

**BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Application of Stratus Networks, LLC

Application for Certificate of Authority to
Provide Telecommunications Services as a
Competitive Local Exchange Carrier and
Competitive Access Provider

Docket No. 24-SNIC-671-COC

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
To Serve as a Telecommunications Services Provider in Kansas**

K. S. A. 66-2005(w) sets out the requirements for certification as follows: An applicant "... must receive a certificate of convenience based upon a demonstration of technical, managerial and financial viability. Any telecommunications carrier or other entity seeking such certificate shall file a statement, which shall be subject to the commission's approval, specifying with particularity the areas in which it will offer service, the manner in which it will provide service in such areas and whether it will serve both business and residential customers in such areas."

Comes now Tyler Evans, representing Stratus Networks, Inc., an Illinois Corporation representing its intention to engage in the business of a Competitive Local Service Provider in the State of Kansas under the business name of Stratus Networks, Inc in the territory described specifically below, and making claim that public convenience will be thereby promoted. Applicant, for purposes of verification and in evidence of fitness to operate, offers the following information in support of this application:

1. Full, correct name (including d/b/a) of company, firm, association or corporation making this filing: Stratus Networks, Inc.
2. Federal Identification Number: 30-0076322
3. Type of Certification requested by applicant:

(Please provide a separate application for each type of certification. The requisite \$250.00 filing fee per service must accompany each application.)

Competitive Local Exchange Service¹

¹ Stratus plans to offer "Local Exchange Service" a/k/a "Local Telecommunications Service" and/or "Telephone Exchange Service," as defined in K.S.A. 66-2009(D) and/or Section 3(54) of the federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended ("Act"), 47 U.S.C. § 153(54). The determination of whether a call is provided pursuant to this definition is based on the end points of such call, using the locations of the originating and terminating telephone numbers, as required by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). Stratus plans to offer "Local Exchange Access" a/k/a "Exchange Access" as referenced in K.S.A. 66-2004 and/or Section 3(20) of the Act, 47 U.S.C. § 153(20). The FCC's call end points policy will be used to determine whether a call is provided pursuant to this definition.

- ___ Interexchange (long distance or toll) Service
- ___ Operator Services and Interexchange (toll) Service
 - ___ Resale
 - ___ Facilities-based
 - ___ Combined Resale and Facilities-based

4. Address (if the mailing address is a P.O. Box number, also provide the actual street address) and telephone number(s) for the principal office of the company and its local office (if any), including 800 customer service number:

Street Address:

4700 N. Prospect Rd.
Peoria, IL 61625

Service Number:

(800) 990-9093

5. If individually owned, name of individual doing business under above name:

N/A

6. Requested serving territory (statewide for toll service; local service may be limited to specific exchange areas due to rural exemption guidelines; and operator services may be limited to specific institutions):

Statewide to the extent open to competition.

7. Name, title, address telephone number and email address of person preparing this application.

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8. Name, title, address, telephone number and email address of Commission/Industry Relations contact.

Tyler Evans
VP, Operations
4700 N. Prospect Rd.
Peoria, IL 61625
Phone: 309-417-3291

Email: tevens@stratusnet.com

9. Organizational Information

In the table below, give name and address of each officer (when an individual holds more than one office, list name for each office held):

Line No.	Title (a)	Name (b)	Address (c)
1	CEO	Darren Feder	4700 N. Prospect Rd. Peoria, IL 61625
2	CTO	Ben Russell	4700 N. Prospect Rd. Peoria, IL 61625
3	CFO	Bruce Skellie	4700 N. Prospect Rd. Peoria, IL 61625

If incorporated, list information concerning company directors:

Line No. (a)	Name of Director (b)	Address (c)	Term Began (d)	Term Expires (e)	Shares of Common Stock (f)
1	Benjamin Desmaris	4700 N. Prospect Rd. Peoria, IL 61625	12/15/21	N/A	N/A
	Francois LaFlamme	4700 N. Prospect Rd. Peoria, IL 61625	12/15/21	N/A	N/A
	Jon LaSala	4700 N. Prospect Rd. Peoria, IL 61625	11/11/22	N/A	N/A
	Kevin Morgan	4700 N. Prospect Rd. Peoria, IL 61625	12/15/21	N/A	N/A
	John Petrakis	4700 N. Prospect Rd. Peoria, IL 61625	12/15/21	N/A	N/A

10. Description of Applicant's operations (provide as Exhibits):

*Responses to Question 10 are provided as **Exhibit A**.*

- A. Applicant's short run and long run growth plans for providing intrastate telecommunication service in Kansas (i.e. What services will be provided and how quickly? Will service be offered statewide to residential, business or residential and business? Are specific local exchanges, localities or the service area(s) of specific companies included in these plans? If local service, how many exchanges will be served and which of those will be served first? What are the general characteristics of those exchanges?).
- B. Estimated number of company service personnel assigned to telephone service who will be located in Kansas during the time periods mentioned above?
- C. What telecommunications equipment will be deployed in the state and where will it be deployed over the period of time mentioned above?
- D. Has any state or federal entity denied certification to your company or taken any enforcement action against your company's service operations (such as a fine or a Cease and Desist action)? If so, please explain.
- E. Provide a list of enforcement proceedings or criminal charges involving applicant or its principals in connection with the provision of telecommunications services within the last five (5) years anywhere in the United States including, but not limited to:
 - injunctions
 - cease and desist orders
 - civil lawsuits
 - consent decrees
 - assurances of voluntary compliance
 - civil investigative demands (CID's)
 - subpoenas

Identify the office or administrative agency that instituted each action, the date it was instituted, and the outcome thereof. Provide a copy of the final order or judgment. (This does not include actions for the collection of debts or domestic matters.) If no actions apply please indicate none.

11. Applicant's Managerial Qualifications (provide as Exhibits):

*Response to question 11 is provided as **Exhibit B**.*

- A. Description of applicant's actual experience in the telecommunications business, specifically that represented in this application.
- B. Managerial qualification of your company's key personnel (copies of resumes are appropriate).

12. Is your company currently providing telecommunications service in any other state? If so, in an Exhibit, please name the state(s), provide a description of your company's operations therein and list the approximate number of customers in each state.

*Response to question 12 is provided as **Exhibit C**.*

13. Financial Information:

A. Stock

The Applicant is privately held and does not issue capital stock.

- B. List information concerning the stockholders holding the highest number of shares of stock. If no one stockholder holds more than 5% of the total shares outstanding, so indicate by placing an "X" in this blank X , and omit the information called for in the schedule below.

14. Applicant's Financial Qualifications (provide as Exhibits):

*Response to question 14 is provided as **Exhibit D**.*

- A. Comparative Income Statements for the immediately preceding three (3) year period (audited positive statements preferred).
- B. Balance Sheets for the immediately preceding three (3) year period (audited positive statements preferred).
- C. A forward-looking management narrative discussing any significant activity that may impact either the Income Statement or Balance Sheet provided.

15. As an attachment, please provide state of incorporation and proof of incorporation in that state.

*Response provided as **Exhibit E**.*

16. As an attachment, please provide proof of registration with the Kansas Secretary of State (must maintain registry and remain in good standing).

*Response provided as **Exhibit F**.*

17. Name and telephone number of the contact person for customer service.

Tyler Evans
(309) 417-3291

Toll Free: (800) 990-9093

18. Competitive Local Exchange (CLEC) applicants need to provide an interconnection or resale agreement with the incumbent local exchange carrier(s) for the service territory designated above, if consummated. Please indicate the docket number(s) and

Commission approval date(s) for each. (Local operations may not begin until such agreements have been approved by the KCC.)

Stratus has initiated negotiations with AT&T for an interconnection agreement in Kansas and will submit the agreement as soon as it is final.

19. CLEC Applicants must provide a copy of the Company's proposed Intrastate Access tariff. (Operations may not begin until a tariff has been filed with and approved by the KCC.)

*Response provided as **Exhibit G**.*

20. Complete, sign and attach the KCC Telecommunications Carrier Code of Conduct form as part of this application.

*Signed KCC Telecommunications Carrier Code of Conduct provided as **Exhibit H**.*

Respectfully Submitted,



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Exhibit A

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Response to Question 10: Description of Applicant's Operations

Description of Applicant's operations (provide as Exhibits):

- A. Applicant's short run and long run growth plans for providing intrastate telecommunication service in Kansas (i.e. What services will be provided and how quickly? Will service be offered statewide to residential, business or residential and business? Are specific local exchanges, localities or the service area(s) of specific companies included in these plans? If local service, how many exchanges will be served and which of those will be served first? What are the general characteristics of those exchanges?).

At the current time applicant only intends to provide transport to Tandem and 911 PSTN switching centers for other telecommunications carriers. The intent of the CLEC authority is to be able to collocate inside the Local Exchange Carriers Central office via Interconnection agreements and connect with the PSTN. The exchanges that have been identified for the first stage of the project are provided below. Stratus may at some point also provide Voice origination and termination calls to and from the office, but at this point it would solely be data transport for other licensed carriers.

Address:	CLLI Code:	MRR Per CO:
100 N Weaver St, Hesston, KS	HETNKSX A	\$3,250.00
108 W 3rd Ave, Saint John, KS	STJHKSX A	\$3,250.00
110 S Elliott, Cunningham, KS	CNHMKS XA	\$3,250.00
121 Main St, Sterling, KS	STNGKS XA	\$2,250.00
129 N Main St, Hillsboro, KS	HLBOKSX A	\$3,250.00
152 S Main St, Hoisington, KS	HSTNKSX B	\$3,250.00
216 Railroad St, Nortonville, KS	NRVLKSX A	\$5,025.00
409 N Merchant St, Belle Plaine, KS	BLLPKSX A	\$2,250.00
415 Main St, Mound City, KS	MDCYKS XA	\$2,250.00
530 Brown Ave, Osawatomie, KS	OSWTKS XA	\$2,250.00
705 Main St, Wellsville, KS	WLVLKSX A	\$3,250.00

- B. Estimated number of company service personnel assigned to telephone service who will be located in Kansas during the time periods mentioned above?

It will not be necessary for Stratus to have any employees located in Kansas at this time. After initial build out of colocation space very minimal on-site work will need to be done. Stratus is securing a remote hands group that can provide emergency services.

- C. What telecommunications equipment will be deployed in the state and where will it be deployed over the period of time mentioned above?

Stratus will be placing LEC approved routing and switching equipment in the LEC central offices. Stratus does not intend to have any other facilities in the state.

- D. Has any state or federal entity denied certification to your company or taken any enforcement action against your company's service operations (such as a fine or a Cease and Desist action)? If so, please explain.

No.

- E. Provide a list of enforcement proceedings or criminal charges involving applicant or its principals in connection with the provision of telecommunications services within the last five (5) years anywhere in the United States including, but not limited to:

injunctions

cease and desist orders

civil lawsuits

consent decrees

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civil investigative demands (CID's)

subpoenas

Identify the office or administrative agency that instituted each action, the date it was instituted, and the outcome thereof. Provide a copy of the final order or judgment. (This does not include actions for the collection of debts or domestic matters.) If no actions apply please indicate none.

Not applicable.

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- B. Managerial qualification of your company's key personnel (copies of resumes are appropriate).

OFFICERS

Darren Feder - CEO

Mr. Feder has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rutgers University.

Darren is currently the CEO of Stratus Networks since April 2023. Mr. Feder has 25 years in telecom and technology with significant background growing and leading organizations that design, sell, construct, operate and support digital infrastructure networks.

Darren has held senior executive positions with companies like Level 3, MCI and Metropolitan Fiber Systems (MFS), responsible for business units with >\$500 million in revenue and leading large organizations with regional, national and global responsibility.

For the 10 years prior to joining Stratus, Darren was an entrepreneur, the President of Skywire Networks, an internet and voice carrier in the New York City market. Darren was a founding member of Skywire. Skywire served over 26,000 business and residential customers, lighting over 2,000 buildings in 50 neighborhoods.

Ben Russell - CTO

Ben holds a degree in Telecommunications Management from Illinois State University. Mr. Russell has over 20 years in telecommunications and the computer networking industry.

Ben is the CTO at Stratus Networks. He is responsible for all technology related to the organization (maintains backbone network, hires and coaches engineers for new product development and network improvements/augmentations). His experience spans municipal networks to Fortune 50 enterprises and crosses several sectors including Finance, Insurance, Education and Service Providers.

Mr. Russell is an active CCIE in Route/Switching with additional professional certifications including CCDP, VCNE, MEF SD-WAN and MEF-CECP.

Ben has written exam questions and lab scenarios as a Subject Matter Expert for Cisco's CCNA/CCNP and CCIE programs for over ten years.

Bruce Skellie - CFO

Bruce started as the Chief Financial Officer at Stratus Networks in January 2024.

Bruce resides in the Albany, New York area and attended Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York, majoring in accounting.

Bruce spent the last 12 years working at FirstLight Fiber, Inc. as the Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer, along with other various finance roles. He was a member of the Senior Team helping FirstLight grow both organically and through M&A. Prior to that, he spent a few years as the Controller of a manufacturing company in Upstate New York and started his career in Public Accounting working as an auditor.

DIRECTORS

Benjamin Desmarais (Board Secretary)

Benjamin has been involved in funding, managing, and developing technology companies for the last 15 years. He holds a Bachelor's in Business Administration, Finance and IT Management from HEC Montréal, Quebec; he studied Computer Engineering at Polytechnique Montréal, Québec.

Prior to joining Novacap, Mr. Desmarais was CEO of Fibrenoire, an internet service provider ("ISP") that he co-founded in 2007 and which quickly became the largest independent communications provider to businesses in Canada. Under his leadership, Fibrenoire experienced exponential growth and successfully partnered with Novacap in 2013 to build a unique organization in eastern Canada. Fibrenoire was eventually acquired by Vidéotron in 2016, delivering substantial value for all stakeholders. Following his tenure at Fibrenoire, Benjamin served as CEO and Chairman of the Board at Ni2, a software company that developed a modern OSS solution tailored to addressing modern needs of telecommunications companies and ISPs.

Mr. Desmarais is an angel investor and advisor to many start-ups and entrepreneurs with a particular interest in ESG and HR Tech. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Gestion Férique, a fund manager dedicated to servicing Canadian engineers and their families.

Mr. Desmarais was recognized as CEO of the year in 2013 by Investissement Quebec in acknowledgement of his exemplary leadership at Fibrenoire.

Francois Laflamme (Chairman and President of the Board)

Francois Laflamme has been involved in the technology sector as entrepreneur, technology innovator and private equity investor. He holds an Electrical Engineering Degree from Ecole Polytechnique of Montreal and an MBA in Finance from HEC Montreal. Mr. Laflamme also completed the Entrepreneurship Development Program from MIT.

Mr. Laflamme has over 30 years of experience in managing technology companies. He was President and CEO of LiquidxStream Systems, a telecom equipment company in the Novacap portfolio. He was also a Partner at IUGO Ventures, a venture-capital fund specialized in the TMT industry, where he led several investments in technology companies based in Canada and the US. In addition, he was Vice-President of IP

Telephony at Videotron, where he pioneered the introduction of local telephony. Mr. Laflamme joined Novacap in 2012.

Mr. Laflamme is currently member of the Board of Logibec, Horizon, Stratus and All West.

Jonathan LaSala

Mr. LaSala is a Principal at Novacap. Mr. LaSala has 10+ years of professional experience, focused primarily within the digital infrastructure sector. Mr. LaSala holds an MBA from Fordham University and a Bachelor of Science in Economics from Manhattan College.

Prior to joining Novacap, Mr. LaSala was a Vice President at Rothschild & Co in the North American Technology, Media, and Telecommunications (TMT) practice. At Rothschild & Co, Mr. LaSala provided M&A advisory and restructuring services with a specialization in communications infrastructure. Prior to Rothschild & Co, Mr. LaSala worked at TAP Advisors in an M&A advisory role, where he was focused on wireless infrastructure M&A. Mr. LaSala also has experience working in Deloitte's TMT valuation group and began his career in commercial real estate development in the tri-state area (U.S.).

Mr. LaSala is currently a member of the Board of Directors at Stratus Networks and All West Communications.

Kevin Morgan

Mr. Morgan holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin Madison.

Mr. Morgan has 25 plus years in the telecommunications industry.

Mr. Morgan was a founding member of Stratus Networks (previously Access2Go) in the late 90's. He served as the Companies CEO for 14 years before stepping away from the company in 2022. Prior to being CEO, Mr. Morgan was in sales and operations for the company.

During his time at Stratus Networks, Mr. Morgan was responsible among other things for running operational teams, regulatory affairs, company initiatives and the network itself.

Mr. Morgan oversaw Stratus evolution from the time it was a start up. Mr. Morgan currently sits on the Stratus board and consults for Stratus when needed.

Mr. Morgan currently sits on the board of Stratus Networks and Opex Communications. He is also actively involved in assisting a number of start up companies.

John Petrakis

Mr. Petrakis has a Bachelor of Science degree from Illinois State University.

Mr. Petrakis has over 30 years experience in the telecommunications industry. Mr. Petrakis was a founding member of Stratus Networks (previously Access2Go) in the late 90's.

Mr. Petrakis served as President of the Company for 14 years and Co-CEO for 7 of those as well. Mr. Petrakis has a heavy background in sales and ran both the retail and customer facing sales departments during that time. He was directly responsible for the revenue growth at Stratus over the years.

Mr. Petrakis stepped down from his role as Co-CEO in 2022 but has remained on with the company as VP of M&A and customer relations.

Exhibit C

Exhibit C
Response to Question 12: Other States Where Stratus Networks, Inc.
is Provisioning Telecommunications Service

Is your company currently providing telecommunications service in any other state? If so, in an Exhibit, please name the state(s), provide a description of your company's operations therein and list the approximate number of customers in each state.

State	Description of Services	Customers Served
AL	IXC	3
AR	IXC	5
AZ	IXC	8
CO	IXC	10
CT	IXC, VoIP	1
FL	IXC, CLEC	15
GA	Reseller	13
IA	IXC and CLEC Tariff Book	19
ID	IXC	1
IL	Access, IXC and CLEC	1217
IN	IXC, CLEC	41
KS	IXC	6
KY	IXC	3
LA	IXC	3
MA	IXC	1
MD	IXC	3
MI	IXC and VoIP	13
MN	IXC	10
MT	IXC/Telecom Service Provider	1
ND	IXC and VoIP	1
NE	IXC	2
NJ	IXC	6
NV	CPC	6
NY	IXC	21
OH	CTX-IXC	15
PA	IXC	8
PR	VoIP	N/A
TN	IXC	6
TX	IXC	15
WA	CLEC	6
WI	Reseller – IXC	9
WV	IXC	3
WY	Reseller/IXC and VoIP	3

Exhibit D

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Response to Question D(C): Forward-Looking Management Narrative Discussing Any Significant Activity That May Impact Either the Income Statement or Balance Statement Provided

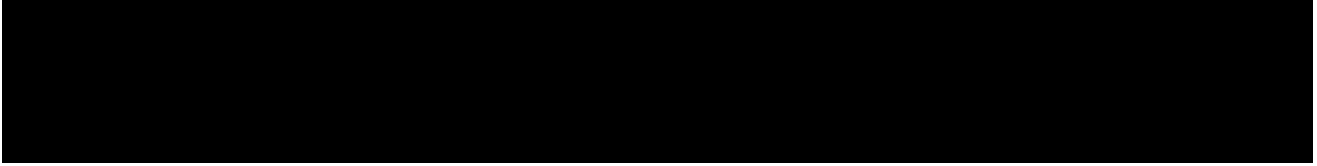


Exhibit E

Form **BCA-2.10**

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE!

This space for use by
Secretary of State

Date **6-6-02**

Franchise Tax \$ **25.00**
Filing Fee \$ **75.00**

Approved: **KK** **100.00**

Jesse White
Secretary of State
Department of Business Services
Springfield, IL 62756
<http://www.sos.state.il.us>

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Payment must be made by certified check, cashier's check, Illinois attorney's check, Illinois C.P.A.'s check or money order, payable to "Secretary of State."

1. CORPORATE NAME: Access2Go, Inc.

(The corporate name must contain the word "corporation", "company," "incorporated," "limited" or an abbreviation thereof.)

2. Initial Registered Agent:	<u>John</u>	<u>S.</u>	<u>Elias</u>
	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Middle Initial</i>	<i>Last name</i>
Initial Registered Office:	<u>416 Main Street</u>		<u>Suite 1400</u>
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Street</i>	<i>Suite #</i>
	<u>Peoria</u>	<u>IL</u>	<u>61602</u>
	<i>City</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>

3. Purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized:
(If not sufficient space to cover this point, add one or more sheets of this size.)

To do any and all acts and things for which corporations may be incorporated under the Business Corporation Act of 1983.

4. Paragraph 1: Authorized Shares, Issued Shares and Consideration Received:

Class	Par Value per Share	Number of Shares Authorized	Number of Shares Proposed to be Issued	Consideration to be Received Therefor
<u>COMMON</u>	<u>\$ NO PAR</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
				TOTAL = \$ 1,000

Paragraph 2: The preferences, qualifications, limitations, restrictions and special or relative rights in respect of the shares of each class are:

(If not sufficient space to cover this point, add one or more sheets of this size.)

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5. **OPTIONAL:** (a) Number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation: _____
 (b) Names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first annual meeting of shareholders or until their successors are elected and qualify:
 Name Residential Address City, State, ZIP

6: **OPTIONAL:** (a) It is estimated that the value of all property to be owned by the corporation for the following year wherever located will be: \$ _____
 (b) It is estimated that the value of the property to be located within the State of Illinois during the following year will be: \$ _____
 (c) It is estimated that the gross amount of business that will be transacted by the corporation during the following year will be: \$ _____
 (d) It is estimated that the gross amount of business that will be transacted from places of business in the State of Illinois during the following year will be: \$ _____

7. **OPTIONAL:** **OTHER PROVISIONS SEE ATTACHMENT #1**
 Attach a separate sheet of this size for any other provision to be included in the Articles of Incorporation, e.g., authorizing preemptive rights, denying cumulative voting, regulating internal affairs, voting majority requirements, fixing a duration other than perpetual, etc.

8. **NAME(S) & ADDRESS(ES) OF INCORPORATOR(S)**

The undersigned incorporator(s) hereby declare(s), under penalties of perjury, that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.

Dated Jan 3, 2002
 (Month & Day) Year

Signature and Name	Address
1. <u>John S. Elias</u> Signature John S. Elias (Type or Print Name)	1. <u>416 Main Street, Suite 1400</u> Street <u>Peoria, IL 61602</u> City/Town State Zip Coc
2. _____ Signature (Type or Print Name)	2. _____ Street City/Town State Zip Coc
3. _____ Signature (Type or Print Name)	3. _____ Street City/Town State Zip Coc

(Signatures must be in **BLACK INK** on original document. Carbon copy, photocopy or rubber stamp signatures may only be use on conformed copies.)

NOTE: If a corporation acts as incorporator, the name of the corporation and the state of incorporation shall be shown and the execution shall be by its president or vice president and verified by him, and attested by its secretary or assistant secretary.

FEE SCHEDULE

- The initial franchise tax is assessed at the rate of 15/100 of 1 percent (\$1.50 per \$1,000) on the paid-in capital represented in this state, with a minimum of \$25.
- The filing fee is \$75.
- The **minimum total due** (franchise tax + filing fee) is \$100.
 (Applies when the Consideration to be Received as set forth in Item 4 does not exceed \$16,667)
- The Department of Business Services in Springfield will provide assistance in calculating the total fees if necessary.
 Illinois Secretary of State Springfield, IL 62756
 Department of Business Services Telephone (217) 782-9522 or 782-9523

ATTACHMENT #1

ACCESS2GO, INC.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE 7

PARAGRAPH ONE: No holder of any class or series of stock of the Corporation shall have cumulated voting rights with respect to any matter voted upon by the holders of such stock.

PARAGRAPH TWO: Each of the following matters when submitted to shareholders vote pursuant to the requirements of the Business Corporation Act of 1983, as amended from time to time, or any successor statute, shall require for its adoption, approval or authorization, as the case may be, the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the total outstanding shares entitled to vote on the matter and, if applicable, the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of each class or series of shares entitled to vote as a class on the matter:

- (i) a proposed amendment to these Articles of Incorporation;
- (ii) a plan of merger, consolidation or exchange;
- (iii) a sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all, or substantially all, the property and assets, with or without the good will, of the corporation, if not made in the usual and regular course of business, and the determination of, or authorization of the board of directors to determine, any and all of the terms and conditions thereof and the consideration to be received by the corporation therefor; and
- (iv) a resolution to voluntarily dissolve the corporation.

When recorded, return to: John S. Elias
Elias, Meghinnes, Riffle, & Seghetti, P.C.
416 Main Street, Suite 1400
Peoria, IL 61602

Form **BCA-10.30**
(Rev. Jan. 1999)

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

File # 6225-066-6

Jesse White
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JESSE WHITE
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Secretary of State

Date 3-31-03
Franchise Tax \$
Filing Fee* \$25.00
Penalty \$
Approved: KK

Remit payment in check or money order, payable to "Secretary of State."
The filing fee for restated articles of amendment - \$100.00
<http://www.sos.state.il.us>

1. CORPORATE NAME: Access2Go, Inc.

(Note 1)

2. MANNER OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT:

The following amendment of the Articles of Incorporation was adopted on February 28, 2003 in the manner indicated below. ("X" one box only)
(Year) (Month & Day)

- By a majority of the incorporators, provided no directors were named in the articles of incorporation and no directors have been elected; (Note 2)
- By a majority of the board of directors, in accordance with Section 10.10, the corporation having issued no shares as of the time of adoption of this amendment; (Note 2)
- By a majority of the board of directors, in accordance with Section 10.15, shares having been issued but shareholder action not being required for the adoption of the amendment; (Note 3)
- By the shareholders, in accordance with Section 10.20, a resolution of the board of directors having been duly adopted and submitted to the shareholders. At a meeting of shareholders, not less than the minimum number of votes required by statute and by the articles of incorporation were voted in favor of the amendment; (Note 4)
- By the shareholders, in accordance with Section 10.20 and 7.10, a resolution of the board of directors having been duly adopted and submitted to the shareholders. A consent in writing has been signed by shareholders having not less than the minimum number of votes required by statute and by the articles of incorporation. Shareholders who have not consented in writing have been given notice in accordance with Section 7.10; (Notes 4 & 5)
- By the shareholders, in accordance with Section 10.20 and 7.10, a resolution of the board of directors having been duly adopted and submitted to the shareholders. A consent in writing has been signed by all the shareholders entitled to vote on this amendment. (Note 5)

3. TEXT OF AMENDMENT:

a. When amendment effects a name change, insert the new corporate name below. Use Page 2 for all other amendments.

Article 1: The name of the corporation is:

(NEW NAME)

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All changes other than name, include on page 2
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Text of Amendment

- b. *(If amendment affects the corporate purpose, the amended purpose is required to be set forth in its entirety. If there is not sufficient space to do so, add one or more sheets of this size.)*

See Attachment #1

4. The manner, if not set forth in article 3b, in which any exchange, reclassification or cancellation of issued shares, or a reduction of the number of authorized shares of any class below the number of issued shares of that class, provided for or effected by this amendment, is as follows: *(If not applicable, insert "No change")*
 As of the effective date of this Articles of Amendment, all of the 1,000 previously issued and outstanding Common are exchanged for 70,004 shares of Series A Common and 29,996 Series B Common.

5. (a) The manner, if not set forth in Article 3b, in which said amendment effects a change in the amount of paid-in capital (Paid-in capital replaces the terms Stated Capital and Paid-in Surplus and is equal to the total of these accounts) is as follows: *(If not applicable, insert "No change")*
 No change.

(b) The amount of paid-in capital (Paid-in Capital replaces the terms Stated Capital and Paid-in Surplus and is equal to the total of these accounts) as changed by this amended is as follows: *(If not applicable, insert "No change")*
 No change.

	Before Amendment	After Amendment
Paid-in Capital	\$ _____	\$ _____

(Complete either Item 6 or 7 below. All signatures must be in BLACK INK.)

6. The undersigned corporation has caused this statement to be signed by its duly authorized officers, each of whom affirms, under penalties of perjury, that the facts stated herein are true.

Dated <u>March 27,</u> _____, 2003	<u>Access2Go, Inc</u>
<small>(Month & Day) (Year)</small>	<small>(Exact Name of Corporation at date of execution)</small>
attested by <u>Colleen Shefts</u>	by <u>[Signature]</u>
<small>(Signature of Secretary or Assistant Secretary)</small>	<small>(Signature of President or Vice President)</small>
<u>Colleen K. Shefts, Secretary</u>	<u>Jamison J. Shefts, President</u>
<small>(Type or Print Name and Title)</small>	<small>(Type or Print Name and Title)</small>

7. If amendment is authorized pursuant to Section 10.10 by the incorporators, the incorporators must sign below, and type or print name and title.

OR

If amendment is authorized by the directors pursuant to Section 10.10 and there are no officers, then a majority of the directors or such directors as may be designated by the board, must sign below, and type or print name and title.

The undersigned affirms, under the penalties of perjury, that the facts stated herein are true.

Dated _____, _____, _____

(Month & Day) (Year)

ATTACHMENT #1

ACCESS2GO, INC.

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

RESOLVED, Article 4 of the Articles of Incorporation is completely eliminated and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

ARTICLE 4

PARAGRAPH 1. The Authorized Shares are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Par Value Per Share</u>	<u>Number of Shares Authorized</u>
Common	A	N.A.	100,000
Common	B	N.A.	<u>100,000</u>
TOTAL			200,000

PARAGRAPH 2. The preference, qualifications, limitations, restrictions and the special or relative rights in respect of the shares of each series of Common are:

(a) Voting

(i) Series A Common. The owners of record of the issued and outstanding shares of Series A Common shall be entitled to one (1) vote per share of Series A Common owned.

(ii) Series B Common. The owners of record of the issued and outstanding shares of Series B Common shall not be entitled to any notice of shareholders' meetings, and shall not be entitled to vote on the election of directors or upon any matter whatsoever affecting the management or affairs of the Corporation.

(b) All Other Matters. The Series A Common shares and Series B Common shares are "Common Shares" as defined in the Business Corporation Act of 1983, and except as specifically provided in subparagraph (a) above (regarding voting rights), the Series A Common shares and Series B Common shares are identical in all respects

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ACCESS2GO, INC.

HEYL, ROYSTER, VOELKER & ALLEN
124 S W ADAMS ST STE 600
PEORIA, IL 61602

Dear Sir or Madam:

A change of Registered Agent/Office Address for the corporation has been filed with our office.

The Illinois Business and Not For Profit Corporation Acts require that you record the enclosed form in the County Recorder of Deeds Office in which the current agent is located.

If you have a question regarding county issues, please call the County Recorder of Deeds Office in Peoria County at 309-672-6090.

Sincerely,

Dept of Business Services, Registered Agent Sec
501 S 2nd St, Rm 328 Howlett Bldg
Springfield, IL 62756
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FORM **BCA 5.10/5.20** (rev. Dec. 2003)
STATEMENT OF CHANGE OF REGISTERED AGENT AND/OR REGISTERED OFFICE
Business Corporation Act

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Remit payment in the form of a check or money order payable to Secretary of State.

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Submit in duplicate Type or Print clearly in black ink Do not write above this line

1. Corporate Name: Access2Go, Inc.

2. State or Country of Incorporation: Illinois



3. Name and Address of Registered Agent and Registered Office as they appear on the records of the Office of the Secretary of State (before change):

Registered Agent	<u>John</u>	<u>S.</u>	<u>Elias</u>
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Registered Office	<u>416 Main Street</u>		<u>Suite 1400</u>
	Number	Street	Suite No. (P.O. Box alone is unacceptable)
	<u>Peoria</u>		<u>61602</u>
	City	ZIP Code	County

4. Name and Address of Registered Agent and Registered Office shall be (after all changes herein reported):

Registered Agent	<u>Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen</u>		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Registered Office	<u>124 S.W. Adams Street</u>		<u>Suite 600</u>
	Number	Street	Suite No. (P.O. Box alone is unacceptable)
	<u>Peoria</u>		<u>61602</u>
	City	ZIP Code	County

5. The address of the registered office and the address of the business office of the registered agent, as changed, will be identical.

6. The above change was authorized by: ("X" one box only)

- a. Resolution duly adopted by the board of directors. (Note 5)
- b. Action of the registered agent. (Note 6)

SEE REVERSE FOR SIGNATURE(S).

7. **If authorized by the board of directors, sign here. See Note 5 below.**

The undersigned corporation has caused this statement to be signed by a duly authorized officer who affirms, under penalties of perjury, that the facts stated herein are true and correct.

Dated 1/11/07 07 Access2Go, Inc.
Month & Day Year Exact Name of Corporation
[Signature]
Any Authorized Officer's Signature
JOHN PETRAKIS VP
Name and Title (type or print)

If change of registered office by registered agent, sign here. See Note 6 below.

The undersigned, under penalties of perjury, affirms that the facts stated herein are true and correct.

Dated _____ , _____
Month & Day Year Signature of Registered Agent of Record

Name (type or print)
If Registered Agent is a corporation,
Name and Title of officer who is signing on its behalf.

NOTES

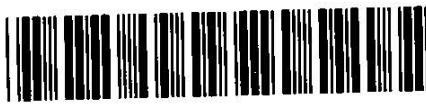
1. The registered office may, but need not be, the same as the principal office of the corporation. However, the registered office and the office address of the registered agent must be the same.
2. The registered office must include a street or road address (P.O. Box alone is unacceptable).
3. A corporation cannot act as its own registered agent.
4. If the registered office is changed from one county to another, the corporation must file with the Recorder of Deeds of the new county a certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a certified copy of the Statement of Change of Registered Office. Such certified copies may be obtained ONLY from the Secretary of State.
5. Any change of registered agent must be by resolution adopted by the board of directors. This statement must be signed by a duly authorized officer.
6. The registered agent may report a change of the registered office of the corporation for which he/she is a registered agent. When the agent reports such a change, this statement must be signed by the registered agent. If a corporation is acting as the registered agent, a duly authorized officer of such corporation must sign this statement.

Exhibit F

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FA 51-03	KANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE
	Foreign For-Profit Corporation Application
CONTACT: Kansas Office of the Secretary of State	
Memorial Hall, 1st Floor 120 S.W. 10th Avenue Topeka, KS 66612-1594	(785) 296-4564 kssos@sos.ks.gov www.sos.ks.gov

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i INSTRUCTIONS: All information must be completed or this document will not be accepted for filing.
Please read instructions sheet before completing.

1. Name of the corporation: <i>Name of corporation must match the name on record with the home state</i>	STRATUS NETWORKS, INC.
2. State/Country of organization:	ILLINOIS
3. Began doing business in Kansas:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon qualification <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Month Day Year
4. Name of the resident agent and address of the registered office in Kansas: <i>Address must be a street address A P.O. box is unacceptable</i>	National Corporate Research, Ltd. 2101 S.W 21st Street Name Address Topeka Kansas 66604 City State Zip
5. Principal office address:	4700 N. Prospect Rd. Street Address Peoria Heights IL 61616 USA City State Zip Country
6. Mailing address: <i>This address will be used to send official mail from the Secretary of State's office</i>	4700 N. Prospect Rd. Attention Name Address Peoria Heights IL 61616 City State Zip
7. Tax closing month:	December
8. Full nature and character of the business to be conducted in the state of Kansas:	Telecommunications

9. The corporation hereby consents, without power of revocation, that actions may be commenced against it in the proper court of any county in the state of Kansas where there is a proper venue by service of process on the Secretary of State of the state of Kansas; and the corporation stipulates and agrees that such service shall be taken and held in all courts to be valid and binding as if due service had been made upon an officer of the corporation.

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10. This corporation is operating as a foreign for-profit corporation.

11. Duration of the corporation:

Perpetual

Date the corporation will cease _____
Month Day Year

12. Effective date:
A future effective date must be within 90 days of filing date

Upon filing

Future effective date _____
Month Day Year

13. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kansas that the foregoing is true and correct and that the corporation is in good standing in its home state, and I have remitted the required fee.

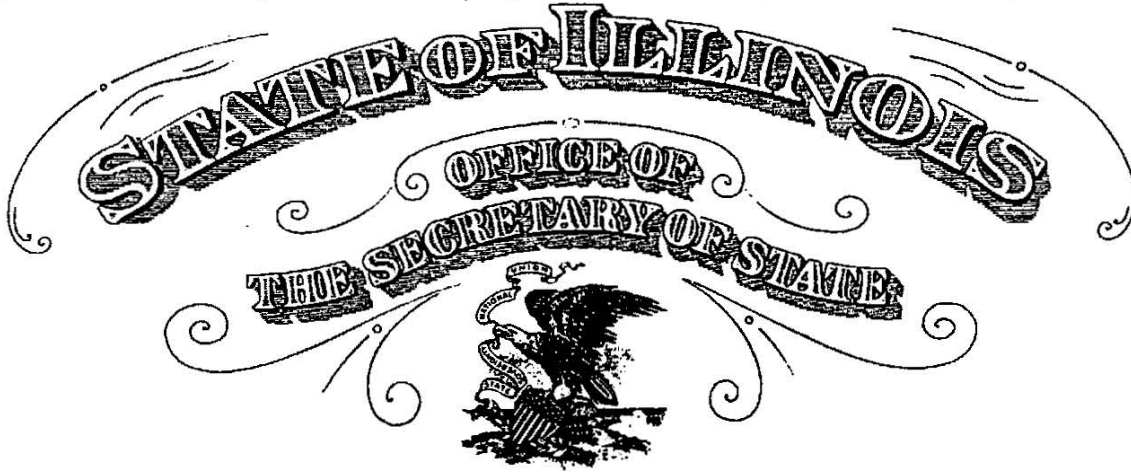


Signature of authorized officer

9/12/14

Date (month, day, year)

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To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that

STRATUS NETWORKS, INC., A DOMESTIC CORPORATION, INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE ON JUNE 06, 2002, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT OF THIS STATE RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF FRANCHISE TAXES, AND AS OF THIS DATE, IS IN GOOD STANDING AS A DOMESTIC CORPORATION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.



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In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, this 15TH day of AUGUST A.D. 2014 .

Jesse White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Exhibit G

KANSAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

This Tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service and facilities for Local Exchange and Exchange Access telecommunications services within the State of Kansas by Stratus Networks, Inc. This Tariff is on file with the Kansas Corporation Commission. Copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the following locations:

Stratus Networks, Inc.
4700 N Prospect Road
Peoria, IL 61625

or

Kansas Corporation Commission
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027

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CHECK SHEET

All sheets of this tariff are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheet(s). Original and revised sheets as named below comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this page.

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SYMBOLS

The following symbols shall be used in this tariff for the purposes indicated below:

- D - Deleted or Discontinued Material
- I - Change Resulting In A Rate Increase
- M - Moved From Another Tariff Location
- N - New Material
- R - Change Resulting In A Rate Reduction
- T - Change In Text Only, No Change In Rate

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SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

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

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

Carrier or Company - Whenever used in this tariff, "Carrier" or "Company" refers to Stratus Networks, Inc., unless otherwise specified or clearly indicated by the context.

Channel – A communication path between two or more points of termination.

Commission - The Kansas Corporation Commission.

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.

Customer Designated Premises – The premises specified by the Customer for origination or termination of services.

Dedicated Access – Non-switched access between a Customer's premises and the point of presence of the Company's underlying carrier.

Due Date - The last day for payment without unpaid amounts being subject to a late payment charge.

Exchange Access Line - The serving central office line equipment and all plant facilities up to and including the Standard Network Interface.

Facilities – Any cable, poles, conduit, carrier equipment, wire center distribution frames, central office switching equipment, etc., used to provide services offered under this tariff.

ILEC - Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier.

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SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (contd.)

LEC - Local Exchange Carrier.

Local Exchange Services - Telecommunications services furnished for use by end-users in placing and receiving local telephone calls within local calling areas.

Premises - The space occupied by an individual customer in a building, in adjoining buildings occupied entirely by that customer, or on contiguous property occupied by the customer separated only by a public thoroughfare, a railroad right of way or a natural barrier.

Resold Local Exchange Service - A service composed of the resale of exchange access lines and local calling provided by other authorized Local Exchange Carriers, in combination with Company-provided usage services, miscellaneous services or interstate/international services.

Transmission Path – An electrical path capable of transmitting signals within the range of the service offering. A transmission path is comprised of physical or derived facilities consisting of any form or configuration of plant used in the telecommunications industry.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of the Company

2.1.1 Application of Tariff

2.1.1.A This Tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to intrastate communications services provided by Carrier for telecommunications between points within the State of Kansas. Carrier's services are furnished subject to the availability of facilities and subject to the terms and conditions of this Tariff. Service is available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

2.1.1.B The rates and regulations contained in this Tariff apply only to the services furnished by Carrier and do not apply, unless otherwise specified, to the lines, facilities, or services provided by a local exchange telephone company or other common carrier for use in accessing the services of Carrier. Should Customers use such services to obtain access to services offered by other providers, the Company assumes no responsibility for such other service.

2.1.2 Terms and Conditions

2.1.2.A. Except as otherwise provided herein, the minimum period of service is one calendar month. All payments for service are due by the date specified on the bill sent by the Company which may not be less than twenty-one (21) days after the date of the postmark on the bill. All calculations of dates set forth in this tariff shall be based on calendar days.

Should the applicable date fall on a Sunday or Federal holiday, the Customer will be permitted to make payment on the next regular business day.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

- 2.1.2.B At the expiration of any term specified in a Customer Service Agreement, or in any extension thereof, service shall continue on a month to month basis at the then current rates, unless terminated by either party upon proper written notice. Any termination shall not relieve Customer of its obligation to pay any charges incurred under the Agreement and this tariff prior to termination. The rights and obligations which by their nature extend beyond the termination of the term of the Agreement shall survive such termination.
- 2.1.2.C This tariff shall be interpreted and governed by the laws of the State of Kansas.
- 2.1.2.D Another telephone company must not interfere with the right of any person or entity to obtain service directly from the Company.
- 2.1.2.E The Customer has no property right to the telephone number or any other call number designation associated with services furnished by the Company. The Company reserves the right, on sixty (60) days notice, to change such numbers, or the central office designation associated with such numbers, or both, assigned to the Customer, whenever the Company deems it necessary to do so in the conduct of its business.

2.2 Shortage of Equipment or Facilities

- 2.2.1 The Company reserves the right to limit or allocate the use of existing facilities, or of additional facilities offered by the Company when necessary because of lack of facilities or due to some other cause beyond the Company's control.
- 2.2.2 The furnishing of service under this tariff is subject to availability on a continuing basis of all necessary facilities from the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier, other providers to the Company and the Company's network capacity and/or coverage area.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

2.3 Use of Service

- 2.3.1 Services provided under this tariff may be used for any lawful purpose for which the service is technically suited.
- 2.3.2 The Company may require a Customer to immediately shut down its transmission of signals if said transmission is causing interference to others.
- 2.3.3 The Customer may not use the services so as to interfere with or impair service over any facilities or associated equipment, or so as to impair the privacy of any communications over such facilities and associated equipment.

2.4 Liabilities of the Company and Indemnification

- 2.4.1 The liability of the Company for damages arising out of the furnishing of these services, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, or errors or other defects, representation, or use of these services or arising out of the failure to furnish the service, whether caused by acts of commission or omission, shall not exceed the applicable charges under this Tariff for such service. The Company will not be liable for any special, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages a Customer may suffer, whether or not caused by the intentional acts or omissions or negligence of the Company's employees or agents.
- 2.4.2 The Company shall not be liable for loss or damage sustained by reason of failure in or breakdown of facilities or equipment provided by third parties not under its control. In no event shall the Company's liability for any failure, breakdown or interruption in services exceed the charges applicable under this Tariff for such service.

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- 2.4.3 The company shall not incur any liability, direct or indirect, to any person who dials or attempts to dial, the digits “9-1-1” or to any other person who may be affected by the dialing of the digits “9-1-1.”

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont'd)

- 2.4.4 The Company shall not be liable for any failure of performance due to causes beyond its control, including but not limited to, acts of God, fires, lightning, floods or other catastrophes; any law, order, regulations, direction, action, or request of the United States Government, or of any other government, including state and local governments having or claiming jurisdiction over the Company, or of any department, agency, commission, bureau, corporation or other instrumentality of any one or more of these federal, state, or local governments, or of any civil or military authority; national emergencies, insurrections, riots or wars, strikes, lockouts, work stoppage or other labor difficulties, any failure of local exchange company lines or delays caused by the underlying local exchange company or the Customer or end-user.
- 2.4.5 The Customer is required to notify the Company of any changes to Customer's equipment, including software controlling the equipment's function. The Company is not liable for interruptions in service caused by Customer's failure to notify the Company prior to any change.
- 2.4.6 The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations it provides for use in an explosive atmosphere. The Customer indemnifies and holds the Company harmless from any and all loss, claims, demands, suits, or other action, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any other party or person(s), and for any loss, damage or destruction of any property, whether owned by the Customer or others, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, location, or use of any installation so provided.
- 2.4.7 The Company shall not be liable for any damages resulting from delays in meeting any service dates due to delays associated with normal construction procedures of its underlying carrier(s). Such delays shall include, but not be limited, to delays in obtaining necessary regulatory approvals for construction,

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delays in obtaining right-of-way approvals, and delays in actual construction work.

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The Company may undertake to use reasonable efforts to make available services to a customer on or before a particular date, subject to the provisions of and compliance by the Customer with, the regulations contained in this Tariff. The Company does not guarantee availability by any such date and shall not be liable for any delays in commencing service to any Customer.

- 2.4.8 The Company is not liable for any defacement of or damage to the Premises of a Customer (or authorized or Joint User) resulting from the furnishing of services or equipment of such Premises or the installation or removal thereof, when such defacement or damage is not the result of negligence or willful misconduct on the part of agents or employees of the Company.
- 2.4.9 The Company shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever associated with service, facilities, or equipment which the Company does not furnish or for any act or omission of Customer or any other entity furnishing services, facilities or equipment used for or in conjunction with Company services provided hereunder.
- 2.4.10 THE COMPANY MAKES NO WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE, EXCEPT THOSE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN.

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- 2.4.11 The Company shall not be liable and shall be indemnified and saved harmless by any customer, end user, or other entity from all loss, claims, demands, suits or other action or any liability whatever, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any Customer, end user, or other entity for any personal injury to, or death of, any person or persons, and for any loss, damage, defacement or destruction of the Premises of any Customer, end user or any other entity or any other property whether owned or controlled by the Customer, end user, or others, caused or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by any act or omission of the Customer, end user, or others or by any installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, location or use of facilities or equipment provided by the Company which is not the direct result of the Company's negligence. No agents or employees of any other entity shall be deemed to be the agents or employees of the Company.
- 2.4.12 The Customer and any Authorized Users or Joint Users, jointly and severally, shall indemnify and save the Company harmless from claims, loss, damage, expense (including attorneys' fees and court costs), or liability for libel, slander, or copyright infringement arising from the use of the service; and from claims, loss, damage, expense or liability for patent infringement arising from (1) combining with, or using in connection with facilities the Company furnished, facilities the Customer furnished, Authorized User, or Joint User furnished, or (2) use of facilities the Company furnished in a manner the Company did not contemplate and over which the Company exercises no control; and from all other claims, loss, damage, expense (including attorneys' fees and court costs), or liability arising out of any commission or omission by the Customer, Authorized User, or Joint User in connection with the service. In the event that any such infringing use is enjoined, the Customer, Authorized User, or Joint User, at its option and expense shall obtain immediately a dismissal or stay or such injunction, obtain a license or other agreement so as to extinguish the claim of infringement, terminate the claimed infringing use, or modify such combination so as to avoid any such infringement. In addition and without limitation, the Customer, Authorized

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User, or Joint User shall defend, on behalf of the Company and upon the request by the Company, any suit brought or claim asserted against the Company for any such slander, libel infringement or other claims.

2.5 Equipment

The Company's service may be used with or terminated in Customer-provided terminal equipment or Customer-provided communications systems, such as a PBX, key systems 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. The Customer is responsible for ensuring that customer-provided equipment connected to Company equipment or facilities is compatible with such equipment or facilities.

2.6 Alternative Telephone Service

2.6.1 Alternative Telephone Service is defined as, except where technology impracticable, a wireless telephone capable of making local calls, and may also include, but is not limited to, call forwarding, voice mail, or paging services.

2.6.2 When alternative telephone service is appropriate, the customer may select one of the alternative telephone services offered by the Company. The alternative telephone service shall be provided at no cost to the customer for the provision of local service.

2.7 Installation

2.7.1 Service is installed upon mutual agreement between the Customer and the Company. The service agreement does not alter rates specified in this tariff.

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- 2.7.2 If the Company fails to keep a scheduled repair or installation appointment when a customer premises visit requires a customer to be present, the Company shall credit the customer \$50 per missed appointment. A credit does not apply when the Company provides the customer with 24-hour notice of its inability to keep the appointment. The 24-hour notice period shall be construed to mean twenty-four (24) hours notice by the end of each four (4) hour window the day before the scheduled appointment.
- 2.7.3 Credits - New Service Installation Delays
- 2.7.3.A The Company shall install basic local exchange service within five (5) business days after receipt of an order from the customer unless the customer requests an installation dated that is beyond five (5) business days after placing the order for basic service. (If the Company offers basic local exchange service utilizing the network of network elements of another carrier shall install new lines for basic local exchange service within three (3) business days after provisioning has been completed by the other carrier.)
- 2.7.3.B If the Company fails to install basic local service within five (5) business days, the Company will waive 50% of any installation charges.
- 2.7.3.C If the Company fails to install service within ten (10) business days after the service application is placed, or fails to install service within five (5) business days after the customer's requested installation date, if the requested date was more than five (5) business days after the date of the order, the Company shall waive 100% of the installation charge, or in the absence of an installation charge, the Company shall provide a credit of \$50.

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- 2.7.3.D For each day that the failure to install service continues beyond the initial ten (10) business days, or beyond five (5) business days after the customer's requested installation date, which ever is greater, the Company will either provide alternative telephone service or an additional credit of \$20 per day, at the Customer's option until service has been installed.
- 2.7.3.E The customer shall be notified that he or she may choose alternative telephone service or an additional credit of \$20 per day when installation is delayed continues beyond the initial ten (10) business days, or beyond five (5) business days after the customer's requested installation date, if the requested date was more than five (5) business days after the date of the order, so the customer can exercise his/her option. In the absence of an election by the customer, the customer shall receive \$20 per day.
- 2.7.3.F If installation of service is requested on or by a date more that 5 business days in the future, the Company shall install service by the date requested.
- 2.7.3.G The terms of this section do not apply where Customer's service requires new or additional construction, including deployment of fiber or other facilities; regulatory, rights-of-way or other approvals; or the action or involvement of any third-party beyond the Company's control.
- 2.7.4 At the Customer's request, installation and/or maintenance may be performed outside the Company's regular business hours. In such case, charges based on cost of the actual labor, material, or other costs incurred by or charged to the Company will apply. If installation is started during regular business hours, but at the Customer's request, extends beyond regular business hours into time period including, but not limited to, weekends, holidays, and/or night hours, additional charges may apply.

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2.7.5 The provision of any services herein are subject to and contingent upon the company obtaining and retaining such approvals, consents, governmental authorizations, licenses and permits, and may be required to be deemed necessary by the Company. The Company shall use reasonable efforts to obtain and keep in effect all such approvals, consents, authorizations, licenses, and permits that may be required to be obtained by it. The Company shall be entitled to take, and shall have no liability whatsoever for, any action necessary to bring the services into conformance with any rules, regulations, orders, decisions, or directives imposed by the Kansas Corporation Commission or other applicable agency, and Customer shall fully cooperate in and take such action as may be requested by the Company to comply with any such rules, regulations, orders, decisions or directives.

2.7.6 If the Company requires an outside plant build out or modification to provide service to the Customer the Company will notify the Customer of the need for the build out and an estimate of how soon the outside plant build out can be completed. If the Company determines that the outside plant build out is not possible or practical the Company will refer the customer to the ILEC for service since the Company, unlike the ILEC, does not receive funding from the Universal Service Fund or other such government related funds.

2.8 Establishing Credit

2.8.1 The Company, in order to assure the payment of its charges for service, may require applicants and customers to establish and maintain credit.

2.8.2 Applicants for Service

2.8.2.A The Company may refuse to furnish service to an applicant that has not established credit or has not paid charges for service of the same classification previously furnished by the Company at the same or another

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address, until arrangements suitable to the Company have been made to pay such charges.

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2.8.2.B Business service applicants may establish credit by meeting the requirements of the Company's Business Credit Evaluation Plan.

2.8.2.C If verification of an applicant's credit is required, the Company will permit service to be installed upon the advance payment by the applicant of an amount equal to applicable service charges and initial nonrecurring charges applicable for service installation plus the estimated amount of the applicant's monthly bill for service. Such advance payment will be credited to the applicant's service account but does not relieve the applicant of his responsibility to subsequently establish credit in accordance with the rules.

2.8.2.D If credit is not established, the Company may disconnect the service not sooner than five (5) days after delivery or eight (8) days after mailing of written notice of intention to disconnect.

2.8.2.F When a customer's service has been disconnected in accordance with the above, service will not be reconnected until the customer has established credit.

2.8.3 Customers

2.8.3.A A customer may be required to reestablish credit by the payment or increase of a cash deposit in accordance with the Deposit section when any of the following conditions occur:

- During the first twelve (12) months that a customer receives service, the customer pays late four (4) times or has service disconnected by the Company for nonpayment two times.

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- After the first twelve (12) months that the customer has received service, the customer has had service disconnected twice by the Company within a twelve (12) month period or the Company provides evidence that the customer used a device or scheme to obtain service without payment.
- After the first twelve (12) months that a customer has received service, the customer pays late at least six (6) times during any twelve (12) month period.

2.8.3.B Payment by the customer of delinquent bills may not of itself relieve the customer from the obligation of establishing credit.

2.8.3.C The Company will make its request for a deposit within forty-five (45) days after the event giving rise to the request takes place.

2.9 Deposits

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.

The fact that a security deposit has been made in no way relieves the Customer from the prompt payment of bills upon presentation.

2.9.1 Amount of Deposit

The amount of the cash deposit may not exceed four (4) month's estimated usage for customers.

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2.9.2 Payment of Deposits

The company may request that a maximum of 1/3 of the amount of the requested deposit from any customer be paid within twelve (12) days after the date of the request for deposit. An applicant may be requested to pay no more than 1/3 of the deposit amount prior to the establishment of service. At least two (2) billing periods shall be allowed for the balance of the deposit. A customer or applicant may, at their option, pay the deposit on a more expedited schedule.

2.9.3 Refund of Deposit

Deposits plus interest will automatically be refunded after being held for twelve (12) months so long as:

- The customer has paid any past due bill for service owed to the company;
- Service has not been discontinued for nonpayment;
- The customer has not paid late four (4) times, or
- The company has not provided evidence that the customer used a device or scheme to obtain service without payment.

2.9.4 Adjustments to Deposit

If subsequent payment or usage patterns change, the Company may request an increase in or resubmission of the security deposit as appropriate.

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2.9.5 Interest to be Paid on Deposits

Interest at the percentage rate determined annually by the Commission shall be paid by the Company on all deposits made for the purpose of establishing credit but in no case shall interest be allowed for a period extending beyond the date of refund or the date service is terminated, whichever date is earlier. Interest shall be computed from the date of payment of the deposit and shall be paid to the customer as follows:

- By credit to the customer's account annually, or
- By payment, no more than once in any twelve (12) months' period, when requested by the customer, or
- By adding the accrued interest to the amount of the deposit at the time such deposit is refunded or applied to an unpaid bill of the customer.

2.9.6 Records of Deposits

The Company shall maintain records of deposits together with interest, which collectively will show all transaction pertaining to each deposit. The Company shall provide the applicant or customer with a Deposit Receipt for any deposit received. The receipt will show the customer's name, service address, serial number, type of service, amount of deposit, rate of interest, date received, Company's name, and a statement of the conditions under which the deposit will be refunded.

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2.10 Payment for Services

- 2.10.1 The due date printed on the bill will be at least twenty-one (21) days after the date of the postmark on the bill, if mailed, or the date of delivery as shown on the bill if delivered by other means. Customers may pay for service by check, draft or other negotiable instrument denominated in U.S. dollars acceptable to the company or in United States currency.
- 2.10.2 The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services 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 any agency duly authorized to receive such payments.
- 2.10.3 Billing inquiries may be directed to the Company at the number on the customer bill. When a customer disputes a particular bill, the company shall not discontinue service for nonpayment so long as the customer pays the undisputed portion of the bill; pays all future periodic bills by the due date; and enters into discussions with the company to settle the dispute with dispatch. No late payment charge shall be charged on any disputed bill paid within fourteen (14) days of resolution of the dispute if the complaint was filed before the bill became past due.
- 2.10.4 In the event a customer pays a bill as submitted by the Company and the billing is later found to be incorrect due to an error either in charging more than the published rate, in measuring the quantity or volume of service provided, or in charging for the incorrect class of service, the company will refund the overcharge with interest from the date of overpayment by the Customer.

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2.11 Deferred Payment Agreements

- 2.11.1 All applicants for service who have failed to make payment under such a plan during the past twelve (12) months, who are indebted to the Company for past due utility service, may have the opportunity, at the discretion of the company, to make such arrangements.
- 2.11.2 The terms and conditions of a Deferred Payment Agreement will be in writing and will be determined by the Company after consideration of the size of the past due account, the customer's or applicant's ability to pay, the customer's or applicant's payment history, reasons for delinquency, and any other relevant factors relating to the circumstance of the customer's or applicant's service.
- 2.11.3 An applicant for service or a customer will be required to pay no more than 1/3 of the amount past due at the time of entering into the Deferred Payment Agreement. The Company will allow the customer or applicant a minimum of four (4) months and a maximum of twelve (12) months in which to complete payment pursuant to this Agreement.
- 2.11.4 A Deferred Payment Agreement will be in writing, with a copy provided to the applicant or customer, and will explain that the customer is required to pay all future bills by the due date and provide the terms of the agreement as to how the delinquent amount is to be retired.

2.12 Taxes

All state and local taxes (including but not limited to franchise fees, excise tax, sales tax, municipal utilities tax) are listed as separate line items and are not included in the quoted rates. The Customer is responsible for the payment of any sales, use, gross receipts, excise, access or other local, state and federal taxes, charges or surcharges (however designated) excluding taxes on the Company's net income assessed in conjunction with service used.

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Any taxes imposed by a local jurisdiction (*e.g.*, county and municipal taxes) will only be recovered from those Customers residing in the affected jurisdictions.

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2.13 Late Payment Charge

The Company will assess a late payment charge equal to the amount prescribed in this tariff.

2.14 Cancellation by Customer

Customer may cancel service by providing written or oral notice to the Company.

2.15 Interconnection

Service furnished by the Company may be connected with the services or facilities of other carriers or enhanced service providers. The Customer is responsible for all charges billed by these entities for use in connection with the Company's service. Any special interface equipment or facilities necessary to achieve compatibility between these entities is the responsibility of the Customer. Neither the Company nor any connecting carrier participating in a service shall be liable for any act or omission of any other company or companies furnishing a portion of such service.

2.16 Termination of Service by Carrier

2.16.1 The Company may discontinue or refuse service for any of the reasons set forth below:

- For failure to make or increase a deposit as set forth herein.
- For failure to pay a past due bill owed to the Company, including one for the same class of service furnished to the applicant or customer at the same or another location, or where the applicant or customer voluntarily assumed, in writing, responsibility for the bills of another applicant or customer.

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- For failure to provide company representatives with necessary access to the company-owned service equipment, after the Company has made a written request for access.
- For failure to make payment in accordance with the terms of a deferred payment arrangement;
- The Company has reason to believe that a customer has used a device or scheme to obtain service without payment and where the company has so notified the customer prior to disconnection.
- For violation of or noncompliance with a Commission order.
- For violation of or noncompliance with any rules of the company on file with the Commission for which the company is authorized by tariff to discontinue service for violation or noncompliance on the part of the customer or user.
- For violation of or noncompliance with municipal ordinances and/or other laws pertaining to service.
- The Customer's use of equipment adversely affects the Company's service to others. This disconnection may be done without notice to the Customer or user.
- Upon condemnation of any material portion of the facilities used by the Company to provide service to a Customer or if a casualty renders all or any material portion of such facilities inoperable beyond feasible repair, the Company, by notice to the Customer, may discontinue or suspend service without incurring any liability.
- Upon any governmental prohibition, or required alteration of the services to be provided or any violation of any applicable law or regulation, the Company may immediately discontinue or suspend service without incurring any liability.

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2.16.2 The following will not constitute sufficient cause for discontinuance or refusal of service:

- Except as set forth in Section 2.16.1. above, failure to pay the past due bill of a previous customer of the premises to be served, unless the applicant for service voluntarily signed a form agreeing to assume responsibility for the bills of the previous customer, or the previous customer is currently a member of the same household as the applicant.
- Failure to pay charges for directory advertising.
- Failure to pay the past due bill for a different class of service (where applicable).
- Failure to pay charges for terminal equipment or other telephone equipment purchased from the Company, an affiliate, or a subsidiary.

2.16.3 Discontinuance Procedures

- The Company will only discontinue service after it has mailed or delivered a written notice of discontinuance. Service will not be discontinued until at least five (5) days after delivery of this notice or eight (8) days after the postmark date on a mailed notice. The notice of discontinuance will be delivered separately from any other written matter or bill.
- Notice of discontinuance will not be mailed before the third business day following the due date shown on the bill.
- Notice of discontinuance will remain in effect for twenty (20) days beyond the date of discontinuance shown on the notice. The Company will not discontinue service beyond the twenty (20) day period until at least five (5) days after delivery of a new written notice of discontinuance or eight (8) days after the postmark on a mailed notice.

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- In addition to the written notice, the company shall attempt to advise the customer when service is scheduled for discontinuance. The company shall not deliver more than two consecutive notices of discontinuance for past due bill without engaging in collection activity with the customer.
- Service will not be discontinued for a past due bill after 12:00 p.m. on a day before or on any Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday recognized by the State of Kansas, or any day when the utility's business offices are not open. Services will be discontinued only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., unless the Company is prepared to restore the Customer's service within three (3) hours of receipt of payment.
- Service will not be discontinued, and will be restored if discontinued, where a present customer who is indebted to the company enters into and complies with a Deferred Payment Agreement as described in Section 2.10 of these tariffs.

2.17 Interruption of Service

Credit allowances for interruptions of service which are not due to the Company'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 this tariff. It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify Company 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 Company's terminal. Interruptions caused by Customer-provided or Company-provided automatic dialing equipment are not deemed an interruption of service as defined herein since the Customer has the option of using the long distance network via local exchange company access.

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2.17.1 Credit for interruptions

- 2.17.1.A Subject to the exceptions contained in Section 2.17, when use of service or facilities is furnished by the Company is interrupted, the following adjustments of the monthly Recurring Charges subject to interruptions will be allowed for the service and facilities rendered useless and inoperable by the reason of the interruption whenever said interruption continues for a period of twenty-four (24) hours or more from the time the interruption is reported to or known to exist by the Company.
- 2.17.1.B If the interruption lasts for greater than twenty-four (24) hours but equal to or less than forty-eight (48) hours, Company shall provide a credit equal to a pro-rata portion of monthly recurring charges for the services interrupted.
- 2.17.1.C If the interruption last for greater than forty-eight (48) hours but equal to or less than seventy-two (72) hours, Company shall provide a credit for 33% of one month's recurring charges for all interrupted services.
- 2.17.1.D If the interruption last for greater than seventy-two (72) hours but equal to or less than ninety-six (96) hours, Company shall provide a credit 67% of one month's recurring charges for all interrupted services.
- 2.17.1.E If the interruption last for greater than ninety-six (96) hours but equal to or less than one hundred twenty (120) hours, Company shall provide a credit for one full month's recurring charges for all interrupted services.
- 2.17.1.F If the interruption last for greater than one hundred twenty (120) hours, Company will provide alternative phone service to the Customers or provide an additional credit of \$20 per day, at the Customer's option.
- 2.17.1.G The credit for services applies to the following non-usage sensitive

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- Monthly Basic Local Service
- End User Common Line Charge (EUCL) (may be referred to as Subscriber Line Charges -SLC)
- Flat Rated Extended Area Service (where applicable)

2.17.1.H For calculating credit allowances, every month is considered to have thirty (30) days. Only those facilities on the interrupted portion of the circuit will receive a credit.

2.17.1.I The customer shall be notified that he/she may choose alternative telephone service or an additional credit of \$20 per day when the service disruption continues beyond the initial 120-hour period, so the customer can exercise his/her option. In the absence of an election by the customer, the customer shall receive \$20 per day.

2.17.2 Limitations on Credit for Interruption Allowance

Credits do not apply if the violations of a service quality standard:

2.17.2.A Occurs as a result of a negligent or willful act on the part of the customer.

2.17.2.B occurs as a result of a malfunction of the customer-owned telephone equipment or inside wiring;

2.17.2.C Occurs as a result of, or is extended by, an emergency situation; An emergency situation is defined as:

- A declaration made by the applicable State or federal governmental agency that the area served by the Company is either a State or federal disaster area.

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- An act of third parties, including acts of terrorism, vandalism, riot, civil unrest, or war, or acts of parties that are not agents, employees or contractors of the Company, or the first seven (7) calendar days of a strike or other work stoppage.
- A severe storm, tornado, earthquake, flood or fire, including any severe storm, tornado, earthquake, flood fire that prevents the Company for restoring service due to impassable roads, downed power lines, or the closing off of affected areas by public safety officials.

2.17.2.D An emergency situation shall not include:

- A single event caused by high temperature conditions alone.
- A single event caused, or exacerbated in scope and duration, by acts or omissions of the Company, its agents, employees or contractors or by conditions of facilities, equipment, or premises owned or operated by the Company.
- Any service interruption that occurs during a single event listed above, but are not caused by those single events.
- A single event that the Company could have reasonably foreseen and taken precaution to prevent; provided, however, that in no event shall a Company be required to undertake precautions that are technically infeasible or economically prohibitive.
- Is extended by the Company's inability to gain access to the customer's premises due to the customer missing an appointment, provided that the violation is not further extended by the Company.

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- Occurs as a result of a customer request to change the scheduled appointment, provided that the violation is not further extended by the Company.
- Occurs as a result of a Company's right to refuse service to a customer as provided by law.
- Occurs as a result of a lack of facilities where a customer requests service at a geographically remote location, a customer requests service in a geographic area where the Company is not currently offering service, or there are insufficient facilities to meet the customer's request for Service, subject to a Company's obligation for reasonable Facilities planning.

2.18 Cost of Collection and Repair

The Customer is responsible for any and all costs incurred in the collection of monies due the Carrier. The Customer is also responsible for recovery costs of Carrier-provided equipment and any expenses required for repair or replacement of damaged equipment.

2.19 Dishonored Check Charge

Any person submitting a check to the Carrier as payment for services, which is subsequently dishonored by the issuing institution, shall be charged a per check fee as set forth in the rate section of this tariff.

If the customer remits to the company on more than one (1) occasion during a twelve (12) month period a check, draft, or other instrument which is dishonored the company may refuse acceptance of further checks and place the customer on a "cash" basis. Under a "cash" basis the company may require the customer to pay by money order, certified check or cash.

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2.20 Service Restoral Charge

The Company will charge a service restoral fee as set forth in this tariff.

This fee will be automatically waived for the customer's first service restoral each calendar year.

2.21 Customer Complaints

Customers can reach the Company's Customer Service department by dialing the number provided on the customer bill. The Company will resolve any disputes properly brought to its attention in an expeditious and reasonable manner.

The Company shall direct its personnel engaged in personal contact with the applicant, customer, or user seeking dispute resolution to inform the customer of their right to have the problem considered and acted upon by supervisory personnel of the company where any dispute cannot be resolved. The Company shall further direct such supervisory personnel to inform such customer who expresses non-acceptance of the decision of such supervisory personnel of their right to have the problem reviewed by the Commission and shall furnish them with the telephone number and address of the Kansas Corporation Commission as follows:

Kansas Corporation Commission
Public Affairs & Consumer Protection
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604-4027
(800) 662-0027

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2.22 Access to Carrier of Choice

End users of the Company's local service shall have the right to select the interexchange telecommunications service provider of their choice. The interexchange provider should request confirmations/verifications of choice from its customers no later than the date of submission of its first bill to the customer. The Company should maintain signed letters of agency or confirmations of choice on file for use in dispute resolution.

2.23 Directory Listings

2.23.1 The Company does not publish a directory of subscriber listings. The Company, however, does arrange for the Customer's main billing number to be placed in the directory or directories of the dominant local exchange carrier, under the conditions imposed by the dominant local exchange carrier.

2.23.2 The Company is not liable for any errors or omissions in directory listings.

2.24 Universal Emergency Telephone Number Service (e.g., 911, E911)

2.24.1 Allows Customers to reach appropriate emergency services including police, fire and medical services. Enhanced 911 has the ability to selectively route an emergency call to the primary E911 provider so that it reaches the correct emergency service located closest to the caller. In addition, the Customer's address and telephone information will be provided to the primary E911 provider for display at the Public Service Answering Point (PSAP).

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- 2.24.2 This service is offered as an aid in handling assistance calls in connection with fire, police and other emergencies. The Company is not responsible for any losses, claims, demands, suits or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the Customer or by any other party or person for any personal injury to or death of any person or persons, and for any loss, damage or destruction of property, whether owned by the Customer or others, caused or claimed to have been caused by: (1) mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or other defects in the provision of this service, or (2) installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, location or use of any equipment and facilities furnishing this service.
- 2.24.3 This tariff does not provide for the inspection or constant monitoring of facilities to discover errors, defects, or malfunctions in the service, nor does the Company undertake such responsibility.
- 2.24.4 911 information consisting of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all telephone customers is confidential. The Company will release such information via the data management system only after a 911 call has been received, on a call by call basis, only for the purpose of responding to an emergency call in progress.
- 2.24.5 The 911 calling party, by dialing 911, waives the privacy afforded by non-listed and non-published service to the extent that the telephone number, name, and address associated with the originating station location are furnished to the PSAP.

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2.24.6 After the establishment of service, it is the public safety agency's responsibility to continue to verify the accuracy of and to advise the Company of any changes as they occur in street names, establishment of new streets, changes in address numbers used on existing streets, closing and abandonment of streets, changes in police, fire, ambulance or other appropriate agencies' jurisdiction over any address, annexations and other changes in municipal and county boundaries, incorporation of new cities or any other similar matter that may affect the routing of 911 calls to the proper PSAP.

2.24.7 The Company assumes no liability for any infringement, or invasion of any right of privacy of any person or persons caused, or claimed to be caused, directly or indirectly by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, occasion, or use of 911 Service, or by any services furnished by the Company in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, the identification of the telephone number, address, or name associated with the telephone used by the party(ies) accessing 911 Service hereunder, and which arise out of the negligence or other wrongful act of the public safety agency, its user, agencies or municipalities, or the employees or agents of any one of them, or which arise out of the negligence, other than gross negligence or willful misconduct, of the Company, its employees or agents.

Under the terms of this tariff, the public safety agency must agree, (except where the events, incidents, or eventualities set forth in this sentence are the result of the Company's gross negligence or willful misconduct), to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from any and all losses or claims whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by the public safety agency or by any other party or person, for any personal injury to or death of any person or persons, or for any loss, damage, or destruction of any property, whether owned by the customer or others.

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2.25 Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS)

Enables deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired persons who use a Text Telephone (TT) or similar devices to communicate freely with the hearing population not using TT and visa versa. A Customer will be able to access the state provider(s) to complete such calls.

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3.1 Service Area

The Company will provide Local Exchange Service throughout the geographic area serviced by its own outside plant, within the State of Kansas.

3.2 Timing of Calls

Billing for calls placed over the network is based in part on the duration of the call.

- 3.2.1 Timing for all calls begins when the called party answers the call (*i.e.*, when two-way communications are established). Answer detection is based on standard industry answer detection methods, including hardware and software answer detection.
- 3.2.2 Chargeable time for all calls ends when the parties disconnects from the call.
- 3.2.3 Minimum call duration and additional increments for billing are specified in the description of each service.
- 3.2.4 No charges apply to incomplete calls.
- 3.2.5 When a call is established in one rate period and ends in another rate period, the rate in effect at the calling station applies to the entire call.

3.3 Rate Periods

Company's services are not time of day sensitive unless otherwise specified. The same rate applies twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.

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3.4 Promotional Offerings

The Company may, from time to time, offer promotions which may be limited as to the duration, the date and times of the offerings and the locations where the offerings are made. The Company will notify the Commission of promotional offerings prior to the effective date of the promotion.

3.5 Individual Case Basis (ICB) Arrangements

Competitive pricing arrangements at negotiated rates may be furnished on an individual case basis (ICB) in response to requests by Customers to the Company, for proposals or for competitive bids. Service offered under this tariff provision will be provided to the Customer pursuant to contract, and as approved by the Commission. Unless otherwise specified, the regulations for such arrangements are in addition to the applicable regulations and prices in other sections of this tariff. Specialized rates or charges will be made available to similarly situated Customers on a non-discriminatory basis.

3.6 Returned Check Charge

\$40.00 per check.

3.7 Service Restoral Charge

\$50.00 per occurrence. This charge will automatically be waived on the first occurrence in each calendar year.

3.8 Late Payment Charge

Customers will be charged 1.5% per month of any amounts owed to the Company beyond the due date for such payment.

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3.9 Installation Charge

Customers will be charged an installation charge as described below.

3.10 RF Transport Service

3.10.1 General Service Offerings and Limitations:

RF Transport Services utilize optical technology, including multi-wavelength optical technology over dedicated transport facilities to provide Customers with links to emit RF coverage.

RF Transport Services connect Customer-provided wireless capacity equipment to Customer-provided or Company provided bi-directional RF-to-optical conversion equipment at a hub facility. The hub facility can be Customer or Company provided. The conversion equipment allows the Company to accept RF traffic from the Customer and then send bi-directional traffic transmission across the appropriate optical networks. At the remote end, Customer or Company provided RF-to-optical conversion equipment allows bi-directional conversion between optical signals and RF signals. RF signals can be received and transmitted at this remote node. Hence the Company provides optical transit services for RF signals.

The furnishing of RF Transport Services requires certain physical arrangements of equipment and facilities of the Company and other entities and is subject to the availability of such equipment and facilities and the economic feasibility of providing such necessary equipment and facilities and the RF Transport Services.

The specific limitations applicable to RF Transport Services are as follows:

- All optical services are provided on a single mode optical fiber.
- Some optical services may be of a multi-wavelength nature.
- Current wireless standards limit the distance between a hub site and a remote node to 20 km.

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- The optical loss between a hub site and a remote node must not exceed 18 dB.

3.10.2 Minimum Term:

The minimum service term for RF Transport Service is five (5) years.

3.10.3 Rates:

The monthly recurring rates and nonrecurring charges for RF Transport Services are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Fee per Segment</u>
Nonrecurring connection charge	\$100,000.00
Monthly recurring charge	\$15,000.00

For purposes of this Tariff, Segment shall mean a one-way optical carrier between one (1) Customer hub site or remote node and another Customer hub site or remote node. The optical carrier is a single optical wavelength. The optical fiber can carry more than one (1) wavelength.

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3.11 Basic Local Exchange Service

3.11.1 Flat Rate Basic Business Line Service:

With the Flat Rate Basic Business Line Service, the customer pays a monthly rate for an unlimited number of outgoing calls within a specified local calling area.

3.11.2 Recurring and Nonrecurring Charges:

Charges for each Flat Rate Service line include a monthly recurring Base Service Charge for an unlimited number of outgoing calls within a specified local calling area. In addition to the nonrecurring charges listed below, service order charges apply. In certain circumstances, service to customers may require the use of a link (and, or) number portability arrangements provided by the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier. In such circumstances, the monthly recurring charge to the customer will be the greater of the company's Base Service Line charge set forth below or the charge to the company by the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier for the link used to serve the customer. If the customer is served through a Number Portability Arrangement, the monthly charge to the customer will be increased by the applicable charge from the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier to the Company of the Number Portability Arrangement.

3.11.3 Rates:

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Nonrecurring</u>
Flat Rate Basic Business Line Service	ICB	ICB

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Exhibit H

Telecommunications Carrier Code of Conduct
Kansas Corporation Commission

As a provider of telecommunications services in the state of Kansas, Applicant, by and through its undersigned officer, commits to comply with the following:

- If applying for certification to provide local telecommunications service, provide:
 - Access to 911 and E911 services;
 - White page directory listings;
 - Access to telephone relay services;
 - Access to directory assistance;
 - Access to operator services;

- Equal access to interLATA long distance carriers;
- Free blocking of 900- and 700-type services
- Interconnection on a nondiscriminatory basis with other local exchange carriers

- If requesting Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designation, provide all applicable federal Lifeline discounts.

- Follow all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

- Maintain required registration with the Office of the Kansas Secretary of State. To contact the Kansas Secretary of State: Memorial Hall, First Floor, 120 SW 10 Ave., Topeka, KS 66612-1594 (785) 296-4564 or www.kssos.org.

- File Annual Interrogatory Form in accordance with the Commission's Order in Docket 13-GIMT-736-GIT dated December 3, 2013.

- Pay all assessments due to the Commission and/or the Citizen's Utilities Ratepayer Board (CURB) pursuant to K.S.A. 66-1501, 66-1502, 66-1503, and 66-1504.

- File reports and pay assessments to the Kansas Universal Service Fund (KUSF) as set forth in K.S.A. 66-2008(a) and the Commission's December 27, 1996 Order in Docket No. 94-GIMT-478-GIT. KUSF instructions and remittance forms may be obtained online at www.gvnw.com/usf/kansas/index.htm.

- A competitive local exchange carrier wishing to discontinue service shall notify customers and the Commission in accordance with Order No. 7 in the Commission's Docket No. 01-GIMT-649-GIT. An inter-exchange carrier providing service in Kansas wishing to discontinue service shall notify customers in accordance with FCC regulations.

- Promptly notify the Commission of any change of address and contact information.

- Treat each customer equally to all other similarly situated customers, free of prejudice or disadvantage.
- Respect customers' right to select different telecommunications services and vendors.
- Administer procedures to prevent deceptive and unfair marketing practices aimed at potential or existing customers.
- Protect customers' right to privacy, by safeguarding records and personal information against unauthorized use.
- Respond to consumer complaints or inquiries submitted by Commission Staff thoroughly and quickly.

Verification

I, Benjamin J. Russell, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn, now state: As an officer of the Applicant, I am authorized to and do hereby make the above commitment. Further, I acknowledge that failure to comply with the above commitments or other lawful requirements of the Commission will subject Applicant to potential fines, penalties, revocation of certification, or other sanctions and remedies.

Ben Russell

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 7 Day of March, 2024


Notary Public

