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2.1 VoIP-PSTN Traffic

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This section applies to VoIP-PSTN traffic exchanged between the Telephone Company and the customer in time division multiplexing ("TDM") format that originates and/or terminates in Internet protocol ("IP") format. VoIP-PSTN traffic originates and/or terminates in IP format if it originates from and/or terminates to an end-user customer of a service that requires Internet protocol-compatible customer premises equipment. The transitional Intercarrier Compensation framework for VoIP-PSTN traffic adopted by the Federal Communications Commission in its Report and Order, Release No. 11-161 (Nov. 18, 2011) ("FCC Order") directed that this intrastate VoIP-PSTN traffic be billed employing interstate rates.^{/1/}

The intrastate switched access rates in this tariff are the same as the interstate rates for Switched Access rate elements. Thus, no modifications to the rates and/or billing are necessary as a result of the VoIP-PSTN provisions of the FCC Order.

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2.2 Except as otherwise provided below, regulations in Section 2 of the Ameritech Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. No 2 relevant to intrastate service provided in the state of Wisconsin apply to service provided under this tariff.

2.3 Local Exchange Toll Provider Exceptions

With respect to ordering rating and billing of Access Services where more than one exchange telephone company is involved, where Switched Access Services are provided to a local exchange carrier that is providing IntraLATA switched service as an interexchange carrier and all or a portion of the Access Service is provided by a local exchange company associated with Wisconsin Bell, Inc. for purposes of provision of switched access, such Access Service will be rated and billed by Wisconsin Bell, Inc. under the terms of this tariff. Arrangements for any facilities required in connection with provision of the switched access will be made by Wisconsin Bell, Inc.

Where Special Access Services are provided to a local exchange carrier that is providing IntraLATA interexchange Private Line Service as an interexchange carrier and a portion of the Access Service to the point of meeting with the interexchange carrier is provided by a local exchange company other than Wisconsin Bell, Inc., such Access Service is provided in accordance with the regulations governing ordering, rating and billing of Access Service where more than one exchange telephone company is involved, as found in Section 2.4.7 of Ameritech Operating Companies Tariff F.C.C. No. 2.

2.4 UNE to Access Conversions

The UNE to access conversions language found in F.C.C. No. 2, Section 2.1.1 only applies to UNE to interstate access conversions.

/1/ Although the Telephone Company has taken the position that this tariff, by its own terms, already applies to VoIP-PSTN traffic, as defined herein, the Telephone Company has included this Section in the tariff out of an abundance of caution to prevent any claim that it does not so apply, and to implement the decision by the Federal Communications Commission in its Report and Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc., FCC Release No. 11-161 (Nov. 18, 2011) ("FCC Order") that VoIP-PSTN access traffic should be exchanged at interstate access rates (unless the parties have agreed otherwise). By its terms, the FCC Order is prospective only, and does not address preexisting law with regard to the applicability of intercarrier compensation or the enhanced service providers ("ESP") exemption to VoIP-PSTN Traffic. Including this section in the tariff in no way alters or otherwise affects the applicability of this tariff to VoIP-PSTN Traffic before the effective date of the FCC Order.

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