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### **SYMBOLS**

The following are the only symbols used for the purposes indicated below:

(C)	to signify changed regulation
(D)	to signify discontinued rate or regulation
(1)	to signify increase to a rate or charge
(M)	to signify matter relocated without change
(N)	to signify new rate or regulation
(R)	to signify reduction to a rate or charge
(S)	to signify matter reissued without change
(T)	to signify change in text but no change in
	rate or regulation
(Z)	to signify a correction

In addition to symbols for changes, each provision or rate element changed will contain a vertical line, which will clearly show the exact number of lines being changed.

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#### TARIFF FORMAT

- A. Page Numbering Page numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Pages are numbered sequentially. However, new pages are occasionally added to the tariff. When a new page is added between pages already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new page added between pages 4 and 5 would be 4.1.
- B. Page Revision Numbers Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each page. These numbers are used to determine the most current page version on file with the Commission. For example, the 4th revised Page 4 cancels the 3rd revised Page 4.
- C. Paragraph Numbering Sequence There are five levels of paragraph coding. Each level of coding is subservient to its next higher level:

2 2.1 2.1.1 2.1.1.(A)

2.1.1.(A).1.

D. Check Sheets - When a tariff filing is made with the Commission, an updated check sheet accompanies the tariff filing. The check sheet lists the pages contained in the tariff, with a cross-reference to the current revision number. When new pages are added, the check sheet is changed to reflect the revision.

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### **APPLICABILITY OF TARIFF**

This tariff contains the description of the services offered, the terms and conditions under which each of the services are provided and all effective rates and charges applicable to the furnishing of message telecommunications services of the Carrier within the State of Alabama for the following exchanges.

Company	<u>Exchange</u>
Butler	Butler Goshen Grove Hill Lisman Needham Pennington
Oakman	Flatwood Lynn Nauvoo Oakman
Peoples	Aroney Cedar Bluff Centre Collinsville Crossville Gaylesville Grayson Leesburg Rinehart Sand Rock Whorton

### **ACCESSIBILITY OF TARIFF**

This tariff is available at the Carrier's principal place of business:

TDS Long Distance Corporation 525 Junction Road Madison, WI 53717 Telephone: (608) 664-4000

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### **TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

- "Access" as used in this tariff, mean an arrangement, which connects the Customer's, or Subscriber's telecommunications service to the Underlying Carrier's designated point of presence or network switching center.
- **"Business Customer"** means a customer who is subscribed to business services of the local exchange carrier.
- "Commission" means the Alabama Public Service Commission.
- "Carrier" means the Reseller referred to on the title page of this tariff, unless otherwise indicated by the context.
- "Customer" means any person, partnership, cooperative corporation, corporation, or lawful entity provided service from an entity reselling intrastate telecommunications services.
- **"Exchange"** means a geographic area established and approved by the Commission for the administration of local telephone service in a specified area which usually embraces a city, town, or village and its environs. It may consist of one or more central offices together with associated plant used in furnishing communication service in that area.
- "IXC" means interexchange carrier or interexchange company, which is a carrier, or company authorized by the Commission to provide long distance communications services, but not local exchange services, within the State of Alabama.
- "Intrastate call" means any call which is originated and terminated within the boundaries of the State of Alabama, regardless of whether such call crosses state boundaries prior to reaching its termination point.
- "LEC" means a local exchange company, which is a company authorized by the Commission to provide local exchange service within the State of Alabama.
- "Large Business Customer" means a business customer who subscribes to three or more access lines.

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"Reseller" means a Company offering message telecommunications services to the public through the use of the facilities of an underlying carrier or a combination of its own facilities and the facilities of an underlying carrier for resale to the public for profit. A Customer who offers the service(s) it obtains from a Reseller to the public for profit shall also be deemed a Reseller.

"Small Business Customer" means a business customer who is subscribing to one or two access lines.

"Underlying Carrier" means the provider of telecommunications services whose network is being utilized to transmit and receive the Customer's telecommunications traffic.

"Vacation Service" means the same as specified in the Customer's local service provider's tariff.