MEI TELECOM, INC.

REGULATIONS, RATE, AND CHARGES
APPLYING TO THE PROVISION OF ACCESS SERVICES
FOR CONNECTION TO INTRASTATE COMMUNICATION
FACILITIES FOR INTRASTATE CUSTOMERS RELATED TO
THE PROVISION OF SWITCHED AND SPECIAL ACCESS SERVICES

Access Services are provided by means of wire, fiber optics, radio or a combination thereof.

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ISSUING CARRIERS

None

CONCURRING CARRIERS

None

OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

None

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- (C) To signify changed regulation
- (D) To signify discontinued rate or regulation
- (I) To signify increase to a rate or charge
- (N) To signify new rate or regulation
- (R) To signify reduction to a rate or charge
- (T) To signify a change in text but no rate or regulation

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACR - Alternate Carrier Routing

ADA - Abbreviated Dialing Arrangement

ADM - Add/Drop Multiplexing

ADSL - Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line

AIN - Advance Intelligent Network

AML - Actual Measured Loss

ANI - Automatic Number Identification

AP - Program Audio

AT&T - AT&T Corp.

BHMC - Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity

CCS - Common Channel Signaling

CDP - Customer Designated Premises

CI - Channel Interface

CIR - Committed Information Rate

CN - Charge Number

CNP - Charge Number Parameter

CO - Central Office

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CPE - Customer Provided Equipment

CPN - Calling Party Number

CSP - Carrier Selection Parameter

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DA - Directory Assistance

dB - Decibel

dBrnC - Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting

dBrnCO - Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighted O

dc - direct current

DDD - Direct Distance Dialing

DSL - Digital Subscriber Line

EAS - Extended Area Service

EDD - Envelope Delay Distortion

EML - Expected Measured Loss

EPL - Echo Path Loss

ERL - Echo Return Loss

ESS - Electronic Switching System

ESSX - Electronic Switching System Exchange

F - frequency

F.C.C.- Federal Communications Commission

FRAS - Frame Relay Access Service

GETS- Government Emergency Telecommunications Service

HC - High Capacity

HPC - High Probability of Completion

Hz - Hertz

IC - Interexchange Carrier

ICB - Individual Case Basis

ICL - Inserted Connection Loss

IPG - Internet Protocol Gateway Access Service

Kbps - kilobits per second

kHz - kilohertz

LAN - Local Area Network

LATA - Local Access and Transport Area

LNP - Local Number Portability

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LRN - Location Routing Number

ma - milliamperes

Mbps - Megabits per second

mcs - Microsecond

MHz - Megahertz

MRC - Monthly Recurring Charge

MT - Metallic

MTS - Message Telecommunications Service(s)

NPA - Numbering Plan Area

NRC - Nonrecurring Charge

NXX - Three-Digit Central Office Code

OC - Optical Carrier

OLT - Optical Line Termination

PBX - Private Branch Exchange

PIC - Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier

POT - Point of Termination

PTSN- Public Switched Telephone Network

PVC - Permanent Virtual Connection

SAC - Service Access Code

SDSL - Symmetric Digital Subscriber Line

SNAL - Signaling Network Access Line

SONET- Synchronous Optical Network

SP - Signaling Point

SPOI - Signaling Point of Interface

SRL - Singing Return Loss

SSP - Service Switching Point

SS7 - Signaling System 7

STP - Signal Transfer Point

STS - Synchronous Transport Signal

SWC - Serving Wire Center

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TDM - Time Division Multiplexing

TG - Telegraph Grade

TLP - Transmission Level Point

TV - Television

VG - Voice Grade

V & H - Vertical & Horizontal

WATS - Wide Area Telecommunications Service(s)

WSC - Wireless Switching Center

WSO - WATS Serving Office

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REFERENCE TO OTHER TARIFFS

Whenever reference is made in this Tariff to other tariffs of the Company, the reference is to the tariffs in force as of the effective date of this Tariff, and to amendments thereto and successive issues thereof. The following tariffs are referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from the Federal Communications Commission's commercial contractor:

National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Special Construction Tariff F.C.C. No. 3

National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Wire Center Information Tariff F.C.C. No. 4

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GR-253-CORE Issue 2 Synchronous Optical Network (SONET)

Transport Systems: Common Generic Criteria

Issued: December, 1995

GR-1374-CORE Issue 1 SONET Inter-Carrier Interface Physical

Layer Generic Criteria for Carriers

Issued: December, 1994

Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (MECAB) Guidelines

Issued: February, 1998

Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design (MECOD) Guidelines

Issued: March, 2000

PUB 41004 Data Communications Using Voiceband Private Line Channels

Issued: October, 1973

PUB 62310 (MdDP-326-726) Digital Data System Channel Interface Specification

Issued: September, 1983

PUB 62411 High Capacity Digital Service Channel Interface Specification

Issued: September, 1983, Addendum October, 1984

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Switched Access Service Issued: October, 1985

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Issued: May, 1990

TR-NPL-000336 Metallic and Telegraph Grade Special Access Service - Transmission Parameter Limits and Interface Combinations Issued: October, 1987

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Issued: July, 1987

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Issued: May, 1984 Addendum: March, 1987

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Issued: July, 1990 Available: August, 1990

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Issued: July, 1990 Available: August, 1990

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1. Application of Tariff

- 1.1 This Tariff contains regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of Carrier Common Line, End User Access, Switched Access, Special Access, Digital Subscriber Line Access Service, Public Packet Data Network Services and other miscellaneous services hereinafter referred to collectively as Service(s). The regulations, rates, and charges in this Tariff apply to the provisioning of Access Services for connection to Intrastate Communications Facilities for Intrastate Customers. These services are provided to customers by the Issuing Carriers of this Tariff, hereinafter the "Company". This Tariff also contains Access Ordering regulations and charges that are applicable when these services are ordered or modified by the Customer.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 Unless there is a specific exception set forth in this Tariff, the regulations, rates, terms, conditions, and charges for the Services are those that are set forth in the MEI TELECOM, INC. Tariff F.C.C. No.1, as it now exists, and as it may be revised, added to, or supplemented.
- 1.4 The following provision applies to the treatment of Non-Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Part 51 Interconnection Rules and in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 01-92; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135 and 10-90; and WT Docket No. 10-208, adopted October 27, 2011 and released November 18, 2011 (FCC 11-161).
 - 1.4.1 In the absence of an interconnection agreement between the Company and the Customer specifying the treatment of Non-Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic, the Company will bill the Customer the applicable interstate rates and charges specified in Part 17, of the MEI TELECOM, INC., Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, on all jurisdictionally intrastate voice traffic identified as Non-Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic.
- 1.5 The Section Numbers of this Tariff mirror the MEI TELECOM, INC. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 section numbers.

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*EXCEPTIONS TO MEI TELECOM, INC. TARIFF FCC NO. 1 - SECTION 2:

2. <u>General Regulations</u>

2.4.1 Payment of Rates Charges and Deposits

A security deposit will not exceed an amount equal to the estimated total for current rates and charges times the average of at least two previous months usage but not more than six months of usage.

A security deposit or an additional security deposit may be required from an existing customer at any time following installation of service when: 1) the customer has established a history of late payment to the Company; 2) the customer's gross monthly billing has increased beyond the amount initially used to estimate a security deposit, if applicable; and/or 3) the Company becomes aware that the customer's credit worthiness has fallen below commercially acceptable levels as determined by an independent credit rating or reporting service. Such security deposit will not exceed an amount equal to the total rates and charges for two months of the customer's actual billing for the service (s) to that customer may be discounted in accordance with the terms specified in 2.1.8 (A), preceding.

Adjustment of charges will be made when billing disputes are brought to the attention of and verified by the Company as set forth in this section. Except as otherwise expressly provided in a written contract between a Customer and the Company, all requests for refunds or adjustments must be made in writing to the Company within one (1) year after the date when the bill was rendered that the customer seeks to dispute. No refunds or adjustments will be made for billing disputes that occurred more than one (1) year before the date the Customer makes a written request to the Company for an adjustment. If the request for a refund or adjustment is made by a current customer of the Company, the Company reserves the right to provide any adjustment due the Customer as set forth in this Section in whole or in part by a bill credit against charges for current or future services.

Except as otherwise provided in a written contract between the Customer and the Company, the Customer will be liable for any unbilled or under-billed service for two years from the date a bill for that service was rendered, whichever is later. This limitation does not apply when the service was obtained by the Customer by fraud or deception.

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- 2. <u>General Regulations</u> (Cont'd)
 - 2.4.1 Payment of Rates Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)

If the Customer pays the total billed amount and disputes all or part of the amount, the Company will refund any overpayment. In addition, the Company will pay to the Customer penalty interest on the overpayment. When a claim is filed *within* 90 days of the due date, the penalty interest shall begin on the payment date. When a claim is filed *more than* 90 days after the due date, the penalty interest period shall begin form the date of the claim or the date of overpayment, whichever is later.

The penalty interest period shall end on the date that the Company actually refunds the overpayment to the Customer. The penalty interest rate shall be the lesser of:

- (1) The highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transactions, compounded daily for the number of days from the first date to and including the last date of the period involved, or
- (2) 0.000292 per day, compounded daily for the number of days from the first date to and including the last date of the period involved.

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*EXCEPTIONS TO MEI TELECOM, INC. TARIFF FCC NO. 1 - SECTION 6:

- 6. Switched Access Service
 - 6.1.3 <u>Rate Categories</u>
 - (A) <u>Local Transport</u>
 - (11) <u>Tandem Designation</u>

The Customer shall route IntraLATA and InterLATA Toll calls to the tandem as defined by the LEC in the LERG.

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- 6. <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd)
 - 6.8 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD)</u> (Cont'd)
 - 6.8.3 Design and Traffic Routing

The customer shall route IntraLATA and InterLATA Toll Calls to the tandem as defined by the LEC in the LERG.

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7. <u>Special Access Service</u>

7.3 <u>Surcharges for Special Access Service</u>

7.3.1 General

When a Special Access Service from this Tariff is not required because a Special Access Service, as specified in the Company's interstate access tariff, is provided for an interstate service and the same facility is used for intrastate transmission capability, then the Special Access Surcharge from this Tariff is not required.

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- 13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services
 - 13.4 IntraLATA Presubscription

Pursuant to the Michigan Public Service Commission Order in Case No. U-11961:

- (A) IntraLATA presubscription is the process by which end user customers may select and designate to the Company an intrastate intraLATA Interexchange carrier to access, without an access code, for intrastate intraLATA calls. This intraLATA Interexchange Carrier is referred to as the end user's pre-designated intraLATA PIC.
- (B) End users may select one of the following options at no charge:
 - indicate a intraLATA primary PIC for all of its lines,
 - indicate a different intraLATA PIC for each of its lines.

Only one intraLATA PIC or No-PIC may be selected for each line or lines terminating in the same trunk group.

End users may designate that they do not want to presubscribe to any intraLATA Interexchange Carrier. End users that select No-PIC must arrange this designation by directly notifying the Company's business office. This choice will require the end user to dial an access code (101XXXX) for all intrastate IntraLATA calls.

After the end user's initial selection of a pre-designated intraLATA PIC or the designation that they do not want to presubscribe to any intraLATA PIC (No-PIC) for any change in selection after conversion to Equal Access in the serving end office, a nonrecurring charge as set forth in 17.4.4 (I) following, applies.

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- 13. <u>Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)
 - 13.4 IntraLATA Presubscription (Cont'd)
 - (C) A presubscription change can be done either electronically or manually.
 - 1. <u>Electronic Changes</u>:

Changes submitted by access customers to the ILEC using a mechanized interface to the ILEC's service order entry system or other electronic processing systems, including magnetic tape, are considered electronically submitted.

2. <u>Manual Changes</u>:

Changes submitted via fax, e-mail, regular mail, or telephoned in by either an access customer or end-user customers are manually submitted changes. If a person is required to intervene in the initial setup, it is considered to be a manual process. All intrastate intraLATA changes are considered manual.

- (D) The end user will be allowed a six-month period from the date of the installation of their Telephone Exchange Service to select a PIC or No-PIC one time at no charge.
- (E) If the new end user fails to designate an intraLATA Interexchange Carrier as its PIC prior to the date of installation of Telephone Exchange service, the Company will (1) default the end user line to No-PIC which will require the end user to dial an access code (101XXXX) for all intrastate IntraLATA calls, or (2) block the end user from intrastate intraLATA calling. The end user will be notified which option will be applied if it fails to make an intraLATA PIC or No-PIC selection. A blocked or No-PIC designated end user may designate an initial PIC one time at no charge, if it is requested within six months after the installation of Telephone Exchange Service.

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- 13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)
 - 13.4 <u>IntraLATA Presubscription</u> (Cont'd)

For any change in selection *after* six months from the installation of Telephone Exchange Service, a nonrecurring charge will apply, as set forth below.

	Nonrecurring Charge
InterLATA Intrastate	N/A
IntraLATA Intrastate	\$1.25
Simultaneous InterLATA/ IntraLATA Intrastate	\$0.62

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- 13. <u>Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)
 - 13.6 <u>Blocking Service</u>
 - 13.6.2 900 Blocking Service

Blocking access to 900 services is offered to all subscribers at no charge.

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There is no intrastate charge in Michigan for End User Access Service. The interstate rates for End User Access Service as set forth in MEI TELECOM, INC., Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Section 17.1.2, are not charged in Michigan pursuant to the prohibition in Section 310a of the Michigan Telecommunications Act, as amended, MCL 484.2310a.

There is no intrastate charge in Michigan for Federal Universal Service Charge, ISDN Line Port, or DS1 Line Port.

There is no Access Recovery Charge (ARC) in Michigan. Only the interstate ARC charges set forth in MEI TELECOM, INC., Tariff F.C.C., No. 1, Section 17.8, are applicable.

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