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RE: Moundridge Telephone Company, Inc.
Revised tariff filing
Docket No. 25-MRGT-281-TAR

Dear Ms. Retz:

Attached for filing please find revised tariff modifications for Moundridge Telephone Company, Inc where local rate changes will be filed in Docket 25-GIMT-141-GIT. Moundridge respectfully requests that the revisions be inserted according to the attached list of changes upon Commission approval, effective March 1, 2025.

With this filing, the following changes are being made:

- Index, Sheets 4 and 5
 - Renumbered pages due to moving text
- Section 3, Sheets 2, 3 and 4
 - Moved text
- Section 3, Sheet 5
 - Premises Installation Visit – increased rate for initial hour on installation or re-connection; decreased rate per ½ hour after first hour.
 - Moved text
- Section 3, Sheet 6
 - Maintenance Premises Visit and Move Charge – increased rate for initial hour on installation or re-connection; decreased rate per ½ hour after first hour
 - Increased hourly rate per hour of Maintenance of Service Charge
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- Section 3, Sheets 7, 8 and 9
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- Section 3, Sheet 10
 - Increased rates for Extra Listing, Foreign Exchange Listing, Non-Published Listing Service, Non-Listed Service
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- Section 3, Sheet 11
 - Reduced rate for Bad Check/Bank Draft Fee
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- Section 3, Sheets 13 and 14
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The annual impact of Regulatory Revenue is approximately \$474.00. Please return a stamped copy of the tariff sheet(s) upon Commission approval to rgoddard@nex-tech.com. If you have questions regarding this filing, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Moundridge Telephone Company, Inc.

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2. Continued re-certification of eligibility for the receipt of the federal and state Lifeline credit shall be as established by the FCC in 47 C.F.R. § 54.410(f) and amendments thereto.
3. De-enrollment in the Lifeline program shall be as established by the FCC in 47 C.F.R. §54.405(e).

D. Rules and Regulations

1. Local service for Lifeline customers may be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges.
2. Toll Restriction Service will be provided to Lifeline customers at no charge.
3. Lifeline customers may be required to accept Toll Restriction Service as a condition to avoid disconnection of local service for non-payment of toll.
4. Lifeline customers are not required to pay a deposit in order to obtain local service if the customer voluntarily elects installation of Toll Restriction Service.
5. Partial payments from Lifeline customers will be applied first to local service charges and then to toll charges.
6. Lifeline customers will not be denied re-establishment of service on the basis that the customer was previously disconnected for non-payment of toll charges.
7. Lifeline will not be furnished on a Foreign Exchange service arrangement.

E. Credit and Collections

1. If a Lifeline applicant is known to have a poor credit history, a deposit may be required.
2. Once service has been established for a Lifeline customer, they will be subject to bill payment policies contained in this tariff applicable to all customers.

3.2 Payphone Exchange Service

3.21 General

- A. Payphone exchange service is offered for use with a payphone furnished by payphone service providers. Payphone exchange service requires a coin, coinless, and/or coin/card reader payphone.
- B. Payphone exchange service is a two-way, one-party business access line composed of the serving central office line equipment, all Company outside plant facilities needed to connect the serving central office with the customer premises, and the network interface.
- C. Only one payphone may be connected to each payphone exchange service access line.

- D. For purposes of this tariff, the term “customer” is defined as the party responsible for payment of the payphone exchange service access line charge.
- E. Directory listing and non-published listing services will be provided with payphone exchange service under the regulations governing the furnishing of listings as found elsewhere in this tariff.

3.22 Responsibility of the Customer

- A. The customer shall be responsible for the installation, operation and maintenance of any payphone used in connection with payphone exchange service.
- B. The customer indemnifies and holds the Company harmless for any and all loss, injury, damage or expense occasioned by or arising out of claims for injury to persons or damage to property caused by or contributed to by the provision of payphone exchange service.
- C. The customer shall be responsible for the payment of all charges for all calls originating from or accepted at the payphone. The Company shall have no responsibility to adjust any such charges and/or release the customer from paying such charges. The customer will hold the Company harmless from and against any liability or loss resulting from all calls originating from or accepted at the payphone.
- D. The payphone must be registered in compliance with Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission’s registration program and conform to all Federal Communications Commission and National Electrical Code guidelines and safety codes.
- E. The customer must comply with all present and future Federal Communications Commission and Kansas Corporation Commission rules and regulations.
- F. The customer must comply with the Payphone Service Provider Guidelines noted as Appendix A of the Kansas Corporation Commission’s order in Docket No. 97-KAPT-102-GIT.
- G. The customer shall be responsible for the payment of the maintenance of service charge, as specified elsewhere in this tariff, for each visit by a Company employee to the customer’s premises when a service difficulty, trouble report or service agreement violation is found to be caused by the customer’s payphone.

3.23 Violation of Regulations

- A. Should a payphone be found to be in violation of the Kansas Corporation Commission’s Payphone Service Provider Guidelines, the Company will suspend or disconnect service upon order of the Kansas Corporation Commission.
- B. Where any payphone is found to be detrimental to the telecommunications network, the Company will promptly notify the customer of the violation and will take immediate action, including the disconnection of service, as is necessary for the protection of the Company’s facilities and employees.

3.24. Rates and Charges

- A. The standard one party business access line rate is applicable as specified in this tariff for each payphone exchange service access line.
- B. Service connection charges, as specified elsewhere in this tariff, apply in addition to the rates for payphone exchange service.
- C. All other applicable charges and rates (e.g. – directory assistance, long distance, operator handled, credit card, etc.) are the responsibility of the payphone exchange service customer.

3.3 Foreign Exchange Service

3.31 General

- A. Foreign Exchange (FX) Service is local exchange service furnished to a customer from an intraLATA exchange other than the one in which they are located.
- B. FX service is available only in connection with regular business or residence access line service. FX service is not available in connection with public, semi-public or customer-owned pay telephone services.
- C. FX service is not a normal Company offering and the Company does not obligate itself to provide this service, particularly when it involves undue expense or impairment of service provided to the general public.
- D. FX service facilities are dedicated from the customer's premise to the point of interconnection with the connecting company of the foreign exchange.
- E. The FX customer is responsible for all local exchange service charges from the connecting company and subject to the connecting company's rules and regulations for providing service.

3.32 Rates¹

	Monthly Rate
Foreign Exchange Service Line	\$140.00

3.4 Service Connection Charges

3.41 General

- A. Service charges are made separately to connect, or add telephone service according to the components of work required.

1. Service Order Charge

For work associated with receiving, recording and processing information necessary to execute a customer's request for initial establishment of telephone service or additions to existing service.

¹ The monthly rate for FX service includes the local loop and inter-exchange circuit facilities.

2. Central Office Line Connection Charge

For work associated with the installation or changing of Central Office connections required to provide or change exchange access service requested by service order. Also included is Central Office work required for off-premise location of extensions.

- B. Service charges apply, except as specified in this section or in other sections of the tariff, to Customer-initiated requests for establishment of telephone service, reconnecting service which has been temporarily disconnected for nonpayment, and establishing miscellaneous service. Service order charges may be provided for in other sections of the tariff. When service which has been disrupted by fire, accident or natural catastrophe is re-established, non-recurring charges will not apply.
- C. Service connection charges apply to customer-initiated moves and changes of service. A move is relocation of the Company-owned protector or network interface device.

3.42 Regulations

- A. Conditions under which no service charges apply:
 - 1. Public Telephone Service.
 - 1. Complete termination of service.
 - 2. The "From" portion of work involved in a transfer of service and equipment from one to another premises.
 - 3. Company initiated upgrade in classes of service.
 - 4. Cancellation of service orders.
 - 5. Changes in bill mailing address, or special billing arrangements.
- B. One (1) service order charge and one (1) central office line connection charge apply per customer request to suspend and restore service. The charge is applied to the restore portion of the order.

3.43 Charges – Business and Residence

Component charges specified hereunder apply to standard installation. All installations requiring extraordinary construction or cost will be charged on actual cost basis, e.g., extensive fishing of wires through residence walls.

- A. Service Order, each \$15.00
- B. Central Office, each \$15.00
- C. Premises Installation Visit

\$75.00 for initial hour on installation or re-connection.
\$37.50 per ½ hour after first hour.

D. Maintenance Premises Visit

\$75.00 for initial hour.
\$37.50 per ½ hour after first hour.

E. Move Charge

\$75.00 for initial hour.
\$37.50 per ½ hour after first hour.

F. Trip Charge

\$40.00 (applicable on dispatch when trouble is determined to be beyond the NID)

3.44 Maintenance of Service Charge

The customer shall be responsible for the payment of all charges for visits by the Company to premises of the customer where the service difficulty or trouble reported results from use of customer provided equipment or wiring.

Charge Per hour - \$75.00

3.5 Private Line Services

3.51 General

- A. The Company will furnish and maintain Private Lines within the Exchange Area where adequate facilities exist. Examples of applicable services include PBX trunks, off premise extensions, alarm circuits, radio loops and foreign exchange circuits.
- B. These charges cover the additional facilities required and are in addition to rates specified in this tariff for the class of service desired, service connection charges, and construction charges, when applicable.

3.52 Rates¹

Monthly Rate

Per each one-quarter mile or fraction thereof \$1.00

3.6 Directory Listing Service

3.61 General

- A. The regulations for directory listings, as provided in this section, apply only to the information records and the alphabetical directory or that section of the directory containing the regular alphabetical list of names of customers.

¹ A minimum monthly charge of \$3.50 applies.

- B. The alphabetical list of names of customers is designed solely for the purpose of informing calling parties of the telephone numbers of customers and those entitled to use the customers' service. Special arrangements of names is not contemplated, nor any form of listing which does not facilitate directory service or is otherwise objectionable or unnecessary for purposes of identification.
- C. Names in directory listings shall be limited to the following:
1. The individual name of the customer, or
 2. The individual name of a member of the customer's family, or
 3. The name under which a business is actually being conducted by someone other than the customer and which the customer is authorized by such other to use, or
 4. The individual names of the officers, partners, or employees of customer, or
 5. The names of departments when such listings are deemed necessary from a public reference viewpoint.
- D. Whenever any question arises as to the right of a customer (1) to list the name of a business which they claim is authorized to represent; or (2) to use a listing which includes the trade name of another; the Company is allowed to require the customer to secure from the owner of such name, written authority so to use it, addressed to the Company for the acceptance for insertion or for the continuance of such listings; and is allowed to refuse to accept or to delete such listing if such written authority is withdrawn by such owner in writing to the Company.
- E. One listing without charge, termed the primary listing, is provided for each separate customer service. When two or more lines are consecutively operated, the first number of the group is considered the primary listing.

3.62 Regular Extra Listings

- A. Business extra listings may be the names of partners or members of the firm, if the customer is a partnership or firm; the names of officers of the corporation, if the customer is a corporation; and for any business establishment, the names of associates or employees of the customer. No other class of listing, such as service, agency, commodity, etc., will be accepted.
- C. Residence extra listings may be the names of members of the customer's immediate family.
- C. Ordinarily, all extra listings must be of the same address and telephone number as the primary listing, except as provided below for alternate listings. However, when in the opinion of the Company it appears necessary as an aid to the use of the directory and provided satisfactory service can be furnished, a listing may be permitted under the address of PBX station, or extension station, installed on premises of the customer, but at an address different from that of the switchboard, or main station, using the telephone number of the primary listing.
- D. Extra listing charges (except for listings of alternate call numbers and office hours) date from the time the listing is posted on the information records. Information records are posted at the time application for the listing is made, or at the date of issue of the directory, as the customer may desire. Charges for listings of alternate call number and office hours become effective as of the date of the issue of directory.

3.63 Special Types of Extra Listings

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A. Duplicate and Cross Reference Listings

1. Duplicate listings, i.e., listings of nicknames, abbreviated names, names which are commonly spelled in more than one way, and rearrangements of names are permitted when, in the opinion of the Company, they are necessary for the proper identification of the customer, and are not desired to secure a preferential position in the directory or for advertising purposes.
2. Cross reference listings are permitted when their use will facilitate the handling of telephone calls.
3. The Regular Extra Listing Rate applies for each Duplicate Listing.

B. Alternate Call Number Listings

1. Listing of an alternate telephone number, other than those covered below under section E. "Office Hour Listings" of this tariff, to be called in case no answer is received, is permitted for customers to all classes of service.
2. The alternate number may be that of a service not under contract with the customer in connection with whose name it appears. In such a case, the consent of the customer to the alternately listed service must be obtained before the alternate listing is furnished.
3. The Regular Extra Listing rate applies for each Alternate Call Number Listing.

C. Foreign Exchange Listings

1. Foreign Exchange Listings, i.e., listings of customers located in an exchange other than in which the listed service is furnished, are permitted.
2. The Foreign Exchange Listing rate shall apply.

D. Temporary Tenant Listings

1. Residence customers who lease their premises for a period for less than one year and request the Company to render service to their tenant without change in contract may arrange for the listing of such tenant provided the customer and the tenant do not occupy the premises at the same time.
2. All billing and contractual arrangements remain unchanged, the customer being responsible for the payment of all charges.
3. The Regular Extra Listing rate applies for each Temporary Tenant Listing.

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E. Office Hour Listing

1. Customers may list their office hours in the directory. Listing of office hours or other information which is not required in order to efficiently handle telephone traffic is not included in the charges for service.
2. A phrase directing the method of calling when a PBX operator is not on duty may be listed in the directory whenever night connections are provided.
3. The Regular Extra Listing rate applies for each Office Hour Listing.

F. Bold Face Type or Specialized Print Listing

1. Customers may request their directory listing be printed in Bold Face Type or using specialized printing. These requests will be subject to the terms and conditions of a separate agreement.
2. The Regular Extra Listing rate applies for each Bold Face Type or Specialized Print Listing.

3.64 Non-Published Listing Service

- A. Customers who desire their telephone numbers to be omitted from the Company's directory may subscribe to non-published listing service.
- B. Incoming calls to a customer subscribing to non-published listing service will be completed only when the calling party places the call by telephone number, notwithstanding any claim made by the calling party.
- C. The undertaking of the Company in providing non-published listing service shall be to omit from the Company's directory the telephone number of a customer subscribing to such service.^{1 2}
- D. The customer indemnifies and saves the Company harmless against any and all claims for damages caused or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly by the publication of the listing which the customer has requested to be omitted from the telephone directory or the disclosing of such a listing to any person. Where such a listing is published in the telephone directory, the Company's liability shall be limited to a refund of any monthly charges assessed by the Company for the particular non-published listing service.

¹ When a call is placed from a telephone number associated with a non-published listing, the number may be disclosed if the called party has equipment to display Calling Party Number (CPN). Customers may prevent the display of their CPN by activating CPN blocking. CPN blocking is available, at no charge, in areas where CPN disclosure is possible.

² The Non-Published Listing Service customer's name, telephone number, and address may be provided to a 911 customer who subscribes to Customer Records Service. The 911 customer must complete an agreement to protect Non-Published Listing Service information.

3.65 Non-Listed Service

- A. At the request of the customer, any one or all of the customer's primary listings, additional listings or other listings associated with the same or different residence telephone service line normally published in the directory will be omitted from the directory but listed in the directory assistance records available to the general public.
- B. The customer indemnifies and saves the Company harmless against any and all claims for damages caused or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly by the publication of the listing which the customer has requested to be omitted from the telephone directory or the disclosing of such a listing to any person. Where such a listing is published in the telephone directory, the Company's liability shall be limited to a refund of any monthly charges assessed by the Company for the particular non-listed service.
- C. The monthly rate for non-listed listings applies separately for each listing which normally would be published in the directory but which, at the customer's request, is furnished on a non-listed basis.

3.66 Rates

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Non-Recurring Charge</u>
A. Extra Listing	\$2.50	SCC may apply
B. Foreign Exchange Listing	\$3.00	SCC may apply
C. Non-Published Listing Service	\$4.90	\$10.00 ¹
D. Non-Listed Service	\$3.50	\$10.00 ²

3.7 Exchange System Used by Interexchange Services (ESIS)

3.71 General

- A. ESIS is an unlimited local exchange service provided to customers not located within the Company's service area.
- B. ESIS applies to all services that have the capacity to utilize the local exchange system including, but not limited to, Foreign Exchange (FX) service, Common Control Switching Arrangements (CCSA), Off-premise extensions (OPX), Tie Lines (TL), and authorized long distance toll equivalent services provided by Other Common Carriers (OCC).
- C. ESIS includes common terminating, switching and distribution facilities of the Company's public switched network.

¹ A non-recurring charge for non-published listing service is applicable when service is requested after original installation. When service is requested with original installation, the appropriate service order connection charge will apply.

² A non-recurring charge for non-listed service is applicable when service is requested after original installation. When service is requested with original installation, the appropriate service order connection charge will apply.

- D. The point of connection for ESIS is defined as the point where the ESIS customer can first utilize the Company's local exchange system.
- E. ESIS will only be provided when, in the opinion of the Company, provision of the service will not harm the Company's public switched network.
- F. ESIS will only be provided when the necessary interexchange facilities are available from all connecting companies.
- G. The Company is responsible only for the installation, operation and maintenance of its facilities.

3.72 Service Conditions

- A. Facilities used by ESIS customers are common with the facilities utilized by the Company in the provision of local exchange service. To prevent excessive noise, crosstalk, interference, interruptions, call disconnects, or other problems, ESIS customers must comply with the Company's technical specifications regarding signal power, current, voltage levels and other parameters.
- B. ESIS exchange system access is provided 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

3.73 Rates

- A. ESIS rates are in addition to all other charges for local telephone service as outlined elsewhere in this tariff.
 - B. ESIS rates are in addition to any rates and/or charges made by OCCs.
 - C. Exchange system access connection,
per connection
- | | <u>Monthly Rate</u> |
|---|-----------------------|
| 1. Long distance toll equivalent service (OCCs) | \$212.00 ¹ |
| 2. All other services (FX, CCSA, OPX, TL) | \$30.00 ¹ |

3.8 Other Miscellaneous Charges

3.81 Late Payment Charge

The Company may assess a 3.0% late payment charge if the entire amount billed is not received by the Company on the bill due date. This late payment charge will apply to all services on any unpaid balance. The late payment charge shall not be applied to any balance to which the charge was applied in a previous billing.

- 3.82 Bad Check/Bank Draft Fee **\$20.00**

¹ Service connection charges, equipment installation and special construction charges specified elsewhere in this tariff are applicable.

3.9 Ethernet Switched Access Local Transport (ESALT)

3.91 Regulations

- A. ESALT shall be subject to all rules and regulations applicable to the provision of service by the Company as stated in this tariff and in NECA Tariff F.C.C No. 5.
- B. ESALT service shall be provided for direct connection to the Company's telecommunications network for the provision of local traffic only.
- C. The Company shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage resulting from error, interruption, defects, or malfunctions of the service or associated equipment.
- D. Service connection charges found elsewhere in the tariff are applicable.

3.92 Rates

- A. Direct Trunked Entrance Facility, Per Facility

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
2 Mbps	\$242.81
10 Mbps	\$362.42
50 Mbps	\$982.30

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