PART II - LONG DISTANCE

SECTION 2 - APPLICATION OF RATES AND CHARGES

2.1 General

Conversation periods will be sub-minute rated based on an initial period of 18 seconds, with the additional periods being billed in six-second increments thereafter, unless otherwise provided in this Rate Schedule.

2.2 Minimum Call Completion Rate

Customer can expect a call completion rate of not less than 90% during peak use periods for all FGD services ("1+" dialing).

2.3 Time Periods and Service Charges

Rates are stated in terms of initial period, additional periods, service charges, and surcharges.

The specific rate elements used to determine the applicable charges for a call are indicated on the respective rate schedules. The following factors are used to rate calls, unless stated otherwise.

2.3.1 Initial Period

Minimum unit of time for which a rate is charged for a connection between given points.

2.3.2 Additional Periods

Unit of time used for measuring and charging for a connection in excess of the initial period.

2.3.3 Customer Dialed Direct Station-to-Station

Only initial period and additional period rates apply.

2.3.4 Customer Dialed Calling Card Station-to-Station, Operator Assisted Station-to-Station, Operator Assisted Calling Card, Person-to-Person

Initial period and additional period rates apply in addition to service charges and surcharges, if applicable.

2.3.5 Service Charges and Surcharge

A service charge applies to each Customer Dialed Calling Card Station-to-Station, Operator Assisted Station-to-Station or Person-to-Person call. This charge is added to the initial period and additional period charges.

A surcharge applies to Station-to-Station and Person-to-Person calls in which Customer has the capability to dial the number but requests the Operator to dial for Customer.

A service charge applies when placing calling card calls via Carrier designated telephone number. Service charges and surcharges are defined in Section 3.

2.4 Rate Period Table - Intrastate LDMTS Service

Rate Application Periods*

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
7:00 AM to but not including 7:00 PM		Peak Rates				
7:00 PM to but not including 7:00 AM		Off-Peak Rates				

* In cases where a message begins in one rate period and ends in another, the charge for the portion of the message within each rate period will be the charge for the whole minute in effect for that rate period.

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