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9.1 General

- A. Wide Area Telecommunications Service (WATS) is the furnishing of facilities in the Company and when applicable, an interLATA carrier for dial type telecommunications between a station associated with a WATS access line and stations using the public switched network within the State of South Carolina in accordance with the regulations and schedule of charges specified in this tariff and when applicable, the tariff of the interLATA carrier. The WATS charges set forth in this and the interLATA carrier's tariffs are in payment for the service furnished between the calling and called stations within South Carolina. For both Outward WATS and 800/877/888 Service, intraLATA service may be subscribed to separately or may be subscribed to in (C) combination (Combined WATS) with an interLATA carrier's (Outward or 800/877/888 Service) and intraLATA (C) Only Outward WATS requires the use of a WATS access line from 19.4.2 of this tariff.
1. The rates and charges specified herein for WATS provide for a WATS access line. The WATS access line consists of all facilities, including outside plant facilities and premises wiring, from the telephone company serving central office equipment to the first telephone company provided jack or outlet of the WATS access line location on the customer's premises.
 2. The rates and charges specified herein for WATS access line extensions provide for a WATS extension station line within the same LATA as the WATS access line¹.

¹ Refer to the interLATA carrier tariff for rates and charges applicable to WATS access line extensions terminated in a LATA other than the WATS access line.

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- B. Dial type telecommunications, as specified in 19.1.A preceding, for Combined WATS (Outward or 800/877/888 (C) Service) and intraLATA only Outward WATS must be dialed and completed from or to a WATS Access Line. In all cases communications must be completed without the assistance of an operator, except that an operator will:
 - 1. Re-establish a call which has been interrupted after the called number has been reached.
- C. A WATS access line is the transmission path between a WATS termination and the point in the Company Central Office where access to the public switched network is obtained for the purpose of completing WATS calls. The WATS access line will be arranged at the subscriber's option for either Outward WATS or Combined Statewide 800/877/888 Service but not for both. These services are subject to the provisions and regulations (C) outlined herein and in Section 2 of this tariff.
- D. WATS arranged for combined outward service provides for the origination of calls from a station associated with WATS for telecommunications with stations within this State by way of the WATS access line and the public switched network. WATS arranged for intraLATA only outward service provides for the origination of calls from a station associated with WATS for telecommunications within the same LATA and this same State by way of the WATS access line and the public switched network.
- E. WATS arranged for 800/877/888 Service provides for the termination of calls from stations within this State for (C) telecommunications with a station associated with an 800/877/888 Service access line located within this State. (C) WATS

¹ Due to the technical limitations of certain interLATA carriers' services, operator assistance as specified in 19.1.B.1 cannot be provided with the Combined Outward WATS offered in conjunction with interLATA carriers having these technical limitations.

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arranged for Combined Statewide 800/877/888 Service provides for the termination of calls from stations within (C) this State, for telecommunications with a station associated with an 800/877/888 Service access line located (C) within this State.

F. Service Group

1. The term "Service Group" as used in connection with Outward WATS denotes one or more Outward WATS access lines for the same service area terminated in the same multiline terminating system at the same premises.
2. The term "Service Group" as used in connection with 800/877/888 Service denotes the WATS access (C) lines arranged in central office equipment furnished by the Company as part of a given hunting arrangement.

G. WATS is furnished in the offices technically capable of providing the service only if the necessary facilities are available.

H. Combined Outward WATS is furnished only in offices where the interLATA carrier has purchased appropriate Feature Group C or D access facilities.

I. Directory Assistance Service for customers of the Company requesting telephone numbers of subscribers who are located outside their local calling area, but within the same LATA, is furnished under the provisions of Section 18 of this tariff. Such calls will not be included in the determination of WATS usage charges.

J. For customers obtaining WATS or WATS-like service from interexchange carriers (IXC's), "1+" and "0" intraLATA usage carried over WATS Access Lines having both intra and interstate capability (multijurisdictional) and provided from the Contel Telephone Companies Tariff FCC No. 1 will be completed over Company facilities at Company intraLATA WATS rates and subject to rules and regulations applicable to Company intraLATA WATS. The "1+" and "0" intraLATA usage will be billed to the customer (end user or IXC) where the closed end of the Multijurisdictional WATS Access Line is terminated. Customer billing information must be provided to the Company at the time the Multijurisdictional WATS Access Line is ordered.

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19.2 Use of the Service

- A. The service is furnished subject to the condition that all applicable regulations stipulated in Section 2 of this tariff will be adhered to and that there will be no abuse or fraudulent use of the service. Abuse or fraudulent use of service includes:
1. The placing or acceptance of a WATS call by a WATS subscriber, his agent, employee or representative, in response to an uncompleted long distance call, which was not completed in order to transmit or receive intelligence without payment of the applicable long distance charge.
 2. The obtaining, or attempting to obtain, or assisting another to obtain or attempt to obtain, WATS by arranging, tampering with, or making connection with any facilities of the Company, or by any trick, scheme, false representation, or false credit device, or by or through any other fraudulent means or device whatsoever, with intent to avoid the payment, in whole or in part, of the regular charge for such service.
- B. Resale or shared use of WATS is permitted. Exchange access to such resold or shared services will be provided via switched access service as set forth in Section 3.4 of the Contel Telephone Companies Tariff FCC No. 1 and will be billed as specified in Section 3.4 of that tariff.

All facilities based interexchange carriers holding only an intrastate interLATA certificate may only resell intraLATA WATS only for the completion of intraLATA calls. Further, these carriers may not resell Combined IntraLATA/InterLATA WATS.

19.3 Limitation of Service

- A. WATS does not include person-to-person, collect, conference, or other calls requiring operator handling except as provided in 19.I.B. preceding.
- B. WATS is not represented as adapted for connection to other services of the Company. This service contemplates the provision of satisfactory transmission only between the WATS access line and the called or (C) calling station.

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19.3 Limitation of Service (Cont'd)

B. (Cont'd)

Connection of WATS to other services is permitted on a switched basis only. No permanent connection between WATS and other services may be established. Satisfactory transmission cannot be assured when the WATS access line is connected to other company services or to customer-provided equipment or services.

Extensions from WATS access lines are restricted to the use of the subscriber, his representative and associates and are furnished only on the same or different premises of the same subscriber except that extensions on 800/877/888 Service may be located on other than the subscriber's premise for the purpose of (C) answering calls at such times as the subscriber is not available at the main station.

WATS access lines and extensions will be terminated only at premises located within the State of South Carolina.

- C. 800/877/888 Service is furnished upon the condition that the subscriber contracts for an adequate number of (C) WATS access lines to permit the use of this service without injurious effects upon it or any other service rendered by the (800/877/888 Service) Company. The Company may terminate or refuse to furnish (C) 800/877/888 Service to any applicant, without incurring any liability, if the use of the service would interfere with or impair WATS or any other service rendered by the Company, provided that, in the case of a termination of service, at least five days have elapsed following written notification to the subscriber by mail or in person of the Company's intention to terminate the service for such cause.

19.4 Rates

19.4.1 Recurring Rate Structure

- A. The separate recurring usage rate structures of the local exchange carrier and the interLATA carrier providing Combined IntraLATA/InterLATA Outward WATS or Combined Statewide 800/877/888 (C) Service are based on separate identification of intraLATA and interLATA usage.

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19.4.1 Incurring Rate Structure (Cont'd)

- B. For Combined Statewide 800/877/888 Service, Combined IntraLATA/ InterLATA Outward WATS and (C) IntraLATA Outward WATS, the intraLATA usage is applied to the schedule of monthly usage charges in 19.4.2.C. following.
- C. This schedule requires a separate monthly charge for each WATS access line in a service group in addition to the usage on that line or service group.
- D. Monthly usage charges are computed on an average usage per WATS access line in a service group according to the schedule and methodology found in 19.4.2.C. and 19.4.3, following. WATS access lines and exchange access lines will not be mixed at any one customer location for termination of traffic associated with a given 800/877/888 number. (C)

19.4.2 Rate Tables

A. Access Line Charges

1.	Outward	Monthly Rate	
a.	For Combined IntraLATA/InterLATA Service with the assistance of an operator ¹ , each	\$37.00	
b.	For Combined IntraLATA/InterLATA Service without the assistance of an operator ¹ , each	37.00	
c.	For IntraLATA Service only, each	37.00	
2.	800/877/888 Service		(C)
a.	For Combined Statewide Service (in conjunction with an interLATA carrier), each	26.00	
b.			

¹ See 19.1.B preceding.

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19.4 Rates (Cont'd)

19.4.1 Incurring Rate Structure (Cont'd)

B. Rate Periods

Rates applicable are based on the time of day, day of week as follows:

1. Business Day Period

8AM to 5PM Monday through Friday. The Business Day Period for holidays (New Years Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Labor Day, Christmas Day) is charged at Evening Period Rates.

2. Evening Period

5PM to 11PM Sunday through Friday

3. Night/Weekend Period

11PM to 8AM all days
8AM to 11PM Saturday
8AM to 5PM Sunday

C. Monthly Usage Charges

The hourly rates apply to the average usage of each access line within a service group rounded to the nearest tenth of an hour. (See "Service Group" definition in 19.1.F preceding). (O)

1. Outward WATS - IntraLATA Service, per hour of use¹

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Evening</u>	<u>N/Wknd.</u>
a. 0 - 10 hours	\$15.75	\$11.81	\$ 7.87
b. 10.1 - 25 hours	14.10	10.58	7.05
c. 25.1 - 50 hours	12.63	9.47	6.31
d. 50.1 - 80 hours	11.00	8.25	5.50
e. Over 80 hours	10.00	7.50	5.00

¹ This rate schedule is for IntraLATA only service and for the intraLATA portion of Combined IntraLATA/InterLATA Service.

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19.4 Rates (Cont'd)

19.4.2 Rate Tables (Cont'd)

C. Monthly Usage Charges (Cont'd)

2. 800/877/888 Service-Combined Statewide Service, per hour of use^{1,2} (C)

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Evening</u>	<u>N/Wknd.</u>
a. 0-10 hours	\$16.20	\$12.15	\$ 8.10
b. 10.1-25 hours	14.15	10.61	7.05
c. 25.1-50 hours	12.75	9.55	6.35
d. 50.1-80 hours	10.75	8.06	5.35
e. Over 80 hours	10.25	7.65	5.10

3. (Obsolete - See Section 119)

¹ This rate schedule is for IntraLATA only service and for the intraLATA portion of Combined IntraLATA/InterLATA Service.

² For Combined Statewide 800/877/888 Service, charges contained in the carrier's tariff will apply to the interLATA usage. (C)

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19.4 Rates (Cont'd)

19.4.3 Method of Determining Usage Charges

- A. For Combined IntraLATA/InterLATA Outward WATS or IntraLATA Outward WATS, apply the following to the intraLATA calls and usage. For Combined Statewide 800/877/888 Service provided in conjunction with an interLATA carrier, apply the following to only the intraLATA 800/877/888 calls and usage. (C)
1. Determine the total number of completed calls for the service group for each rate period. (C)
 2. For Combined IntraLATA/InterLATA Outward WATS or IntraLATA Outward WATS, determine the equivalent hours used for each rate period by applying the minimum average time requirement of 60 seconds per call (1 call x 1 minute). For Combined Statewide 800/877/888 Service provided in conjunction with an InterLATA carrier, determine the equivalent hours used for each rate period by applying the minimum average time requirement of 30 seconds per call. (C)

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19.4 Rates (Cont'd)

19.4.3 Method of Determining Usage Charges (Cont'd)

A. (Cont'd)

3. Determine the total actual hours used for each rate period for each service group.
4. Determine the total chargeable hours for each rate period for each service group. This is the greater of 2. or 3. preceding, rounded to the nearest tenth (one decimal place).
5. Determine the number of access lines, within each service group, in service during the month. Access lines in service for a fraction of a month are based on the number of days in service divided by 30 days. The result is rounded to the nearest hundredth (two decimal places). The same number of access lines is used for each rate period.
6. Determine the average usage for each rate period for each access line in each service group by dividing the chargeable hours in 4. preceding by the number of access lines in 5. preceding.
7. Determine the usage charge per rate period for each access line by multiplying the hourly rate in the appropriate taper(s) specified in 19.4.2.C preceding by the number of hours used in each taper and totaling these charges.
8. Determine the total usage charge for each rate period in each service group by multiplying the results from 7. preceding by the number of access lines in the service group.
9. Determine the total usage charge in a service group for all rate periods by adding the results from each rate period in 8. preceding.

B. (Obsolete - See Section 119)

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19.4 Rates (Cont'd)

19.4.3 Method of Determining Usage Charges (Cont'd)

B. (Obsolete - See Section 119)

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C. (Obsolete - See Section 119)

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19.4 Rates (Cont'd)

19.4.3 Method of Determining Usage Charges (Cont'd)

C. (Obsolete - See Section 119)

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19.4.4 Fractional Periods

- A. The charges for a fractional part of a month will be a proportionate part of the monthly recurring charge based on the actual number of days the service is provided.
- B. For the purpose of administering this regulation with respect to the determination of charges for a fractional part of a month, every month is considered to have 30 days.

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19.4 Rates (Cont'd)

19.4.5 Installation Charges

Service Ordering Charge - The term Service Ordering Charge means the charge that applies for work performed by the Company in connection with the receiving, recording and processing of customer requests for service.

Access Line Connection Charge - The Access Line Connection Charge covers work associated with establishing or changing each WATS access line or access line extension connection. It may include work in the central office, the customer premises or intermediate locations.

Premises Visit Charge - The term Premises Visit Charge means the charge that applies for a visit to the customer's premises to perform work, other than disconnect work, requested by the customer.

Record Change Only Charge - The Record Change Only Charge covers work associated with a change of Company records at the customer's request, a change in the 800/877/888 Service National Directory Center listing or a change (C) in the number of Outward WATS access lines in a service group when none of the other nonrecurring charges apply.

A. For installation of WATS access lines, extensions or four-wire terminating arrangements

1. Access Lines

		Nonrecurring Charges		(C)
		Outward <u>WATS</u>	800/877/888 <u>Service</u>	
a.	Service Ordering, each order	\$ 63.00	\$44.00	
b.	Access Line Connection Charge, each Central Office Work Charge ¹	111.00	42.00	
c.	Access Line Connection Charge, each New Line Connection Charge ²	12.50	17.50	
d.	Premises Visit, each visit	13.00	10.00	

¹ Central Office Work Charge is applicable for all access lines connected.

² New Line Connection Charge is applicable for all new access lines or additional access lines over the number previously installed at a premises.

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19.4 Rates (Cont'd)

19.4.5 Installation Charges

A. (Cont'd)

2. Access Line Extensions

		Nonrecurring Charges		(C)
		Outward <u>WATS</u>	800/877/888 <u>Service</u>	
a.	Service Ordering, each order	\$ 47.00	\$ 47.00	
b.	Extension Line Connection Charge, each extension (where the extension is located in the same building and on the same service as the access line or another extension) -	-		
c.	Extension Line Connection Charge, (for the first extension in a building where there is no access line or extension on the same service), each Central Office Work Charge	52.50	52.50	
d.	Extension Line Connection Charge, (for the first extension in a building where there is no access line or extension on the same service), each New Line Connection Charge	16.50	16.50	
e.	Premises Visit, each visit	9.75	9.75	

3. Four-Wire Terminating Arrangements

This charge is in addition to the access line nonrecurring charges.

a.	Each arrangement	174.00	264.50	
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¹ Central Office Work Charge is applicable for all access line extensions connected.

² New Line Connection Charge is applicable for all new access line extensions or additional access line extensions over the number previously installed at a premises.

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19.4 Rates (Cont'd)

19.4.5 Installation Charges (Cont'd)

B. For moving a WATS access line or extension 1

1. Inside Move - Network Interface

	Nonrecurring Charges	
	Outward WATS	800/877/888 (C) Service
a. Service Ordering, each order	\$16.00	\$16.00
b. Premises Visit, each Visit	9.75	9.75
c. Premises Work Charge ²	-	-

2. Outside Move, Different Building

Moves to a different building will be treated as a disconnect of the existing access line or extension and installation charges as specified in 19.4.5.A preceding will be applicable.

C. Conversion Charges

1. Changing the 800/877/888 Service telephone number to a different number at the request of the (C) customer.

	Nonrecurring Charges	
	Outward WATS	800/877/888 (C) Service
a. Service Ordering, each order	\$ -	\$44.00
b. Central Office Line Connection, each line	10.00	

¹ For customer requests for rearrangements of a drop wire or protector, see Premises Work Charge as contained in Section 4 of this tariff.

² Premises Work Charge as contained in Section 4 of this tariff.

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19.4 Rates (Cont'd)

19.4.5 Installation Charges (Cont'd)

C. Conversion Charges (Cont'd)

2. Separating an existing 800/877/888 Service into two or more hunting arrangements which contain the same 800/877/888 Service access lines as the original hunting arrangement. (C)
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	Outward WATS	Nonrecurring 800/877/888 Service	(C)
a. Service Ordering, each order	\$ -	\$ 44.00	
b. Central Office Line Connection, each line	-	10.00	
3. Combining two or more 800/877/888 Service hunting arrangements into a single hunting arrangement containing the same 800/877/888 Service access lines. (C) (C)			
a. Service Ordering, each order	\$ -	\$ 44.00	
b. Central Office Line Connection, each line	-	10.00	

D. Record Change Only Charge

1. For changing Company records at request of the customer

a. Service Ordering, each order	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
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E. Conversion to a Four-Wire Terminating Arrangement

a. Each arrangement	363.00	363.00
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F. Change Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC)

1. For InterLATA portion of Combined Outward WITS

	Nonrecurring Charge
a. Initial Line	\$ 11.00
b. Additional line, each same order as initial line	3.00

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19.4.6 Four-Wire Terminating Arrangement

This charge is in addition to the access line monthly recurring charges.

Monthly
Rate

- | | | | |
|----|---------------------------------------|---------|-----|
| a. | Outward WATS, each arrangement | \$18.75 | |
| b. | 800/877/888 Service, each arrangement | 31.25 | (C) |

19.4.7 Access Line Terminations

- A. The terminating point of a WATS access line is the standard network interface. The first termination is the WATS access line and all other terminations on the same line are WATS access line extensions.
- B. The WATS access line may terminate in one of the following:
1. To terminal equipment, multiline terminating systems or a communication system on the customer's premises.
 2. To switching equipment in the Company Central Office.
 3. To an Other Common Carrier (OCC) or Central Office Connection Facility (COCF) channel in the Company Central Office.

19.4.8 Access Line Extensions

- A. Located in Same Exchange as Main Termination

1. First extension termination on different premise from main termination, each

Monthly
Rate

- | | | |
|----|--------------------------|---------|
| a. | Same building, each | \$25.00 |
| b. | Different building, each | 25.00 |

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19.4.8 Access Line Extensions (Cont'd)

A. located in Same Exchange as Main Termination (Cont'd)

2. Additional termination in same building as main or other extension termination.

Monthly
Ratea. Each¹

3. First extension termination in different building, same premises as main or other extension termination.

a. Each 9.00

B. Located in Different Exchange from Main Termination

1. Interexchange channel mileage charges apply as specified in Section 20 (Private Line Service) of this tariff

a. First Termination 25.00

b. Additional termination in same building with first or other extension termination, each

c. Additional termination in different building, same premises as first or other extension termination, each 9.00

d. Additional termination on different termination, each 25.00

e. Additional termination on different premise, same exchange as first termination, different premises, same building 25.00

¹ Nonrecurring charge applies.Issued By: W. O. Houman, President
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19.4.9 Minimum Average Time Requirement

- A. For Combined IntraLATA/InterLATA Outward WATS or IntraLATA Outward WATS, usage is subject to an average of one minute per completed call in each service group for each billing period. For Combined Statewide 800/877/888 Service provided in conjunction with an InterLATA carrier, usage is subject to an (C) average of 30 seconds per completed call in each service group for each billing period.
- B. For Combined IntraLATA/InterLATA Outward WATS or IntraLATA Outward WATS, if the average duration of all such calls is less than one minute, the total use for the service group equals the number of calls multiplied by one minute. For Combined Statewide 800/877/888 Service provided in conjunction with an InterLATA carrier, if (C) the average duration of such calls is less than 30 seconds, the total use for the service group or exchange access line equals the number of calls multiplied by 30 seconds.

19.4.10 Chargeable Time

- A. Chargeable time begins when the connection is made between the WATS station and the calling or called station.
- B. Chargeable time ends when the calling station hangs up. However, if the calling station does not hang up after the called station hangs up, then chargeable time ends when timing equipment in the network connection is released by the telephone network automatic timing equipment.
- C. When a connection is established in one rate period and ends in another, the rate in effect for each rate period applies to the portion of the connection occurring within that rate period.

19.4.11 Minimum Service Period

The minimum service period for WATS is one day.

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19.4.12 Allowance for Interruptions

A. Allowance for interruptions applies to each WATS access line as set forth following:

1. When the WATS access line is interrupted for a period of less than two (2) hours no credit applies.
2. When the WATS access line is interrupted for a period of two (2) hours to 24 hours a per day credit applies.

Credit
Amount

a. Per access line \$12.00

3. When the WATS access line is interrupted for a period of more than 24 hours, a credit applies for each 24 hour period or any fraction thereof.

a. Per access line, per day 12.00

4. The credit in 2. and 3. preceding includes all credit to be applied for an interruption.

5. None of the above credit allowances will be made for:

- a. Non-completion of WATS messages due to busy network conditions.
- b. Interruption of service due to customer-provided equipment or systems.
- c. Interruption of service due to negligence of the customer.
- d. Interruption of service during any period in which the Company is not afforded access to the premises at which the WATS access line is terminated.
- e. Interruption of service during any period when the customer has released the WATS access line to the Company for maintenance purposes, or implementation of a customer order for a change in service arrangement.

6. Long distance message telecommunications service furnished at a customers s request when his WATS is interrupted is charged at the long distance message telecommunications rates contained in Section 18 of this tariff.

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