

9. MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

9.1. GENERAL

Message Telecommunications Service (MTS) applies to all toll calls made between two or more rate centers that are furnished or made available by the Company over facilities within the state. MTS provides telecommunication beyond the local serving area. MTS charges cover the service furnished between the calling and called stations.

MTS Service is available to customers located within the Company's service area who subscribe to Local Service as described in this Tariff.

Charges for MTS calls are determined by the class of the call and the duration of the call. The total amount of the call will be rounded to the nearest cent if the computed rate of the call results in a fractional charge.

Charges for MTS calls apply to all intrastate intraLATA and interLATA calls, all times of day, seven days a week. Usage and service charge rates for interstate and international calls are specified in the Company's Service Guide.

9.2. REGULATIONS

9.2.1. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

MTS is the furnishing of facilities for telecommunication between station lines in different local service areas in accordance with the terms, conditions, and rates specified in this Tariff. The Company does not undertake to transmit messages but furnishes the use of its facilities to its customers for communications.

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9.2. REGULATIONS (CONT'D)

9.2.2. CLASS OF CALLS

Charges apply according to the class of call the calling party selects as defined below.

A. Dial Station

Dial Station charges will apply when the customer dials the desired telephone number without the assistance of a Company Operator and the call is billed to the calling number. This includes calls forwarded by call forwarding equipment.

The Dial Station class of service also applies when the Operator:

1. Records the calling telephone number for areas without automatic recording equipment.
2. Reaches the called telephone number because of trouble on the network or because dial completion is not available.
3. Places a call for a calling party who is identified as being disabled and is unable to dial the call because of that disability.
4. Reestablishes a dialed call when there is a service fault that interrupts a call after the called person has been reached.

B. Operator Services

1. Operator Station

Operator Station rates apply when the customer places a call with the assistance of a Company Operator or mechanized response system.

2. Person-to-Person

Person-to-Person charges apply when the calling party specifies to the operator a particular person to be reached, or a particular station, department, or office to be reached through a PBX or Centrex attendant. After the called station has been reached, if the called party is unavailable and the calling party requests or agrees to speak to a party other than the party initially specified, the call is still billed as a Person-to-Person call. The calling party is responsible for identifying the party at the called station.

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9.2. REGULATIONS (CONT'D)

9.2.3. TIMING OF CALLS

- A. On Dial Station and Operator Station calls, the timing of a call begins when the calling and called stations are connected. Calls are timed in one-minute increments.
- B. On Person-to-Person calls the timing of a call begins when the calling person is connected to a specified person, station, or an agreed alternate.
- C. Chargeable time ends when the connection is terminated at any point.
- D. The timing of a call does not include time lost due to service faults or defects that are reported to the Company.
- E. MTS usage rates are applied on the basis of whole minute intervals. The billing interval is determined by rounding up partial minutes to the next whole minute.
- F. In cases when a message begins in one rate period and ends in another, the price for each minute is the price in effect at the beginning of each minute of usage.

9. MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE**9.3. LONG DISTANCE CALLING PLANS****9.3.1. OFFERS**

A. General

The following rates apply to certain long distance service associated with Residential or Business Service, as available and described in Sections 5 and 6, preceding, on either a "By the Minute" or Block-of-Time basis. Customers must be presubscribed to the Company for both IntraLATA and InterLATA long distance.

For Customers in the Anderson area, the Block of Time usage rates specified in B.1, below, apply to usage over the block of time provided in the Standard Package.

B. Rates and Charges

	<u>RATE PER MINUTE OF USE</u>
1. Block-of-Time Offers (usage over Block)	
a. IntraLATA	\$0.07
b. InterLATA	0.07
2. "By the Minute" Offer	
a. IntraLATA	0.07
b. InterLATA	0.07
3. \$.12 No MRC Offer	
a. IntraLATA	0.12
b. InterLATA	0.12
4. \$.05 Off Peak Offer	
Off Peak	
a. IntraLATA	0.05
b. InterLATA	0.05
Peak	
a. IntraLATA	0.09
b. InterLATA	0.09

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9. MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE**9.4. DIAL STATION BASIC SCHEDULE RATES****9.4.1. GENERAL**

Customers who subscribe to a Local Only Plan, specified in Sections 5 or 6, preceding, and are not presubscribed to any Long Distance Plan provided by the Company, or any other carrier, will incur the following charges for intrastate Dial Station calls.

9.4.2. RATE PERIODS

Dial Station Rates vary by Rate Periods. Rate Periods are:

Day(Peak)	7:00 A.M. TO 6:59 P.M. Monday through Friday
Evening(Off-Peak)	7:00 P.M. TO 6:59 A.M. Monday through Friday
Weekend	All Day Saturday and Sunday

9.4.3. INTRALATA DIAL STATION USAGE RATES

The following InterLATA Dial Station Usage Rates apply to calls originating in and terminating in the same LATA. Rates are per minute, or fraction thereof, and apply to initial and additional minutes.

Day (Peak)	.12
Evening (Off-Peak)	.12
Weekend	.12

9.4.4. INTERLATA DIAL STATION USAGE RATES

The following InterLATA Dial Station Usage Rates apply to calls originating in one LATA and terminating in different LATA. Rates are per minute, or fraction thereof, and apply to initial and additional minutes.

Day (Peak)	.12
Evening (Off-Peak)	.12
Weekend	.12

9. MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE**9.5. OPERATOR ASSISTED SERVICES****9.5.1. GENERAL**

Operator Services rates apply to customers subscribing to MTS Service who engage the operator's assistance in the completion of MTS calls. A per-call service charge and per-minute usage rate applies to each operator assisted call. Rates apply to intraLATA and interLATA calls.

9.5.2. RATES AND CHARGES

	<u>RATE PER MINUTE OF USE</u>	<u>SERVICE CHARGE PER CALL</u>
A. Operator Station		
1. Sent Paid Non-Coin	\$0.89	\$5.50
2. Collect	\$0.89	\$5.50
3. Billed to Third Number	\$0.89	\$5.50
B. Person-to-Person	\$0.89	\$9.99