
SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

North Penn Long Distance Corporation d/b/a Empire Access Services
SWITCHED ACCESS TARIFF
Regulations and Schedule of Charges

The Company will mirror the exchange area boundaries as stated in the tariffs of Commonwealth Telephone Company d/b/a Frontier Communications Commonwealth TELEPHONE PA P.U.C. NOS. 23 and 24, Verizon North LLC. TELEPHONE PA P.U.C. NOS. 1, 3, 5 and 6, Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc. TELEPHONE PA P.U.C. NOS. 180a, 182, 182A, 185B, 186C, Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York TELEPHONE PA P.U.C. NO. 2 and Frontier Communications of Canton, Inc. TELEPHONE PA P.U.C. NO. 3.

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This tariff is in concurrence with all applicable State and Federal laws, Rules and Regulations, and Orders, including but not limited to, the Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended, 66 Pa. C.S. and 52 Pa. Code. Any provisions contained in the Tariff that are inconsistent with the foregoing mentioned will be deemed inoperative and suspended.

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SECTION 1 - GENERAL REGULATIONS

1.1 DEFINITIONS

ACCESS CODE - Denotes a uniform code assigned by the Company to an individual Customer. The code has the form 10XXX, 10XXXXX, 950-0XXX, or 950-1XXX.

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

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

CHANNEL - A communications path between two or more points of termination.

COMPANY – North Penn Access

CUSTOMER - Any individual, partnership, association, corporation or other entity which subscribes to the services offered under this tariff, including both Interexchange Carriers and End Users.

CUSTOMER DESIGNATED PREMISES - The premises specified by the Customer for termination of Access Services.

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

FACILITIES - Denotes any cable, poles, conduit, carrier equipment, wire center distribution frames, central office switching equipment, etc., utilized to provide the service offered under this tariff.

LOCAL ACCESS AND TRANSPORT AREA (LATA) - A geographic area established for the provision and administration of communications service. A LATA encompasses designated exchanges, which are grouped to serve common social, economic and other purposes.

PREMISES - A building or buildings on contiguous property, not separated by a public highway or right-of-way.

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SECTION 1 - GENERAL REGULATIONS (CONT'D)

1.2 UNDERTAKING OF THE COMPANY

The Company shall be responsible only for the installation, operation and maintenance of service which it provides and does not undertake to transmit messages under this tariff.

Services provided under this tariff are provided 24 hours a day, seven days per week, unless otherwise specified in applicable sections of this tariff.

1.2.1 Scope

The Company's services offered pursuant to this tariff are furnished for Switched Access Service. The Company may offer these services over its own or resold facilities.

The Company installs, operates, and maintains the communications services provided herein 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 as required in the Commission's rules and orders, when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to the Company network. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such agreement.

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

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 USE OF FACILITIES AND SERVICE

2.1.1 Use of Service

1. Service may be used for any lawful purpose by the Customer or by any End User.
2. The Customer obtains no property right or interest in the use of any specific type of facility, service, equipment, number, process, or code. All right, title and interest to such items remain, at all times, solely with the Company.
3. Recording of telephone conversations of service provided by the Company under this tariff is prohibited except as authorized by applicable federal, state and local laws.
4. Any service provided under this Tariff may be resold, unless otherwise specified, to or shared (jointly used) with other persons at the Customer's option. The Customer remains solely responsible for all use of service ordered by it or billed to its account(s) pursuant to this Tariff, for determining who is authorized to use its service, and for promptly notifying the Company of any unauthorized use. The Customer may advise its customers that a portion of its service is provided by the Company, but the Customer shall not represent that the Company jointly participates with the Customer in the provision of the service.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D)

2.1 USE OF FACILITIES AND SERVICE (Cont'd)

2.1.2 Limitations

1. Service is offered subject to the availability of the necessary facilities and/or equipment and subject to the provisions of this tariff. The Company may decline applications for service to or from a location where the necessary facilities or equipment are not available. The Company may discontinue furnishing service in accordance with the terms of this tariff.
2. The Company reserves the right to discontinue or limit service when necessitated by conditions beyond its control (examples of these conditions are more fully set forth elsewhere in this tariff), or when service is used in violation of provisions of this tariff or the law.
3. The Company does not undertake to transmit messages, but offers the use of its service when available, and, as more fully set forth elsewhere in this tariff, shall not be liable for errors in transmission or for failure to establish connections.
4. The Company reserves the right to discontinue service, limit service, or to impose requirements as required to meet changing regulatory or statutory rules and standards, or when such rules and standards have an adverse material affect on the business or economic feasibility of providing service, as determined by the Company in its reasonable judgment.
5. The Company reserves the right to refuse an application for service made by a present or former Customer who is indebted to the Company for service previously rendered pursuant to this Tariff until the indebtedness is satisfied.

2.1.3 Customer-Authorized Use

Any service provided under this Tariff may be resold, unless otherwise specified, to or shared (jointly used) with other persons at the Customer's option. The Customer remains solely responsible for all use of service ordered by it or billed to its telephone number(s) pursuant to this Tariff, for determining who is authorized to use its service, and for promptly notifying the Company of any unauthorized use. The Customer may advise its customers that a portion of its service is provided by the Company, but the Customer shall not represent that the Company jointly participates with the Customer in the provision of the service.

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2.1.4 Use and Ownership of Equipment

The Company's equipment, apparatus, channels and lines shall be carefully used. Equipment furnished by the Company shall remain its property and shall be returned to the Company whenever requested, within a reasonable period following the request, in good condition (subject to reasonable wear and tear). The Customer is required to reimburse the Company for any loss of, or damage to, the facilities or equipment on the Customer's premises, including loss or damage caused by agents, employees or independent contractors of the Customer through any negligence.

2.2 MINIMUM PERIOD OF SERVICE

The minimum period for which services are provided and for which rates and charges are applicable is one month unless otherwise specified. When a service is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable, whether the service is used or not.

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2.3 PAYMENT FOR SERVICE RENDERED

2.3.1 Service is provided and billed on a monthly basis unless otherwise specified. Bills are due and payable upon receipt. In the event that the Company incurs fees or expenses collecting, or attempting to collect, any charges owed to the Company, the Company may charge the Customer all such fees and expenses reasonably incurred, including a collection fee on the overdue charges accruing at the rate of 1.25% per month or the highest rate allowed by law, whichever is lower. Collection fees on overdue charges shall begin to accrue when the Account is assigned to an outside collection agency. Such collection fees are separate and distinct from other costs incurred in collecting charges owed to the Company.

2.3.2 The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for service furnished to the Customer, or the Customer's agents, End Users or customers. All charges due by the Customer are payable to the Company or to the Company's authorized billing agent. Any objections to billed charges must be reported promptly to the Company.

2.3.3 The Company reserves the right to assess a charge of \$10.00 whenever a check or draft presented for payment of service is not accepted by the institution upon which it is written. The foregoing shall not limit the Company's right to discontinue service for returned checks or drafts under Section 2.9.1 below.

2.3.4 Application of Late Payment Charge

1. Late payment charges do not apply to final accounts.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D)

2.4 DEPOSITS

- 2.4.1 The Company reserves the right to examine the credit record of the Customer. If the Customer's financial condition is unknown or unacceptable to the Company, the Customer may be required to provide the Company with a security deposit which the Company may apply against overdue charges. The amount of the security deposit shall be equal to two month's estimated service charges but may vary with the Customer's credit history and projected service requirements. The Customer shall be apprised that after one year of service the Account shall be reviewed, and in the event that all amounts due have been paid within the terms and conditions of this tariff, the deposit shall be refunded in full. If subsequent payment or usage patterns change, the Company may request an increase in or resubmission of the security deposit as appropriate. The Company may also require a security deposit before service is restored (along with the payment of overdue charges) from the Customer whose service has been discontinued for nonpayment of overdue charges. Such security deposit may be based on a new credit history (taking into account the discontinuance of service) and estimates of service requirements.
- 2.4.2 The fact that a security deposit has been made in no way relieves the Customer from the prompt payment of bills upon presentation.
- 2.4.3 If the amount of a deposit is proven to be less than required to meet the requirements specified above, the Customer shall be required to pay an additional deposit upon request.
- 2.4.4 When a deposit is to be returned, the Customer may request that the full amount of the deposit be issued by check. If the Customer requests that the full amount be credited to amounts owed the Company, the Company will apply the deposit to any amount currently owed to the Company, and return any remaining amount of the deposit to the Customer by check.

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2.5 ADVANCE PAYMENTS

The Company reserves the right to require an advance payment from the Customer instead of or in addition to a security deposit. The advance payment shall be in an amount equal to or less than estimated installation charges plus two months estimated billing.

2.6 DISPUTED BILLS

In the case of a billing dispute between the Customer and the Company for service furnished to the Customer, which cannot be settled with mutual satisfaction, the Customer may, within 30 days of the date of the bill containing the disputed amount, request, and the Company shall comply with the request, an in-depth investigation and review of the disputed amount. (The undisputed portion and subsequent bills must be paid on a timely basis or service shall be subject to cancellation under Section 2.9 following). The Company shall communicate to the Customer the results of such investigation and review as soon as reasonably possible.

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2.7 INSPECTION, TESTING AND ADJUSTMENT

- 2.7.1 The Company may, upon reasonable notice, make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine whether the terms and conditions of this tariff are being complied with in the installation, operation or maintenance of the Customer's or the Company's facilities or equipment. The Company may interrupt service at any time, without penalty or liability, due to the departure from or reasonable suspicion of the departure from any of these terms and conditions.
- 2.7.2 The Customer shall be responsible for making arrangements or obtaining permission for safe and reasonable access for Company employees or agents of the Company to enter the premises of the Customer or any joint user or customer of the Customer at any reasonable hour for the purpose of inspecting, repairing, testing or removing any part of the Company's facilities.
- 2.7.3 Upon reasonable notice, the facilities or equipment provided by the Company shall be made available to the Company for such tests and adjustments as may be necessary for their maintenance in a condition satisfactory to the Company. No interruption allowance shall be granted for the time during which such tests and adjustments are made, unless such interruption exceeds twenty-four hours in length and is requested by the Customer.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D)

2.8 SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF SERVICE

2.8.1 Suspension or Termination for Nonpayment

In the event that any bill rendered or any deposit required is not paid, the Company may suspend service or terminate service until the bill or the required deposit has been paid. If service is suspended or terminated for nonpayment, the Customer must remit a Connection Charge as well as any payment due and any applicable deposits prior to reconnection.

Suspension or termination shall not be made until:

- a. At least 10 days after written notification has been served personally on the Customer, or at least 20 days after written notification has been mailed to the billing address of the Customer or;
- b. At least 10 days after the Customer has either signed for or refused a registered letter containing written notification mailed to the billing address of the Customer.

Access service shall not be suspended or terminated for nonpayment on weekends, public holidays, other federal and state holidays proclaimed by the President or the Governor, or on days when the main business office of the Company is not open for business.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D)

2.8 SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF SERVICE (Cont'd)

2.8.2 Exceptions to Suspension and Termination

Access service shall not be suspended or terminated for:

- a. Nonpayment of bills rendered for charges other than access service or deposits requested in connection with access service;
- b. Nonpayment for service for which a bill has not been rendered;
- c. Nonpayment for service which have not been rendered;
- d. Nonpayment of any billed charge which is in dispute or for the nonpayment of a deposit which is in dispute during the period before a determination of the dispute is made by the Company in accordance with Company's complaint handling procedures.
- e. Access service may be suspended or terminated for nonpayment of the undisputed portion of a disputed bill or deposit if the Customer does not pay the undisputed portion after being asked to do so.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D)

2.8 SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF SERVICE (Cont'd)

2.8.3 Verification of Nonpayment

Access service shall not be suspended or terminated for nonpayment of a bill rendered or a required deposit unless The Company has verified, in a manner approved by the Public Utility Commission, that payment has not been received at any office of the Company or at any office of an authorized collection agent through the end of the period indicated in the notice.

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2.8 SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF SERVICE (Cont'd)

2.8.4 Termination For Cause Other Than Nonpayment

a. General

The Company, after notice in writing to the Customer and after having given the Customer an appropriate opportunity to respond to such notice, may terminate service and sever the connection(s) from the Customer's premises under the following conditions:

1. in the event of prohibited, unlawful or improper use of the facilities or service, or any other violation by the Customer of the rules and regulations governing the facilities and service furnished, or
2. if, in the judgment of the Company, any use of the facilities or service by the Customer may adversely affect the Company's personnel, plant, property or service. The Company shall have the right to take immediate action, including termination of the service and severing of the connection, without notice to the Customer when injury or damage to telephone personnel, plant, property or service is occurring, or is likely to occur, or
3. in the event of unauthorized use, where the Customer fails to take reasonable steps to prevent the unauthorized use of the facilities or service received from the Company, or
4. in the event that service is connected for a Customer who is indebted to the Company for service or facilities previously furnished, that service may be terminated by the Company unless the Customer satisfies the indebtedness within 20 days after written notification.

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2.8 SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF SERVICE (Cont'd)

2.8.4 Termination For Cause Other Than Nonpayment (cont'd)

b. Prohibited, Unlawful or Improper Use of the Facilities or Service

Prohibited, unlawful or improper use of the facilities or service includes, but is not limited to:

1. The use of facilities or service of the Company without payment of tariff charges;
2. Permitting fraudulent use.

c. Abandonment or Unauthorized Use of Facilities

1. If it is determined that facilities have been abandoned, or are being used by unauthorized persons, or that the Customer has failed to take reasonable steps to prevent unauthorized use, the Company may terminate access service.
2. In the event that access service is terminated for abandonment of facilities or unauthorized use and service is subsequently restored to the same Customer at the same location:
 - a. No charge shall apply for the period during which service had been terminated, and
 - b. Reconnection charges will apply when service is restored. However, no charge shall be made for reconnection if the service was terminated due to an error on the part of the Company.

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2.8 SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF SERVICE (Cont'd)

d. Change in the Company's Ability to Secure Access

Any change in the Company's ability (a) to secure and retain suitable facilities and rights for the construction and maintenance of the necessary circuits and equipment or (b) to secure and retain suitable space for its plant and facilities in the building where service is provided to the Customer may require termination of a Customer's service until such time as new arrangements can be made. No charges will be assessed the Customer while service is terminated, and no connection charges will apply when the service is restored.

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2.8 SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF SERVICE (Cont'd)

2.8.5 Emergency Termination of Service

The Company will immediately terminate the service of any Customer, on request, when the Customer has reasonable belief that the service is being used by an unauthorized person or persons. The Company may require that the request be submitted in writing as a follow-up to a request made by telephone.

2.9 OBLIGATIONS OF THE CUSTOMER

2.9.1 Damages

The Customer shall reimburse the Company for damages to Company facilities utilized to provide services under this tariff caused by the negligence or willful act of the Customer, or resulting from improper use of the Company's facilities, or due to malfunction of any facilities or equipment provided by other than the Company, except that no Customer shall be liable for another Customer's actions.

2.9.2 Ownership of Facilities

Facilities utilized by the Company to provide service under the provisions of this tariff shall remain the property of the Company. Such facilities shall be returned to the Company by the Customer, whenever requested, within a reasonable period following the request in as good condition as reasonable wear permits.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D)

2.9 OBLIGATIONS OF THE CUSTOMER (Cont'd)

2.9.3 Equipment Space and Power

The Customer shall furnish to the Company, at no charge, equipment space and electrical power required by the Company to provide services under this tariff at the points of termination of such services. The selection of AC or DC power shall be mutually agreed to by the Customer and the Company. The Customer shall make necessary arrangements in order that the Company will have access to such spaces at reasonable times for installation, testing, repair, maintenance or removal of Company service.

2.9.4 Testing

The services provided under this tariff shall be made available to the Company at mutually agreed upon times in order to permit the Company to test, adjust and maintain the services in satisfactory operating condition. No credit will be allowed for any interruption during such tests and adjustments.

2.9.5 Design of Customer Services

The Customer shall be responsible for its own expense for the overall design of its services and for any redesigning or rearrangements of its services which may be required because of changes in facilities, operations or procedures of the Company, minimum protection criteria or operating or maintenance characteristics of the facilities.

2.9.6 Network Contingency Coordination

The Customer shall, in cooperation with the Company, coordinate in planning the actions to be taken to maintain maximum network capability following natural or man-made disasters which affect telecommunications service.

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2.10 DETERMINATION OF MILEAGE

Service for which rates are mileage sensitive are rated on the airline distance, unless otherwise specified, between the Company's switch location and Customer-designated premises or the end office of the Customer-designated premises.

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SECTION 3 – SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

3.1 General

Switched Access Service, which is available to Customers for their use in furnishing their services to end users, provides a two-point communications path between a Customer's premises and an End User's premises. It provides for the use of common terminating, switching and transport facilities. Switched Access Service provides the ability to originate calls from an End User's premises to a Customer's premises, and to terminate calls from a Customer's Premises to an End User's premises.

Switched Access Service is available when originating and terminating calls from or to an end user, which subscribes to the Company's Local Exchange Services.

Rates and charges are set forth on the Current Rate Sheet.

3.2 Feature Group Access

Feature Group (FG) Access provides trunk-side access to Local Switching Center switches, for the Customer's use in originating and terminating communications. All traffic is routed to and from the Company's local switching center via the Customer's tandem provider or via end office trunking, where available. Delivery of calls to or acceptance of calls from the Company's end user locations over Company-switched local exchange services shall constitute an agreement by the Customer to purchase switched access services as described herein. The Company reserves the right to require the Customer to submit an ASR for switched access.

3.3 Trunking

Trunks used for Switched Access Service may be configured for one-way (either originating only or terminating only) or for two-way directionality.

3.4 Call Types

The following Switched Access Service call types are available:

- Originating FG Access
- Terminating FG Access
- Originating 800 FG Access

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3.5 Originating FG Access

The access code for FG Access switching is a uniform access code of the form 1+ or 011+ or 101XXXX. For 101XXXX dialing a single access code will be the assigned number of all FG Access provided to the Customer by the Company. When the access code is used, FG Access switching also provides for dialing the digit 0 for access to the Customer's operator service, and 911 for access to emergency service. The Company will provide originating FG access consistent with dialing parity obligations.

3.6 Terminating FG Access

FG Access, when used in the terminating direction, may only be used to access end users who are subscribing to the Company's Local Exchange Services. Call in the terminating direction will not be completed to local operator assistance (0- and 0+), Directory Assistance (411 or 555-1212), service codes 611 and 911 and 101XXXX access codes.

3.7 Originating 800 FG Access

800 Database Access Service is a service offering utilizing originating trunk side switched access service. When an 8XX + NXX + XXXX call is originated by an end user, the Company will perform Customer identification based on screening of the full ten digits of the 8XX number to determine the Customer location to which the call is to be routed.

3.8 Toll-Free 8XX Database Query

The Toll-Free 8XX Database Query Charge will apply for each Toll-Free 8XX call query received at the Company's (or its provider's) Toll-Free 8XX database.

3.9 Acceptance Testing

At no additional charge, the Company will, at the Customer's request, cooperatively test, at the time of installation.

3.10 Optional Features

Other optional features may be available on an Individual Case Basis (ICB).

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SECTION 4 - SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 INDIVIDUAL CASE BASIS (ICB) ARRANGEMENTS

Rates for ICB arrangements will be developed on a case-by-case basis in response to a bona fide request from a customer or prospective customer for services which vary from tariffed arrangements. Rates quoted in response to such requests may be different for tariffed services than those specified for such services in the Rate Section. ICB rates will be offered to customers in writing and will be made available to similarly situated customers. ICB rates will be made available to the Commission upon request.

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CURRENT RATES

Intrastate Switched Access

Originating, per minute	\$0.006212
Terminating, per minute	\$0.000000

Toll-Free 8XX Database Query

Per Query	\$0.000000
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Switched Access Optional Features

All Switched Access Optional Features are offered on an Individual Case Basis (ICB).

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