

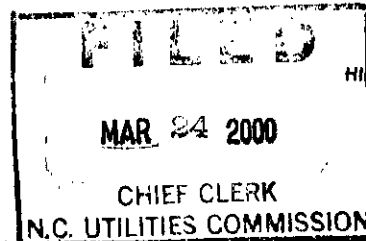
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Dear Ms. Tyree:

Enclosed please find an original and two copies of the final tariffs for SCNet, Docket Number P-766, Sub O. These documents are to complete SCNet's submission of final tariff, along with the copy I provided to you by letter dated March 14.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your continuing assistance. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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TITLE SHEET

NORTH CAROLINA TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service and facilities for long distance telecommunications services provided by South Carolina Net, Inc., d/b/a SCNet, Inc., within the State of North Carolina. This tariff is on file with the North Carolina Utilities Commission, and copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the Company's places of business.

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****1. GENERAL****1.1 Application of Tariff**

1.1.1 This tariff applies to intrastate long distance inter- and intraLATA Message Telecommunications Service (MTS) and Private Line Service furnished or made available by SCNet, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Company."

1.1.2 MTS provides telecommunications beyond the local calling area of the calling station. Charges filed with this tariff cover the services furnished between a calling and a called station.

1.1.3 For purposes of this Tariff, a "Station" is defined as any device by means of which MTS calls can be placed and/or received.

1.1.4 Private Line Service is dedicated for the use of a specific customer of SCNet, Inc. Private line service offers a direct transmission channel for the exclusive use of a customer between two or more cities.

**1.2 Regulations****1.2.1 Scope**

- A. MTS consists of the furnishings of facilities for telecommunications between stations in different local calling areas in accordance with the regulations and system of charges specified in this tariff.
- B. The Company does not undertake to transmit messages but to furnish the transmission path which enables the customer to transmit and receive messages.
- C. The Company reserves the right to discontinue service at any exchange or in its entirety, provided that any unused portion of any applicable deposits are returned to the customers.
- D. The service may not be available to party line or public or semi-public telephone users.
- E. At times, availability of service may be temporarily limited due to facility shortages caused by emergency conditions.

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE**

1. GENERAL (continued)

1.2 Regulations (continued)

1.2.2 Application for Service

- A. The Company may require a customer to sign an application form furnished by the Company and to establish credit in accordance with NCUC Rule R. 12-2, as a condition precedent to the initial establishment of such service.

Company's acceptance of an order for service to be provided to an applicant whose credit has not been duly established may be subject to the provisions of NCUC Rule R. 12-2.

- B. The company may also require a signed authorization from a customer for additions to or changes in the existing service for such customer.
- C. An application for service cancelled by the customer or the Company prior to the establishment of the service applied for is subject to the provisions of Section 1.2.3.

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****1. GENERAL (continued)****1.2 Regulations (continued)****1.2.3 Deposits**

Applicants for service may be required to establish credit in accordance with NCUC Rule R. 12-2. Any applicant whose credit has not been duly established may be required to make a deposit at the time of application to be held as a guarantee of payment of charges. In addition, an existing customer may be required to make a deposit or increase a deposit currently held. All actions dealing with deposits shall be consistent with NCUC Rule R. 12-4.

- A. A deposit plus accrued interest will be returned . . .  
. . . when an application for service has been cancelled prior to the establishment of service. (The deposit will be applied to any charges applicable in accordance with the tariff and the excess portion of the deposit will be returned.)  
. . . upon the discontinuance of service. (The Company will refund the customer's deposit plus accrued interest or the balance in excess of unpaid bills for the service.)  
. . . at the end of twelve (12) months of satisfactory credit history or when otherwise required by regulatory authority.
- B. The fact that a deposit has been made in no way relieves the customer from complying with the regulations with respect to the prompt payment of bills on presentation.

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****1. GENERAL (continued)****1.2 Regulations (continued)****1.2.4 Interruption of Service**

It shall be the obligation of the customer to notify the Company of any interruption in service. Before giving such notice, the customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not being caused by any action or omission of the customer nor located in customer provided wiring or equipment.

**1.2.5 Liability**

- A. The customer has exclusive control of the communications transmitted over the facilities furnished by the Company, and of the uses made of the facilities. The Company assumes no liability therefore except as specifically provided below.
- B. Because of the possibility of unavoidable errors incidental to the services and to the users of such facilities of the Company, the services and facilities furnished by the Company are subject to the terms, conditions and limitations specified in (C) and (D) following.
- C. The liability of the Company for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission, or failures or defects in facilities furnished by the Company, occurring in the course of furnishing service or other facilities shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the customer for the period of service during which such mistake, omission, interruption, delay or error or defect in transmission, or failure or defect in facilities occurs.
- D. The customer indemnifies and holds the Company harmless against claims for libel, slander, or infringement of copyright arising in connection with the material transmitted over its facilities; against claims for infringement of patents arising from, combining with, or used in connection with, facilities of the Company, apparatus and systems of the customer; and against all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in connection with facilities provided by the Company.

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****1. GENERAL (continued)****1.2 Regulations (continued)****1.2.6 Use****A. Use of Service**

The Service is provided for use by the customer and may be used by others when so authorized by the customer providing that such use shall be subject to the provisions of this Tariff.

**B. Abuse and Fraudulent Use**

The Service is furnished subject to the conditions that there will be no abuse or fraudulent use of the service. Abuse or fraudulent use of service includes:

1. The use of profane or obscene language.
2. The use of service or facilities of the Company to transmit a message, locate a person, or give or obtain information without payment of the charge applicable for service.
3. The obtaining, or attempting to obtain, or assisting another to obtain or to attempt to obtain MTS, by rearranging, tampering with, or making connection with any facilities of the Company or by any trick, scheme, false representation, or false credit devise, or by or through any other fraudulent means or devise whatsoever, in whole or in part, of the regular charges for such service.
4. The use of service or facilities of the Company for a call or calls, anonymous or otherwise, if in a manner reasonably to be expected to frighten, abuse, torment or harass another.
5. The use of the service in such a manner as to interfere unreasonably with the use of the service by one or more other customers.

**C. Unlawful Purpose**

The service is furnished subject to the condition that it will not be used for an unlawful purpose.

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1. GENERAL (continued)

1.2 Regulations (continued)

1.2.7 Obligation of the Customer

The customer shall establish his/her identity in the course of any communication as often as may be necessary. The customer shall be solely responsible for establishing the identity of the person or persons with whom connection is made at the called location(s).

1.2.8 Billing of Charges

- A. Any applicable flat rate charges are normally billed in advance. Usage charges are billed in arrears.
- B. The Company may make arrangement for billing and collection to be performed on its behalf by the local exchange carrier (LEC) or other agent. Such an arrangement in no way lessens the customer's responsibility for prompt payment of billing for services rendered.

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****1. GENERAL (continued)****1.2 Regulations (continued)****1.2.9 Payment Arrangements**

The customer is responsible for payment of all charges for service furnished, and payment is due on receipt of the bill.

- A. The customer shall submit payment for all charges direct to the Company or to any Agency authorized by the Company to receive such payment.
- B. If the bill is not paid by the past due date shown on the bill, the account will be considered delinquent.
- C. A delinquent account may subject the customer's service to disconnection.
- D. Any charges which are not disputed within 6 months of the date the bill is issued will be considered valid.

**1.2.10 Late Payment and Returned Check Charges**

- A. The carrier will establish late payment charges as prescribed in NCUC Rule R. 12-9 and/or returned check charges of \$25.00.
- B. Customers billed by local exchange carriers on behalf of or as agent for the Company are responsible for any late payment, returned check and/or other such charges that local exchange carriers may employ in their billing process.

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****1. GENERAL (continued)****1.2 Regulations (continued)****1.2.11 Termination of Service for Cause**

Upon nonpayment of any sum due the Company, or upon a violation of any of the conditions governing the furnishing of service, the Company or the LEC as its billing agent may, without incurring any liability, forthwith discontinue the furnishing of service in accordance with NCUC Rule R. 12-8.

**1.2.12 Dedicated or Special Access**

Intrastate service is available only in conjunction with interstate service and is not offered on a stand-alone basis. Customers access the Carrier's services via dedicated or special access lines. The subscriber may obtain the dedicated or special access line from the local exchange carrier for DS-0, 56Kbps DDS, and DS-1 Service. Alternatively, the subscriber may obtain the dedicated or special access line through SCNet pursuant to the tariffed rates herein for DS-0, 56Kbps DDS, and DS-1 Service. For DS-3 Service, the subscriber is responsible for obtaining the dedicated or special access line from the local exchange carrier.

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****2. INITIAL SERVICE OFFERINGS****2.1 Service Offerings of SCNet, Inc.**

The classes of MTS service to be initially offered by the Company are Dial Station-to-Station Service, Customer Dialed Calling Card, Operator Station-to-Station and Person-to-Person.

**2.2 Classes of Service****2.2.1 Description****A. Dial Station-to-Station**

The term "Dial Station-to-Station" applies only to sent-paid, Station-to-Station dial type communication. Dial Station-to-Station service will not be available to Public or Semi-Public Coin Telephones.

Dial type communication denotes a call dialed and completed by the customer without the assistance of an operator and billed to the originating number. The services of an operator will not be used in connection with completing a call, or in furnishing any information or assistance relating to billing or charges for such call, except that, if available, an operator may without additional charge:

1. Re-establish a call which has been prematurely interrupted after the called number has been reached.
2. Reach the called telephone number when facilities are temporarily not available for customer dial completion.
3. Record the originating telephone number if the service is offered to party line customers or if required for special billing arrangements.
4. Place a call for calling parties who identify themselves as being handicapped and unable to dial call because of the handicap.

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****2. INITIAL SERVICE OFFERINGS (continued)****2.2 Classes of Service (continued)****2.2.1 Description (continued)****B. Operator Station-to-Station**

Operator Station-to-Station rates apply to Station-to-Station telephone calls where the call completion or a request for any information or assistance relating to billing or charges for such call requires the assistance of an operator, except for operator services as described in the preceding Paragraph A.

**C. Person-to-Person**

Person-to-Person rates apply to calls in which the call originator specifies to the operator a particular person to be reached or otherwise a particular office, department or station to be reached.

**D. Customer Dialed Calling Card**

Customer Dialed Calling Card rates apply to Station-to-Station calls in which the call originator dials and completes the call (to be billed to a Calling Card) without the assistance of an operator, except that an operator may record the Calling Card number, or where the operator is requested to reach the called number or must reach the number where facilities are not available for automatic dial completion.

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****2. INITIAL SERVICE OFFERINGS (continued)****2.2 Classes of Service (continued)****2.2.2 Rate Structure**

The message charge is a function of the duration of the call (in minutes), the distance of the call (in airline miles), the day and time of day that the call is originated. Additional amounts as shown under Section 2.3.5 following will be added to basic rates for Operator Station, Person-to-Person and Calling Card Classes of Service.

**2.2.3 Determination of Minutes**

- A. On customer Dial Station-to-Station calls, chargeable time begins when connection is established between the calling station and the called station.
- B. On Person-to-Person calls, chargeable time begins when connection is established between the calling person and the particular person or station specified, or an agreed alternative.
- C. Chargeable time ends when the calling station "hangs up" thereby releasing the network connection. If the called station "hangs up" but the calling station does not, chargeable time ends when the network connection is released either by automatic timing equipment in the telecommunications network or by the operator.
- D. Chargeable time does not include time lost because of faults or defects in the service.
- E. Rates are stated in terms of initial and additional minutes .
  - 1. All initial period rates given in the rate table in 2.3.5 following are for connections of one minute or any fraction thereof.
  - 2. All additional period rates given in the table in 2.3.5 following are for each additional minute or any fraction thereof that the connection continued beyond the initial period.

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****2. INITIAL SERVICE OFFERINGS (continued)****2.2 Classes of Service (continued)****2.2.4 Determination of Rate Band Mileage**

- A. MTS rates between points (cities, towns or communities) within the State of North Carolina are based on the airline distance between rate centers. In general, each exchange is designated as a rate center.
- B. Airline (rate band) mileages between rate centers are determined by using vertical and horizontal grid lines which have been established across the United States. A four-digit vertical (V) and a four-digit horizontal (H) coordinate is assigned for each rate center based on its latitude and longitude location on a map. The distance between any two rate centers is the airline mileage computed between their respective V & H locations, with fractional miles being rounded up to the next mile to determine the applicable mileage. The rates applicable to mileage bands are provided in the table in 2.3.5.
- C. V & H coordinates for rate centers in North Carolina and the formula for determining airline mileage between two or more rate centers may be found in Section A11.5 of AT&T's General Services Tariff as approved by the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

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## 2. INITIAL SERVICE OFFERINGS (continued)

2.2 Classes of Service (continued)2.2.5. Rate Table

Rates shown in the following table are applicable to intrastate long distance calling between all points within the state of North Carolina.

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| Rate<br>Mileage | Initial<br>Minute | Each<br>Additional<br>Minute |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 0 - 10          | .1500             | .1287                        |
| 11 - 16         | .1700             | .1386                        |
| 17 - 22         | .1900             | .1880                        |
| 23 - 30         | .2178             | .2178                        |
| 31 - 55         | .2275             | .2275                        |
| 56 - 70         | .2475             | .2475                        |
| 71 - 124        | .2673             | .2673                        |
| 125+            | .2772             | .2772                        |

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**EVENING**

| Rate<br>Mileage | Initial<br>Minute | Each<br>Additional<br>Minute |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 0 - 10          | .1400             | .0950                        |
| 11 - 16         | .1400             | .0900                        |
| 17 - 22         | .1500             | .1386                        |
| 23 - 30         | .1584             | .1584                        |
| 31 - 55         | .1683             | .1683                        |
| 56 - 70         | .1782             | .1782                        |
| 71 - 124        | .1881             | .1881                        |
| 125+            | .2178             | .2178                        |

**NIGHT/WEEKEND**

| Rate<br>Mileage | Initial<br>Minute | Each<br>Additional<br>Minute |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 0 - 10          | .1200             | .0772                        |
| 11 - 16         | .1300             | .0792                        |
| 17 - 22         | .1300             | .1109                        |
| 23 - 30         | .1400             | .1400                        |
| 31 - 55         | .1400             | .1400                        |
| 56 - 70         | .1584             | .1584                        |
| 71 - 124        | .1707             | .1707                        |
| 125+            | .1782             | .1782                        |

NOTE: Day of Week and Holiday discounts apply as shown in 2.3.6 following.

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE**2. INITIAL SERVICE OFFERINGS (continued)2.2 Classes of Service (continued)2.2.6 Discounts

- A. The day and time of day at the originating location when the connection is established determines the level of the Time of Day, Day of Week and/or Holiday Discounts which applies. The applicable discount period can be determined from the table below:

|                             | MON                         | TUES | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT     | SUN |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------|-----|------|-----|---------|-----|
| 8:00 am<br>to<br>5:00 pm *  | DAY RATE PERIOD             |      |     |      |     | EVENING |     |
| 5:00 PM<br>to<br>11:00 PM * | EVENING RATE PERIOD         |      |     |      |     |         |     |
| 11:00 PM<br>to<br>8:00 AM * | NIGHT & WEEKEND RATE PERIOD |      |     |      |     |         |     |

\* NOTE: Up to, but not including.

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- B. Time of Day, Day of Week, and Holiday discounts, when applicable, apply to the initial and additional minutes for all calls.
- C. When a discount results in a fractional charge, the amount will be rounded down to the next lower cent.
- D. The Evening rate applies to the holidays listed below unless a lower rate period is in effect\*\*\*:
- |                    |                                      |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| - New Year's Day   | January 1                            |
| - Independence Day | July 4                               |
| - Labor Day        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday in September  |
| - Thanksgiving Day | 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday in November |
| - Christmas Day    | December 25                          |
- E. If a call begins in one discount period and ends in another, the initial period discount is the discount in effect at the time the call is established. The charge for each additional minute of usage is the additional minute billing rate for the rate period in which the beginning of each additional minute occurs.

\*\*\* When these holidays are celebrated on a day other than the dates shown, the Evening rate applies to the resulting legal holidays unless a lower rate period is in effect.

**2.2.7 Additional Discounts**

Volume discounts are applied to any subscriber whose combined monthly SCNet toll charges, excluding taxes, equals or exceeds certain levels as defined in the schedule below. The applicable discount percentage will be applied against 1+, 0+, and 0- intrastate messages only. Volume discounts available only where billing capability exists.

| <u>SCNet Combined Charges</u> | <u>Discount</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| \$0 - 24.99                   | 10%             |
| \$25 - 99.99                  | 20%             |
| \$100 and Greater             | 25%             |

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The following charges are in addition to the basic Rate Tables preceding when the call is placed using the following operator services where applicable and shall apply on a per call basis:

|                                                                          | <u>Service Charge</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>a. Station</b>                                                        |                       |
| Customer Dial Calling Card Station                                       |                       |
| Customer Dial/Automated (LEC Calling Card)                               | \$ .80                |
| Customer Dial/Automated (SCNet Calling Card)**                           | \$ .65                |
| Customer Dial and Oper. Assist (LEC Call Card)                           | \$ .80                |
| Customer Dial and Oper. Assist (SCNet Call Card)                         | \$ .65                |
| Customer Dial-Oper Must Assist (LEC Call Card)                           | \$ .80                |
| Customer Dial-Oper Must Assist (SCNet Call Card)                         | \$ .65                |
| Operator Station*                                                        |                       |
| Customer Dialed Collect, Billed to Third Number                          | \$1.75                |
| Operator Dialed Collect, Billed to Third Number, Sent Paid               | \$2.50                |
| Operator Dialed, Billed to a Calling Card                                | \$1.75                |
| <b>b. Person*</b>                                                        |                       |
| Customer Dialed Collect, Billed to Third Number, Calling Card, Sent Paid | \$3.50                |
| Operator Dialed Collect, Billed to Third Number, Sent Paid               | \$4.25                |
| Operator Dialed, Billed to a Calling Card                                | \$3.50                |

N/A Not Applicable \* Includes Real Time Rated Calls

\*\* If applicable, see Section 2.11

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2. INITIAL SERVICE OFFERINGS (continued)

2.3 800 Service

2.3.1. Description of Service

800 service is a one-way inbound service originating onfeature group facilities provided by the Company and terminating on a regular telephone line(s) and is available to both Residential and Business customers. This service enables the Customer to receive calls which are toll free to the originating party. The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges associated with calls to be terminated.

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In addition to the usage charges described in Section 2.4.7 below, there shall be assessed a monthly charge as follows:

\$3.75 per 800 number

**2.3.3 Installation Charge**

Upon initiation of 800 Service, a one-time charge for installation shall be assessed as follows:

\$ 0.00 per 800 number

**2.3.4 Rate Schedule**Dedicated Access (per minute)

| Weekday Rate<br>8am-5pm<br>Mon - Fri | Evening Rate<br>5pm-11pm<br>Except Sat | Night/Weekend Rate<br>11pm-8am & all day<br>Sat/Sun until 5pm |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$0.105                              | \$0.105                                | \$0.105                                                       |

Switched Access (per minute)

| Weekday Rate<br>8am-5pm<br>Mon-Fri | Evening Rate<br>5pm-11pm<br>Except Sat | Night/Weekend Rate<br>11pm-8am & all day<br>Sat/Sun until 5 pm |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$0.14                             | \$0.14                                 | \$0.14                                                         |

**2.3.5 Volume Discount**

The following Volume Discounts apply for total interstate and intrastate 800 service usage:

| <u>Inter/Intrastate 800 Service</u> | <u>No<br/>Term</u> | <u>1 Year<br/>Term</u> | <u>2 Year<br/>Term</u> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Dedicated Access</u>             |                    |                        |                        |
| \$0 - \$999.99                      | 0%                 | 2.5%                   | 5%                     |
| \$1000 - \$1999.99                  | 2.5%               | 5%                     | 10%                    |
| \$2000 - \$4999.99                  | 5%                 | 10%                    | 15%                    |
| Over \$5000                         | 10%                | 15%                    | 20%                    |

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The following payphone surcharge will be applied to all completed 800 intrastate calls made from a public/semi-public payphone.

Per call surcharge where applicable .... \$.30

**2.4 Single Rate Business Service****2.4.1. Description of Service**

Single Rate Business Service is an optional calling plan available to both Residential and Business customers. A single rate as specified in 2.5.2 and 2.5.3 below will be applied to all Dial Station to Station calls. Messages will be rounded to the next tenth of one second with a eighteen second minimum per message. This service can only be billed to the customer directly by SCNet, Inc.

**2.4.2 Single Rate Business Service Rate Schedule****Dedicated Access (per minute)**

\$.11

**Switched Access (per minute)**

\$0.13

**2.4.3 Volume Discount Schedule**

The following Volume Discounts apply for Dial Station to Station interstate and intrastate usage. The discount is applied to all intrastate Dial Station to Station usage:

**Dedicated Access**

| <u>Total Monthly Charges for<br/>Inter/Intrastate Service</u> | <u>No<br/>Term</u> | <u>1 Year<br/>Term</u> | <u>2 Year<br/>Term</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| \$0 - \$999.99                                                | 0%                 | 5%                     | 7.5%                   |
| \$1000 - \$1999.99                                            | 5%                 | 7.5%                   | 12.5%                  |
| \$2000 - \$4999.99                                            | 10%                | 12.5%                  | 20.8%                  |
| Over \$5000                                                   | 15%                | 20.8%                  | 23%                    |

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****2. INITIAL SERVICE OFFERINGS (continued)****2.5 Easy Plus Ten Residential Service****2.5.1. Description of Service**

Easy Plus Ten Residential Service is designed primarily for residential customers and is an add on to the interstate Easy Plus Ten Service Provided in SCNet's FCC Tariff No. 1. Easy Plus Ten Residential Service offers instate calling for an additional charge of \$1.25. Customers may place calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The per minute usage charges are outlined in the schedule below. All calls will be rounded to the next whole minute. Volume discounts are also applicable, where billing capability exists, and supercede any volume discounts previously described.

**2.5.2 Easy Plus Ten Residential Service Rate Schedule**

| Weekday Rate | Evening Rate | Night/Weekend Rate |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 8am-5pm      | 5pm-11pm     | 11pm-8am Sun-Fri   |
| Mon-Fri      | Sun-Fri      | and Sat 8 am to    |
|              |              | Sun 5 pm           |
| .22          | .13          | .13                |

**2.5.3 Easy Plus Ten Residential Service Volume Discount Schedule**

| Combined Monthly Volume<br>(Excluding Taxes) | Discount |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| \$0 - 24.99                                  | 0%       |
| \$25 - \$99.99                               | 5%       |
| Over \$100                                   | 10%      |

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****2. INITIAL SERVICE OFFERINGS (continued)****2.6 Basic Choice Business Service****2.6.1 Description of Service**

Basic Choice is a switched service designed primarily for business customers offering domestic outbound, domestic inbound 800, and calling card direct dialed calls. Messages will be rounded to the next tenth of a minute with a eighteen second minimum per message. This service can only be billed to the customer directly by SCNet, Inc.

**2.6.2 Term and Renewal**

Upon written enrollment, customer may choose a month-to-month, one (1) year or two (2) year term commitment plan. One (1) year or two (2) year term commitment plans will automatically renew for an additional term commitment equal to the previous term commitment plan, unless customer notifies SCNet in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the term commitment plan, in which case customer will be billed at month-to-month rates.

**2.6.3 Term Commitment Plan Termination Liability**

Customers enrolled in one (1) year or two (2) year term commitment plans will be liable for a one-time termination charge. If customer terminates service prior to the completion of the term, other than through the Basic Choice Guarantee of Satisfaction, customer will be billed and must pay, a termination charge equal to 25% of the three (3) previous months' average monthly, billed usage multiplied by the number of full months remaining in the term.

**2.6.4 Guarantee of Satisfaction**

Customer may terminate Basic Choice service, including term commitment plans, within ninety (90) days of the execution of an enrollment form by providing adequate reason, in writing, to SCNet prior to the end of the 90 day period. SCNet will reimburse the customer for all documented charges incurred by the customer to switch customer back to the previous carrier which served the customer prior to SCNet.

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The applicable rates are determined by the monthly contributing volume (MCV) attained by the Basic Choice customer. The MCV is comprised of all customer traffic calculated at Basic Choice base (\$0.00 MCV) rates for the applicable month-to-month or term plan selected by the customer. The customer will receive the rates outlined below for all day, evening and night/weekend outbound, inbound and calling card calls. Rates listed are per minute.

| Total Monthly Contributing<br>Volume for Inter/IntraLATA<br>Intrastate Service | No<br>Term | 1 Year<br>Term | 2 Year<br>Term |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| \$ 0.00                                                                        | .2200      | .2100          | .2000          |
| \$ 100.00                                                                      | .2000      | .1900          | .1800          |
| \$ 200.00                                                                      | .1900      | .1800          | .1700          |
| \$ 500.00                                                                      | .1800      | .1750          | .1670          |
| \$ 750.00                                                                      | .1750      | .1700          | .1650          |
| \$1,000.00                                                                     | .1700      | .1650          | .1600          |

2.6.6 Additional Pricing

The following Basic Choice fees will apply:

Inbound Service Fee: \$3.75 per 800 number per month

Directory Assistance: \$ .50 per call

Calling Card Surcharge: If Applicable, see Section 2.11

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****2. INITIAL SERVICE OFFERINGS (continued)****2.7 Best Plus Choice Conference Service****2.7.1 Description of Service**

Best Plus Choice Conference Service is a conference offering available to SCNet business and residential customers. The SCNet Best Plus Choice Conference Service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year if scheduled in advance through SCNet Customer Service. 800 Meet Me is the type of conference service offered and it is an unattended conference service.

**2.7.2 Rate Schedule**

The applicable rates for Best Plus Choice Conference Service are outlined below and will be charged to the customer based on each bridge port for weekday or weekend conference calls. The weekend period begins at 12:01 AM Saturday and ends at 11:59 PM Sunday.

| Total Per minute Charges for<br><u>Inter/IntraLATA Intrastate Service</u> | <u>Weekday</u> | <u>Weekend</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 800 Meet Me                                                               | .4200          | .2800          |

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The following Best Plus Choice Conferencing fees will apply as applicable:

Cancellation - Per Bridge  
Port within 30 minutes  
of scheduled call

\$ 3.50

Departmental Billing  
1-15 Names

\$ 10.00 Monthly  
\$ 50.00 Installation

16-49 Names

\$ 25.00 Monthly  
\$ 100.00 Installation

50 + Names

\$ 50.00 Monthly  
\$ 150.00 Installation

Duplicate Billing

\$ 10.00 Monthly

Magnetic Tape or  
Cartridge Billing

\$ 100.00 Monthly

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Value Plus Residential Service is a new service offering. Customers may place calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The per minute usage charges are outlined in the schedule below. All calls will be rounded to the next whole minute.

**2.8.2 Rate Schedule**

|                  |                   |                 |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Weekday Rate     | Off Peak Rate     | Weekend Rate    |
| 7am-7pm          | 7pm-7am           | Sat 7 am to     |
| <u>Mon - Fri</u> | <u>Except Sat</u> | <u>Sun 7 pm</u> |
| \$ .2400         | \$ .1400          | \$ .0800        |

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****2. INITIAL SERVICE OFFERINGS (continued)****2.9 Easy Choice Business Service****2.9.1 Description of Service**

Easy Choice is a switched or dedicated service designed primarily for business customers offering domestic outbound, domestic inbound 800, and calling card direct dialed calls. Messages will be rounded to the next tenth of a minute with a eighteen second minimum per message. This service can only be billed to the customer directly by SCNet, Inc.

**2.9.2 Term and Renewal**

Upon written enrollment, customer may choose a month-to-month, one (1) year or two (2) year term commitment plan. One (1) year or two (2) year term commitment plans will automatically renew for an additional term commitment equal to the previous term commitment plan, unless customer notifies SCNet in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the term commitment plan, in which case customer will be billed at month-to-month rates.

**2.9.3 Term Commitment Plan Termination Liability**

Customers enrolled in one (1) year or two (2) year term commitment plans will be liable for a one-time termination charge. If customer terminates service prior to the completion of the term, other than through the Easy Choice Guarantee of Satisfaction, customer will be billed and must pay, a termination charge equal to 25% of the three (3) previous months' average monthly, billed usage multiplied by the number of full months remaining in the term.

**2.9.4 Guarantee of Satisfaction**

Customer may terminate Easy Choice service, including term commitment plans, within ninety (90) days of the execution of an enrollment form by providing adequate reason, in writing, to SCNet prior to the end of the 90 day period. SCNet will reimburse the customer for all documented charges incurred by the customer to switch customer back to the previous carrier which served the customer prior to SCNet.

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****2. INITIAL SERVICE OFFERINGS (continued)****2.9 Easy Choice Business Service (continued)****2.9.5 Rate Schedule**

| <u>Dedicated Access</u>                       | <u>Month to<br/>month</u> | <u>1 year<br/>term</u> | <u>2 year<br/>term</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Inter/IntraLATA Intrastate<br>per Minute Rate | \$.0800                   | \$.0750                | \$.0700                |
| <u>Switched Access</u>                        | <u>Month to<br/>month</u> | <u>1 year<br/>term</u> | <u>2 year<br/>term</u> |
| Inter/IntraLATA Intrastate<br>per Minute Rate | \$.1050                   | \$.0990                | \$.0990                |

**2.9.6 Additional Pricing**

The following Easy Choice fees will apply:

Inbound Service Fee: \$3.75 per 800 number per month

Directory Assistance: \$ .50 per call

Calling Card Surcharge: If applicable, see Section 2.11

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****2. INITIAL SERVICE OFFERINGS (continued)****2.10 Sensible Choice Business Service****2.10.1 Description of Service**

Sensible Choice is a switched or dedicated service designed primarily for business customers offering domestic outbound, domestic inbound 800, and calling card direct dialed calls. Messages will be rounded to the next tenth of a minute with a eighteen second minimum per message. This service can only be billed to the customer directly by SCNet, Inc.

**2.10.2 Term and Renewal**

Upon written enrollment, customer may choose a month-to-month, one (1) year or two (2) year term commitment plan. One (1) year or two (2) year term commitment plans will automatically renew for an additional term commitment equal to the previous term commitment plan, unless customer notifies SCNet in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the term commitment plan, in which case customer will be billed at month-to-month rates.

**2.10.3 Term Commitment Plan Termination Liability**

Customers enrolled in one (1) year or two (2) year term commitment plans will be liable for a one-time termination charge. If customer terminates service prior to the completion of the term, other than through the Sensible Choice Guarantee of Satisfaction, customer will be billed and must pay, a termination charge equal to 25% of the three (3) previous months' average monthly, billed usage multiplied by the number of full months remaining in the term.

**2.10.4 Guarantee of Satisfaction**

Customer may terminate Sensible Choice service, including term commitment plans, within ninety (90) days of the execution of an enrollment form by providing adequate reason, in writing, to SCNet prior to the end of the 90 day period. SCNet will reimburse the customer for all documented charges incurred by the customer to switch customer back to the previous carrier which served the customer prior to SCNet.

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****2. INITIAL SERVICE OFFERINGS (continued)****2.10 Sensible Choice Business Service (continued)****2.10.5 Rate Schedule**

| <u>Dedicated Access</u>                       | <u>Month to<br/>month</u> | <u>1 year<br/>term</u> | <u>2 year<br/>term</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Inter/IntraLATA Intrastate<br>per Minute Rate | \$.0685                   | \$.0665                | \$.0645                |
| <u>Switched Access</u>                        | <u>Month to<br/>month</u> | <u>1 year<br/>term</u> | <u>2 year<br/>term</u> |
| Inter/IntraLATA Intrastate<br>per Minute      | \$.0950                   | \$.0890                | \$.0890                |

**2.10.6 Additional Pricing**

The following Sensible Choice fees will apply:

Inbound Service Fee: \$3.75 per 800 number per month

Directory Assistance: \$ .50 per call

Calling Card Surcharge: If applicable, see Section 2.11

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****2. INITIAL SERVICE OFFERINGS (continued)****2.11 SCNet Calling Card Service****2.11.1 Description of Service**

SCNet Calling Card service allows a customer to make station-to-station calls away from the home or office where the call originator dials and completes the call (to be billed to the Calling Card) without the assistance of the operator, except that an operator may record the Calling Card number, or where the operator is requested to reach the called number or must reach the number where facilities are not available for automatic completion.

**2.11.2 Billing Options**

The customer has two billing options with the SCNet Calling Card. Both options are available with any SCNet outbound service, but only one billing option can be chosen per account. In other words, all SCNet Calling Cards in an account must utilize the same billing option. Either of these cards may be used in conjunction with the full range of business or residential services.

**Option 1: Flat Rated Card**

Note: All Flat Rated Card calls will be rounded to the next tenth of a minute with an eighteen second minimum per completed call.

**Option 2: Surcharge Card**

Note: Surcharge Card calls associated with business products will be rounded to the next tenth of a minute with an eighteen second minimum per completed call. Surcharge calls associated with residential products customers will be rounded to the next full minute per completed call. Business products are: Single Rate Business Service; Basic Choice Business Service; Easy Choice Business Service; and Sensible Choice Business Service. Residential products are: Easy Plus Ten Residential Service; and Value Plus Residential Service.

**2.11.3 Rate Schedule****Option 1:**

The Flat Rated Card is billed utilizing a flat rate per minute with no surcharge. The following per minute rate is applicable 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Inter/IntraLATA Intrastate per Minute Rate    \$.2300

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MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE2. INITIAL SERVICE OFFERINGS (continued)2.11 SCNet Calling Card Service (cont.)2.11.3 Rate Schedule (cont.)Option 2:

The Surcharge Card is billed utilizing a flat rate per minute with a \$.65 surcharge per completed call. The following per minute rate is applicable 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

Inter/IntraLATA Intrastate per Minute Rate      \$.1300

2.11.4 Payphone Surcharge

The following Payphone Surcharge will be applied to all completed inter/intraLATA intrastate Calling Card calls originated from a public/semi-public payphone. This surcharge applies to both Option 1 and Option 2 cards and will be applied in addition to any other applicable fees.

Per call surcharge      \$.3000

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**MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE****3. OTHER OFFERINGS****3.1 Promotional Offerings**

The carrier may from time to time, at selected locations, engage in special promotional service offerings designed to attract new customers or to increase existing customers usage of the carrier's service. Such offerings may be in the form of direct discounts or in the form of bulk packaging plans, for example Optional Calling Plans. Such promotions will be filed with the Commission.

**3.2 Rates Applicable for Hearing/Speech Impaired Persons**

A telephone toll message which is communicated using a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) by properly certified hearing or speech impaired persons or properly certified business establishments or individuals equipped with TDDs for communicating with hearing or speech impaired persons will receive upon request credit on charges for all intrastate toll calls placed between TDDs. The credit to be given on a subsequent bill for such calls placed between TDDs will be 50% of the billed charges.

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**PRIVATE LINE SERVICE****4. PRIVATE LINE SERVICE OFFERINGS****4.1 DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE**

Private line service is billed based on the monthly rates quoted in this tariff. At the request of the customer, SCNet will be the authorized agent and will make reasonable efforts to arrange service which may include terminal equipment, circuit conditioning and access facilities. Private line service will be offered subject to the provisions of this tariff and the availability of facilities.

**4.2 DESCRIPTION OF TERMS**

The following descriptions relate to the elements of private line service outlined in this sections of the SCNet tariff.

**Access Coordination**

Service charges related to the design, ordering, installation coordination, testing, service activation and administration of a local access loop.

**Bandwidth**

The total bandwidth frequency allocated for a private line channel measured in hertz.

**Billing Record Change**

Charge associated with change in the billing address of a SCNet customer.

**Central Office (CO)**

Denotes a local exchange company switching system where local exchange service customer stations loops are terminated for interconnection to each other and to the trunk network. The central office is also known as the serving wire center (SWC) or end office.

**Central Office Connection (COC)**

Charges associated with the connection of the interoffice channel of a private line circuit to the local access loop.

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4. PRIVATE LINE OFFERINGS (Cont'd)

4.2 DESCRIPTION OF TERMS (Cont'd)

Change of Order

Charge associated when a customer of SCNet requests a modification to the information contained in the original service order prior to the completion date and acceptance of the circuit other than a change of Requested Install Date.

Channel or Circuit

A channel or circuit provided by SCNet is an electrical (or photonic for fiber optic based transmission systems), communications path which exists between two or more points of termination. The customer can select the bandwidth or transmission speed of a communications path.

Channel Mileage

Represents the distance measured in airline miles between serving wire centers or end offices which connect two or more customer premises.

Channel Termination

The point of a private line circuit where origination, termination or drops for the insertion or removal of a signal occurs.

Company

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Customer

The person, firm, corporation or other entity which orders private line service and is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with SCNet tariff regulations.

Customer-Provided Terminal Equipment

Terminal equipment, as defined herein, provided by customer.

Expedite

Service order initiated at the request of the customer, plus the accompanying installation or change to related circuits, that is processed in a time period shorter than the SCNet standard service interval.

Inter-Office Channel (IOC)

The long haul portion of a private line service that connects two or more Points of Presence (POP) in distance cities.

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4. PRIVATE LINE SERVICE OFFERINGS (Cont'd)

4.2 DESCRIPTION OF TERMS (Cont'd)

Local Access Transport Area (LATA)

Denotes a geographic area established for the provision and administration of communications service. A LATA encompasses one or more designated local telephone exchanges, central offices or serving wire centers.

Local Access Provider

A company which furnishes a customer(s) exchange local telephone service.

Point of Presence (POP)

Denotes the terminal location of the Company where the local access provider connects to the facilities of the Company. SCNet, Inc.'s Points of Presence in North Carolina are as follows: Advance, Asheville, Baldwin, Beulah, Burlington, Champion, Charlotte, China Gove, Clingman, Concord, Courtney, Durham, East Bend, Fayetteville, Goldsboro, Greensboro, High Point, Jacksonville, Kinston, Laurinburg, Levels Cross, Lexington, Lumberton, Nathans Creek, New Bern, Raleigh, Reeds, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount, Sanford, Selma, Sparta, Statesville, Tuckaseegee, Wilmington, Winston Salem, and Wrightsville Beach.

Premise

The space designated by a customer which can be a building, portion of a building or buildings on continuous property not separated by a public highway.

Redundancy

Alternate communications service which may be provided using one or more different routings, circuits, and/or additional equipment.

Requested Install Date (RID)

The date requested by the customer for the service to be tested and installed for acceptance by the customer.

Route Diversity

Two (2) channels which are furnished partially or entirely over physically separate routes.

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4. PRIVATE LINE SERVICE OFFERINGS (Cont'd)4.3 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

In addition to the general regulations set forth in Section 1.2 the following also apply to Private Line Service:

- 4.3.1 SCNet reserves the right to discontinue service upon written notice when conditions are beyond its control, or when the customer is using service in violation of the law or the provisions set forth in this tariff.
- 4.3.2 Private line service is offered seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day.
- 4.3.3 For the purpose of computing monthly private line charges in this tariff, a month is considered to have thirty (30) days.
- 4.3.4 Private line service will be billed on the basis on a minimum of at least on (1) month, beginning on the date that billing becomes effective.
- 4.3.5 Recurring charges are billed effective on the date the private line service is proved to the customer by SCNet based on service period of one (1) month.
- 4.3.6 Non-recurring Charges are billed in the month in which the private line service is provided.
- 4.3.7 Upon the date of the first billing cycle following the installation of the private line service, a bill will be issued for the service period from installations of service to the billing cut-off date and an advance billing of service for one (1) month.
- 4.3.8 If an order for service is cancelled by a SCNet customer before the service is installed or before completion of the minimum one month service, the customer will be responsible for payment of the non-recoverable portions of charges or liabilities incurred on behalf of the customer by SCNet.
- 4.3.9 The customer must insure that any customer provided equipment and/or system is properly interfaced with the facilities leased to the customer by SCNet. In addition, any signals emitted from customer equipment into the network facilities furnished by SCNet must be of proper bandwidth, power, data speed and signal level to comply with standards set forth by the Federal Communications Commission.

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4. PRIVATE LINE SERVICE OFFERINGS (Cont'd)4.3 TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Cont'd)

- 4.3.10 In the event of an interruption of private line service which is not due to network testing, negligence of the customer or failure of customer provided equipment, a credit allowance will be issued to the customer by SCNet. When the private line service provided by SCNet is interrupted for two (2) consecutive hours or more, a credit allowance will be calculated based on the outage time expressed in hours, divided by twenty-four (24) hours per day times the total daily charge for the private line service affected by the outage. Only those portions of the private line service affected by the outage will be considered in determining the amount of the credit allowance. The length of the outage will be measured from the time the customer is notified by SCNet or from the time the customer notifies SCNet of an outage. The term "private line service" means the facilities or equipment furnished by SCNet, a participating interexchange carrier and/or international carrier.
- 4.3.11 Private line service provided by SCNet can be connected with facilities or services of other participating interexchange carriers.
- 4.3.12 SCNet will attempt to make arrangements for network redundancy on the private line service at the request and the expense of the customer.
- 4.3.13 When a customer of SCNet requests a special arrangement for service which may include services not offered in this section of this tariff, SCNet will consider the requested service per justification of the requested services. The appropriate recurring and non-recurring charges will be developed by SCNet according to the necessary engineering, installation, purchases and/or lease of facilities and will be filed in this tariff.

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4. PRIVATE LINE SERVICE OFFERINGS (Cont'd)4.4 DS-0 (DIGITAL SIGNAL LEVEL 0) SERVICE4.4.1 DS-0 Service Voice Grade Private Line (VGPL)

DS-0 VGPL is a digital private line service utilizing voice Frequency (VF) local access facilities. A DS-0 VGPL circuit offers a 64 Kbps dedicated interexchange channel utilizing digital long-haul transmission connecting two or more cities via analog local access loops. A DS-0 VGPL circuit supports the transmission of analog voice and/or data within the frequency range of 300-3000 Hz.

4.4.2 DS-0 Service Hubless Digital Data Service (DDS) Access

DS-0 Service Hubless DDS Access is a digital private line Service utilizing digital local access facilities. DS-0 Service with hubless DDS access may be utilized for the synchronous transmission of full duplex digital data at 2.4, 4.8, 9.6 or 56 Kbps. DS-0 Service with digital local access provides end-to-end digital service to each locations of the circuit. However, the source of synchronization for the end-to-end circuit is the responsibility of the customer of SC Net, because the synchronizations is not performed by the LEC DDS Hub when this service is provided.

4.5 DIGITAL DATA SERVICE (DDS)

DDS offered by SCNet is a dedicated private line service. DDS is high quality service offering end-to-end digital interexchange service utilizing DDS local access facilities installed by the local access provider. DDS is designed for full time synchronous transmissions at 56 Kbps wherever the LEC offers DDS access. The synchronization for the IXC portion of DDS provided by SCNet is matched to the synchronization for the local access portion of the service supplied by the local access provider.

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4. PRIVATE LINE SERVICE OFFERINGS (Cont'd)4.6 DS-1 (DIGITAL SIGNAL LEVEL 1) SERVICE

DS-1 Service is a point-to-point high capacity private line service that transports a full duplex signal. DS-1 Service is provisioned to operate at a speed of 1.544 million bits per second (Mbps) and is equivalent to the capacity of 24 standard voice circuits. DS-1 service is designed for the simultaneous full-duplex transmission of digital signals.

4.7 DS-3 (DIGITAL SIGNAL LEVEL 3) SERVICE

DS-3 Service is point-to-point dedicated high capacity private line service that transports a full duplex signal. DS-3 Service is provisioned to operate at a speed on 44.736 million bits per second (Mbps) and is equivalent to the capacity of 672 standard voice circuits. DS-3 service is designed for the simultaneous full-duplex transmission of digital signals.

4.8 CUSTOMER PROVIDED AND/OR PREMISE EQUIPMENT (CPE)

Customer Provided and/or Premise Equipment (CPE) is equipment such as channel service units (CSUs), digital service units (DSUs), multiplexing equipment and any other terminal equipment provided by the customer at the premise or location of the customer. Such CPE equipment maintenance is the sole responsibility of the customer.

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4. PRIVATE LINE SERVICE OFFERINGS (Cont'd)4.9 RATE TABLE

Rates shown in the following table are applicable to long distance Private Line Service only between all points within the State of North Carolina. Other charges which may be applicable are Non-recurring Charges (Sections 4.10 and 4.11).

4.9.1 DS-O Service - VGPL (Analog) Rates

| <u>Rate<br/>Mileage</u> | <u>Monthly Rate<br/>Fixed</u> | <u>Monthly Rate<br/>Per Mile or<br/>Fraction Thereof*</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1- 50                   | \$ 50.00                      | \$ 1.80                                                   |
| 51-100                  | \$ 95.00                      | \$ .90                                                    |
| 101+                    | \$ 165.00                     | \$ .30                                                    |

## Analog Central Office Connection (COC)

|                   | <u>Monthly</u> | <u>Non-Recurring</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Per CO Connection | \$ 20.00       | \$ 140.00            |

## Access Coordination Fee (ACF)

|                          | <u>Monthly</u> | <u>Non-Recurring</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Per Local Access Channel | \$ 20.00       | \$ 120.00            |

## Local Access Channel

All monthly and non-recurring DS-0 (VGPL/Analog) private line local access loop charges will be billed to the customer by SCNet. The charges listed below apply to local access arrangements provided by the local exchange carrier which will be used to connect the customer's premises to Company points-of-presence to provide customer access to Company services.

## DS-0 Service - VGPL (Analog)

|                              | <u>Monthly</u> | <u>Installation</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Access Service Request       | \$ 0.00        | \$ 25.00            |
| Customer Channel Termination | 48.00          | 240.00              |
| POP End Channel Termination  | 48.00          | 0.00                |
| Mileage, Fixed Charge        | 12.00          | 75.00               |
| Mileage, Per Mile*           | 2.15           | 0.00                |

\* The calculation of airline miles can be referenced in Section 2.2.4.

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4. PRIVATE LINE SERVICE OFFERINGS (Cont'd)4.9 RATE TABLE (Cont'd)

| 4.9.2 | 56Kbps DDS Service      | <u>Rates</u>                  |                                                           |
|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
|       | <u>Rate<br/>Mileage</u> | <u>Monthly Rate<br/>Fixed</u> | <u>Monthly Rate<br/>Per Mile or<br/>Fraction Thereof*</u> |
|       | 9.6Kbps 1+              | \$ 50.00                      | \$ 0.80                                                   |
|       | 56Kbps 1+               | \$ 150.00                     | \$ 1.20                                                   |

## Central Office Connection (COC)

|                        | <u>Monthly</u> | <u>Non-Recurring</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Per 9.6Kbps Connection | \$20.00        | \$ 100.00            |
| Per 56Kbps Connection  | \$20.00        | \$ 100.00            |

## Access Coordination Fee (ACF)

|                        | <u>Monthly</u> | <u>Non-Recurring</u> |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Per 9.6Kbps Connection | \$ 20.00       | \$ 150.00            |
| Per 56Kbps Connection  | \$ 20.00       | \$ 150.00            |

## Local Access Channel

All monthly and non-recurring 56Kbps DDS private line local access loop charges will be billed to the customer by SCNet. The charges listed below apply to local access arrangements provided by the local exchange carrier which will be used to connect the customer's premises to Company points-of-presence to provide customer access to Company services.

| 560Kbps DDS Service          | <u>Monthly</u> | <u>Installation</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Access Service Request       | \$ 0.00        | \$ 25.00            |
| Customer Channel Termination | 200.00         | 275.00              |
| POP End Channel Termination  | 140.00         | 0.00                |
| Mileage Fixed Charge         | 80.00          | 40.00               |
| Mileage, Per Mile*           | 5.00           | 0.00                |

\* The calculation of airline miles can be referenced in Section 2.2.4.

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4. PRIVATE LINE SERVICE OFFERINGS (Cont'd)4.9 RATE TABLE (Cont'd)

| 4.9.3 | <u>DS-1 Service</u>     | <u>Rates</u>                  |                                                           |
|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
|       | <u>Rate<br/>Mileage</u> | <u>Monthly Rate<br/>Fixed</u> | <u>Monthly Rate<br/>Per Mile or<br/>Fraction Thereof*</u> |
|       | 0 - 50                  | \$ 500.00                     | \$ 5.00                                                   |
|       | 51 - 100                | \$ 500.00                     | \$ 5.00                                                   |
|       | 101 & Over              | \$ 500.00                     | \$ 5.00                                                   |

## Central Office Connection (COC)

|                   | <u>Monthly</u> | <u>Non-Recurring</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Per CO Connection | \$ 75.00       | \$ 175.00            |

## Access Coordination Fee (ACF)

|                          | <u>Monthly</u> | <u>Non-Recurring</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Per Local Access Channel | \$ 20.00       | \$ 100.00            |

## Local Access Channel

All monthly and non-recurring DS-1 private line local access loop charges will be billed to the customer by SCNet. DS-1 Digital Access is a high capacity local access arrangement which relies on DS-1 transmission technology provided by the local exchange carrier and which will be used to connect customer's premises to terminals to provide customer access to service.

## DS-1 Service

|                              | <u>Monthly</u> | <u>Installation</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Access Service Request       | \$ 0.00        | \$ 50.00            |
| Customer Channel Termination | 240.00         | 850.00              |
| POP End Channel Termination  | 240.00         | 0.00                |
| Mileage, Fixed Charge        | 110.00         | 105.00              |
| Mileage, Per Mile            | 42.00          | 0.00                |

\* The calculation of airline miles can be referenced in Section 2.2.4.

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4. PRIVATE LINE SERVICE OFFERINGS (Cont'd)4.9 RATE TABLE (Cont'd)

| 4.9.4 | <u>DS-3 Service</u>     | <u>Rates</u>                  |                                                            |
|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
|       | <u>Rate<br/>Mileage</u> | <u>Monthly Rate<br/>Fixed</u> | <u>Monthly Rate<br/>Per Mile or<br/>Fraction Thereof *</u> |
|       | 0 - 50                  | \$ 12,000.00                  | \$ 38.00                                                   |
|       | 51 - 100                | \$ 14,000.00                  | \$ 39.00                                                   |
|       | 101 & Over              | \$ 16,000.00                  | \$ 40.00                                                   |

## Central Office Connection (COC)

|                   | <u>Monthly</u> | <u>Non-Recurring</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Per CO Connection | \$ 200.00      | \$ 250.00            |

## Access Coordination Fee (ACF)

|                          | <u>Monthly</u> | <u>Non-Recurring</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Per Local Access Channel | \$ 50.00       | \$ 1,000.00          |

## Local Access Channel

The subscriber is responsible for obtaining the dedicated or special access line from the local exchange carrier.

\* The calculation of airline miles can be referenced in Section 2.2.4.

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4. PRIVATE LINE SERVICE OFFERINGS (Cont'd)4.10 APPLICATION OF NON-RECURRING CHARGES

## Non-Recurring Charges

Non-recurring charges are expenses commonly associated with the circuit design, engineering and provisioning, facility installation expenses, and network configuration charges. These charges are non-recurring and will appear on the bill of the first monthly billing cycle. These charges will apply to all new services or reconfiguration of existing service.

## 4.10.1 Service Order Charge

Service Order charges will apply to customers ordering additional service from SCNet, modifications of existing service, changes which require the modification of the Interexchange facilities, changes which require the issuance of an Access Service Request (ASR) to the local access provider or any service request SCNet performs on behalf of the customer.

## 4.10.2 Order Expedite Charges

SCNet, when requested by the customer, will expedite orders with the associated local access provider in order to improve the interval on the original Requested Installation Date. The charges are detailed in Section 4.11.

## 4.10.3 Changes of Requested Install Date (RID)

A change of RID charge applies when the customer requests a modification which lengthens the original RID. If the first requested change of the RID is received more than ten (10) working days prior to the original requested service date, there will be no charge. On the second change of the RID, or if the change is made within ten (10) working days of the RID, a charge will be assessed. If the new RID extends thirty (30) days beyond the date of the original RID, the service order must be canceled and re-issued when a confirmed date is given to SCNet.

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4. PRIVATE LINE SERVICE OFFERINGS (Cont'd)4.10 APPLICATION OF NON-RECURRING CHARGES (Cont'd)

## 4.10.4 Change of Order Charge

A Change of Order charge will apply when a customer of SCNet requests a modification to the information contained in the original service order prior to the completion date and the acceptance of the service. Examples of such changes are billing address changes, billing contact changes, or any modifications of pertinent information to the original service order.

## 4.10.5 Order Cancellation Charges

Charges will apply for service orders cancelled prior to the Requested Install Date. Charges for cancellation of service orders are in addition to the standard install charges which will remain applicable.

## 4.10.6 Local Access Channel Charges

If the customer so chooses, non-recurring private line local access loop charges will be billed to the customer by SCNet.

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4. PRIVATE LINE SERVICE OFFERINGS (Cont'd)4.12 NON-RECURRING CHARGES

|        |                         | SERVICE TYPE |          |          |          |
|--------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
|        |                         | DS-0         | 56kbps   | DS-1     | DS-3     |
| 4.12.1 | Service Order Charge    |              |          |          |          |
|        | Per Service Order       | \$ 50.00     | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 |
| 4.12.2 | Order Expedite Charges  | \$ 60.00     | \$ 60.00 | \$100.00 | \$200.00 |
| 4.12.3 | Change of Requested     |              |          |          |          |
|        | Install Date:           |              |          |          |          |
|        | First Billable Change   | \$ 20.00     | \$ 20.00 | \$ 40.00 | \$ 80.00 |
|        | Second Billable Change  | \$150.00     | \$150.00 | \$200.00 | \$300.00 |
| 4.12.4 | Change of Order Charges | \$ 60.00     | \$ 60.00 | \$200.00 | \$300.00 |
| 4.12.5 | Order Cancellation      |              |          |          |          |
|        | Charges                 | \$ 60.00     | \$ 60.00 | \$200.00 | \$300.00 |

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