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Telecommunications Services Furnished by
Pay Tel Communications, Inc.
Between Points within the State of Maryland
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1. GENERAL

1.1 Explanation of Symbols

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(I) B To signify an increase in a rate
(M) B To signify text or rates relocated without change
(N) B To signify a new rate or regulation or other text
(R) B To signify a reduction in a rate
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1.2. Application of the Tariff

1.2.1 This tariff governs the Carrier=s services that originate and terminate in Maryland. Specific services and rates are described elsewhere in this tariff.

1.2.2 The Company=s services are available to residential and business customers.

1.2.3 The Company=s service territory is statewide for long distance service.
1.3 Definitions

1.3.1 “Carrier,” “Company” or “Utility” refers to Pay Tel Communications, Inc.

1.3.2 “Commission” means the Maryland Public Service Commission.

1.3.3 “Completed call” is a call which the Company’s network has determined has been answered by a person, answering machine, fax machine, computer modem device, or other answering device.

1.3.4 “Customer” means any person, firm, corporation, or governmental entity who has applied for and is granted service or who is responsible for payment of service.

1.3.5 “Residential” customer is a customer who has telephone service at a dwelling and who uses the service primarily for domestic or social purposes. All other customers are non-residential customers.

1.3.6 “Service” means any telecommunications service(s) provided by the Carrier under this tariff.

1.3.7 “Station” means a telephone instrument consisting of a connected transmitter, receiver, and associated apparatus to permit sending or receiving telephone messages.
2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of the Company

The Company will offer Inmate operator services to correctional facilities.

2.2 Obligations of the Customer

2.2.1 The customer shall be responsible for:

2.2.1.1 The payment of all applicable charges pursuant to this tariff;

2.2.1.2 Reimbursing the Company for damage to, or loss of, the Company's facilities or equipment caused by the acts or omissions of the customer; or the noncompliance by the customer, with these regulations, or by fire or theft or other casualty on the customer=s premises unless caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the employees or agents of the Company.

2.2.1.3 Providing at no charge, as specified from time to time by the Company, any needed space and power to operate the company=s facilities and equipment installed on the customer=s premises.

2.2.1.4 Complying with all laws and regulations regarding the working conditions on the premises at which the Company=s employees and agents shall be installing or maintaining the Company=s facilities and equipment. The customer may be required to install and maintain the Company=s facilities and equipment within a hazardous area if, in the Company=s opinion, injury or damage to the Company=s employees or property might result from installation or maintenance by the Company. The customer shall be responsible for identifying, monitoring, removing and disposing of any hazardous material prior to any construction or installation work.

2.2.1.5 Complying with all laws and regulations applicable to, and obtaining all consents, approvals, licenses and permits as may be required with respect to, the location of the Company=s facilities and equipment in any customer premises for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining, repairing, or upon termination of service as stated herein, removing the facilities or equipment of the Company.
2.2.1.6 Making Company facilities and equipment available periodically for maintenance purposes at a time agreeable to both the Company and the customer. No allowance for interruptions in service will be made for the period during which service is interrupted for such purposes.

2.2.2 With respect to any service or facility provided by the Company, the customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses for:

2.2.2.1 Any loss, destruction or damage to property of the Company or any third party, or injury to persons, including, but not limited to, employees or invitees of either the Company or the customer, to the extent caused by or resulting from the negligent or intentional act or omission of the customer, its employees, agents, representatives or invitees; or

2.2.2.2 Any claim, loss, damage, expense or liability for infringement of any copyright, patent, trade secret, or any proprietary infringement of any copyright, patent, trade secret, or any proprietary or intellectual property right of any third party, arising from any act or omission by the customer.

2.2.3 The customer is responsible for ensuring that customer-provided equipment connected to Company equipment and facilities is compatible with such equipment and facilities. The connection, operation, testing, or maintenance of such equipment shall be such as not to cause damage to the Company-provided equipment and facilities or injury to the Company's employees or other persons. Any additional protective equipment required to prevent such damage or injury shall be provided by the Company at the customer's expense.

2.2.4 The Company's services (as detailed in this tariff) may be connected to the services or facilities or other communications carriers only when authorized by, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions of the tariffs or contracts which are applicable to such connections.

2.2.5 Upon reasonable notification to the customer, and at a reasonable time, the Company may make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the customer is complying with the requirements set forth in this tariff for the installation, operation, and maintenance of customer-provided facilities and equipment that is connected to Company-owned facilities and equipment.
2.3 Liability of the Company

2.3.1 In view of the fact that the customer has exclusive control over the use of service and facilities furnished by the Company, and because certain errors incident to the services and to the use of such facilities of the Company are unavoidable, services and facilities are furnished by the Company subject to the terms, conditions and limitations herein specified:

2.3.2 Service Irregularities

2.3.2.1 The liability of the Company for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission, or failures or defects in facilities furnished by the Company, occurring in the course of furnishing service or other facilities and not caused by the negligence of the customer, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the customer for the service or facilities affected during the period such mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error or defect in transmission, or failure or defect in facilities continues after notice and demand to Company.

2.3.2.2 The Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any connecting carrier, underlying carrier or local exchange company except where Company contracts the other carrier; for acts or omission of any other providers of connections, facilities, or service; or for culpable conduct of the customer or failure of equipment, facilities or connection provided by the customer.

2.3.3 Claims of Misuse of Service

2.3.3.1 The Company shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the customer against claims for libel, slander, fraudulent or misleading advertisements or infringement of copyright arising directly or indirectly from material transmitted over its facilities or the use thereof; against claims for infringement of patents arising from combining or using apparatus and systems of the customer with facilities of the Company; and against all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in connection with the services and facilities provided by the Company.

2.3.3.2 The Company does not require indemnification from the customer where the action for which it is seeking indemnification is based on a claim of negligence by the Company.
2.3.4 Defacement of Premises

2.3.4.1 The Company is not liable for any defacement of, or damage to, the customer’s premises resulting from the furnishing of service or the attachment of equipment and facilities furnished by the Company on such premises or by the installation or removal thereof, when such defacement or damage is not the result of negligence of the Company. For the purpose of this paragraph, no agents or employees of the other participating carriers shall be deemed to be agents or employees of the Company except where contracted by the Company.

2.3.5 Facilities and Equipment in Explosive Atmosphere, Hazardous or Inaccessible Locations

2.3.5.1 The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations provided by it for use in an explosive atmosphere. Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the customer from and against any and all claims, loss, demands, suits, or other action, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the customer or by any other party, for any personal injury to or death of any person or persons, and for any loss, damage or destruction of any property, including environmental contamination, whether owned by the customer or by any other party, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, presence, condition, location, use or removal of any equipment or facilities or the service and not due to the negligence or willful misconduct of the Company.

2.3.6 Service at Outdoor Locations

2.3.6.1 The Company reserves the right to refuse to provide, maintain or restore service at outdoor locations unless the customer agrees in writing to indemnify and save the Company harmless from and against any and all loss or damage that may result to equipment and facilities furnished by the Company at such locations. The customer shall likewise indemnify and save the Company harmless from and against injury to or death of any person which may result from the location and use of such equipment and facilities.

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2.3.7 Warranties

2.3.7.1 THE COMPANY MAKES NO WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE, EXCEPT THOSE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN.

2.3.7.2 Acceptance of the provisions of Section 2.3 by the Commission does not constitute its determination that any disclaimer of warranties or representations imposed by the Company should be upheld in a court of law.

2.3.8 Limitation of Liability

2.3.8.1 Nothing in this tariff shall be constructed to limit the Company=s liability in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

2.4 Application for Service

2.4.1 Minimum Contract Period:

2.4.1.1 Except as otherwise provided, the minimum contract period is one month for all services furnished. However, if a new residential or single line business customer notifies the Company within twenty days after receipt of the first bill that certain services or equipment are not desired, the Company will delete such services or equipment from the customer=s account without a record keeping or service ordering charge. The customer nonetheless shall be responsible for all monthly usage and installation charges incurred for the use of such service and equipment.
2.4.1.2 Except as provided in 2.4.2.1 preceding, the length of minimum contract period for directory listings, and for joint user service where the listing actually appears in the directory, is the directory period. The directory period is from the day on which the directory is first distributed to customers to the day the succeeding directory is first distributed to customers.

2.4.1.3 The Company may require a minimum contract period longer than one month in connection with special, non-standard types or arrangements of equipment, or for unusual construction, necessary to meet special demands for service.

2.4.2 Cancellation of Service

2.4.2.1 Where the applicant cancels an order for service prior to the start of the installation or special construction of facilities, no charge shall apply, except to the extent the Company incurs a service order or similar charge from a supplying carrier, if any, prior to the construction.

2.4.2.2 Where the installation of facilities, other than those provided by special construction, has been started prior to cancellation, the lower of the following charge applies;

(a) The total costs of installing and removing such facilities; or

(b) The monthly charges for the entire initial contract period of the service ordered by the customer as provided in this tariff plus the full amount of any applicable installation and termination charges.

2.4.2.3 Where special construction of facilities has been started prior to the cancellation, and the Company has another requirement for the specially constructed facilities, no charge applies.
2.5 Payment for Service

2.5.1 The Company will directly bill its customers for service. Service will be billed on a monthly basis and is due and payable upon receipt or as specified on the customer's bill. Service will continue to be provided until canceled by the customer or discontinued by the Company as set forth in Section 2.14 of this tariff.

2.5.2 The customer is responsible for payment of all charges for service furnished to the customer. Charges based on actual usage during a month will be billed monthly in the month following the month in which the service was used. All fixed monthly and nonrecurring charges for services ordered will be billed monthly in advance.

2.6 Customer Deposits

2.6.1 The Carrier agrees to abide by the regulations associated with nonresidential customer deposits as specified by Code of Maryland Regulations 20.30.01. as amended from time to time.

2.6.2 In order to establish credit, the carrier may require an applicant for nonresidential service to demonstrate good paying habits by showing that the applicant:

2.6.2.1 Was a customer of a Maryland utility for at least 12 months within the preceding 2 years;

2.6.2.2 Does not currently owe any outstanding bills for utility service to a utility doing business in Maryland;

2.6.2.3 Did not have service discontinued for nonpayment of a utility bill during the last 12 months that service was provided; and

2.6.2.4 Did not fail, on more than two occasions during the last 12 months that service was provided, to pay a utility bill when it became due.

2.6.3 The Carrier agrees to abide by the regulations associated with residential customer deposits as specified by Code of Maryland Regulations 20.30.02. as amended from time to time.

2.6.4 In order to establish credit, a utility may require an applicant for residential service to demonstrate good paying habits by showing that the applicant:

2.6.4.1 Was a customer of a Maryland utility within the preceding 2 years;
2.6.4.2 Does not currently owe any outstanding bills for utility service to a utility doing business in Maryland;

2.6.4.3 Did not have service discontinued for non-payment of a utility bill during the last 12 months that service was provided; and

2.6.4.4 Did not on more than two occasions during the last 12 months that service was provided, fail to pay a utility bill when it became due.

2.6.5 Deposits for establishment or reestablishment of credit will not be more than the estimated charge for service for 2 consecutive billing periods or 90 days, whichever is less.

2.6.6 The Company reserves the right to require from an applicant for service advance payments of fixed charges and nonrecurring charges. The advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to the nonrecurring charge(s) and one month's charges for the service or facility. In addition, where special construction is involved, the advance payment may also include an amount equal to the estimated nonrecurring charges for the special construction. The advance payment will be applied to any indebtedness for the service and facilities for which the advance payment is made on the customer's initial bill.

Advanced payments for installation costs or special construction will credited on the first bill in their entirety.

2.6.7 Customer deposits shall be maintained in a bank located in Maryland. Customers who make a deposit for service will receive interest, at a rate set on such deposit not less than the rate calculated by the method set forth in COMAR 20.30.01.04 (for non-residential customers) or COMAR 20.30.02.04 (for residential customers) as appropriate.

2.7 Late Payment Charges

2.7.1 The Carrier agrees to abide by the regulations governing late payment charges as specified by COMAR 20.30.03. as amended from time to time.

2.7.2 Any charges that are disputed by a customer shall not be subject to late payment charges regardless of the outcome of the dispute.

2.7.3 The company will consider delinquent and apply late payment charges on bills not paid within 20 days of the billing invoice date in the case of residential customers and within 15 days of the billing invoice date in the case of all non-residential customers in accordance with COMAR Sections 20.30.03.01A and 20.30.03.01B, respectively.
2.7.4 Late payment fees will be computed at a rate not to exceed 1.5% per month, for the two nominal billing intervals and may not exceed 5% of the total original unpaid charges in compliance with COMAR 20.30.03.01.A(1).

2.8 Customer Complaints and Billing Disputes

2.8.1 Customers may notify the carrier of billing or other disputes either orally or in writing. There is no time limit for submitting disputes. No late payment fees will be incurred during the period when a bill is disputed regardless of the outcome of the dispute.

2.8.2 Customer complaints and billing disputes that are not satisfactorily resolved may be presented by the customer to:

Office of External Relations
Maryland Public Service Commission
6 St. Paul Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

410-767-8028 (Office of External Relations)
410-767-8000 (Main PSC number)
1-800-492-0474 (Toll-free PSC number)

2.8.3 The company provides the following toll free number (1-800-287-7626) for customers to contact the carrier in accordance with COMAR 20.45.04.02.B.

2.8.4 The company will not collect attorney fees or court costs from customers.

2.9 Allowance for Interruptions in Service

2.9.1 Credit for failure of service or equipment will be allowed only when failure is caused by or occurs in equipment owned, provided, and billed for, by the Company. The Carrier agrees to abide by the regulations associated with interruptions in service as specified by Code of Maryland Regulations 20.45.05.09 as amended from time to time.

2.9.2 It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify the Company of any interruption in service for which a credit allowance is desired by the Customer. Before giving such notice, the Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not within the Customers control,
or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by Customer. Interruptions caused by Customer-provided or Company-provided automatic dialing equipment are not deemed an interruption of service as defined herein since the Customer has the option of using the long distance network via local exchange company access.

2.10 Taxes and Fees

2.10.1 All state and local taxes and fees shall be listed as separate line items on the customer’s bill.

2.10.2 If a municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government, or the Commission imposes and collects from the Company a gross receipts tax, occupation tax, license tax, permit fee, franchise fee, or regulatory fee, such taxes and fees shall, as allowed by law, be billed pro rata to the customer receiving service from the Company within the territorial limits of such municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government.

2.10.3 Service shall not be subject to taxes for a given taxing jurisdiction if the customer provides the company with written verification, acceptable to the company and to the relevant taxing jurisdiction, that the customer has been granted a tax exemption.

2.11 Returned Check Charge

The charge for a returned check is $25.00.

2.12 Directory Assistance Call Allowance

Residential customers will receive four (4) free directory assistance calls per month with two requests per call. Charges will not be levied for Directory Assistance on an individual who suffers from a physical or visual disability that precludes the use of a telephone directory.

2.13 Special Customer Arrangements

In cases where a customer requests special or unique arrangements which may include but are not limited to engineering, conditioning, installation, construction, facilities, assembly, purchase or lease of facilities and/or other special services not offered under this tariff, the company, may provide the requested services. Appropriate recurring charges and/or nonrecurring charges and other terms and conditions will be developed for the customer for the provisioning of such arrangements.
2.14 Termination of Service:

2.14.1 Denial of Service Without Notice

The Company may discontinue service without notice for any of the following reasons:

2.14.1.1 Hazardous Condition. For a condition on the customer's premises determined by the Company to be hazardous.

2.14.1.2 Adverse Effect on Service. Customer's use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's equipment or the Company's service to others.

2.14.1.3 Tampering With Company Property. Customer's tampering with equipment furnished and owned by the Company.

2.14.1.4 Unauthorized Use of Service. Customer's unauthorized use of service by any method which causes hazardous signals over the Company's network.

2.14.1.5 Illegal use of Service. Customer's use of service or equipment in a manner to violate the law.

2.14.2 Denial of Service Requiring Notice

2.14.2.1 The Company may deny service for any of the following reasons provided it has notified the customer of its intent, in writing, to deny service and has allowed the customer a reasonable time of not less than 10 days in which to remove the cause for denial:

2.14.2.1.A Non-compliance with Regulations. For violation of or non-compliance with regulations contained in Code of Maryland Regulations 20.45.04, or for violation of or non-compliance with the Company's tariffs on file with the Commission.

2.14.2.1.B Failure on Contractual Obligations. For failure of the customer to fulfill his contractual obligations for service or facilities subject to regulation by the Maryland Public Service Commission.

2.14.2.1.C Refusal of Access. For failure of the customer to permit the Company to have reasonable access to its equipment.
2.14.2.1.D Non-payment of Bill.

2.14.2.1.D.1 For non-payment of a bill for service, provided that the Company has made a reasonable attempt to effect collection and has given the customer written notice of its intent to deny service if settlement of his account is not made and provided the customer has at least 5 days, excluding Sundays and holidays in which to make settlement before his service is denied.

2.14.2.1.D.2 In cases of bankruptcy, receivership, abandonment of service, or abnormal toll usage not covered adequately by a security deposit, less than 5 days notice may be given if necessary to protect the Company=s revenues.

2.14.2.1.D.3 Except in cases where a prior promise to pay has not been kept or bankruptcy, receivership, abandoned service, or abnormal toll usage is involved, the Company may not deny service on the day preceding any day on which it is not prepared to accept payment of the amount due and to reconnect service.

2.14.2.1.D.4 Failure to Comply with Service Conditions. For failure of the customer to furnish the service equipment, permits, certificates, or rights-of-way, specified by the Company as a condition to obtaining service, or if the equipment or permissions are withdrawn or terminated.

2.14.2.1.D.5 Failure to Comply with Municipal Ordinances. For failure to comply with municipal ordinances or other laws pertaining to telephone service.

2.14.2.1.D.6 Failure to Pay Increased Deposit Required. For failure of the customer to pay an increased security deposit when warranted by the Company to protect its revenue in accordance with Code of Maryland Regulations 20.45.04.
2.14.3. Insufficient Reasons for Denial of Service

2.14.3.1 The following may not constitute cause for refusal of service to a present or prospective customer:

2.14.3.1.A Failure of a prior customer to pay for service at the premises to be serviced;

2.14.3.1.B Failure to pay for a different class of service for a different entity;

2.14.3.1.C Failure to pay the bill of another customer as guarantor of that bill;

2.14.3.1.D Failure to pay directory advertising charges;

2.14.3.1.E Failure to pay an undercharge as described in the Code of Maryland Regulations 20.45.04.01.D.(2); or

2.14.3.1.F Failure to pay an outstanding bill that is over 7 years old, unless the:

2.14.3.1.F.1 Customer signed an agreement to pay the outstanding bill before the expiration of this period;

2.14.3.1.F.2 Outstanding bill is for service obtained by the customer by means of tampering with equipment furnished and owned by the Company or by unauthorized use of service by any method; or

2.14.3.1.F.3 Outstanding bill is for service obtained by the customer by means of an application made:

   (i) In a fictitious name,

   (ii) In the name of an individual who is not an occupant of the dwelling unit, without disclosure of the individual's actual address,
(iii) In the name of a third party without disclosing that fact or without bonafide authority from the third party, or

(iv) Without disclosure of a material fact or by misrepresentations of a material fact.

2.14.3.2 This regulation applies to both residential and nonresidential classes of service.

PROVISION OF SERVICE AND FACILITIES

2.15 Unlawful Use of Service

2.15.1 Service shall not be used for any purpose in violation of law or for any use as to which the customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents, and permits. The company shall refuse to furnish service to an applicant or shall disconnect the service without notice of a customer when:

2.15.1.1 An order shall be issued, signed by a judge finding that probable cause exists to believe that the use made or to be made of the service is prohibited by law, or

2.15.1.2 The Company is notified in writing by a law enforcement agency acting within its jurisdiction that any facility furnished by the Company is being used or will be used for the purpose of transmitting or receiving gambling information in interstate or foreign commerce in violation of the law.

2.15.2 If service has been physically disconnected by law enforcement officials at the customer's premises and if there is not presented to the Company the written finding of a judge, then upon written or verbal request of the subscriber, and agreement to pay restoral of service charges and other applicable service charges, the Company shall promptly restore such service.

2.16 Interference with or Impairment of Service

Service shall not be used in any manner which interferes with other persons in the use of their service, prevents other persons from using their service, or otherwise impairs the quality of service to other customers. The company may require a customer to immediately shut down its transmission of signals if said transmission is causing interference to others or impairing the service of others.
2.17 Telephone Solicitation by Use of Recorded Messages

2.17.1 Service shall not be used for the purpose of solicitation by recorded messages when such solicitation occurs as a result of unrequested or unsolicited calls initiated by the solicitor by means of automatic dialing devices. Such devices, with storage capability of numbers to be called or a random or sequential number generator that produces numbers to be called and having the capability, working alone or in conjunction with other equipment, of disseminating a prerecorded message to the number called and which are calling party or called party controlled, are expressly prohibited.

2.18 Incomplete Calls

2.18.1 There shall be no charge for incomplete calls. No charge will be levied for unanswered calls. Customers will receive credit for calls placed to a wrong number if the customer notifies the Company of the error.

2.19 Overcharge/Undercharge

2.19.1 Overcharge/undercharge provisions will be in accordance with COMAR 20.45.04.01.

2.19.2 When a customer has been overcharged, the amount shall be refunded or credited to the customer.
3. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

3.1 General

The Company provides telecommunications services to Inmates in local, county and state Confinement Facilities throughout the United States including Maryland. Service provided under this tariff is intrastate voice telecommunications service between points in the State of Maryland. Originating points of service are limited to Inmate telephones owned or operated by the Company in Confinement Facilities and made available for the use of Inmates.

Services are provided on an automated basis through Inmate telephones, automated call processors and over subscribed facilities of various telecommunications providers. These facilities include, but are not limited to, broadband access lines (e.g. T-1, DSL), MultiProtocol Label Switching (“MPLS”) equipment and services, Integrated Services Digital Network (“ISDN”), and payphone service provider access lines. The Company will choose appropriate facilities for the provision of its services based upon Confinement Facility requirements and the Company’s evaluation of cost, reliability, and network function.

Inmate telephone service consists of the provision of automated operator service by means of an Automated Call Processing System. To complete and arrange billing for calls, automated service is provided by means of a microprocessor which uses recorded voice prompts which prompt parties to the call through the process of completing the call. The microprocessor responds to the Called Party’s input of information by automatically processing and transmitting the information to establish a valid billing procedure for the call and to complete the call.

Consistent with applicable law governing the provision of telecommunications services to inmates in Confinement Facilities and restrictions based upon the provision of such services by Confinement Facilities, the Company’s inmate telecommunications services are provided as follows:

a. Only automated collect calls and authorized Prepaid Card calls or Debit Calls through a Confinement Facility commissary may be placed.

b. The automated voice prompts identify the Company, audibly and distinctly, to the Customer at the beginning of each call, and again before the Billed Party incurs any charge for the call.

c. The Inmate and/or the Called Party receiving the call can terminate the call at no charge before the call is accepted.

d. The Company shall disclose to the Customer, upon request and at no charge, a quote of its rates and charges for the call.
e. The Company shall post notices in each Confinement Facility where the Company provides service containing the Company’s contact information along with information on how the service is provided.

3.2 Timing of Calls

Charges begin once the Called Party accepts a collect call or when the prepaid Inmate call is accepted. After the system verifies acceptance, timing begins and a call detail record is generated from that moment until the call is concluded.

There shall not be a charge for unanswered and non-accepted collect calls. Upon receiving reasonable and adequate notification from Customer of a billing error for any such call, the Company or an authorized agent will issue a credit to the Customer in an amount equal to the charge for the call.

3.3 Monitoring and Recording of Inmate Calls

The Company installs and maintains call origination equipment (inmate telephone service systems) with monitoring and recording capabilities in Confinement Facilities that request and contract for such equipment. The Company has a Monitoring and Recording policy that prohibits any employee from recording, listening to or disclosing the contents of telephone recordings except as authorized in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws, including Title III of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended (the “Act”), 18 U.S.C.A. §2511 (c) and (d).

The Monitoring and Recording Policy provides the guidelines for law enforcement officials to monitor and record non-privileged inmate conversations. It also provides guidelines for company employees to respond to law enforcement investigations, analyze recordings for the purpose of quality control (voice and volume), and review recordings for the purpose of telephone fraud investigation.

Prior to recording any conversation, the Calling Party (the Inmate) and the Called Party are both notified that the call will be recorded and may be monitored. After the call is answered this notification is provided before and after the call is accepted. Calls between an Inmate and attorney are not recorded if the attorney provides their phone numbers to the Confinement Facility to block recording.
3.4 Rate Quotes

The Customer prior to accepting a collect call can receive a quote for the call by pressing a single digit. The Customer can also receive a rate quote by calling the Company’s toll free customer service number twenty-four hours a day.

3.5 Inmate Customers

3.5.1 Prepaid Cards
Inmates may obtain Company Prepaid Cards (in various denominations) directly from the Confinement Facility. All monetary transactions involving Inmates take place between the Confinement Facility and the Inmate, and are under the direct and complete control of the Confinement Facility.

The Inmate obtains access to the Company’s Prepaid Card Services via a toll-free number. The Inmate must input a valid Authorization Code to access an account. At the beginning of each call, the Inmate is informed of the remaining balance on the card. The Inmate then inputs the destination number. Network usage will be debited from the available funds on the card on a real time basis and in full minute increments as the call progresses. Call timing is rounded up to the nearest one (1) minute increment after the initial minimum period of one (1) minute. Inmate will be provided with an announcement when the account balance is one minute prior to exhaustion. The Inmate can transfer a balance from one card to another card. Prepaid cards will expire twelve months from date of initial use. The Called Party is provided the name of the Confinement Facility and the name of the Inmate calling prior to being offered the option to accept or refuse the incoming pre-paid call. Following release from a Confinement Facility, a refund can be requested by sending the card to the Company at the address printed on the card. Refund requests must be submitted to the Company within twelve months from date of initial use. A refund will be issued to the Customer within ten to fifteen (10 – 15) business days from receipt of the Customer’s card.

3.5.2 Debit Calls
When made available by the Confinement Facility, the Inmate may place debit calls using funds transferred from the Inmate’s Trust Account. The Inmate selects the debit account option and inputs the destination number. At the beginning of the call the Inmate is informed of the remaining balance in the debit account. Network usage will be debited from the funds available in the debit account on a real time basis and in full minute increments as the call progresses. Call timing is rounded up to the nearest one (1) minute increment after the initial minimum period of one (1) minute.
Inmates will be provided an announcement when the account balance is one minute prior to exhaustion. The Called Party is provided the name of the Confinement Facility and the name of the Inmate calling prior to being offered the option to accept or refuse the incoming debit call.

At the time of release from a Confinement Facility, the debit account balance will be transferred to the Inmates Trust Account for refund.

3.6 Non-Inmate Customers

3.6.1 Validation, and Fraud Prevention Process

When an Inmate attempts to place a collect call to a prospective Customer, the Company will initiate a process whereby the prospective Customer is evaluated. This process is a necessary undertaking by the Company in order to protect the Company’s ability to collect for the services provided (and similarly limit and prevent unbillable revenues and bad debt), and limit and prevent fraud.

Accordingly, the Company will validate its Customers’ bill-to-number through available verification procedures and establish a maximum predetermined credit amount. Where the Customer’s requested billing method cannot be validated, or a maximum credit amount cannot be established, the Company may refuse to provide service except through a Company Direct Bill and/or Prepaid Account basis as set out herein. Furthermore, the Company will use various methods to determine the likelihood of fraud associated with a particular Customer, and in the event the Company determines that such a likelihood exists, the Company may also refuse to provide service except on a Prepaid Account basis with payments only by money order, Western Union Prepaid Services, or MoneyGram.

3.6.2 Billing through the Customer’s Local Exchange Carrier (“LEC”)

This option is limited to those Customers who satisfy the Validation and Fraud Prevention procedures described above.

Accordingly, billing through the Customer’s Local Exchange Carrier is not available when: the Customer’s Local Exchange Carrier will not bill the Company’s calls; the Customer has reached the local Exchange Carrier’s billing limit for collect calls; the Company determines, based upon the review described in Section 3.6.1 above, the Customer is otherwise ineligible to have calls billed on the Local Exchange Carrier’s bill; or the Customer
accrues a threshold amount of charges as set out in Section 3.6.5 hereof.

3.6.3 Billing for Customers that use Alternative Local Service Providers

Alternative Local Service Providers such as CLECs, VOIP, and Wireless Carriers do not provide billing and collection agreements for other carriers. When the Customer chooses to use an Alternative Local Service Provider, the Company will assist the Customer in establishing billing arrangements through Company Direct Bill or Prepaid Account Programs with multiple payment options through Third Party Payment Processors.

3.6.4 Third Party Payment Processors

The Company has established multiple payment options for Customers who choose to open an account directly with the Company. These payment options are provided by Third Party Service Providers that charge an undiscountable fee to the Customer for processing Customer payments. The Company has negotiated the lowest possible fee with each of these Third Party Payment Processors, and receives no revenue in connection with any such fee. This fee is added to the Customer’s payment amount by the Third Party Payment Processor, collected when the Customer makes payment, and paid to the Third Party Payment Processor. These Third Party Payment Processors are Western Union Prepaid Services, MoneyGram, a Phone Payment Processor, and a Website Online Payment Processor.

3.6.5 Direct Bill Customer Account Program

The Direct Bill Customer Account Program (“Program”) is available to those Customers whose calls cannot be billed through their Alternative Local Telephone Service Provider. In addition, the Program is available to those Customers who accrue a threshold amount of charges billed through their Local Exchange Carrier within a thirty-to-ninety day period.

The Customer is provided a courtesy call to inform the Customer of the Company’s Billing Limit for calls billed through the Local Exchange Carrier when total outstanding charges accrued within a thirty-day period reach $50.00. Once the Customer has accrued $75.00 or more of collect call charges within a ninety-day period, a second notification call is made to the Customer indicating placement in the Program. Billing treatment for Customers participating in the Program is as follows:

A. To participate in the Direct Bill Program, the customer must complete a credit application and receive a satisfactory credit score. The credit
application can be taken over the phone or completed on the Company website.

B. If the customer receives a satisfactory credit score, all future billing will be by the Company directly to the Customer. The Company will obtain the address of the Customer and begin the billing process from the date the Customer is approved for the Direct Bill Program.

C. With the first bill, the Customer is notified of the Billing Limit established by the Company’s credit policies, and the Company’s address and toll-free Customer Service telephone number. Information about the average cost of calls received from the Confinement Facility is also provided to assist the Customer in budgeting telecommunications expenses.

D. Thereafter, Program Customers are billed on a weekly basis.

E. If a Customer’s bill exceeds the Billing Limit established by the Company, the Customer is notified and then the Customer’s telephone number is blocked from receiving collect calls from Confinement Facilities served by the Company until payment on the account is received.

3.6.6 Prepaid Customer Account Program

The Prepaid Customer Account Program (“Program”) is available to those Customers whose calls cannot be billed through their Alternative Local Telephone Service Provider. In addition, the Program is available to those Customers who accrue a threshold amount of charges billed through their Local Exchange Carrier within a thirty-to-ninety day period.

Customers who do not wish to complete a credit application or do not receive a satisfactory credit score can open a Prepaid Account.

A. The Customer establishes a Prepaid Account with the Company by paying $25 or more to the Company by one of the payment methods offered by the Company. Payments can be made over the phone or on the web via credit card, check card, or check. The Customer’s account number is the ten digit phone number where they wish to receive calls. The Customer will also select a six digit Personal Identification Number or PIN to use in accessing their account information in the future.

B. When the Customer receives a call, they are informed the call is from an Inmate and the Customer has the option to accept or decline the incoming
call. All security measures associated with an Inmate collect call, as implemented by the Company and the Confinement Facility, will apply.

C. Customers using this pre-payment option will receive a weekly statement listing their call activity, charges, and notifying them of their remaining balance. Weekly statements are provided at no charge to the customer. The Customer can contact the Company’s customer service toll-free number or visit the Company’s website to obtain account balances information twenty-four hours a day. If the Customer’s entire account balance is used, the Customer is notified and then the Customer’s telephone number is blocked from receiving collect calls from the Confinement Facility served by the company until payment on the account is received. Customers may send the Company additional funds using a check or money order to receive more calls, or authorize payment of additional funds via credit card, check card, check by phone, echeck, MoneyGram, or Western Union Prepaid Services.

D. The Company may apply pre-payments to past due charges billed to the Customer by the Local Exchange Carrier.

E. The account remains open until one of the following events occurs: 1) the balance is depleted; or 2) the Customer requests that the account be terminated.

F. [Reserved For Future Use]

G. Refunds - Customers may request a refund of unused funds by sending a written request to cancel their account to the Company via email at refunds@paytel.com, fax at 1-800-776-8423, or U.S. mail. The Company will endeavor to refund such monies, provided that no past due charges are owed by the Customer to its local exchange carrier or the Company, within ten to fifteen (10-15) business days from the receipt of the Customer’s request. There is no charge for issuing a refund.

H. All unused funds of the Customer will be maintained by the Company in conformance with the Maryland Uniform Disposition of Abandoned Property Act, Article 17 – Commercial Law, §17-326.

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RATES AND CHARGES

4.1 Calculation of Rates*

4.1.1 Rates for service are measured.

4.1.2 Timing of calls begins when the call is answered at the called station.

4.1.3 Local Collect Calls

A. Measured Charges

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4.1.4 IntraLATA Collect Calls

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4.1.5 InterLATA Collect Calls

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4.1.6 Taxes and Fees

All state and local taxes and any fee imposed by a government entity are listed as separate line items on the Customer’s bill.

* Pursuant to FCC Docket 12-375, the revisions shown above are effective June 20, 2016 for Jails.
SECTION 4 - RATES (continued)

4.3 Prepaid Card Calls

Prepaid Card calls, as described in Section 3.5.1 hereof, will not exceed the collect call rate for the appropriate type call as listed in Section 4.1.

Following release from a Confinement Facility a refund can be requested by sending the card to the Company at the address printed on the card. Refund requests must be submitted to the Company within twelve months from date of initial use.

4.4 Debit Calls

Debit Calls, as described in Section 3.5.2 hereof, will not exceed the collect call rate for the appropriate type call as listed in Section 4.1.

At the time of release from a Confinement Facility, the debit account balance will be transferred to the Inmate’s Trust Account.

4.5 Direct Bill Customer Account Program

Direct Bill calls, as described in Section 3.6.5 hereof will not exceed the collect call rate for the appropriate type of call as listed in Section 4.1.

4.5 Prepaid Customer Account Program

Prepaid Account Calls as described in Section 3.6.6 hereof, will not exceed the collect call rate for the appropriate type of call as listed in Section 4.1.
When the Customer no longer needs the account, they can request a refund. There is no charge for issuing a refund.

4.6 Rate Quotes

The Customer prior to accepting a collect call can receive a quote for the call by pressing a single digit. The Customer can also receive a rate quote by calling the Company’s toll free customer service number twenty-four hours a day.

4.7 Disputed Charges

Billed party bills shall display the Company toll free number whereby the billed party can contact the Company to resolve billing complaints. Disputed charges are subject to the conditions described in Section 2.5.1, above.

4.8 Billing Entity Conditions

When billing functions on behalf of the Company are performed by billing agents (i.e., local exchange carrier, credit card companies, or other), the payment of charge conditions, tariffs, regulations of such companies and any regulations imposed upon these companies by regulatory bodies having jurisdiction apply, including any applicable tax, applicable interest, and/or late payment charge conditions.

4.9 Reserved for future use.

4.10 Payment by Check or Money Order through the Mail

No additional fees will be charged to a Customer each time the Customer chooses to make a payment with a check or money order through the mail for an account with the Company.

4.11 Third Party Payment Processors

Third Party Payment Processors – The Company has established multiple payment options for Customers who choose to open an account directly with the Company. These payment options are provided by Third Party Service Providers that charge an undiscountable fee to the Customer for processing Customer payments. The Company has negotiated the lowest possible fee with each of these Third Party Payment Processors, and receives no revenue in connection with any such fee. This fee is added to the Customer’s payment amount by the Third Party Payment Processor, collected when the...
Customer makes payment, and paid to the Third Party Payment Processor. These Third Party Payment Processors are Western Union Prepaid Services, MoneyGram, PayNearMe, a Phone Payment Processor, and a Website Online Payment Processor.

4.11.1 Western Union Prepaid Services Payment Processing Fee

An undiscountable fee of $5.00 will be charged to a Customer by Western Union each time the Customer chooses to make a cash payment through Western Union for an account with the Company. This fee is set by Western Union and is referenced in this tariff to advise the Customer of the charge. This fee will not be assessed on those Customers who mail a check or money order to the Company.

4.11.2 MoneyGram Payment Processing Fee

An undiscountable fee of $5.95 will be charged to a Customer by MoneyGram each time the Customer chooses to make a cash payment through MoneyGram at Wal*Mart for an account with the Company. This fee is set by MoneyGram and is referenced in this tariff to advise the Customer of the charge. This fee will not be assessed on those Customers who mail a check or money order to the Company.

4.11.3 Website Online Payment Processing Fee

An undiscountable fee of $3.00 will be charged to a Customer by the Third Party Website Online Payment Processor each time the Customer chooses to make a payment using a credit card, check/debit card or check online for an account with the Company. This fee covers the expenses associated with third-party database verification, validation, fraud prevention services and payment processing available through the Website Online Payment Processor. This fee is referenced in this tariff to advise the Customer of the charge. This fee will not be assessed on those Customers who mail a check or money order to the Company.

4.11.4 Automated Phone Payment Processing Fee

An undiscountable fee of $3.00 will be charged to a Customer by the Third Party Phone Payment Processor each time the Customer chooses to make a payment using a credit card, check/debit card or check over the phone using the automated system for an account with the Company. This fee covers the expenses associated with third party database verification, validation, fraud prevention services and payment processing available through the Phone Payment Processor. This fee is referenced in this tariff to advise the customer of the charge. This fee will not be assessed on those customers who mail a check or money order to the Company.
4.11.5 Live Agent Phone Payment Processing Fee

An undiscountable fee of $5.95 will be charged to a Customer by the Third Party Phone Payment Processor each time the Customer chooses to make a payment using a credit card, check/debit card or check over the phone using the live agent option for an account with the Company. This fee covers the expenses associated with third party database verification, validation, fraud prevention services and payment processing available through the Phone Payment Processor. This fee is referenced in this tariff to advise the customer of the charge. This fee will not be assessed on those customers who mail a check or money order to the Company.

4.11.6 PayNearMe Payment Processing Fee

An undiscountable fee of $1.99 will be charged to a Customer by the Third Party Phone Payment Processor each time the Customer chooses to make a cash payment through PayNearMe for an account with the Company. This fee is set by PayNearMe and is referenced in this tariff to advise the Customer of the charge. This fee will not be assessed on those Customers who mail a check or money order to the Company.