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Missouri Public  
Service Commission

Dale Hardy Roberts  
Executive Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

Re: TDS Long Distance Corporation  
Case No. TA-2000-811

Dear Mr. Roberts:

At the request of Staff, enclosed for substitution regarding the above referenced tariff filing, please find six copies of the following revised tariff sheets:

Message Toll Tariff No. 1, Section II, Original Sheet 5  
Message Toll Tariff No. 1, Section II, Original Sheet 6  
Message Toll Tariff No. 1, Section II, Original Sheet 7  
Message Toll Tariff No. 1, Section III, Original Sheet 2  
Message Toll Tariff No. 1, Section IV, Original Sheet 6  
Message Toll Tariff No. 1, Section IV, Original Sheet 7  
Message Toll Tariff No. 1, Section IV, Original Sheet 8

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (573) 635-7166.  
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By: *Sandra Morgan*

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Enclosures

cc: Office of Public Counsel  
TDS Long Distance Corporation

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**2.6 BILLING AND BILLING DISPUTES**

- 2.6.1 Billing to Customers will be scheduled monthly. Usage charges are billed in arrears. Recurring fixed charges are billed monthly in advance. A bill will be considered rendered to the Customer when deposited in the United States mail with postage prepaid. If the delivery is by other than United States mail, the bill will be considered rendered when delivered to the last known address of the party responsible for payment.
- 2.6.2 The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services furnished to the Customer or its joint or authorized users. This responsibility is not changed due to any use, misuse, or abuse of the Customer's Service or Customer provided equipment by third parties, the Customer's employees, or the public. This responsibility includes payment for calls or services that originate at the Customer's number(s), that are accepted at the Customer's number(s) (e.g., collect calls), that are billed to the Customer number(s) via Third Number Billing if the Customer is found to be responsible for such call or service, the use of a Calling Card, or the use of a Company-assigned Special Billing Number and incurred at the specific request of the Customer.
- 2.6.3 Payment is due by the date printed on the bill. Payments are sent to the address listed on the bill.
- 2.6.4 If a Customer's bill is not paid by the due date printed on the bill, the Carrier may impose a late charge of 1.5% on delinquent accounts.
- 2.6.5 If the Customer disagrees with the charges on the bill, the Customer can dispute the charges verbally or in writing. In the event of a dispute, the Customer is still responsible for payment of the undisputed portion of the bill.
- 2.6.6 In the event suit is brought or an attorney is retained by the Carrier to enforce the terms of this Tariff, the Carrier shall be entitled to recover, in addition to any other remedy, reimbursement for reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, costs of investigation and other related expenses incurred in connection therewith.

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**2.7 TAXES**

- 2.7.1 All stated charges in this tariff are computed by the Carrier exclusive of any federal, state, or local use, excise, gross receipts, sales or privileges taxes, duties fees, or similar liabilities (other than general income or property taxes) whether charged to or against the Carrier or its Customer.
- 2.7.2 The Customer is responsible for payment of any sales, use, gross receipts, excise or other local, state and federal taxes, charges or assessments, however designated (excluding taxes on the Carrier's net income) imposed on or based upon the provision, sale or use of the Carrier's services.
- 2.7.3 All state and local sales taxes are listed as separate line items on the Customer's bill. All charges and fees subject to MoPSC jurisdiction, except taxes and franchise fees, will be submitted to the MoPSC for prior approval.
- 2.7.4 Other taxes, charges and regulatory assessment shall be identified in the aggregate on the Customer's bill.

**2.8 PAYMENT FOR SERVICE**

- 2.8.1 All charges due by the Customer are payable to any agency duly authorized to receive such payments. The billing agency may be a LEC, credit card company, or other billing service. The terms and conditions for billing, payment and collection, including without limitation, any late payment charge, specified in the LEC's local exchange service tariff shall apply to charges of the Carrier when the LEC serves as the billing agent for the Carrier or buys the Carrier's accounts receivables. Terms of payment shall be according to the rules and regulations of the agency, but must comply with the Commission's rules and regulations.
- 2.8.2 Adjustments to the Customer's bills shall be made to the extent that circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate.

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**2.9 RETURNED CHECK CHARGE**

2.9.1 If a check offered by a Customer for payment of service provided is dishonored, a returned check charge of \$10.00 will be assessed.

**2.10 CANCELLATION OF SERVICE BY CUSTOMER**

2.10.1 A Customer may cancel service by providing written or verbal notice to the Carrier or its agents.

**2.11 DENIAL OR CANCELLATION OF SERVICE BY THE CARRIER**

2.11.1 Carrier, upon written notice to the customer, may discontinue service or cancel an application for service without incurring any liability for any of the following reasons:

- (A) Non-payment of any sum due to Carrier for service;
- (B) A violation of any regulation governing the service under this tariff;
- (C) A violation of any law, rule, or regulation of any government authority having jurisdiction over the service; or
- (D) Carrier is prohibited from furnishing services by order of a court or other government authority having jurisdiction.

2.11.2 The notice shall contain the reason(s) for denial or termination of service.

2.11.3 The Carrier shall not be required to give the written notice provided for situations where the Carrier has evidence of fraudulent or illegal use of the Carrier's services.

2.11.4 The discontinuance of service by the Carrier pursuant to this Section does not relieve the Customer of any obligations to pay the Carrier for charges due and owing for service(s) furnished up to the time of discontinuance.

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**DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE AND RATES**

**3.1 GENERAL**

3.1.1 Rates and timing of calls may vary by product type, access method, or call duration. Calls are billed individually and on a monthly basis. Usage is billed in arrears.

3.1.2 Intrastate services are offered in conjunction with interstate services.

**3.2 TIMING OF CALLS**

3.2.1 Billing for calls placed over the network is based in part on the duration of the call as follows, unless otherwise specified in this tariff:

- (A) Call timing begins when the called party answers the call (i.e., when two-way communications are established).
- (B) Chargeable time for calls ends when one of the parties disconnects from the call.
- (C) Minimum call duration periods for billing purposes may vary by service option.
- (D) For billing purposes, usage after the initial period varies by service and is specified by service in this tariff.
- (E) The Carrier will not bill for unanswered calls.

**3.3 PROMOTIONAL OFFERINGS**

3.3.1 The Carrier may, upon Commission approval, offer customers specific rate incentives during specified promotional periods. The Carrier will provide written notice to the Commission at least 7 days prior to the commencement of a promotional program specifying the terms of the promotion, the specific service offered, the location, and the beginning and ending dates of the promotional period.

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**DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND RATES AND CHARGES**

**4.4 OPERATOR SERVICE**

**4.4.1 General Description**

Operator Services allow Subscribers to place specified types of subscriber-dialed and operator-assisted calls via local telephone access lines or via dedicated facilities.

The appropriate surcharge will be assessed on a per call basis. For calls made using a telephone company card or a commercial credit card, acceptance of the card will be dependent upon the Carrier's ability to verify the card as valid. Only those cards accepted by the Carrier may be used for Operator Services.

The Carrier will not bill for incomplete calls where answer supervision is available. The Carrier will not bill for incomplete calls and will remove any charges for incomplete calls upon (i) subscriber notification or (ii) Carrier's knowledge.

The caller and billed party, if different from the caller, will be advised that the Carrier provides its own operator service at the initial contact.

Rate quotes will be given upon request, at no charge, including all rate components and any additional charges.

Only tariffed rates approved by this Commission for the Carrier shall appear on any local exchange telephone company (LEC) billings.

The Carrier shall be listed on the LEC billing if the LEC has multi-Company billing ability.

The Carrier will employ reasonable calling card verification procedures, acceptable to the Telephone Company issuing the calling card.

The Carrier will route all 0 – or 00 – emergency calls in the quickest possible manner to the appropriate local emergency service provider, at no charge.

Upon request, Carrier will transfer calls to another authorized interexchange Carrier or the LEC, if billing can list the caller's actual origination point.

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**DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND RATES AND CHARGES**

**4.4 OPERATOR SERVICE (continued)**

4.4.1 General Description (continued)

The Carrier will refuse operator services to traffic aggregators that block access to other Companies.

The Carrier will assure that traffic aggregators will post and display information including: (1) that the Carrier is the operator service provider; (2) detailed complaint procedures; and (3) instructions informing the caller on procedures to reach the LEC operator and other authorized interexchange Carriers.

4.4.2 Types of Calls and Rates

The following per-call charges apply in addition to the per-minute usage rate when applicable. These charges apply in all rate periods.

Operator Station:  
Collect \$0.50  
Billed to Third Party \$0.50  
  
Person to Person \$0.50

4.4.3 Per Minute Usage Charge

Calls are billed in one- (1) minute increments (fractional minutes are rounded to next higher minute) after a minimum call duration of one (1) minute. The following per-minute charge applies in all rate periods.

Operator Station:  
Collect \$4.50  
Billed to Third Party \$4.50  
  
Person to Person \$6.75

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**DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES AND RATES AND CHARGES**

**4.5 CALLING CARD**

4.5.1 General Description

Calling Card Service is a post-paid calling card service offered to residential and business customers who subscribe to TDS Long Distance. This service permits subscribers utilizing the Carrier's calling card at a single per-minute rate 24 hours a day. No minimum monthly billing or monthly recurring charges apply.

4.5.2 Type of Calls and Rates

The following per-call charges apply in addition to the per-minute usage rate when applicable. These charges apply in all rate periods.

Calling Card Set-up	\$0.19
Manual Call Completion	\$1.25
Operator Provided Dialing Instructions	\$1.25

4.5.3 Rates Per Minute

Calls are billed in one- (1) minute increments (fractional minutes are rounded to next higher minute) after a minimum call duration of one (1) minute.

All Types of Calls	\$0.19
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