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# ENTELEGENT SOLUTIONS, INC.

This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service and facilities for interexchange telecommunications services provided by Entelegent Solutions, Inc., ("Entelegent") with principal offices located at 3800 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 310, Charlotte, North Carolina 28273. This tariff is on file with the Arizona Corporation Commission, and copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the Company's principal place of business.

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#### SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Access Line - An arrangement which connects the customer's location to a Entelegent Solutions, Inc. switching center or point of presence.

Account Codes - Optional, customer defined digits that allow the customer to identify the individual user, department, or client associated with a call.

Authorized User - A person, firm, corporation, or any other entity authorized by the Customer to communicate utilizing the Carrier's service.

Call - A completed connection established between a calling station and one or more called stations.

**Commission** – Refers to Arizona Corporation Commission.

Company or Carrier - Entelegent Solutions, Inc. unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context.

**Customer** - The person, firm, corporation, or other entity which orders, cancels, amends, or uses service and is responsible for payment of charges and compliance with the Company's tariff.

LEC - Local Exchange Company.

**Special Access Origination** - Where originating access between the customer and the interexchange carrier is provided on dedicated circuits. The cost of these dedicated circuits is billed by the access provider directly to the end user.

**Switched Access Origination -** Where originating access between the customer and the interexchange carrier is provided on local exchange company Feature Group circuits and the connection to the customer is a LEC-provided business or residential access line. The cost of switched Feature Group access is billed to the interexchange carrier.

**Travel Card** - A proprietary calling card offered by the Company which enables the Customer to use the Company's service by dialing a Company-provided access number.

V & H Coordinates - Geographic points which define the originating and terminating points of a call in mathematical terms so that the airline mileage of the call may be determined. Call mileage is used for the purpose of rating calls.

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#### **SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS**

# 2.1 Undertaking of the Company

The Company's services and facilities are furnished for communications within the State of Arizona under terms of this tariff.

The Company undertakes to provide the services offered in this tariff in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth under this tariff. The Company may act as the Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities, when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to the Company. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangement.

The Company's services and facilities are provided on a monthly basis unless otherwise provided, and are available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

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### 2.2 Limitations

- 2.2.1 Service is offered subject to the availability of the necessary facilities and equipment, or both facilities and equipment, and subject to the provisions of this tariff.
- 2.2.2 The Company reserves the right to discontinue or limit service when necessitated by conditions beyond its control, or when the Customer is using service in violation of provisions of this tariff, or in violation of the law.
- 2.2.3 The Company does not undertake to transmit messages, but offers the use of its facilities when available, and will not be liable for errors in transmission or for failure to establish connections.
- 2.2.4 All facilities provided under this tariff are directly controlled by the Company and the Customer may not transfer or assign the use of service or facilities without the express written consent of the Company. Such transfer or assignment shall only apply where there is no interruption of the use or location of the service or facilities.
- 2.2.5 Prior written permission from the Company is required before any assignment or transfer. All regulations and conditions contained in this tariff shall apply to all such permitted assignees or transferees, as well as all conditions of service.

#### 2.3 Use

Services provided under this tariff may be used for any lawful purpose for which the service is technically suited.

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# 2.4 Liabilities of the Company

- 2.4.1 The Company's liability for damages arising out of mistakes, interruptions, omissions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission which occur in the course of furnishing service or facilities, in no event shall exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the Customer for the period during which the faults in transmission occur.
- 2.4.2 The Company shall not be liable for claim or loss, expense or damage (including indirect, special or consequential damage), for any interruption, delay, error, omission, or defect in any service, facility or transmission provided under this tariff, if caused by any person or entity other than the Company, by any malfunction of any service or facility provided by any other carrier, by an act of God, fire, war, civil disturbance, or act of government, or by any other cause beyond the Company's direct control.
- 2.4.3 The Company shall not be liable for, and shall be fully indemnified and held harmless by Customer against any claim or loss, expense, or damage (including indirect, special or consequential damage) for defamation, libel, slander, invasion, infringement of copy-right or patent, unauthorized use of any trademark, trade name, or service mark, unfair competition, interference with or misappropriation or violation of any contract, proprietary or creative right, or any other injury to any person, property or entity arising out of the material, data, information, or other content revealed to, transmitted, or used by the Company under this tariff; or for any act or omission of the Customer; or for any personal injury or death of any person caused directly or indirectly by the installation, maintenance, location, condition, operation, failure, presence, use or removal of equipment or wiring provided by the Company, if not directly caused by negligence of the Company.
- 2.4.4 No agent or employee of any other carrier shall be deemed to be an agent or employee of the Company.
- 2.4.5 The Company shall not be liable for any defacement of or damages to the premises of a Customer resulting from the furnishing of service which is not the direct result of the Company's negligence.
- 2.4.6 No third party provider or their directors, officers or employees that are directly or indirectly associated with the Company's performance of our services shall be liable to the Customer for any special, indirect, incidental, consequential, reliance, exemplary, punitive or other damages arising out of a service failure.

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# 2.5 Deposits

The Company does not require a deposit from the Customer.

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# 2.6 Advance Payments

The Company does not require an advance payment from the Customer.

#### 2.7 Taxes and Fees

- 2.7.1 All state and local taxes (i.e., gross receipts tax, sales tax, municipal utilities tax) are listed as separate line items on the Customer's bill and are not included in the quoted rates and charges set forth in this tariff.
- 2.7.2 To the extent that a municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government, or Commission imposes upon 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, insofar as practicable and allowed by law, be billed pro rata to Customers receiving service from the Company within the territorial limits of such municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government.
- 2.7.3 The Company may adjust its rates and charges or impose additional rates and charges on its Customers in order to recover amounts it is required by governmental or quasi-governmental authorities to collect from or pay to others in support of statutory or regulatory programs.

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# 2.7 Taxes and Fees, (Cont'd.)

# 2.7.4 Pay Telephone Surcharge

In order to recover the Company's expenses to comply with the FCC's pay telephone compensation plan effective on October 7, 1997 (FCC 97-371), an undiscountable per call charge is applicable to all interstate, intrastate and international calls that originate from any domestic pay telephone used to access the Company's services. The Pay Telephone Surcharge, which is in addition to standard tariffed usage charges and any applicable service charges and surcharges associated with the Company's service, applies for the use of the instrument used to access the Company service and is unrelated to the Company's service accessed from the pay telephone.

Pay telephones include coin-operated and coinless phones owned by local telephone companies, independent companies and other interexchange carriers. The Pay Telephone Surcharge applies to the initial completed call and any reoriginated call (i.e., using the "#" symbol).

Whenever possible, the Pay Telephone Surcharge will appear on the same invoice containing the usage charges for the surcharged call. In cases where proper pay telephone coding digits are not transmitted to the Company prior to completion of a call, the Pay Telephone Surcharge may be billed on a subsequent invoice after the Company has obtained information from a carrier that the originating station is an eligible pay telephone.

The Pay Telephone Surcharge does not apply to calls placed from pay telephones at which the Customer pays for service by inserting coins during the progress of the call.

Rate per Call, maximum

\$0.60

#### 2.7.5 Universal Service Fund

A monthly Universal Service Fund charge will be added to each bill based upon the total intrastate billed revenues. This charge shall in no event exceed the amount of the Arizona Corporation Commission assessment levied upon the Company.

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# 2.8 Terminal Equipment

The Company's facilities and service may be used with or terminated in Customer-provided terminal equipment or Customer-provided communications systems, such as a PBX, key system, or Pay Telephone. Such terminal equipment shall be furnished and maintained at the expense of the Customer, except as otherwise provided. The Customer is responsible for all costs at his or her premises, including personnel, wiring, electrical power, and the like, incurred in the use of the Company's service. When such terminal equipment is used, the equipment shall comply with the generally accepted minimum protective criteria standards of the telecommunications industry as endorsed by the Federal Communications Commission.

### 2.9 Installation

Service is installed upon mutual agreement between the Customer and the Company.

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# 2.10 Payment for Service

The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services and equipment furnished to the Customer or to an Authorized User of the Customer by the Company. All charges due by the Customer are payable to the Company or to the Company's authorized billing agent. Terms of payment shall be according to the rules and regulations of the billing agent and subject to the rules of regulatory agencies, such as the Commission. Any objections to billed charges must be reported to the Company or its billing agent. Adjustments to Customer's bills shall be made to the extent that circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate.

The Company's bills are due upon receipt. Amounts not paid within 30 days from the due date of the invoice will be considered past due. Customers may be assessed a late fee on past due amounts in the maximum lawful rate under applicable state law but shall not exceed a late fee of 1.5%. If a Customer presents an undue risk of nonpayment at any time, the Company may require that Customer to pay its bills within a specified number of days and to make such payments in cash or the equivalent of cash.

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#### 2.11 Cancellation by Customer

Customer may cancel service by providing 30 days written notice to the Company unless otherwise agreed to in the written service order.

#### 2.12 Interconnection

Service furnished by the Company may be connected with the services or facilities of other carriers. Such service or facilities, if used, are provided under the terms, rates, and conditions of the other carrier. The Customer is responsible for all charges billed by other carriers for use in connection with the Company's service. Any special interface equipment or facilities necessary to achieve compatibility between carriers is the responsibility of the Customer.

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# 2.13 Refusal or Discontinuance by Company

The Company may refuse or discontinue service under the following conditions provided that, unless otherwise stated, the Customer will be given 5 days notice to comply with any rule or remedy any deficiency:

- A. For non-compliance with or violation of any State, municipal, or Federal law, ordinance, or regulation pertaining to telephone service.
- **B.** For the use of telephone service for any other property or purpose other than that described in the application.
- C. For neglect or refusal to provide reasonable access to the Company or its agents for the purpose of inspection and maintenance of equipment owned by the Company or its agents.
- D. For noncompliance with or violation of Commission regulations or the Company's rules and regulations on file with the Commission, provided five (5) days' written notice is given before termination.
- E. For nonpayment of bills, provided that suspension or termination of service shall not be made without five (5) days written notice to the Customer, except in extreme cases.
- **F.** Without notice in the event of Customer or Authorized User use of equipment in such a manner as to adversely affect the Company's equipment or service to others.
- G. Without notice in the event of tampering with the equipment or services owned by the Company or its agents.
- H. Without notice in the event of unauthorized or fraudulent use of service. Whenever service is discontinued for fraudulent use of service, the Company may, before restoring service, require the Customer to make, at his or her own expense, all changes in facilities or equipment necessary to eliminate illegal use and to pay an amount reasonably estimated as the loss in revenues resulting from such fraudulent use.
- I. Without notice by reason of any order or decision of a court or other government authority having jurisdiction which prohibits carrier from furnishing such services.
- J. For periods of inactivity over sixty (60) days.

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### 2.14 Interruption of Service

Credit allowances for interruptions of service which are not due to the Carrier's testing or adjusting, to the negligence of the Customer, or to the failure of channels, equipment or communications systems provided by the Customer, are subject to the general liability provisions set forth in Section 2.4 herein. It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify carrier immediately of any interruption in service for which a credit allowance is desired by Customer. Before giving such notice, Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not within his or her control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by Customer and connected to Carrier's terminal. Interruptions caused by Customer-provided or Carrier-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.

# 2.15 Inspection, Testing, and Adjustment

Upon reasonable notice, the facilities provided by the Carrier shall be made available to the Carrier for tests and adjustments as may be deemed necessary by the Carrier for maintenance. No interruption allowance will be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made.

# 2.16 Tests, Pilots, Promotional Campaigns and Contests

The Carrier may conduct special tests or pilot programs and promotions at its discretion to demonstrate the ease of use, quality of service and to promote the sale of its services. The Carrier may also waive a portion of all processing fees or installation fees for winner of contests and other occasional promotional events sponsored or endorsed by the Carrier. From time to time the Company may waive all processing fees for a Customer.

### 2.17 Reservation of Toll Free "800/888" Numbers

The Company will make every effort to reserve Toll Free "800/888" vanity numbers for customers, but makes no guarantee or warranty that the requested number(s) will be available.

# 2.18 Portability of Toll Free "800/888" Numbers

The Company will participate in porting Toll Free "800/888" numbers only if the account balance is zero and all charges incurred as a result of the Toll Free "800/888" number have been paid.

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# 2.19 Return Check Charge

The Company reserves the right to assess a charge of \$25.00, or the maximum amount allowed by law (whichever is less), whenever a check or draft present for payment of service not accepted by the institution upon which it is written.

# 2.20 Complaint Procedures

Customer complaints and inquiries regarding their bills may be directed to the toll-free number provided by the billing agent on the bill. In addition, inquiries and complaints may also be directed to:

Customer Service Department EnTelegent Solutions, Inc. 3800 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 310 Charlotte, North Carolina 28273

800-975-7192

If not satisfied with the Company's response, customers may contact:

Consumer Service Section Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007 (602) 542-4251 (800) 222-7000

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#### **SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND RATES**

# 3.1 Timing of Calls

- 3.1.1 Long distance usage charges are based on the actual usage of the Company's network. Chargeable time begins when a connection is established between the calling station and the called station. Chargeable time ends when either party "hangs up" thereby releasing the network connection.
- 3.1.2 Minimum call duration is specified for each product in Section 4 of this tariff.
- 3.1.3 Unless otherwise specified in this tariff, after the initial minimum period usage is beyond the minimum call duration is measured and rounded to the next higher six second increment for billing purposes. The initial minimum period for each product is specified in Section 4 of this tariff.

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#### 3.2 Calculation of Distance

Usage charges for all mileage sensitive products are based on the airline distance between the serving wire center locations associated with the originating and terminating points of the call.

The distance between the originating and terminating points is calculated by using the "V" and "H" coordinates of the serving wire centers as defined by BellCore (Bell Communications Research), in the following manner:

- Step 1 Obtain the "V" and "H" coordinates for the serving wire center of the Customer's switch and the destination point.
- Step 2 Obtain the difference between the "V" coordinates of each of the serving wire centers. Obtain the difference between the "H" coordinates.
- Step 3 Square the differences obtained in Step 2.
- Step 4 Add the squares of the "V" difference and "H" difference obtained in Step 3.
- Step 5 Divide the sum of the square obtained in Step 4 by ten (10). Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction results from the division.
- Step 6 Obtain the square root of the whole number obtained in Step 5. Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction is obtained. This is the distance between the originating and terminating serving wire centers of the call.

Formula:

$$\sqrt{\frac{(V_1-V_2)^2+(H_1-H_2)^2}{10}}$$

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#### 3.3 General

Long Distance service is only available in conjunction with local service.

# 3.4 Long Distance Directory Assistance Service

The charges as shown below apply for each request made to the Directory Assistance operator:

Long Distance Directory Assistance (555-1212)

Maximum Rate \$3.00

# 3.5 EnTele-Voice Entegral Long Distance Plan

The EnTele-Voice Entegral Plan is an outbound calling plan available to business customers who subscribe to the EnTele-Voice Essential or the EnTele-Voice Encompass local service plans. Toll Free numbers are available for an additional maximum charge of \$6.00 per month per number. Calls are billed in six (6) second increments after an initial period for billing purposes of eighteen (18) seconds.

Maximum Rate Per Minute \$0.220

All Areas

# 3.6 EnTele-Voice Enfiniti Long Distance Plan

The EnTele-Voice Enfiniti Long Distance Plan is an outbound calling plan available to business customers who subscribe to the EnTele-Voice Essential or the EnTele-Voice Encompass local service plans. The plan offers unlimited direct dial outbound intraLATA toll and intrastate and interstate long distance calling. Toll Free numbers are available at an additional maximum charge of \$6.00 per month per number and inbound calls are billed according to the EnTele-Voice Entegral schedule. EnTele-Voice products are to be used for voice service only. Customers using auto dialers, telemarketing applications or switching equipment are not eligible to use this rate plan.

Per Line:

Maximum Monthly Rate \$39.98

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#### **SECTION 4 – CURRENT RATES**

#### 4.1 General

Each Customer is charged individually for each call placed through the carrier. Charges are computed on an airline mileage basis as described in Section 3.2 of this tariff.

Rates vary by mileage band, time of day, call duration and by originating and terminating access type.

Customers are billed based on their use of the Company's long distance service.

# 4.2 Special Contract Arrangements

At the option of the Company, services may be offered on a contract basis to meet specialized pricing requirements of the Customer not contemplated by this tariff. The terms of each contract shall be mutually agreed upon by the Customer and Company and may include discounts off of rates contained herein and waiver of recurring, nonrecurring, or usage charges. The terms of the contract may be based partially or completely on the term and volume commitment, type of access arrangement, mixture of services, or other distinguishing features. Unless otherwise specified, the regulations for such arrangements are in addition to the applicable regulations and prices in other sections of the tariff. Service shall be available to all similarly situated Customers for a fixed period of time following the initial offering to the first contract Customer as specified in each individual contract.

#### 4.3 Special Service Arrangements

- 4.3.1 If a Customer's requirements cannot be met by services included in this tariff, or pricing for a service is shown in this tariff as "ICB", the Company will provide, where practical, special service arrangements at charges to be determined on an Individual Case Basis. These special service arrangements will be provided if the provision of such arrangements is not detrimental to any other services furnished under the Company's tariffs.
- **4.3.2** Special service arrangement rates are subject to revision depending on changing costs or operating conditions.
- 4.3.3 If and when a special service arrangement becomes a generically tariffed offering, the tariffed rate or rates will apply from the date of tariff approval.

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# 4.4 Long Distance Directory Assistance Service

The charges as shown below apply for each request made to the Directory Assistance operator:

Long Distance Directory Assistance (555-1212)

\$1.50

# 4.5 EnTele-Voice Entegral Long Distance Plan

The EnTele-Voice Entegral Plan is an outbound calling plan available to business customers who subscribe to the EnTele-Voice Essential or the EnTele-Voice Encompass local service plans. Toll Free numbers are available for an additional charge of \$3.00 per month per number. Calls are billed in six (6) second increments after an initial period for billing purposes of eighteen (18) seconds.

All Areas

Rate Per Minute \$0.110

# 4.6 EnTele-Voice Enfiniti Long Distance Plan

The EnTele-Voice Enfiniti Long Distance Plan is an outbound calling plan available to business customers who subscribe to the EnTele-Voice Essential or the EnTele-Voice Encompass local service plans. The plan offers unlimited direct dial outbound intraLATA toll and intrastate and interstate long distance calling. Toll Free numbers are available at an additional charge of \$3.00 per month per number and inbound calls are billed according to the EnTele-Voice Entegral schedule. EnTele-Voice products are to be used for voice service only. Customers using auto dialers, telemarketing applications or switching equipment are not eligible to use this rate plan.

Per Line:

Monthly Rate \$19.99

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