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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

B. OBLIGATION AND LIABILITY OF TELEPHONE COMPANY (Continued)

8. Customer Premise Equipment (Continued)

- c. The customer indemnifies and saves the Company harmless against claims for libel, slander, or infringement of patents arising from combining such equipment with the facilities of the Company.
- d. The Company shall not be responsible to the customer if changes in criteria in this Services Catalog or changes in any of the facilities or operations or procedures of the Company render any customer premise equipment obsolete, or require modification or alteration of such equipment, or otherwise affect its use or performance. The Company reserves the right to change the standards of its equipment as the requirements of the telephone business may direct.

C. USE OF SERVICE AND FACILITIES

1. Use of Customer Service

- a. Customer telephone service is furnished on retail basis for residential or business use only and not for resale except as otherwise provided in Part II, Section O. Service accounts are assigned to customers only, and the customer(s) in whose name the account is established will be treated as the account owner(s) for all purposes. Account owners shall be responsible for any and all use of the subscribed service.

2. Attachment or Connection of Customer Premise Equipment

- a. Customer premise equipment may be used with the facilities furnished by the Company, for telecommunication service, provided that such equipment will be connected, maintained and operated in a manner compatible with Company's facilities and networks.
- b. It is the customer's obligation to ensure compliance with any applicable state or federal laws governing the installation and use of customer premise equipment.
- c. To protect the network and services furnished to the public by the Company, the customer premise equipment must comply with all applicable minimum network protection criteria.
- d. If customer premise equipment is used which is causing or is likely to cause interference or hazard to the network, the Company will take such action as it deems necessary for the protection of the telecommunications network.
- e. After notification by the Company of such interference or hazard, the customer shall discontinue such use and disconnect such equipment. Failure of the customer to conform to this requirement may result in suspension of service.
- f. The customer will be responsible to pay a service check charge as specified in Part VI, Service Check Charges for visits to their premises when the service difficulty is caused by the customer premise equipment.

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H. CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION CHARGES

1. General

- a. Lines will be extended in accordance with provisions specified in the Line Extension Section.
- b. Special charges in the form of installation charges, monthly rates or both, are applied in addition to the usual service charge and monthly rates when, because of the sporadic or occasional nature of the service or an unusual investment or expense as for example:
  - 1) The facilities are provided in remote or undeveloped sections.
  - 2) Conditions that require unusual methods of plant construction, installation or maintenance.
  - 3) The customer's location requires the use of costly private right-of-way.
  - 4) The establishment of services which may be of a speculative or temporary nature.
- c. Title to all construction, as specified in H.2. below, provided wholly or partly as a customer's expense is vested in the Company.
- d. "Cost" is labor and materials included loaded overheads and may include a contribution to cover the cost of doing business not explicitly associated with direct cost.

2. Special Type of Construction

- a. If a special type of construction is desired by a customer, (e.g., when underground service is desired in places where aerial construction would normally be used) or if unusual requirements of a customer make the cost of an installation higher than it would be if the usual type of construction were used, the customer is required to pay the difference in cost between the special type of construction and the average cost of the usual type of construction.

I. MINIMUM CONTRACT PERIODS

1. Minimum Contract Period

- a. Except as specified elsewhere in this Services Catalog, the minimum contract period is one month from the date service or additions to service are established and the minimum charge is the authorized rate for one month. For purposes of rate administration each month is considered to have 30 days.
- b. The Company may require a contract period longer than one month at the same location for unusual construction necessary to meet special demands, and involving extra costs (see Special Type Construction).

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J. DISCONNECTION OR REFUSAL OF SERVICE (Continued)

4. Emergency Medical Conditions

Disconnection of a residential customer shall be postponed 30 days if an existing medical emergency of the customer, a member of the customer's family, or any permanent resident of the premises where service is rendered would present an especial danger to the health of any permanent resident of the premises. Indicators of an especial danger to health include, but are not limited to: age; infirmity; mental incapacitation; serious illness; physical disability, including blindness and limited mobility; and any other factual circumstance which may indicate a severe or hazardous health situation. The telephone utility may require written verification of the especial danger to health by a physician or a public health official, including the name of the person endangered, and a statement that the person is a resident of the premises in question. Initial verification may be by telephone, but the telephone utility may require a written verification within 5 days of the verification of the especial health danger by the physician or a public health official, including the name of the person endangered and a statement that the person is a resident of the premises in question. If the service has been disconnected within 14 days prior to verification of illness for a qualifying resident, service shall be restored to that residence if a proper verification is thereafter made in accordance with the foregoing provisions. If the customer does not make payment during the 30-day period, the service is then subject to disconnection.

5. At Customer's Request

- a. Contracts for service may be terminated prior to the expiration of the contract period provided advance notice is given to the Company and upon agreement to pay all charges due for the service furnished, plus any termination charges which might be applicable.
- b. Where a contract for service with a one-month minimum period is canceled before establishment of the service is completed, a charge not to exceed the service charge specified, is applied if all or a portion of the facilities have been installed.
- c. No minimum or termination charge will apply (unless otherwise stated specifically in this Services Catalog) where a new customer takes over the service of the former customer, provided the service is to be furnished at the same location without interruption and that the new customer assumes all unpaid charges on the original contract. Minimum and termination charges will apply for any service furnished under the original contract which is not retained by the new customer.
- d. No minimum or termination charge will apply in the event the service is terminated because of condemnation, destruction, or damage to property by fire or other cause, beyond the control of the customer.

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K. PAYMENT FOR SERVICE AND FACILITIES

1. General

- a. Generally all customers shall pay for services and facilities monthly in advance. Municipal, State or Governmental Agencies may be exceptions to this rule.
- b. Billing to customers shall be scheduled monthly, except on mutual agreement of the customer and Company.
- c. All bills for local services are due not less than 20 days after the bill is rendered.
- d. When a customer is connected or disconnected, or for other cause the service received deviates by more than twenty-four consecutive hours from the normal billing period, the bill shall be prorated. If the prorating indicates a refund is due, the refund shall be accomplished by bill credit.
- e. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the customer of the responsibility for payment.

2. Disconnection of Service by the Company

- a. In the event of failure by the customer or those responsible to pay any bill on or before the due date, the Company may discontinue local, services upon written notice, allowing the customer five days to make payment or settlement.

3. Service Charge for Reconnection

- a. Where service has been discontinued for non-payment of a due bill applicable service charges as defined in Part VI of this Services Catalog shall apply.
- b. Where service has been discontinued for the non-payment of a due bill, the customer may be required to reestablish credit as defined in Establishment and Maintenance of Credit.
- c. The maximum payment for restoration of service that existed prior to disconnection shall be the total past due amount, applicable nonrecurring charges and if appropriate, an Advance Payment and Deposit as specified elsewhere in this Services Catalog.

4. Late Payment Charge

- a. All bills for which full payment has not been received paid before the last date for timely payment shall be subject to a late payment charge.
- b. Each account shall be granted not less than one complete forgiveness of late payment charges each calendar year for regulated services. The customer will be notified that this forgiveness has been used by first class mail, telephone or electronic means.
- c. Late payment charges shall be N/A % of the unpaid balance.

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DEFINITIONS

ACTIVE ACCOUNT - A customer who is currently receiving telephone service, or one whose service has been temporarily disconnected (vacation, non-payment, storm damage, etc.).

ADDITIONAL LISTING - Any listing of a name or other authorized information in connection with a customer's telephone number in addition to that to which he is entitled in connection with his regular service.

ADJACENT EXCHANGE SERVICE - Local Exchange Service, including extended area service, provided to a customer via direct facility connection to an exchange contiguous to the exchange in which the customer is located.

ANCILLARY SERVICE OR EQUIPMENT - Any communication service or equipment not included in the definitions of transmission service, terminal equipment or inside station wiring.

AUTHORIZED USER - A person, firm or corporation (other than the customer) on whose premises a telephone, private branch exchange, or private line service or channel is located and who may communicate over such channels in accordance with the terms of the Services Catalog.

BUILDING - The term "Building" is a structure occupied by a customer or authorized user. Multi-occupant structures will be considered different buildings when space of one customer or authorized user is separated by space occupied by others.

BUSINESS SERVICE - Central Office Access Line service furnished to customers where the actual or obvious use is of a business, professional or occupational nature.

CALLS - Telephone messages attempted by customers or users.

CENTRAL OFFICE - A unit in a telephone system which provides service to the general public, having the necessary equipment and operating arrangements for terminating and interconnecting customer lines and trunks or trunks only. There may be more than one central office in a building.

CENTRAL OFFICE ACCESS LINE - A circuit extending from the central office equipment up to and including the demarcation point.

CENTRAL OFFICE ACCESS LINE CHARGE - For work associated with the telephone line, extending from central office equipment up to and including, the demarcation point located at the customers' premises.

CHANNEL - An electrical path suitable for the transmission of communications.

CHARGES - Nonrecurring amounts billed to customers for regulated services.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE LINE MILEAGE - The measurement applying to that portion of a central office line connecting a customer with a foreign central office, from the common boundary line to the customer's station, for which a monthly charge is made in addition to the base rate for exchange service.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICE - Exchange service furnished to a customer from an exchange other than the exchange regularly serving the area in which the customer is located.

GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICES - Facilities, services or features furnished by the Company connected to or associated with primary local exchange service.

INDIVIDUAL LINE - A Central Office Access Line to provide one-party service. (Not a private branch exchange trunk.)

INITIAL SERVICE PERIOD - The minimum length of time for which a customer is obligated to pay for service, facilities and equipment, whether or not retained by the customer for such minimum length of time.

INSTALLATION CHARGE - A nonrecurring charge made at the time of installation of communications service or facilities, which may apply in place of or in addition to Service Charges and other applicable charges for service.

JOINT USER SERVICE - An arrangement whereby an individual, firm or corporation whose telephone needs are not such as to justify the provision of separate customer service is permitted to use the services of another customer.

LIFELINE ASSISTANCE – An assistance program which for qualified applicants have a reduction in the monthly local exchange service.

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE - Telecommunications within a local service area in accordance with the provisions of the Company's Services Catalog.

LOCAL MESSAGE - A completed customer or user call between stations located within the same Exchange Area or Local Service Area.

LOCAL SERVICE AREA - The area within which telephone service is furnished under a specific schedule or rates without the application of a long distance message charge.

MESSAGE - A completed customer or user call.

MILEAGE RATE - The rate applying for the use of part or all of a line furnished by the Company.

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ACRONYMS

C

CO Central Office

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EAS Extended Area Service

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FCC Federal Communication Commission  
FX Foreign Exchange

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IUB Iowa Utilities Board

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GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

EMPLOYEES' TELEPHONE SERVICE

A. GENERAL

Employees' Concession Telephone Service may be offered to all active and retired employees at their residence when such telephone service is provided by this Company.

B. RATES

1. The charge for Employees' Telephone Service is 0 percent of the regular rate.

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GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

C. DEFINITIONS (Continued)

- I. Call Waiting: By means of a tone signal a customer who is using his telephone is alerted when another caller is trying to reach that station. This permits putting the first call on hold so that a second call can be answered.
- m. Call Waiting Deluxe: Allows the Caller ID customer who also subscribes to call waiting to identify an incoming caller when already on the phone by displaying the calling party information on the Caller ID displaying unit.
- n. Call Identification Blocking-Per Call: Enables a customer to control the disclosure of their telephone number or name and telephone number to a subscriber of Caller Identification (where technically feasible) by temporarily changing the public/private status indicator of the telephone number. A customer must dial a code before each call to change the indicator from public to private. "Public status" allows delivery of the telephone number or name and telephone number. "Private status" prevents delivery of the telephone number or name and telephone number. Per Call Blocking is provided at no charge.
- o. Call Identification Blocking-Per Line: Provides a permanent private indicator on a customer's line. Once blocking is established on the customer's line, the private status cannot be deactivated by the customer. Rates and charges are provided herein. Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, nonprofit domestic violence/sexual assault agencies and their staffs, and victims of domestic/sexual assault or individuals who express a personal safety need and sign a personal safety exemption form may be provided additional arrangements for private status and/or line blocking, on a line-by-line basis, at no charge.

The certification form identifies the customer who is to receive Per Line Blocking at no charge and acknowledges that if a line is equipped with Per Line Blocking, that the telephone number and name will not be delivered to subscribers of Caller ID, including poison control centers, hospitals, medical centers and others who might use Caller ID to provide assistance. 911 is not affected. And, some subscribers of Caller ID Service may choose not to answer blocked calls.

The customer acknowledges the understanding of the above. Further, the customer releases the Company from all claims and liability, including personal injury caused by its errors, omissions and operation or malfunction of Per Line Blocking service.

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C. DEFINITIONS (Continued)

- p. Caller Identification: Allows for the automatic delivery of a calling party's name and telephone number to the called customer, which gives the called customer an opportunity to decide whether to answer the call immediately or not. The name and number is displayed on customer provided equipment.

The name displayed shall be the name associated with the calling telephone number as shown on the Company's records. The Company, in its discretion, may abbreviate or limit that name for display purposes. The Company does not assure name accuracy, and it shall not be liable to any party for errors, omissions or mistakes. The Company's sole and only obligation shall be to reasonably correct errors in names when notified in writing of such errors.

It also allows for the automatic delivery of a calling party's telephone number (including nonpublished and nonlisted telephone numbers) to the called customer, which gives the called customer an opportunity to decide whether to answer the call immediately or not. The number is displayed on customer provided equipment.

- q. Cancel Call Waiting: This feature gives Call Waiting customers the ability to control when Call Waiting functions on their line.
- r. Continuous Redial: Automatically redials the last number a customer dials. If the called party's number is busy, a special tone will alert the customer when the called number becomes idle.
- s. Dial Call Waiting: Allows a customer with a line equipped with the feature to direct a Call Waiting tone or a Distinctive Alert signal to a line equipped with Distinctive Alert. The feature is activated by dialing a present access code and the telephone number of the line to which the signal is directed.
- t. Direct Call Pick Up: Allows a customer to answer a call, during the ringing cycle, that is directed to another line by dialing a present access code and the telephone number of the line to be answered. Both the originating line and the line to be answered must be equipped with the feature.
- u. Direct Call Pick Up With Barge-In: Allows a customer to answer a call directed to another line which has been answered or is ringing by dialing a preset access code and the telephone number of the line to be answered. Both the originating line and the line to be answered must be equipped with the feature.

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GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

PERSONAL SAFETY EXCEPTION FORM

Customer Certification

In order to provide a solution to your unique personal safety concerns, it is necessary for you to provide responses to the questions below.

What is the estimated interval of time that your personal safety concerns require "Per-Line" Blocking?  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you are requesting "Per-Line" Blocking for a telephone line other than your own, the responsible party must sign below.

CUSTOMER REQUESTING FREE PER LINE BLOCKING:

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER WHERE PER LINE BLOCKING WILL BE ASSIGNED:  
\_\_\_\_\_

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBLE FOR TELEPHONE ACCOUNT:

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

If a line is equipped with "Per-Line" Blocking, the telephone number of that line will not be delivered to any subscribers of Caller ID. Poison control centers, hospitals, medical centers and others who might use Caller ID will not be able to identify callers with "Per-Line" blocking who need assistance. In addition, subscribers of Caller ID may choose not to answer blocked calls. THE CUSTOMER REPRESENTS THAT HE/SHE UNDERSTANDS THE ABOVE, AND THE CUSTOMER RELEASES WEST IOWA TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A WESTEL SYSTEMS FROM ALL CLAIMS AND LIABILITY, INCLUDING PERSONAL INJURY, CAUSED BY ITS ERRORS, OMISSIONS AND THE OPERATION OR MALFUNCTION OF "PER-LINE" BLOCKING SERVICE.

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N11 – SERVICE OFFERINGS (Continued)

B. TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Continued)

13. N11 will be provided under the following conditions:

- a. The subscriber will subscribe to adequate telephone facilities, both initially and subsequently as required in the judgment of the Company, to handle calls to N11 without impairing the Company's general telephone service or telephone plant.
- b. The N11 subscriber is responsible for obtaining all necessary permissions, licenses, written consents, waivers and releases, and all other rights from all persons whose work, statements or performances are used in connection with the service, and from all holders of copy rights, trademarks, and patents used in connection with the service.
- c. The N11 subscriber shall be liable for, and shall indemnify, protect, defend and save harmless the Company against all suits, actions, claims, demands and judgments, and of all costs, expenses and counsel fees incurred on account thereof, arising out of and resulting directly or indirectly from the service or in connection therewith, including but not limited to, any loss, damage, expense or liability resulting from any infringement or claim of infringement, or any patent, trademark, copy right, or resulting from any claim of liable and slander.
- d. Suspension of N11 Services is not allowed.
- e. The N11 subscriber will respond promptly to any and all complaints lodged with any regulatory authority against any service provided via N11. At the Company's request, the N11 subscriber will assist in responding to complaints made to the Company concerning the subscriber's N11 service.
- f. The Company will provide both oral and written notification when a N11 subscriber's service unreasonably interferes with or impairs other services rendered to the public by the company or by other subscribers of N11. The Company reserves the right once notification is made to institute protective measure up to and including termination at any time and without further notice. The Company may take protective measure when the N11 subscriber makes no modification or is unwilling to accept modification in method of operation, or continues to cause service impairments.

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SERVICE CHARGES

C. CONDITIONS

1. Service Charges are in addition to the other applicable rates and charges located in other parts of this filed Services Catalog.
2. Service Charges apply in addition to, but not in lieu of, mileage rates or those charges covered under Special Type of Construction or Line Extensions of a temporary or speculative nature.
3. When Central Office Access Line service is established for a different customer and all of the facilities are reconnected in place without any change, the appropriate service ordering charge applies to the class of service established.
4. Service Charges apply for:
  - a. Establishing service.
  - b. Reconnections of service for non-payment when a service order had been issued for due bill.
  - c. Move of service from one premise to another.
  - d. Number change made at the request of the customer.
  - e. Rearrangement or relocation of facilities at customers request.
5. Service Charges do not apply:
  - a. When any change is made and initiated by the Company.
  - b. For customer name change with no lapse in billing or change in service.
  - c. When central office access line service is reestablished at a secondary location immediately following the rendering of the customer's primary location as unfit for occupancy, due to fire, flood, etc. At the option of the Company, the same telephone number may be used.

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SERVICE CHECK CHARGES

A. GENERAL

1. A service check will be performed when a customer requests the telephone company to perform a check of its facilities up to the demarcation point.

B. CONDITIONS

1. No charge will be assessed the customer regardless of whether the telephone company determines any difficulty exists on its side of the demarcation point.
2. When a customer requests that the telephone company locate or repair any difficulty on the customer's side of the demarcation point, a deregulated charge may apply for checking the facilities on both the customer's and the telephone company's side of the demarcation point.

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LIFELINE ASSISTANCE SERVICE

A. GENERAL

1. Lifeline is a plan that assists qualified low-income lowans by providing a monthly reduction of \$9.25 on their local telephone bill or Broadband Internet Access Service ("BIAS") bill. You may only receive low-income assistance from one wireline or wireless telephone provider, or one BIAS provider per household.
2. Voice and Broadband are now supposed services for the monthly benefit, you will be able to choose what service to apply your Lifeline discount to; Telephone, Broadband Internet Access Services, or Service Bundle, but you can only receive a discount on ONE option per household – phone or Internet.
3. Lifeline-discounted services include:
  - Voice Services:
    - A home landline telephone service
    - Wireless (cell-phone) voice plan – 500 minutes per month
  - Internet/Data Services:
    - Wireless (cell-phone) Data Plan – 500 MB per month at 3G speeds
    - Home Internet service – 10 mbps/1 mbps (download/upload) speeds for home Internet plans
    - (Exception: In areas where the telephone company cannot offer 10 mbps/1 mbps speeds, speeds will be up to 4 mbps/1 mbps.)

B. APPLICATION

1. The customer, who is requesting Lifeline Assistance Service, must provide a signed form, provided by the Company certifying under penalty of perjury that he or she is receiving benefits from one of the programs specified in 1. preceding. The applicant must identify the program or programs from which he or she is receiving benefits, and agree to notify the Company when they no longer participate in the program or programs.
2. Lifeline Assistance Service can only be associated with the primary residential connection.
3. Toll Blocking, as specified in (Toll Restriction Service) Section, is available to Lifeline Assistance customers at no charge.

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LIFELINE ASSISTANCE SERVICE

E. RATES AND CHARGES

1. The lifeline customer will receive a monthly credit toward their local exchange service rate. The total monthly credit identified in 47 CFR 54.403 shall be used to reduce the Lifeline customer's rate.
2. All recurring and nonrecurring charges for any service ordered by the customer shall be billed at the Service Catalog rates.
3. When a customer is no longer eligible for Lifeline Assistance Service, the lifeline credit amount specified in 1. preceding, will be discontinued and regular Service Cataloged rates and charges will apply.

For more information about Lifeline Assistance please contact the telephone company or visit the USAC Lifeline website at <http://www.universalservice.org/li/default.aspx>

You may download the lifeline and application forms at:  
[https://iub.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/files/records\\_center/forms/telecom/lifelineinfo%26Form.pdf](https://iub.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/files/records_center/forms/telecom/lifelineinfo%26Form.pdf)

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A. CONCURRENCE IN RATES AND CHARGES OF NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 3, 4, AND 5 AS FILED BY THE IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF NO. 1

1. West Iowa Telephone Company d/b/a WesTel Systems concurs in the Effective Access Tariff as filed by the Iowa Telecommunications Association in the State of Iowa.

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