

Schedule of Rates, Charges, and Regulations Governing

ACCESS SERVICE

For Connection to Communications Facilities
Within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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1. APPLICATION OF TARIFF

1.1 APPLICATION

This Tariff applies to intrastate Access Service supplied by the Company to Customers.

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

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The provision of Access Service is subject to existing regulations and terms and conditions specified in this Tariff as well as in the Company's other current Tariffs, and may be revised, added to, or supplemented by superseding issues.

In addition to the regulations and charges herein, this Tariff is subject to specific regulations as may be prescribed by the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable (MDTC).

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1.4 TARIFF FORMAT

1.4.1 LOCATION OF MATERIAL

- A. Section 1 provides the following for all of the sections in this Tariff:
- Subject Index - an alphabetical listing to find the desired section.
 - Table of Contents - A numerical listing to find the desired section and page.
- B. Each individual section in the Tariff provides a Subject Index for the material located within that section.

1.4.2 PAGE NUMBERING

Page numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Pages are numbered sequentially. However, new pages are occasionally added to the Tariff. When a new page is added between pages already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new page added between pages 14 and 15 would be 14.1.

1.4.3 PAGE REVISION NUMBERS

Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each page. These numbers are used to determine the most current page version on file with the Department. For example, the 4th revised Page 14 cancels the 3rd revised Page 14. Because of various suspension periods, deferrals, etc., the Department follows in their tariff approval process, the most current page number on file with the Department is not always the tariff page in effect. Consult the Check Sheets for the page currently in effect.

1.4.4 PARAGRAPH NUMBERING SEQUENCE

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1.4.5 CHECK SHEETS

When a tariff filing is made with the Department, an updated check sheet accompanies the tariff filing. The check sheet lists the page contained in the tariff, with a cross reference to the current revision number. When new pages are added, the check sheet is changed to reflect the revision. All revision made in a given filing are designated by an asterisk (*). There will be no other symbols used on this page if these are the only changes made to it (i.e., the format, etc., remains the same, just revised revision levels on some pages). The tariff user should refer to the latest check sheet to find out if a particular page is the most current on file with the Department.

1.5 EXPLANATION OF CHANGE SYMBOLS

SYMBOL	EXPLANATION
(C)	To signify changed term or condition
(D)	To signify discontinued material
(I)	To signify rate increase
(M)	To signify material moved from or to another part of the tariff with no change, unless there is another change symbol present
(N)	To signify new material
(R)	To signify rate reduction
(T)	To signify a change in text but no change in rate, term or condition

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1.6 EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

ANI - Automatic Number Identification

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CLLI - Common Language Location Identifier

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FCC - Federal Communications Commission

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ICB - Individual Case Basis

LATA - Local Access and Transport Area

LERG - Local Exchange Routing Guide

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MOU - Minutes of Use

(N)

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NECA - National Exchange Carrier Association

NPA - Numbering Plan Area

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PIU - Percentage of Interstate Usage

PSTN - Public Switched Telephone Network

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VoIP - Voice over Internet Protocol

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1.7 REFERENCE TO OTHER TARIFFS

Whenever reference is made in this Tariff to other tariffs, the reference is to the tariffs in force as of the effective date of this Tariff, and to amendments thereto and successive issues thereof.

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1.8 DEFINITIONS

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Access Minutes

The usage of exchange facilities in intrastate service for the purpose of calculating chargeable usage.

Access Tandem

A switching system that provides a traffic concentration and distribution function for originating or terminating traffic between end offices and a Customer's premises.

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Advance Payment

The term "Advance Payment" denotes the requirement for partial or full payment required before the start of service.

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Call

A Customer attempt for which the complete address code is provided to the service end office.

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Carrier or Common Carrier

Any individual, partnership, association, corporation or other entity engaged in intrastate communication for hire by wire or radio between two or more exchanges.

Central Office

A local Company switching system where exchange service customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks.

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1.8 DEFINITIONS (CONT'D)

Channel

A communications path between two or more points of termination.

Commission

The Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable.

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Common Carrier

Any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, governmental entity or corporation engaged for hire in intrastate communication by wire or radio, between two or more exchanges.

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Company

Comcast Phone of Massachusetts, Inc., d/b/a Comcast Digital Phone and its affiliate companies.

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1.8 DEFINITIONS (CONT'D) (T)

Customer

The term "Customer" (when capitalized) denotes any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity that uses service under the terms and conditions of this Tariff and is responsible for the payment of charges. (T)

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Department

The Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable. (T)

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End Office

With respect to each 101-XXXX code prefix assigned to the Company, the location of the Company's "end office" for purposes of this Tariff shall be the point of interconnection associated with that 101-XXXX code in the Local Exchange Routing Guide, issued by Telcordia. Services provided at a Trunk Gateway location (as defined elsewhere) are the functional equivalent of services provided at an End Office location. (C)

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End User

The term "End User" means any wholesale or retail customer of an interstate or foreign telecommunications service that is not a carrier. The term "End User" may also refer to origination or termination locations accessed via contractual or other arrangements with an affiliated or unaffiliated provider of interconnected or non-interconnected VoIP service. (C)

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1.8 DEFINITIONS (CONT'D)

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Exchange

A group of lines in a unit generally smaller than a LATA established by the Company for the administration of communications service in a specified area. An Exchange may consist of one or more central offices together with the associated facilities used in furnishing communications service within that area.

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Interconnected VoIP Service

An interconnected VoIP service is a service that (i) enables real-time, two-way voice communications; (ii) requires a broadband connection from the user's location; (iii) requires internet protocol-compatible customer premises equipment (CPE); and (iv) permits users generally to receive calls that originate on the public switched telephone network and to terminate calls to the public switched telephone network.

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Local Access and Transport Area (LATA)

A geographic area established for the provision and administration of communications service. It encompasses one or more designated exchanges, which are grouped to serve common social, economic and other purposes.

Local Calling Area

A geographical area, as defined in the Company's local or general exchange service Tariff in which an End User may complete a call without incurring toll usage charges.

Message

A Message is a Call as defined above.

Non-interconnected VoIP Service

The term "non-interconnected VoIP service" means a service that (i) enables real-time voice communications that originate from or terminate to the user's location using Internet protocol or any successor protocol; and (ii) requires Internet protocol compatible customer premises equipment; and (iii) does not include any service that is an interconnected VoIP service.

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1.8 DEFINITIONS (CONT'D)

Point of Termination

The point of termination within a customer-designated premises at which the Company's responsibility for the provision of access service ends. The point of termination is the point of interconnection between Company communications facilities and customer-provided facilities as defined in Part 68 of the FCC's Rules and Regulations.

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Tandem Transport

The term "Tandem Transport" denotes the transport between an access tandem and the Company's End Office, Trunk Gateway, or other functionally equivalent location.

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Trunk

A communications path connecting two switching systems in a network, used in the establishment of an end-to-end connection.

Trunk Gateway

The point of interface between the PSTN trunk facility and the Company defined by Common Language Location Identifier (CLLI) codes assigned to the Company, as reflected in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG). Services provided at a Trunk Gateway location are the functional equivalent of services provided at an End Office location.

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