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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Dr.
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**RE: US LEC of South Carolina, LLC d/b/a PAETEC Business Services
Revision to South Carolina P.S.C. No. 3**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please accept the original of the above referenced IXC tariff filing submitted on behalf of US LEC of South Carolina, LLC d/b/a PAETEC Business Services. This filing increases certain rates for business customers. The Company's customers have been notified via the enclosed message. The Company respectfully requests an effective date for this filing of November 1, 2020.

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Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3031 or via email to Sthomas@inteserra.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sharon Thomas

Sharon Thomas
Consultant

cc: Executive Director, SC Public Service Commission
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Within the next 30 days (60 days per state requirements for AZ and PA) your monthly billing statement will reflect a price adjustment on legacy voice services. Traditional basic voice lines will be adjusted to a minimum price of \$50.00, or the max allowed per state. The associated voice features continue at the lower price point, but may be adjusted, not to exceed \$10.00. Other legacy voice services may reflect a rate increase not to exceed 25%. These price changes typically will not impact all charges on your invoice. We encourage you to contact your account representative to discuss product conversion options that will enable you to migrate off aging technology. We sincerely appreciate your business and look forward to continually expanding our technology solutions to meet your ongoing needs. If you have questions, please contact Windstream at the number listed on this billing statement.

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SECTION 5 - MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

5.1 Description

Message Telecommunications Services (“MTS”) consist of the furnishing of outbound message telephone service between telephone stations located within the state.

5.2 Rates

5.2.1. Option 1 (1+ Domestic Toll Rates)

Option 1 Service is a one-way, dial in-dial out multipoint service allowing customers to originate and terminate calls via US LEC provided local business telephone lines. Option 1 requires a minimum usage of \$500/month and a minimum term of 1 year. Option 1 is only available to customers who subscribe to Local Service with US LEC. Calls will be billed on the basis of six-second increments, with a minimum charge of one-cent per completed call.

Usage Rates:

Base Rate: \$ 0.1838 per minute

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Monthly Minimum Usage	InterLATA Discounts	IntraLATA Discounts
\$500	20%	50%
\$750	20%	50%
\$1,000	20%	50%
\$2,000	20%	50%
\$3,500	40%	60%
\$5,000	40%	60%
\$7,500	40%	60%
\$10,000	40%	60%
\$20,000	40%	60%

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SECTION 5 - MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

5.2 Rates (continued)

5.2.2. Option 2 (Non-Committal Rate)

Option 2 Service is a one-way, dial in-dial out multipoint service allowing customers to originate and terminate calls via US LEC provided local business telephone lines. Option 2 requires no minimum usage and no minimum term. Calls will be billed on the basis of six-second increments, with a minimum charge of one-cent per completed call.

USAGE RATES:

Domestic Base Rate Per Minute	\$0.4463	(I)
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SECTION 5 - MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

5.2 Rates (continued)

5.2.3 Advantage Calling Plan (cont'd)

Per Minute Usage Rates:

Commitment Levels	Non-Advantage Area		Advantage Area	
	Dedicated	Switched	Dedicated	Switched
\$500	\$ 0.1488(I)	\$ 0.2013(I)	N/A	N/A
\$750	\$ 0.1488(I)	\$ 0.2013(I)	N/A	N/A
\$1,000	\$ 0.1488(I)	\$ 0.2013(I)	N/A	N/A
\$2,500	\$ 0.1488(I)	\$ 0.2013(I)	N/A	N/A
\$3,500	\$ 0.1138(I)	\$ 0.1628(I)	N/A	N/A
\$5,000	\$ 0.1138(I)	\$ 0.1706(I)	N/A	N/A
\$7,500	\$ 0.1138(I)	\$ 0.1706(I)	N/A	N/A
\$10,000	\$ 0.1138(I)	\$ 0.1706(I)	N/A	N/A
\$20,000	\$ 0.1138(I)	\$ 0.1706(I)	N/A	N/A

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5.2 Rates (continued)

5.2.4. Flat Rate Toll Plan

The Flat Rate Toll Plan allows customers in all markets to place intrastate toll calls at the rate of \$0.1838/minute. This plan has no monthly recurring charge, and the customer must meet only the \$500 monthly billing minimum for all combined services. The Flat Rate Toll Plan may also be used in conjunction with other calling plans. Customers must have US LEC selected as both their intraLATA and interLATA Primary Interexchange Carrier (2-PIC) in order for US LEC to be able to properly rate the calls.

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Non-Local Intrastate Toll Rates			
Commitment Levels	Per minute		
\$500	\$0.1838(I)		
\$750	\$0.1838(I)		
\$1,000	\$0.1838(I)		
\$2,500	\$0.1838(I)		
\$3,500	\$0.1838(I)		
\$5,000	\$0.1838(I)		
\$7,500	\$0.1838(I)		
\$10,000	\$0.1838(I)		
\$20,000	\$0.1838(I)		

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5.2 Rates (continued)

5.2.5 Switched Long Distance

US LEC Switched Long Distance service offers smaller single and multi-line business customers the ability to select US LEC as their Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier for the completion of calls from specified locations. Switched Long Distance can be used in conjunction with other US LEC toll products or as a stand-alone offering. Switched Long Distance is available throughout the entire US LEC service area. However, Switched Long Distance will not be available from payphones, cellular phones or from presubscribed CLEC lines. Locations where Switched Long Distance service is offered will be billed on the basis of a minimum billing increment of 30 seconds, with 6 second increments thereafter.

Calls to All Areas \$0.1838 per minute (I)

A non-recurring charge is required for any and all locations as follows.

	<u>Per Line</u>	
Multi-line Business	\$7.44	(I)
Centrex Lines	\$3.50	(I)

SECTION 5 - MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

5.2.6 Power T II Calling Plan

Power T II Calling Plan is available to Customers on a bundled basis. The Customer selects the bundle of minutes in the plan that best suits their business needs and receives up to and including the number of minutes of use for a flat rate. Once the Customer exceeds the minutes in the plan, additional minutes are billed at the rates specified below.

<u>IntraLATA Bundles</u>	<u>MRC</u>	
1000 minutes	\$155.52	(I)
2500 minutes	\$388.82	
5000 minutes	\$699.86	
7500 minutes	\$1,010.92	
10,000 minutes	\$1,321.97	
15,000 minutes	\$1,944.08	
20,000 minutes	\$2,488.41	
25,000 minutes	\$3,032.75	
35,000 minutes	\$4,199.20	
40,000 minutes	\$4,665.78	
50,000 minutes	\$5,754.46	
75,000 minutes	\$8,553.93	
100,000 minutes	\$10,886.80	(I)
Excess minutes – intrastate \$0.1313, interstate \$0.0963		

<u>Domestic LD Bundles</u>	<u>MRC</u>	
1000 minutes	\$155.52	(I)
2000 minutes	\$311.05	
2500 minutes	\$388.82	
4000 minutes	\$544.34	
5000 minutes	\$699.86	
7500 minutes	\$1,010.92	
10,000 minutes	\$1,321.97	
15,000 minutes	\$1,944.08	
20,000 minutes	\$2,488.41	
25,000 minutes	\$3,032.75	
35,000 minutes	\$4,199.20	
40,000 minutes	\$4,665.78	
50,000 minutes	\$5,754.46	
75,000 minutes	\$8,553.93	
100,000 minutes	\$10,887.82	(I)
Excess minutes – intrastate \$0.1313, interstate \$0.0963		

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SECTION 6 - TOLL FREE SERVICE (cont'd)

6.2 Rates (continued)

6.2.2. Option 4 (Switched Toll Free Service)

Option 4 Service is an inbound only service in which callers located within the State may place toll-free calls to a telephone in the toll free area codes assigned to the Customer. Option 4 is only available to customers who subscribe to Local Service with US LEC.

Per Minute Usage Rates:

Monthly		
Minimum Usage	InterLATA	IntraLATA
\$500	\$0.2188	\$0.2188
\$750	\$0.2188	\$0.2188
\$1,000	\$0.2188	\$0.2188
\$2,000	\$0.2188	\$0.2188
\$3,500	\$0.1838	\$0.1838
\$5,000	\$0.1838	\$0.1838
\$7,500	\$0.1838	\$0.1838
\$10,000	\$0.1838	\$0.1838
\$20,000	\$0.1838	\$0.1838

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SECTION 6 - TOLL FREE SERVICE (cont'd)

6.2 Rates (continued)

6.2.4 Switched 800

Switched 800 service is an inbound only service in which callers located within the State may place toll-free calls to a telephone in the toll free area codes assigned to the Customer. Switched 800 service is only available to customers who subscribe to Local Service with US LEC. Locations where Switched Long Distance service is offered will be billed on the basis of a minimum billing increment of 30 seconds, with 6 second increments thereafter.

Calls to All Areas \$0.1838 **(I)** per minute

Switched 800 service subscribers will also be subject to a monthly recurring charge for each location subscribed.

Monthly Recurring per Location \$62.20 **(I)**

SECTION 7 – OTHER SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

7.1 Frame Relay Service (cont'd)

7.1.2 Frame Relay Rates

<u>T-1 Access Digital Facility</u> (Data Only)	<u>Monthly Recurring Charges</u>			
	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>	
Schedule 1	\$1,555.26	\$1,088.68	\$933.15	(I)
Schedule 2	\$1,866.31	\$1,399.74	\$1,244.22	
Schedule 3	\$2,177.37	\$1,710.78	\$1,555.26	
Remote	\$3,577.11	\$3,110.52	\$2,799.48	(I)
<u>Data Port</u> – one per circuit endpoint	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>	
56K	\$124.43	\$93.33	\$77.77	(I)
128K	\$248.85	\$186.62	\$155.52	
256K	\$497.68	\$373.26	\$311.05	
384K	\$746.53	\$559.90	\$466.59	
512K	\$995.37	\$746.53	\$622.11	(I)
<u>Cross Connect</u> – one per circuit endpoint	\$311.05	\$233.29	\$155.52	(I)
<u>Committed Information Rate</u> ¹	<u>Zone A</u>	<u>Zone B</u>	<u>Zone C</u>	
32K	\$77.77	\$388.82	\$544.34	(I)
56K	\$155.52	\$777.63	\$1,088.68	
128K	\$155.52	\$933.15	\$1,244.22	
256K	\$155.52	\$933.15	\$1,555.26	
384K	\$311.05	\$1,244.22	\$2,332.89	
512K	\$311.05	\$1,555.26	\$2,955.00	
1024K	\$933.15	\$3,110.52	\$5,598.93	(I)
<u>Non-Recurring Charges</u>				
Per T-1 Access Facility Installation			\$2,187.50	(I)

¹Zone A is IntraLATA, Zone B is InterLATA and terminating on the US LEC Network, Zone C is interLATA and terminating off the US LEC network.

SECTION 8 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

8.1 Operator Services (Cont'd)

8.1.3 Rates

Local exchange, IntraLATA, and Long Distance calls may be placed on an Operator Assisted basis. For Operator Assisted calls to Busy Line Verification and Interrupt, or Directory Assistance, the surcharges specified in Section 8.2.3 and Section 8.3.2 will apply in addition to any applicable Operator charges.

Intrastate Usage Rate: \$1.56 per Minute (I)

In addition to usage charges the following operator-assisted charges will apply:

	<u>Per Call Charges</u>
Person-to-Person	\$17.48 (I)
Collect Calling	\$11.38 (I)
Third Number Billing	\$17.48 (I)
Calling Card – Customer Dialed	\$8.73 (I)
Calling Card – Operator Must Dial	\$8.73 (I)
Calling Card – Operator Dialed	\$9.63 (I)
Sent Paid Non-Coin/Station-to-Station	\$17.48 (I)
General Assistance	\$3.48 (I)

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SECTION 8 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

8.2 Busy Line Verify and Line Interrupt Service (cont'd.)

8.2.2 Regulations (cont'd.)

B) No charge will apply:

- 1) When the calling party advises that the call is to or from an official public emergency agency.
 - 2) Under conditions other than those specified in 8.2.2(a) preceding.
- C) Busy Verification and Interrupt Service is furnished where and to the extent that facilities permit.
- D) The Customer shall identify and save the Company harmless against all claims that may arise from either party to the interrupted call or any person.

8.2.3 Rates

Busy Line Verify Service (each request)	\$17.48 (I)
Busy Line Verify and Busy Line Interrupt Service (each request)	\$17.48 (I)

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8.3 Directory Assistance

8.3.1 Description

A Customer may obtain Directory Assistance in determining telephone numbers within the State of South Carolina by calling the Directory Assistance operator.

8.3.2 Rates

A) Directory Assistance charges apply for all requests for which the Company's facilities are used. Each number requested is charged as shown below. Requests for information other than telephone numbers will be charged the same rate as shown for the applicable request for telephone numbers.

Per Number Requested	\$3.48 (I) (intraLATA)
	\$3.48 (I) (interLATA)

B) A credit will be given for calls to Directory Assistance when:

- the Customer experiences poor transmission or is cut-off during the call,
- the Customer is given an incorrect telephone number, or
- the Customer inadvertently misdials an incorrect Directory Assistance NPA.

To receive a credit, the customer must notify the Company operator or Business Office of the problem experienced.

SECTION 8 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

8.4 Service Implementation

8.4.1 Description

Absent a promotional offering, service implementation charges will apply to new service orders or to orders to change existing service.

8.4.2 Rates

	<u>Non-Recurring</u>
Per Service Order	\$87.50 (I)
Per Service Order entered via PowerVIEW or Customer Service	\$26.25 (I)

8.5 Restoration of Service

8.5.1 Description

A restoral charge applies to the re-establishment of service and facilities suspended because of nonpayment of bills and is payable at the time that the re-establishment of the service and facilities suspended is arranged for.

8.5.2 Rates

	<u>Non-Recurring</u>
Per Occasion	\$25.00

SECTION 8 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

8.6 Payphone Surcharge

8.6.1 Description

US LEC charges a surcharge for calls originating from any payphone used to access the US LEC network. The charge is in addition to standard tariffed usage charges and surcharges.

8.4.2 Rates

Per call \$5.25 (I)

8.7 US LEC Calling Card (Post Paid)

8.7.1 Description

Post Paid Calling Cards provide Customers the ability to complete telephone calls from any touch tone phone while directing billing for such calls to their US LEC account. The US LEC Calling Card is a proprietary, 800 number based, calling card product. A distinctive 800/888/877 number, unique to US LEC, is provided upon a unique physical card. Usage will be billed by US LEC to the Customer's US LEC account, broken out by individual user card number.

8.7.2 Rates

Per minute \$0.3325 (I)

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8.8 Circuit Switched Data

Circuit Switched Data allows customers to initiate 56/64 Kbps calls over the public switched network that can be used for services including, video conferencing, high speed data transfer, digital audio broadcasting, Group IV facsimile, and remote LAN access. Multiple channels can be bonded to provide effective transfer rates from 56 Kbps to 384 Kbps. The minimum initial billing increment is 30 seconds and each additional increment is 6 seconds.

Rates

Intrastate	\$0.254 (I) per minute
Interstate	\$0.175 (I) per minute
Offshore*	\$0.700 (I) per minute

*Offshore refers to Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rica, US Virgin Islands, and Guam.