

LONG DISTANCE SERVICES**A. GENERAL**

This tariff is applicable to interstate and intrastate long distance telecommunications service furnished or made available by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Company. Long distance telecommunications service allows customers to originate and terminate communications between the contiguous United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and all U.S. territories. A customer can originate calls over the Company's long distance network by presubscribing to the Company's service and dialing on a direct dialed (1+) and/or on an ad hoc basis by dialing the Company's Carrier Identification Code (5897).

B. DESCRIPTION OF CHARGES/RATE COMPONENTSApplication of Charges

Long distance service may include both recurring and nonrecurring charges. Stabilized recurring charges may be offered on a Customer-specific basis where service demands or competitive necessity justify such charges. Recurring charges consist of flat-rated monthly charges. Service also may include a Minimum Charge. Nonrecurring charges for installation of a service and additions to service are also included.

A. Non-Recurring Charges: Non-Recurring Charges are billed in advance.

B. Recurring Charges: Recurring Charges are usage-sensitive and are billed in arrears.

Mileage measurement

When applicable to Rate Schedules, mileage is the distance in airline miles between locations. The following mileage measurements apply: the distance between the rate center of the originating station and the rate center of the terminating station. If mileage measurement is not applicable, such calls will be charged as stated or as in the particular Rates and Charges Section. Recurring charges may be distance sensitive or rate period/distance sensitive.

Single Rate Period/Distance Sensitive

When calls are rated on a distance sensitive basis, the rate in effect at the calling station at the time the connection is established applies to the entire call. Where specifically specified in this tariff, the rates used shall be those in effect at the station to which the call is billed rather than the calling station.

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For calls that are rated on a rate period/distance sensitive basis, when a call is established in one rate period and ends in another rate period, the rate in effect at the calling station for each rate period applies to the portion of the call occurring within that rate period. The rates used shall be those in effect at the station to which the call is billed rather than the calling station.

Minimum Charge

Should a Minimum Charge apply to a service option, it shall be as specified in the applicable Rates and Charges Section.

Installation Charge

Should a nonrecurring Installation Charge apply to a service Option, it shall be as specified in the applicable service Rates and Charges Section.

Change To Service

As specified for each Option, Service Components may be added to or deleted from a service. A nonrecurring Installation Charge may apply to additions, and recurring charges will be adjusted, as necessary, to reflect all changes to service.

Rate Changes

Company expressly reserves the right to change the applicable rates under which the Customer has obtained service during any specified Service Period greater than any minimum service period provided under this Tariff, unless otherwise agreed upon between The Company and the Customer.

Changes to Terms and Conditions

During any specified Service Period other than any minimum service period specified in this tariff, the Company expressly reserves the right to initiate changes in the terms and conditions under which service is provided, unless otherwise agreed upon between the Company and the Customer. If the Company initiates revisions without the Customer's agreement, the Customer may discontinue service without liability. If elected, this provision must be exercised by the Customer in writing within 30 days following the date of The Company's price change. Such election shall shield the Customer from charges which would increase the amount he/she must pay for service.

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C. GENERAL PRACTICES AFFECTING RATES

The following set forth factors affecting rates applicable to all services.

Payment of Charges

Payment for service is due upon presentation of the bill. Service may be denied for nonpayment of a bill. The Customer is responsible for safeguarding the service from use by unauthorized persons, and to pay all charges for use of the service by any persons whether or not authorized by the Customer, except in those instances where it has been determined that the Customer's present and former employees, agents and authorized users were not responsible for calls billed to the Customer via third party billing and the Company did not verify that the charges for the call would be accepted. The Customer is not responsible for unauthorized use of service to the extent such use is proximately caused by the Company's willful or negligent act.

Gross Receipts Tax

When utility or telecommunications assessments, franchise fees, or privilege, license, occupational, excise, or other similar taxes or fees, based on interstate receipts are imposed by certain taxing jurisdictions upon the Company, the amounts of such taxes or fees will be billed to Customers in such a taxing jurisdiction on a prorated basis. The amount of charge that is prorated to each Customer's bill is determined by the interstate communications services provided to and billed to a Customer's service location in such a taxing jurisdiction with the aggregate of such charges equal to the amount of the tax or fee imposed upon or passed on to the Company. The taxing jurisdictions in which the charge will be applicable and the associated tax factors are available upon request.

Temporary Surrender of Service

In certain instances, the Customer may be asked to surrender a portion of service for purposes other than maintenance, testing or activity relating to a service order. If the Customer consents, one day's Credit Allowance for the affected portion will be given for each 24-hour period or fraction thereof that the service is surrendered.

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A Credit Allowance will be given when service is interrupted or for service or components not available for Customer use. An interruption period begins when the Customer reports to the Company that service is interrupted and releases it for testing and repair, except that the Customer is not required to report on service not yet installed for purposes of adjusting any initial nonrecurring charge. An interruption period ends when the service is repaired and returned to the Customer. A service is considered to be interrupted when there has been a loss of continuity or the Company and the Customer agree that the service is unfit or not yet installed and available for the Customer's use.

The Credit Allowance will be calculated by applying the applicable charges for the service interrupted by the time period between the Company's receipt of Customer notice of the interruption and the time service is restored. After the first 30-minute period, fractions of 30-minute interruption periods are treated as full 30-minute interruptions. The Credit Allowance applied will be the portion of the monthly recurring charge that corresponds to the proportion of interrupted service multiplied by the proportion of the duration of the interruption, in full 30-minute periods, to the total number of 30-minute periods in a month. In addition, any Minimum Charge will be adjusted for Credit Allowances as specified for each service in the Rates and Charges section.

Credit Allowances do not apply for the following:

- Interruptions caused by the negligence of the Customer or others authorized by the Customer to use the Company's service.
- Interruptions due to the failure of power, systems or connections not provided by the Company.
- Interruptions during any period when the Customer has released a Service Component for scheduled maintenance or rearrangement purposes, or for the implementation of a Customer order.
- Interruptions during periods when the Customer elects not to release the Service Component for testing and/or repair.
- Amounts less than one dollar.
- Interruptions of Customer Equipment.
- Non-completion of calls due to network conditions.
- Interruptions of less than 30 minutes.

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D. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CUSTOMER

The Customer's general responsibilities are described in this section. When Customer Equipment or a Customer-Provided Communication System is connected to the Company's service, the Customer assumes responsibility for the connection and proper maintenance thereof.

Placement of Orders, Payment of Bills and Compliance with Regulations

The Customer is responsible for placing any necessary orders and complying with tariff regulations for service and for assuring that its Users comply with tariff regulations. The Customer is also responsible for the payment of all bills for service.

Order Information

When a Customer places an order for service, the following information must be provided:

The customer contact name, telephone number, and address at each premises where installation will be made, the Customer's billing name and address.

Agency Agreement

The Customer may appoint an agent to act on its behalf, as specified hereinafter.

The Company will accept orders from an agent appointed by the Customer. An agency appointment must be sent to the Company in writing. If directed by the Customer, the bill for service will be sent to the agent.

The Customer retains responsibility for compliance with the tariff's regulations and any act or omission of the agent regardless of any limitations the Customer may place on the agent's authority.

Payments

Customer's payment obligation includes payment for services:

- Originated at the Customer's telephone number(s);
- Accepted at the Customer's telephone number(s) (e.g., Collect Calls);
- Billed to the Customer's telephone number via Third Party Billing, the use of a calling card, or a Carrier assigned special billing number.

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Late Payments

When a bill is not paid in full, the unpaid portion of the bill is subject to a monthly finance charge of 1.5 percent on the average daily balance.

Nonpayment of Charges

The Company may deny and/or restrict service for nonpayment of charges due as specified in Payment of Charges preceding. A written notice will be sent to the Customer at least five days in advance of the restriction and/or denial of service. Upon payment of charges the restriction and/or denial of service will be removed.

Advance Payment

An advance payment will be required before service is provided when a Customer has a history of late payments to the Company or when a Customer's financial responsibility is not a matter of record. The advance payment will be the nonrecurring charge(s), if any; one month's recurring service charge; and one month's estimated usage charges.

E. RATE DETERMINATION

The rate for a service call which is charged on a per call basis is determined by:

Distance Measurements

- The distance between the rate centers of the originating (calling) station and the terminating (called) station;
- The time of day and the day of week;
- The class of service applicable to the call. The specific factors which apply to a given call and their application are listed in the rate section applicable to that type of call. Additional regulations pertaining to those factors are as follows:

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When the distance between the calling and the called stations is a factor in rate determination, the distances are calculated according to the following, exceptions may apply.

The distance between stations in the Mainland, the Mainland and Hawaii, and the Mainland and Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, is measured on the basis of airline mileage between rate centers.

Time of Day and Day of Week

The rate charged for a call is determined in part by the day of the week and the time of day at the originating (calling) station. Different rates may be applicable to a call at different times of the day and on certain days of the week.

F. SERVICE DESCRIPTIONResidential and Business Service

This service is an outbound switched long distance communications service whereby Customers access service via local switched access facilities provided by the Company.

Toll-Free Service

Toll-Free Service is an inbound toll-free service that is ordered and billed to the customer receiving the call. A Customer may be assigned one or multiple toll-free numbers that allow the customer's end users to place a call to the customer free of charge. Toll-Free Service is available via switched access facilities.

Calling Card Service

Calling Card service gives customers the ability to make long distance calls using a Company provided calling card and a unique personal identification number. Customers may choose their own 10-digit authorization number (code) and a four digit Personal Identification Number (PIN).

Operator Services

Operator Service rates apply when calls are completed with the assistance of a Carrier operator. Operator Service rates apply to calls which are billed to a different telephone number (e.g., collect, bill to a third number) or a calling card.

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G. RATES AND CHARGES

DIRECT DIALED (1+) CALLS

The customer has a choice of five long-distance calling plans.

Plan Name	Rate*	Monthly Recurring Fee	Installation Charge	Other Charges
Anytime-Anywhere Savings Plan	\$0.14/min.	None	None	None
Smart Saver Plan	\$0.10/min.	\$3.95	None	None
Hardy Advantage Plan	\$0.08/min.	\$7.95	None	None
Anytime 125	\$9.95/mo.	None	None	\$0.14/min. over 125 minutes
Anytime 225	\$15.95/mo.	None	None	\$0.14/min. over 225 minutes

Calling Cards

Rate: \$0.25/ minute
 Surcharge: \$0.65 per call
 Payphone Surcharge: \$0.60 per call (I)

Toll-Free Service

Rate: \$0.14/minute
 Monthly Recurring Fee: \$3.95
 Installation (Nonrecurring): \$10.00
 Payphone Surcharge: \$0.60 per call (I)
 Vanity Number: \$30.00 (nonrecurring fee)

Directory Assistance

Rate: \$0.95 per call

Operated Assisted Calls

The Company will mirror MCI's (formerly known as WorldCom) operator assisted rates. (S)
 These rates are passed directly from MCI to customer.

* Fractional minutes are billed as full minutes.