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This catalog contains the regulations and rates applicable for the furnishing of access to operator services and providing directory assistance service, direct dial service, calling card service and toll free service (8XX) by Nebraska Central Long Distance (NCTC), hereinafter referred to as the Company, within the State of Nebraska. This catalog is on file with the Nebraska Public Service Commission.



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- (I) To signify increase.
- (M) To signify matter relocated without change.
- (N) To signify new rate, regulation, and/or text.
- (R) To signify reduction.
- (T) To signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation.
- (Z) To signify a correction.

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### DEFINITIONS

**Calling Card Service -** The issuance of a card by the Company to a customer to enable him/her to bill telephone calls to his/her account.

Direct Dial Service - 1+ outbound long distance service.

**Directory Assistance Services -** Provides published and non-listed telephone numbers within Nebraska to requesting customers from the Company's territory.

**Operator Services** - Long distance service involving the services of a long distance operator.

Toll Free Service - The custom switched telecommunications service that permits toll free inward 8XX number calling from points within the state of Nebraska to the subscribing customer's station.



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### 1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

## 1.1 Undertaking of the Company

The Company will provide access to Operator Services, as well as, provide Directory Assistance, Direct Dial Service, Calling Card Service and Toll Free Service (8XX) between points within the state of Nebraska continuously (24 hours per day, 7 days per week).

## 1.2 <u>Use of Service</u>

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Neither customers nor their authorized users may use the services furnished by the Company for any unlawful purpose.

## 1.3 Payment of Charges

Direct Dial Service, Calling Card Service, Toll Free Service (8XX) and Directory Assistance charges will be billed in arrears and will appear on the customer's account statement. Prompt payment, as detailed on the statement, shall be expected.

## 1.4 <u>Cancellation for Cause</u>

The Company, by written or verbal notice to the customer, may immediately cancel the application for or discontinue service to the customer without incurring liability for any of the following reasons:

-Nonpayment of any sum due to the Company for service more than 30 days beyond the due date;

-Use of service in a fraudulent or suspected fraudulent manner;

-A violation of or failure to comply with any regulation governing the furnishing of service; or

-An order of the court or other government authority having jurisdiction which prohibits the Company from providing service.



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### 1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

## 1.5 Credit and Deposit Requirements

A. The Company shall determine the credit standing of an applicant for service using standard credit checking methods and by referring to information about the applicant's prior telephone bill paying habits if the applicant has had service before or by referring to toll charges reasonably traced to the applicant but placed from the telephone of another if the applicant has not had service before. The Company may request that the customer make a cash deposit if the customer's credit history indicates that he/she is a credit risk. The Company may also request a deposit from those customers with unknown credit.

B. The amount of deposit required shall be at the Company's discretion. An increase in the deposit amount may be requested if increased usage or the customer's payment record warrants it. The initial deposit shall be received in the Business Office before service will be established for the customer.

C. The Company shall pay interest on a deposit at the minimum rate established by the Commission. Interest shall accrue following acceptance of the deposit, except that no interest need be paid on deposits held less than thirty (30) days.

D. In the case of residential and business service, the deposit and accrued interest shall be refunded upon request of the customer after twelve (12) consecutive months of payment by the bill due date and refunded automatically after twenty-four months of consecutive payment by the bill due date.

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#### 1. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd.)

### 1.5 <u>Credit and Deposit Requirements</u> (Cont'd.)

E. After the disconnection of service and receipt of the final payment, the Company will promptly and automatically refund the customer's deposit plus accrued interest, or the balance, if any, in excess of the unpaid bills for service furnished by the Company. When the customer's deposit is applied to an unpaid bill, the Company shall render to the customer a statement showing the bill then due and unpaid, the amount of the deposit, together with the interest accrued thereon and the period covered thereby, and the balance due or remaining to the credit of the depositor.

F. A transfer of service from one premises to another within the service area of the Company shall not necessitate the requirement of a payment of a second deposit, unless a final bill has been issued at the first address and the credit standing of the customer would otherwise require it.

G. In cases of a residential household that is divided due to divorce or separation, the deposit will remain with the service and with the person named as the party responsible for payment of the bill.

H. The Company will keep a record of each cash deposit until the deposit is refunded. The record will show:

1. The name and current billing address of each depositor;

2. The amount and date of the deposit;

3. Each transaction concerning the deposit.

I. Credit limits may be established by the Company for new and existing customers based on credit history. In the event the established credit limit is exceeded on an account, access to the Company's service will be restricted where the facilities are available. Customers attempting to access restricted services will be automatically routed to either a recorded announcement or a service representative for information regarding service restoral.



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### 1. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd.)

## 1.5 <u>Credit and Deposit Requirements</u> (Cont'd.)

J. In the event a customer has not reached his/her initially established credit limit, but has become delinquent in his/her payments, the Company may place a restriction on continued use of the Company's services until the customer is able to make satisfactory arrangements with the Company. This restriction may be set lower than the customer's initial credit limit due to his/her delinquent status. In the event that access is restricted due to payment delinquencies, customers attempting to access the restricted services will be automatically routed to either a recorded announcement or a service representative for information regarding service restoral.

## 1.6 Obligations of the Customer

The customer shall be responsible for the following:

-Establishing their identity in the course of communication as often as necessary;

-Establishing the identity of the person(s) with whom connection is made at the called customer line(s).

## 1.7 Credit Allowances for Interruption

Customers who re-establish an intrastate Direct Dial or Toll Free Service (8XX) call which has been involuntarily interrupted after the station has been reached may receive credit for the interrupted call, provided the Company is notified of the interruption. Interruptions due to the failure of power, equipment, or systems not provided by the Company will not receive credit allowances.



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### 2. DIRECT DIAL SERVICES

#### 2.1 <u>Description</u>

Direct Dial Service is a 1+ outbound long distance service furnished by the Company between points within the state of Nebraska.

### 2.2 <u>Terms and Conditions</u>

A. Direct Dial Service is generally offered twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

B. Direct Dial Service is offered from originating locations within the state of Nebraska. Calls may be placed to points within the state.

C. This service is provided for use by the customer and may be used by others, when so authorized by the customer, providing that all such usage shall be subject to the provisions of this catalog.

D. Call timing begins when two-way communications are established. Answer detection is based on standard answer supervision methods. For billing purposes the minimum call duration is one minute. Usage after the initial period is billed in sixty (60) second increments, with the exception of the Company's NCTC 1000 product offering that is billed in six (6) second increments.

E. Rates and Charges are listed in Section 8 of the Catalog.

F. From time to time, the Company may offer special promotions waiving the monthly rates or installation charges for certain features, services, or packages.



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## 3. CALLING CARD SERVICE

#### 3.1 <u>Description</u>

Calling Cards may be assigned by the Company to enable users to bill intrastate telephone calls to their Company account. This service may be accessed using the 8XX number printed on the card.

## 3.2 Terms and Conditions

A. Calling Card Service is generally offered twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days a week.

B. Because of potential unavailability of complete billing information to the Company, Calling Cards shall have a six month back billing period.

C. Operator services are currently routed to other providers.

D. Rates and charges are listed in Section 8 of this catalog.

E. From time to time, the Company may offer special promotions waiving rates or charges for certain features, services, or packages.



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## 4. OPERATOR SERVICES

### 4.1 <u>Description</u>

Operator services are currently routed to other providers for the following types of calls and services:

Person to Person - Customer dialed "O-" call where the operator completes the call to a designated person or extension.

Calling Card - Customer dialed "O-" call that will be billed to the caller's calling card. The call can be completed by the caller who enters his/her own credit card number or by the operator who enters the customer's credit card number.

Collect - Customer dialed "O-" call where the operator completes the call and arranges billing to the called telephone number.

## 4.2 <u>Terms and Conditions</u>

- A. Operator services are generally offered twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days a week.
- B. These services are provided for use by the customer and may be used by others, when so authorized by the customer, providing that all such usage shall be subject to the provisions of this catalog.



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### 5. DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICE

#### 5.1 <u>Description</u>

Directory Assistance Service, as made available by the Company through this tariff, provides, upon customer initiated request from the Company's territory, published and non-listed telephone numbers within the state of Nebraska.

#### 5.2 <u>Terms and Conditions</u>

A. Directory Assistance charges specified in this tariff apply when a customer initiates a call to Directory Assistance from the Company's serving territory and requests a telephone number within Nebraska.

B. Directory Assistance charges shall be billed to the customer on a per call basis. A maximum of two listings may be requested per call.

C. Rates and charges are listed in Section 8 of this catalog.

D. Directory Assistance charges are not applicable to:

Calls placed from residence telephones where a member 1. of the customer's household has been certified by a qualified authority as unable to use a directory or from the business telephone of a certified customer where other assistance is not available. A qualified authority is defined as including doctors of medicine, optometrists, registered nurses, therapists, professional staffs of hospitals, institutions and public welfare agencies. Certification of physical disability sufficiently severe to prevent reading or using conventional reading materials may also be made by professional librarians or by any person whose competence in this area is acceptable to the Librarian of Congress of the United States. This exemption is limited to onehundred (100) free calls a month. Any exempted customer making more than 100 calls a month will be billed at the regular Directory Assistance rate. The Directory Assistance provided under this exemption is for personal use only and may not be resold.



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5. DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICE (Cont'd.)

- 5.2 <u>Terms and Conditions</u> (Cont'd.)
  - D. Directory Assistance charges not applicable to: (Cont'd.)

2. Calls placed to Directory Assistance by an operator in connection with operator-handled local and long distance calls.



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### 6. TOLL FREE SERVICE (8XX)

### 6.1 Description

Toll Free Service is a customer switched telecommunications service that permits toll free inward 8XX number calling from stations within the state of Nebraska to the subscribing customer's station.

## 6.2 Terms and Conditions

A. Toll Free Service(8XX) is generally offered twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

B. Toll Free Service consists of an 8XX telephone number associated with a customer's station that can be called from originating locations within the state of Nebraska.

C. Calls are dialed and completed without the assistance of a Company operator and do not include:

- Person to Person calls
- Collect calls
- Conference calls
- Any other operator handled calls

D. Call timing begins when two-way communications are established. Answer detection is based on standard answer supervision methods. For billing purposes the minimum call duration is one minute. Usage after the initial period is billed in 60 second increments, with the exception of the Company's Toll Free Plus offering that is billed in six (6) second increments. (To be eligible for Toll Free Plus, a customer must subscribe to the Direct Dial Services' product, NCTC 1000.)

E. Toll Free Service calls are billed to the called customer once a month.

F. One directory listing is provided for Toll Free Service.

G. Rates and charges are listed in Section 8 of this tariff.

H. From time to time, the Company may offer special promotions waiving the monthly rates or installation charges for certain features, services, or packages.



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# 7. RATE APPLICATION

## 7.1 <u>Service Components</u>

- A. Direct Dial Service may include a monthly charge as (Z) well as usage sensitive charges.
- B. Basic Calling Card Service may include a monthly charge | as well as usage sensitive charges. (Z)
- C. Directory Assistance and access to Operator Services include per call charges and surcharges.
- D. Toll Free Service (8XX) includes a monthly charge and (Z) usage sensitive charges.



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## 8. RATE LIST

8.1 <u>Service Component Charges</u>

Message Telecommunications Services

Direct Dial Service			Monthly	Fee				
Classic Premium Elite	Intrastate \$0.13 \$0.10 \$0.10	Interstate \$0.13 \$0.10 \$0.07	None \$ 4.95 \$ 5.95					
NCTC 250 Up to 250 minutes Each add'l. min.	\$0.09	\$0.09	\$21.95					
NCTC 500 Up to 500 minutes Each add'l. min.	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$39.95		(N)			
NCTC 1000* Up to 1000 minutes Each add'l. min.	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$79.95		(N)			
Directory Assistance				(11)				
Directory Assistance	e	\$0.99/call						
<u>Calling Card Service</u>	Per Minute \$0.35 \$0.25	Monthly None \$1.00	Fee					
Toll Free Service (8XX)								
Toll Free Basic Toll Free Plus*		minute \$5.0 minute \$5.0	0/month 0/month		(N)			

Vanity Number Request

\$40.00\*\*/request



\*Billed in six (6) second increments.

\*\*This charge applies whether or not the requested number is assigned to the requesting customer.

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