder due to causes beyond its control, including, but not limited to, unavoidable interruption in the working of its circuits or those of another common carrier; acts of nature, storms, fire, floods, or other catastrophes; any law, order, regulation, direction, action, or request of the United States Government, or any other governmental entity having jurisdiction over the Company or of any department, agency, commission, bureau, corporation, or other instrumentality or any one or more of such instrumentality or any one of more of such governmental entities, or of any civil or military authority; national emergencies, insurrections, riots, rebellions, wars, strikes, lockouts, work stoppages, or other labor difficulties; or notwithstanding anything in this Tariff to the contrary, the unlawful acts of the Company's agents and employees, if committed beyond the scope of their employment.

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2.5. GENERAL LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY, Continued

- 2.5.9. The Company shall not be liable for damages or adjustments, refunds, or cancellation of charges unless the Customer has notified the Company in writing of any dispute concerning charges, or the basis of any claim for damages, within thirty (30) days after the invoice is rendered by the Company for the call giving rise to such dispute or claim, unless ordered by the Commission, pursuant to Idaho law. Any such notice must set forth sufficient facts to provide the Company with a reasonable basis upon which to evaluate the Customer's claim or demands. The included tariff language does not constitute a determination by the Commission that a limitation of liability imposed by the Company should be upheld in a court of law. Acceptance for filing by the Commission recognizes that it is a court's responsibility to adjudicate negligence and consequential damage claims. It is also the court's responsibility to determine the validity of the exculpatory clause.
- 2.5.10. The Company shall not be liable for any damages, including usage charges, that the Customer may incur as a result of the unauthorized use of its communications equipment. The unauthorized use of the Customer's communications equipment includes, but is not limited to, the placement of calls from the Customer's premises and the placement of calls through Customer-controlled or Customer-provisioned equipment that are transmitted or carried over the Company's network services without the authorization of the Customer. The Customer shall be fully liable for all such charges.
- 2.5.11. The included tariff language does not constitute a determination by the Commission that a limitation on liability imposed by the Company should be upheld in a court of law. Acceptance for filing by the Commission recognizes that it is a court's responsibility to adjudicate negligence and consequential damage claims. It is also the court's responsibility to determine the validity of the exculpatory clause.
- 2.5.12. The Company will give at least 10 days notice to customers and the Commission before increasing rates or other charges. The notice to customers will be either individual notice or a public notice in major circulation newspapers in Idaho.

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2.6. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY WITH RESPECT TO PREPAID CALLING CARDS

2.6.1. In addition to the General Limitations of Liability, the Company limits its liabilities with respect to Prepaid Calling Cards as follows:

- A. The Company makes no warranty, guarantee, representation, either express or implied, regarding the merchantability, accuracy, reliability, condition or fitness of the information provided in connection with the use of the Services.
- B. The Company will have no liability to Customer or any third party for claims that a Prepaid Calling Card or its PIN has been lost, stolen or fraudulently used. In no event will the Company be obligated to restore any Prepaid Calling Card account or otherwise reimburse any Cardholder for any calls charged to the Prepaid Calling Card account which such Cardholder denies having made.
- C. If the Company issues a Prepaid Calling Card and the PIN will not access the Company's Service, the Company's sole liability will be the manufacturing and shipping costs associated with replacing such cards. This obligation is exclusive and is in lie of all other warranties, express or implied, including but not limited to, any warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. In no event will the Company be liable for special or consequential damages arising form the relationship or the conduct of business contemplated therein.
- D. If Company chooses to subcontract the printing of Prepaid Calling Cards, Company cannot be held liable for delays of delivery or any other problem(s) that are directly related to the subcontractor.
- E. Upon the Customer's receipt of Company Prepaid Calling Cards, the Customer will assume all risk of loss or misuse of such Prepaid Calling Cards.

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2.7. INDEMNITY

Subject to the limitations of liability set forth in Section 2.5 hereof, the Company and the Customer shall defend, indemnify, and hold each other harmless from and against any and all claims to the extent that such claims were proximately caused by any negligent or willful act or omission by the party from whom indemnity is sought, or by the agents, employees, subcontractors or assignees of the party from whom indemnity is sought, in connection with use of the Services. The indemnifying party under this Section shall defend the other at the other's request against any such claim. The party seeking indemnification under this Section must notify the other promptly of written claims or demands for which the indemnifying party may be responsible. The Company and the Customer, as the case may be, shall cooperate fully with the other in the course of such indemnification, and the indemnifying party shall control such defense and the right to litigate, settle, appeal, provided it pays the cost of any required appeal bond, compromise or otherwise deal with any such claim or resulting judgment, provided that such settlement, compromise or other resolution of said claim does not result in any liability to the indemnified party.

2.8. FULL FORCE AND EFFECT

Should any provision or portion of this Tariff be held by a court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Tariff will remain in full force and effect.

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2.9. INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE

- 2.9.1. Credit for Interruptions: When the use of service or facilities furnished by the Company is interrupted due to any cause other than the negligence or willful act of the Customer, or the operation or failure of the facilities or equipment provided by the Customer, a pro rata adjustment of the monthly Recurring Charges subject to interruption will be allowed for the service and facilities rendered useless and inoperative by reason of the interruption whenever said interruption continues for a period of 24 hours or more from the time the interruption is reported to or known to exist by the Company, except as otherwise specified in the Company's tariffs. If the Customer reports a service, facility or circuit to be inoperative but declines to release it for testing and repair, it is considered to be impaired, but not interrupted. Credit allowance for interruptions of service which are not due to Company's testing or adjusting, to the negligence of the Customer, or to the failure of channels, equipment and/or communications equipment provided by the Customer, are subject to the general liability provisions set forth in Section 2.4., herein. It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify Company of any interruptions of service. Before giving such notice, the Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not being caused by any action or omission of the Customer, not within the Customer's control.
- 2.9.2. For purposes of credit computation, every month shall be considered to have 720 hours. No credit shall be allowed for an interruption of a continuous duration of less than two hours.
- 2.9.3. The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of two hours or more at the rate of 1/720th of the monthly recurring charge for each hour or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

Credit formula: $Credit = (A/720) \times B$

A - outage time in hours

B - total monthly charge for affected utility

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2.10. RESTORATION OF SERVICE

The use and restoration of service in emergencies shall be in accordance with part 64, Subpart D of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations which specifies the priority system for such activities.

2.11. MINIMUM SERVICE PERIOD

The minimum service period is one month (30 days).

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2.12. PAYMENTS AND BILLING

- 2.12.1. Charges for service are applied on a recurring basis. Service is provided and billed on a monthly (30 day) basis, and sent via first class mail or by electronic posting to a secure site on the Internet. The billing date is dependent on the billing cycle assigned to the Customer. Service continues to be provided until canceled by the Customer.
- 2.12.2. The Customer is responsible in all cases for the payment of all charges for services furnished to the Customer. Charges are based on actual usage, and are billed monthly in arrears.
- 2.12.3. Billing is payable via check, wire transfer, credit card or automatic bank debit upon receipt and past due thirty (30) days after issuance and posting of invoice. Switched access Customers who request printed invoices will be charged a monthly recurring fee set forth in Section 4.2. Switched access Customers who request electronic bills will incur no monthly billing fees. Bills not paid within thirty (30) days after the date of posting are subject to a payment charge for the unpaid balance, as set forth in Section 4.2., and may be subject to additional collection agency fees.

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2.12. PAYMENTS AND BILLING, Continued

- 2.12.4. The Customer is responsible in all cases for the payment of all charges for services furnished to the Customer. Charges are based on actual usage, and are billed monthly in arrears.
- 2.12.5. A returned check charge, appearing at Section 4.2.1 of this Tariff, will apply whenever a check or draft presented for payment of service is not accepted by the institution on which it is written.
- 2.12.6. Billing disputes should be addressed to Company's customer service organization via telephone to 800.293.7778. Customer service representatives are available from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM Eastern Time. Messages may be left for Customer Services from 8:01 PM to 7:59 AM Eastern Time, which will be answered on the next business day, unless in the event of an emergency which threatens customer service, in which case Customer Service Staff may be paged.
- 2.12.7. In the case of a dispute between the Customer and the Company for service furnished to the Customer, which cannot be settled with mutual satisfaction, the Customer can take the following course of action:
- A. First, the Customer may request, and the Company will perform, an in-depth review of the disputed amount. The undisputed portion and subsequent bills must be paid on a timely basis or the service may be subject to disconnection.

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- B. Second, if there is still disagreement over the disputed amount after the investigation and review by a manager of the Company, the Customer may appeal to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for its investigation and decision.

The address and telephone number of the Commission are:

Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

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2.13. CANCELLATION BY CUSTOMER

- 2.13.1. Customer may cancel service by subscribing to another presubscribed interexchange carrier.
- 2.13.2. Customer is responsible for usage charges while still connected to the Company's service, even if the customer utilizes services rendered after the Customers request for cancellation has been made notice and the payment of associated local exchange company charges, if any, for service charges.
- 2.13.3. Any cost of Company expenditures shall be borne by the Customer if:
- A. The Customer orders service requiring special facilities dedicated to the Customer's use and then cancels the order before such service begins, before completion of the minimum period or before completion of some period mutually agreed upon with the Customer for the non-recoverable portions of expenditures; or
 - B. Liabilities are incurred expressly on behalf of the Customer by Company and not fully reimbursed by installation and monthly charges; and
 - C. If based on an order for service and construction has either begun or has been completed, but no service provided.

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2.14. CANCELLATION BY COMPANY

- 2.14.1. Company reserves the right to immediately discontinue furnishing the service to Customers without incurring liability:
- A. In the event of a condition determined to be hazardous to the Customer, to other customers of the utility, to the utility's equipment, the public or to employees of the utility; or
 - B. By reason of any order or decision of a court or any other governmental authority which prohibits the Company from furnishing such service; or
 - C. If the Company deems such refusal necessary to protect itself or third parties against fraud or to otherwise protect its personnel, agents, facilities or services without notice; or
 - D. For unlawful use of the service or use of the service for unlawful purposes; or
 - E. If the Customer provides false information to the Company regarding the Customer's identity, address, credit-worthiness, past, current or planned use of Company's services.
- 2.14.2. Company may discontinue service according to the following conditions upon the Customer's receipt of notice five (5) days in advance of disconnection:
- A. For violation of Company's filed tariffs; or
 - B. For the non-payment of any proper charge as provided by Company's Tariff; or
 - C. For Customer's breach of the contract for service between the utility and Customer.

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2.14. CANCELLATION BY COMPANY, Continued

2.14.3. The discontinuance of service(s) by the Company pursuant to this section does not relieve the Customer of any obligations to pay the Company for charges due and owing for service(s) furnished up to the time of discontinuance. The remedies available to the Company set forth herein shall not be exclusive and the Company shall at all times be entitled to all the rights available to it under law or equity.

2.14.4. The Company may refuse to permit collect calling, calling card and third-number billing which it determines to be fraudulent and/or may limit the use of these billing options or services.

2.15. INTERCONNECTION

2.15.1. Service furnished by Company may be interconnected with services or facilities of other authorized communications common carriers and with private systems, subject to the technical limitations established by Company. Any special interface of equipment or facilities necessary to achieve compatibility between the facilities of Company and other participating carriers shall be provided at the Customer's expense.

2.15.2. Interconnection between the facilities or services of other carriers shall be under the applicable terms and conditions of the other carriers' tariffs. The Customer is responsible for taking all necessary legal steps for interconnecting Customer-provided terminal equipment or communications equipment with Company's facilities. The Customer shall secure all licenses, permits, rights-of-way and other such arrangements necessary for interconnection.

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2.16. DEPOSITS AND ADVANCE PAYMENTS

The Company does not collect deposits or advanced payments.

2.17. CREDIT LIMIT

The Company may, at any time and at its sole discretion, set a credit limit for any Customer's consumption of Services for any monthly period.

2.18. TAXES

The Customer is responsible for payment of all federal, state and local taxes, franchise, excise and other fees applicable to the Services, including, but not limited to: sales, use, excise, franchise, access, universal service, 911 services and handicapped services.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

3.1. TIMING OF CALLS

- 3.1.1. The Customer's long-distance usage charge is based on the actual usage of Company's service. Usage begins when the receiver of the called number is answered. The moment of the called party's answer is determined by hardware supervision in which the local telephone company sends a signal to the underlying carrier's switch or the software utilizing audio tone detection. The timing of the call occurs when the called party answers and terminated when either party hangs up.
- 3.1.2. The minimum call duration for billing purposes for all services, unless otherwise provided in this Tariff, is six (6) seconds with six (6) second billing increments thereafter.
- 3.1.3. Any portion of an applicable increment, after the appropriate minimum time for the call, will be rounded upward to the next increment. Calls less than the minimum length will be rounded to the minimum length, unless otherwise specified in this Tariff.
- 3.1.4. There is no billing for incomplete calls.

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3.2. CONVERGIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

- 3.2.1. Company provides switched and dedicated access telecommunications services that allow Customer to establish a communications path between two stations by using uniform dialing plans.
- 3.2.2. **One Plus Service** is a switched or dedicated access service offering users outbound "1 plus" long distance telecommunications services.
- 3.2.3. **Toll Free Service** is a switched or dedicated access service offering users inbound, toll free long distance telecommunications services. This service enables the caller to contact the Customer without incurring toll charges, through the use of an assigned toll free number. The Customer pays for the call.
- 3.2.4. **Calling Card Service** permits the caller to charge the principal presubscribed location for a call while the caller is away from the principal location. The Customer may place calls from any touch-tone phone in the United States by dialing a toll free number and entering a personal identification code, followed by the desired telephone number. Calling Card calls appear on the Customer's monthly long-distance bill.
- 3.2.5. **Prepaid Calling Card Service** is a discretionary, switched access service available to Customers via a toll-free number from any touchtone telephone in the United States. Customers purchase the Company's prepaid calling cards, which immediately enable users to place calls from any touchtone telephone, at the Company's tariffed rates.

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3.2.5. Prepaid Calling Card Service, Continued

Prepaid calling cards are available to end-users through purchase from either the Company or agents of the Company and may be obtained in various unit denominations with a per unit value.

Calls to 700, 800, 888, 900, and 950 numbers are not permitted with this Service.

Calls may only be charged against the Prepaid Calling Card if there is a sufficient balance available to cover the cost of the call. Card balances will be depleted and reduced based upon Customer usage. Customers are informed five (5) minutes and one (1) minute before their account is depleted. When the balance of available time is depleted the call will be terminated. Cards are nonrefundable and will expire on the date specified on the card or by the carrier.

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3.3. PROMOTIONS

The Company may, from time to time, engage in special promotions of new or existing Service offerings of limited duration designed to attract new Customers or to increase existing Customer awareness of a particular offering. The promotional offerings are subject to the availability of the services and may be limited to a specific geographical area or to a subset of a specific market group; provided, however, the Commission shall be notified of all promotional offerings at least ten (10) days prior to the date the Company first begins offering the promotion.

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SECTION 4 - RATES

4.1. SERVICE CHARGES

Service charges per account are based on the following schedules:

4.1.1. Convergia Switched One Plus Service

Initial Six (6) Seconds	Additional Six (6) Seconds
\$0.0190	\$0.0190

4.1.2. Convergia Dedicated One Plus Service

Initial Six (6) Seconds	Additional Six (6) Seconds
\$0.0150	\$0.0150

4.1.3. Convergia Switched Toll-Free Service

Initial Six (6) Seconds	Additional Six (6) Seconds
\$0.0190	\$0.0190

4.1.4. Convergia Dedicated Toll-Free Service

Initial Six (6) Seconds	Additional Six (6) Seconds
\$0.0150	\$0.0150

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4.1. SERVICE CHARGES, Continued

4.1.5. Convergia Postpaid Calling Card Service

Initial Sixty (60) Seconds	Additional Sixty (60) Seconds
\$0.19	\$0.19

4.1.6. Convergia Prepaid Calling Card Service

Initial Sixty (60) Seconds	Additional Sixty (60) Seconds
\$0.19	\$0.19

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4.2. MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND SURCHARGES

4.2.1. Late Payment Penalty

Bills not paid within thirty (30) days after the date of posting are subject to a payment charge of 1.5% on the unpaid balance, and may be subject to additional collection agency fees.

4.2.2. Returned Check Charge

A charge of \$20.00 or five (5) percent of the amount of the check, whichever is greater, will apply whenever a check or draft presented for payment of service is not accepted by the institution on which it is written.

4.2.3. Printed Billing Monthly Fee

Customers who request a printed bill will be assessed a \$1.99 monthly recurring charge.

4.2.4. Toll Free Number Directory Listing Fee

Customers who subscribe to the Company's toll free service and would like their toll free numbers listed in toll free directory assistance will be charged the following fees:

Non-recurring directory fee:	\$15.00
Monthly recurring directory fee:	\$15.00

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4.2. MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND SURCHARGES, Continued

4.2.5. Rates for Installation of Ddedicated Facilities

The Customer is responsible for contracting with the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (“LEC”) for the installation of dedicated facilities and the LEC will bill the Customer directly for installation fees and monthly recurring facilities charges.

4.3. ▸ INDIVIDUAL CASE BASIS (ICB) ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements will be developed on a case-by-case basis in response to a bona fide request from a Customer or prospective Customer to develop a competitive bid for a Service offered under this Tariff. Rates quoted in response to such competitive requests may be different than those specified for such Services in this Tariff. ICB rates will be offered to the Customer in writing and on a non-discriminatory basis. Company will provide copies of all ICB contracts to the Commission.

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