

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

A. NETWORK ACCESS

Network access includes the central office equipment with pushbutton dialing capability and outside plant distribution facilities up to and including the point of demarcation. Exchange rate bands are shown below:

<u>EXCHANGE</u>	<u>APPLICABLE RATE BAND</u>	
Cooperstown	D	(C)
Criders Corners	D	
Curtisville	C	
Freeport	C	
Gibsonia	C	
Mars	D	
Saxonburg	D	
Wexford	D	(C)

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

A. NETWORK ACCESS - continued

MONTHLY BASE RATES
RATE BANDS

<u>Number of Lines In Local Calling Area</u>	(A) <u>0-51,000</u>	(B) <u>51,001-85,000</u>	(C) <u>85,001-105,000</u>	(D) <u>105,001-130,000</u>	(E) <u>130,001-155,000</u>	
<u>Class of Service</u>						
<u>Residence:</u>						
1-Party	\$12.84	\$14.44	\$15.99	\$17.54	\$19.09	(C)
Rotary Hunt Trunk	\$15.64	\$20.44	\$25.24	\$30.04	\$34.84	(C)
<u>Business:</u>						
1-Party	\$12.84	\$17.14	\$21.44	\$25.74	\$30.04	(C)
Rotary Hunt Trunk	\$15.64	\$20.44	\$25.24	\$30.04	\$34.84	(C)
Pay Telephone***	\$12.84	\$17.14	\$21.44	\$25.74	\$30.04	(C)

*** Plus Coin Supervision Additive Service if applicable. See Section 8.C of this Tariff.

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A. NETWORK ACCESS - (cont'd)

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The schedule of rates for each exchange is based on a census of the local calling area for that exchange.

When the Company proposes to change an exchange area from one rate band to another because of an increase or decrease in the total number of main access lines in the local calling area, notice of the reclassification of said exchange to the proper rate band shall be given by filing revised tariffs with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission. Such revised tariffs will be filed only: (1) when an exchange area has exceeded or fallen below its rate band limitation as determined on two consecutive semi-annual reviews, to be conducted on April 1 and October 1 of each year, provided that the most recent of the two consecutive reviews exceeds the lower limit or falls below the upper limit of the new rate band by at least two percent or, (2) when an additional exchange area is added to the local calling area of an exchange, and the number of main access lines of the new exchange local calling area exceeds the upper limit of the rate band.

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ROTARY HUNT TRUNK

A service arrangement, which combines a group of telephone lines, furnished to the same customer within the same local exchange service area. This service arrangement allows an incoming call to automatically be directed to an idle telephone line within the group.

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A. Network Access (cont'd)

Direct Inward Dialing (DID) Service

1. General

Direct Inward Dialing (DID) is a service, which allows incoming direct-dialed calls to reach a specific station line without the assistance of an attendant.

2. Regulations

a. DID service requires special Central Office equipment and is provided only where facilities permit.

b. Telephone numbers for DID service are provided in blocks of either 20 or 100 numbers. Whenever possible, the Telephone Company will attempt to provide the blocks of telephone numbers in consecutive number order, however, the Telephone Company will not guarantee nor accept responsibility for providing such an arrangement.

c. The Telephone Company will not reserve telephone numbers to be used at some future time. Should the provision of additional service require changes in the DID service telephone numbers, the regulations and rates specified in other Sections of this Tariff will apply.

d. One free directory listing shall be provided per DID service. Additional directory listings will be provided in accordance with the regulations and rates, specified in other Sections of this Tariff.

e. The Customer is responsible for providing intercept service, either by attendant-intercept or by recorded announcement, for all telephone numbers, which have been assigned, but remain unused.

3. Rates

The charges specified below are in addition to rates shown elsewhere in this Tariff for associated services.

	<u>Monthly Rates</u>	
Direct Inward Dialing (DID) Trunk	\$ 24.44	(C)
Each block of 20 DID telephone numbers	\$ 40.00	
Each block of 100 DID telephone numbers	\$200.00	

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (cont'd)

A. NETWORK ACCESS - (cont'd)

BASIC INTEGRATED SERVICES DIGITAL NETWORK (ISDN BRI)

1. General

Basic Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN BRI) is a service based on the Basic Rate Interface (BRI) arrangement of the Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN). ISDN BRI allows for the integration of voice and non-voice (data or video) transmission on a single telephone access line over the Telephone Company's network.

2. Definitions

- a. B-channel - is a two-way channel supporting a transmission speed of up to 64 KBPS and can support voice, data or video services.
- b. D-channel - is a 16 KBPS channel that provides the signaling and control functions for the B-channels.
- c. Circuit Switching - establishes a connection between two terminals where network resources are dedicated throughout the duration of the call.
- d. Basic Rate Interface (BRI) arrangement - consists of 2-B-channels and 1 D-channel, which provide circuit-switched voice, data or video services.
- e. Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) - consists of a digital service line, which provides digital termination capabilities to the customer's premise and allows for the simultaneous transmission of voice, data and video traffic.

3. Regulations

- a. The customer must provide the customer premise equipment to be used to connect to the ISDN BRI Service and it must meet Telephone Company requirements.
- b. ISDN BRI Service is available in the Telephone Company's Central Offices, which have the facilities necessary to provision the service.
- c. ISDN BRI Service will not work during a power failure at the customer's premises.
- d. Toll charges will apply for circuit-switched voice, data or video calls that are placed outside of the customer's local calling area.
- e. ISDN BRI Service may not be compatible with certain other services.
- f. When compatible, Custom Calling Features are available at the rates and charges found in Section 6 of this Tariff.

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A. NETWORK ACCESS - (cont'd)

BASIC INTEGRATED SERVICES DIGITAL NETWORK (ISDN BRI) - (cont'd)

4. Rates

The charges specified below are in addition to rates shown elsewhere in this Tariff for associated services.

<u>Number of Lines In Local Calling Area</u>	<u>MONTHLY BASE RATES</u>		
	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Business</u>	
Rate Band A (0-51,000)	\$21.59	\$27.34	(C)
Rate Band B (51,001-85,000)	\$23.14	\$31.64	
Rate Band C (85,001-105,000)	\$24.69	\$35.94	
Rate Band D (105,001-130,000)	\$26.24	\$40.24	
Rate Band E (130,001-155,000)	\$27.79	\$44.54	

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B. APPLICATION OF RATES

Within the base rate area as shown on maps, Section 9, the base rates apply for Rotary Hunt Trunks and one-party line service in exchanges as shown in "A" preceding.

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C. LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE AREAS

<u>Exchange Area</u>	<u>Additional Exchanges in Local Service Area:</u>
COOPERSTOWN	Criders Corners, Curtisville, Freeport, Gibsonia, Mars, Saxonburg, Wexford, Butler(Sprint/United), and Nixon (Sprint/United).
CRIDERS CORNERS	Cooperstown, Curtisville, Freeport, Gibsonia, Mars, Saxonburg, Wexford, Perrysville (Bell) and Zelianople (Bell).
CURTISVILLE	Cooperstown, Criders Corners, Freeport, Gibsonia, Mars, Saxonburg, Wexford and Tarentum (Bell).
FREEPORT	Cooperstown, Criders Corners, Curtisville, Gibsonia, Mars, Saxonburg, Wexford and Tarentum (Bell).
GIBSONIA	Cooperstown, Criders Corners, Curtisville, Freeport, Mars, Saxonburg, Wexford and Glenshaw (Bell).
MARS	Cooperstown, Criders Corners, Curtisville, Freeport, Gibsonia, Saxonburg, Wexford and Perrysville (Bell).
SAXONBURG	Cooperstown, Criders Corners, Curtisville, Freeport, Gibsonia, Mars, Wexford and Butler (Sprint/United)and Tarentum (Bell).
WEXFORD	Cooperstown, Criders Corners, Curtisville, Freeport, Gibsonia, Mars, Saxonburg and Perrysville (Bell).

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE (cont'd)

D. LIFELINE SERVICE

1. DESCRIPTION

Lifeline Service is a Residence offering for low-income customers who qualify for this service in accordance with the following regulations. **NOTE: Customers who qualify for Lifeline Service may also qualify for Link Up America.**

2. REGULATIONS

- A. Lifeline Service is available to qualified residence customers and is provided via a residence individual Dial Tone Line. Lifeline Service is limited to only one Service per qualified customer or household. A potential Lifeline customer who has an outstanding final bill for telephone service which is less than four (4) years old must pay the entire balance of any Basic Service final bill before being eligible for Lifeline Service.
- B. Residence Lifeline Service consists of the following tariffed standard features and optional customer elected services at the applicable rates, charges and regulations for each feature and service provided:
- i. One-Party Residence Unlimited Service and Local Measured Service, if available.
 - ii. Directory Listing (standard only).
 - iii. Non-Published or Non-Listed Telephone Number Service.
 - iv. Access to Directory Assistance Service.
 - v. Touch-Tone Calling Service.
 - vi. Access to Message Toll Telephone Service and Optional Dial Station-To-Station Calling Plan Services. However, the Residence Lifeline Dial Tone Line will be blocked from dial station access to 976/566/900 and any other type of Audiotex Service.
 - vii. Access to Operator Services.
 - viii. Voluntary Toll Restriction Option.
 - ix. Link Up America (if eligible).
 - x. Access to 800/888 Services.
 - xi. Access to Call Trace.
 - xii. Access to Alerting and Reporting Systems (9-1-1 dialing).
 - xiii. Access to the Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service.
 - xiv. Caller ID Per-call and Per-line Blocking.
 - xv. Other eligible telecommunications services at tariffed rates. (C)

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D. LIFELINE SERVICE (cont'd)

2. REGULATIONS (cont'd)

C. An applicant for Lifeline Service must be a current participant in one of the following programs: (C)

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare Programs: (C)

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- General Assistance (GA)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Additional Eligible Programs:

- Federal Public Housing Assistance Program (Section 8) (C)
- National School Free Lunch Program (C)

OR

must be able to provide proof of income which is at or below 135% of the annual United States Census Bureau Poverty Level Guidelines For All States (except Alaska and Hawaii) and the District of Columbia. (C)

Recertification of Lifeline Service participants will be conducted biennially by North Pittsburgh Telephone Company.

The DPW Programs listed above must be certified by DPW. Such certification by DPW will be provided only when a DPW client requests Lifeline Service based on the client's status as a participant in any of the above eligibility programs. Certification by DPW will be limited to confirmation of the client's program status (i.e., participation or non-participation). Participation by DPW is subject to execution of an agreement with DPW and North Pittsburgh Telephone Company.

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D. LIFELINE SERVICE (cont'd)

D. REGULATIONS (cont'd)

D. Lifeline Service will be provided to a customer only so long as such customer continues to meet the participation and certification guidelines in 2.C. above. At the time of initial establishment of Lifeline Service, the customer agrees to have his or her eligibility recertified as determined by North Pittsburgh Telephone Company. When North Pittsburgh Telephone Company is notified by the customer or determines through recertification that the Lifeline Service customer is no longer a participant in the programs in 2.C. above or otherwise low-income eligible, the customer will be notified (by telephone or letter) that the Lifeline Service rate is no longer applicable. Within the stated customer notification period (10 working days from the date of notification), the customer can contact the Company to negotiate new Dial Tone Service arrangements at applicable tariff rates (no connection charges will apply for existing services or options retained). If the customer does not contact the Company by the end of the notification period, the Lifeline Service will be changed to applicable Exchange Area Dial Tone Line service at existing tariff rates (no connection charges will apply to existing services or options retained). Upon contacting the Company, the customer will have ten (10) working days to complete the low-income certification or recertification process in order to retain Lifeline Services.

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D. LIFELINE SERVICE (cont'd)

2. REGULATIONS (cont'd)

E. A Lifeline Service customer may not subscribe to any other type of residence Local Exchange Service at the same or other premises. Lifeline Service will not be provided via Foreign Exchange or Foreign Central Office Service arrangements.

F. Only services listed in 2.B. above will be provided to Lifeline customers.

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G. Lifeline Service customers are required to apply for the Link Up America benefit when applicable.

H. Customer requested temporary suspension of Lifeline Service is not permitted.

I. Lifeline Service does not apply to applicants who are full-time students living in university or college controlled housing.

J. The applicant must not be a dependent for Federal Income Tax purposes, unless he or she is 60 years of age or older.

K. Lifeline customers are subject to all Residence service regulations in this and other tariffs of North Pittsburgh Telephone Company.

L. Residence Lifeline Service cannot be resold by the Lifeline customer or the Lifeline customer's agent(s).

M. Resale of Lifeline Services are subject to wholesale rate obligations under Section 251(c)(4) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

N. All outstanding charges, account balances and service restrictions apply to existing customers who qualify for Lifeline Service. Service restrictions will remain until the arrearage(s) have been paid in full.

O. Any Lifeline customer who has a past due balance of Toll Charges will be treated with the appropriate Chapter 64 regulations. The Residence Toll Restoral Charge applies to Lifeline Customers who are suspended for non-payment and who subsequently pay their outstanding toll charges and request toll restoral. If a Lifeline customer is toll restricted for a second occurrence the Company may, at its discretion, place the Lifeline customer on permanent toll restriction.

P. Toll-Blocking and Toll-Control services will be provided at no charge to Lifeline Service subscribers, to the extent that they are offered.

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D. LIFELINE SERVICE (cont'd)

3. DIAL TONE LINE MONTHLY RATE

A. Applicable Residence Dial Tone monthly rate minus \$1.75(1).

B. Lifeline Service customers will be billed the applicable Subscriber Line Charge monthly rate and will be given credit for the same amount of the Subscriber Line Charge as prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission at Docket Nos. 00-256, 96-45, 98-77, 98-166 and 00-193. (C)
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C. Lifeline Service is subject to all applicable State, Local and Federal Taxes, and Surcharges, and to all applicable tariff rates, charges, surcharges and regulations.

NOTE:

(1) The Dial Tone Line and Subscriber Line Charge monthly rate discounts will be reduced to the extent that application of the full discount would not result in rates that are less than zero.

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