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Effective November 1, 2020, certain services provided by Myrtle Telephone Company which were previously contained in the General Exchange Service Tariff are no longer provided pursuant to tariffs filed with the Mississippi Public Service Commission. The rates, terms and conditions for those services may be found in the Local Terms of Service located on the Company's website at <https://tdstelecom.com/tariffs/mississippi/myrtle-telephone-company.html>. When services are not provided pursuant to a filed tariff, the rates, terms and conditions shall be offered pursuant to the Local Terms of Service and a Standard Agreement for Local Services contract. The agreements are provided at <https://tdstelecom.com/policies/terms-of-service.html> for residential customers and at <https://tdsbusiness.com/terms-of-service.html> for business customers.

This tariff contains regulations and rates applicable for the furnishing of the Lifeline Assistance Program, the Link Up Program, and Intrastate Access Services offered by Myrtle Telephone Company.

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

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When changes are made on any Tariff page, a revised page will be issued canceling the Tariff page affected. Such changes will be identified through the use of the following symbols:

- (C) To signify changed regulation
- (D) To signify discontinued rate, regulation or text
- (I) To signify a rate increase
- (M) To signify a move from one page to another with no change to text, regulation or Tariff
- (N) To signify a new rate or regulation
- (R) To signify a rate reduction
- (T) To signify a change in text, but no change in rate or regulation.

The above symbols will apply except where additional symbols are identified at the bottom of an individual page or at the beginning or end of a section or paragraph.

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LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIFELINE)

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Lifeline Assistance was developed to reduce rates for low income customers. The Company participates in this assistance program to increase the availability of telecommunications services to all consumers in its serving areas. The structure of the program is outlined in the following paragraphs.

1. Lifeline Assistance

The Company shall provide Lifeline Service as defined in FCC 47 C.F.R. 54.401 (a) on a non-discriminatory basis to all qualifying low-income customers. The Company's Lifeline service offering shall comply with all applicable federal laws, including but not limited to, 47 C.F.R. Part 54; the FCC's Lifeline Reform Order (Report and Order released February 6, 2012, WC Docket No. 11-42, et. al.), the FCC's Lifeline Modernization Order (Third Report and Order released on April 27, 2016, WC Docket No. 11-42, FCC 16-38, et. al.), and any subsequent orders.

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LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (Continued)

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2. Lifeline Connection Assistance (Link-Up)

Per FCC Order 12-11 (Lifeline/Link-Up Order), Lifeline Connection Assistance (Link-Up) support is eliminated effective April 2, 2012.

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INTRASTATE INTEREXCHANGE CARRIER ACCESS SERVICE

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CONCURRENCE

Myrtle Telephone Company hereby assents to, adopts and concurs in the rules, regulations, and rates as set forth in Southeast Mississippi Telephone Company’s tariff, on file with the Mississippi Public Service Commission and makes itself a party thereto and obligates itself to observe the provisions therein with the exceptions listed below.

A. Exceptions:

- 1. Section 17.1.1 Carrier Common Line. The Carrier Common Line charge is:

	<u>Rate</u>
(Non-Toll Free)	
Originating, per MOU	\$0.035000
Terminating, per MOU	\$0.000000

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- 2. Section 17.2.2 – Local Transport
Section 17.2.3 – End Office

Insofar as Southeast Mississippi Telephone Company concurs in the rates of the John Staurulakis, Inc. (JSI) Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, Myrtle Telephone Company will concur in the appropriate rate group assigned to them for each class of service, unless otherwise specified below.

- 3. Section 17.2.3 – End Office

- (A) Local Switching
Premium, Per Access Minute

(Non-Toll Free)	
Originating	\$0.050561

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- (B) Information Surcharge
Premium Per 100 Access Minutes

(Non-Toll Free)	
Originating	\$0.019800

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INTRASTATE INTEREXCHANGE CARRIER ACCESS SERVICE (Continued)

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A. EXCEPTIONS (Continued)

4. Intrastate Billing and Collection will be provided on a per billed message basis, with full recourse of any uncollectible or unbillable message to the toll carrier, at the following rate:

Per billed message	\$0.1488
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