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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Securus Technologies, Inc.; Proposed Tariff Revisions

Dear Ms. Boyd:

This firm represents Securus Technologies, Inc.'s ("Securus"). Enclosed for filing please find the attached proposed tariff revisions to Securus' South Carolina PSC Tariff No. 1. Sheets affected by this filing include the following: Sixth Revised Page 2, First Revised Page 3, First Revised Page 7, Original Page 7.1, First Revised Page 8, Original Page 8.1, First Revised Page 15, Fourth Revised Page 18, Original Page 18.1, Second Revised Page 19, Second Revised Page 23, First Revised Page 24 and Second Revised Page 25. Concurrent with this filing, I also am submitting a complete version of the Tariff with these revised pages.

The purpose of this filing is to comply with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") Second Report and Order and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375 released November 5, 2015 ("FCC Order"), as applicable to Jails (as defined in the FCC Order). The FCC Order set rate structures and fee caps applicable to both intrastate and interstate inmate calling services ("ICS"). On March 7, 2016, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ("DC Circuit" or "Court") issued a partial stay of only two portions of the FCC Order. On March 23, 2016, the DC Circuit modified that ruling to include a stay of the application of previously-adopted interim interstate per-minute rate caps to intrastate ICS. This filing is to modify our intrastate tariff to come into compliance with the FCC requirements not stayed by the Court. The Company respectfully requests an effective date of June 20, 2016, for this filing.

By copy of this letter, I am providing a copy of these documents to the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

Securus sincerely appreciates your attention to this matter. Should you have questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: The Honorable C. Dukes Scott

CHECK SHEET

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1. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this tariff, the following definitions will apply:

AdvanceConnect Account – An account that is established with the Company by an initial payment by an End User which permits an Inmate User to access the Company’s services to make prepaid Collect Calls.

Ancillary Service Charge – Any charge Consumers may be assessed for the use of Inmate Calling services that are not included in the per-minute charges assessed for individual calls. (N)
(N)

Authorization Code – A pre-defined series of numbers to be dialed by the Inmate User or Authorized User upon access to the Carrier’s system to identify the caller and validate the caller’s authorization to use the services provided.

Authorized Fee – A government authorized, but discretionary, fee which a Provider must remit to a federal, state, or local government, and which a Provider is permitted, but not required, to pass through to Consumers. An Authorized Fee may not include a markup, unless the markup is specifically authorized by a federal, state, or local statute, rule, or regulation. (N)
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(N)

Authorized User – A person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity who is authorized by the Confinement Facility to be connected to and utilize the Carrier’s services under the terms and regulations of this tariff.

Automated Payment Fees – Credit card payment, debit card payment, and bill processing fees, including fees for payments made by interactive voice response (IVR), web, or kiosk. (N)
(N)

Called Party – The person, individual, corporation, or other entity whose telephone number is called by the Inmate User. Other than for Prepaid Service calls, the Called Party accepts responsibility for payment of the charges for use of the Company’s services.

Collect Calls – Calls billed not to the originating telephone number, but to the called telephone number upon acceptance, via an automated interface, of the call for which charges are billed.

Commission – Used throughout this tariff to mean the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

Common Carrier – A company or entity providing telecommunications services to the public.

Company – Securus Technologies Inc., a Delaware corporation, also referred to as the Carrier.

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1. DEFINITIONS (CONTINUED)

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The below content was previously found on Original Sheet No. 7.

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Confinement Facility, Correctional Facility, or Correctional Institution – Used throughout this tariff to refer to any place designated by law for the confinement of persons held in custody under process of law, under lawful arrest or under mental treatment, including a facility for the detention of juveniles. A Jail or a Prison.

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Customer – The person or entity responsible for the payment of charges for services offered under this tariff.

(M)

End User – The person, individual, corporation, or other entity whose telephone number is called by the Inmate User. Other than for Inmate Prepaid Service calls, the End User accepts responsibility for payment of the charges for use of the Company’s services.

(M)

Inmate – A person detained at a Jail or Prison, regardless of the duration of the detention.

(N)

Inmate Calling Service – A service that allows Inmates to make calls to individuals outside the Correctional Facility where the Inmate is being held, regardless of the technology used to deliver the service.

(N)

The below content was previously found on Original Sheet No. 7.

(M)

Inmate User – A person incarcerated in a facility serviced by the Carrier who is authorized by the Carrier’s Confinement Facility to be connected to and utilize services under the terms and regulations of this tariff.

(M)

Jail – A facility of a local, state, or federal law enforcement agency that is used primarily to hold individuals who are (1) awaiting adjudication of criminal charges; (2) post-conviction and committed to confinement for sentences of one year or less; or (3) post-conviction and awaiting transfer to another facility. The term also includes city, county or regional facilities that have contracted with a private company to manage day-to-day operations; privately owned and operated facilities primarily engaged in housing city, county or regional inmates; and facilities used to detain individuals pursuant to a contract with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

(N)

Live Agent Fee – A fee associated with the optional use of a live operator to complete Inmate Calling Services transactions.

(N)

1. DEFINITIONS (CONTINUED)

Local Access and Transport Area (LATA) – The term “Local Access Transport Area” denotes a geographic area established by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192.

Measured Charge – A charge assessed on a per minute basis in calculating the charges for a completed call. Measured Charges are specified as a rate per minute which applies to each minute, with fractional minutes of use counted as one full minute.

Paper Bill/Statement Fees – Fees associated with providing customers of Inmate Calling Services an optional paper billing statement. (N)
(N)

Prepaid Balance – A balance that is established with an initial payment by an Inmate User, Authorized User or End User for Prepaid Service. Applicable charges are deducted from the Prepaid Balance on a real-time basis.

Prepaid Calling Card – A calling card issued by the Company which provides the Inmate User or Authorized User with a Prepaid Balance, an Authorization Code and instructions for accessing the Company’s services. The Inmate User or Authorized User purchases usage on a set prepaid basis.

Prepaid Card Call – A service whereby the Inmate User or Authorized User dials all of the digits necessary to route and bill a call placed from a location other than his/her residence or normal place of business. Service is accessed via a “1-800” or other access code dialing sequence. Usage charges for Prepaid Card Calls are deducted from the Inmate User’s or Authorized User’s Prepaid Debit Account on a real time basis.

Prepaid Debit Account – An account that is established with an initial payment by an Inmate User for Prepaid Service. The Inmate User is provided with a Prepaid Balance, Authorization Code and instructions for accessing the Company’s services.

Prepaid Service – A service whereby the Inmate User or the End User accepts responsibility for payment of the charges for use of the Company’s services, which includes Prepaid Calling Cards, Prepaid Debit Accounts, and Prepaid Collect Accounts.

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1. DEFINITIONS (CONTINUED)

Prison – A facility operated by a territorial, state, or federal agency that is used primarily to confine individuals convicted of felonies and sentenced to terms in excess of one year. The term also includes public and private facilities that provide outsource housing to other agencies such as the State Departments of Correction and the Federal Bureau of Prisons; and facilities that would otherwise fall under the definition of a Jail but in which the majority of inmates are post-conviction or are committed to confinement for sentences of longer than one year.

The below content was previously found on Original Sheet No. 8.

Station- Any location from which calls may be placed or received.

Telecommunications – The transmission of voice communications or, subject to the transmission capabilities of the services, the transmission of data, facsimile, signaling, metering, or other similar communications.

(N)

(N)

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(M)

4. RATE DETERMINATION**4.1 Distance Measurements**

The airline mileage between two cities can be calculated using the vertical (V) and horizontal (H) coordinates of the serving wire centers associated with the Company's POP locations. The method for calculating the airline mileage is obtained by reference to AT&T's FCC Tariff according to the following formula:

$$\sqrt{\frac{(V_1V_2)^2 + (H_1H_2)^2}{10}}$$

In the above example, the VI and HI correspond to the V&H coordinates of "City 1" V2 and H2 correspond to the V&H coordinates of "City 2."

4.2 Call Timing

Correctional Facilities require time limits be placed on Inmate initiated calls. Timing of Inmate initiated calls begins when the End User accepts the call and the Inmate and End User are connected. The call ends when either the Inmate or End User hangs up, as determined by the industry standard methods generally in use for ascertaining disconnection or when the call timer reaches the maximum time allowed by the Correctional Facility. Call attempts that are not completed or not accepted by the End User will not be billed. (T)

(T)

5.3 Contested Charges

For consideration of any disputed charge, a Customer should submit in writing to the Company, within thirty (30) days of the date the bill is issued, the call details and bases for any requested adjustment. The Company will promptly investigate and advise the Customer as to its findings and disposition.

5.4 Returned Check Charge

A charge no to exceed the maximum charge allowed by South Carolina statute may be applied if a check or draft presented for payment of service is not accepted by the institution on which it is written.

5.5 Deposits

No advance deposits are required.

5.6 Taxes

All federal, state and local taxes (e.g., excise tax, gross receipts tax, sales tax, municipal utilities tax) for calls are billed as separate line items and are not included in the quoted rates.

5.7 Paper Bill/Statement Fees

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Fees associated with providing customers of Inmate Calling Services an optional paper billing statement.

Paper Bill/Statement Fee - \$2.00

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5.8 Payment Fee

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Automated Payment Fees (where available) – Credit card payment, debit card payment, and bill processing fees, including fees for payments made by interactive voice response (IVR), web, or kiosk (where available). This fee does not apply to payments mailed to the company or submitted via a customer’s online banking service.

Automated payment fees - \$3.00

Live Agent Fee – A fee associated with the optional use of a live operator to complete Inmate Calling Services transactions. This fee does not apply to payments mailed to the company or submitted via a customer’s online banking service.

Live Agent Fee - \$5.95

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6. CURRENT RATES AND CHARGES

This section sets forth the Company’s rates and charges applicable to the Company’s intrastate telecommunications service offering. Long distance charges consist of a distance and time sensitive Measured Charge. Confinement Facility rates will not exceed the below rates and charges.

6.1 Rates and Charges

<u>Collect / Prepaid Collect / Debit / Prepaid Calling Cards</u>	First Minute	Each Additional Minute
Local	\$1.75	\$0.12
IntraLATA	\$2.50	\$0.40
InterLATA	\$2.50	\$0.40

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 (N)
 (N)
 (D)
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7. Prepaid Services (Continued)**7.2 AdvanceConnect Accounts**

End Users who prefer to pay in advance for Collect Calls that originate from Confinement Facilities, or else if the End User's local exchange carrier does not have a billing and collection agreement with the Company or its intermediary, may set up an AdvanceConnect Account with the Company with an initial payment. The Account is set up with the initial payment and may be replenished by the End User. Applicable state taxes and fees are calculated and deducted from the AdvanceConnect Balance at the conclusion of the call. (C)

When the balance in an AdvanceConnect Account reaches ten dollars (\$10) or below, the End User will receive an automated courtesy call from the Company notifying the End User with such an announcement. If the End User's balance reaches zero prior to replenishment of the Account, the End User will be blocked from receiving further calls from any Confinement Facility served by the Company until the balance is replenished or an alternative billing arrangement is made. (C)

The End User may request a refund of the available balance in the AdvanceConnect Account either by written request to the Company or by contacting the Company at its toll free telephone number once the End User verifies certain account information. Any such unused balances will expire in one hundred eighty (180) days following the last call made, unless the balance is either fully depleted or a refund has been requested. No refunds of unused balances will be issued after the expiration date. (D)

AdvanceConnect Account service is available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week to all terminating locations served. Access to such services by the Inmate User may be subject to time-of-day and usage restrictions imposed by individual Confinement Facilities. No minimum service period applies. For debiting purposes, call timing is rounded up to the nearest one (1) minute increment. Usage charges are computed and rounded up to the nearest one (1) cent on a per call basis. Balances are not charged for incomplete calls.

7. Prepaid Services (Continued)

7.2 AdvanceConnect Accounts (Continued)

(D)

AdvanceConnect Account Rates

The rates for AdvanceConnect Account are the same as those for automated Collect Call service.

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