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From: **Chris Burke** <CBurke@bop.gov>
Date: Tue, Mar 22, 2011 at 1:39 PM
Subject: Re: Media inquiry re inmate phone system
To: stein <stein919@gmail.com>

Here is the info regarding rates. I'm still working on the trust fund commission/revenue information but wanted to get this to you now:

Direct Dial (per minute):
.06 Local
.23 Long Distance

Prepaid Collect:
Same as direct dialed with a \$1.50 connection fee.

Collect Rates:
Long Distance (Interstate)
2.45 connection fee
.40 per minute

Intrastate rates are capped at 90% of residential rates for each state. This is not tracked as it is controlled by state regulation.

I will continue to try to get the rest of the info.

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>>> stein <stein919@gmail.com> 3/21/2011 2:55 PM >>>

Much appreciated. We are most interested in the collect and debit call rates for the ITS, as well as the commission rate under the Unisys contract.

I am on deadline, but will try to hold off until you can provide the information. Thanks!

- Alex

On Mon, Mar 21, 2011 at 1:52 PM, Chris Burke <CBurke@bop.gov> wrote:

Mr. Friedmann,

I'm still working on getting the information for you. So far, the only thing I can say confidently is that Unisys has the contract for inmate telephone services. I will forward the rest as soon as I can verify my information.

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>>> stein <stein919@gmail.com> 3/19/2011 4:27 PM >>>

Please advise if you can provide some of the requested information by Wednesday, as we're on deadline. Thanks!

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On Wed, Mar 16, 2011 at 7:21 PM, stein <stein919@gmail.com> wrote:

Very much appreciated -- thanks! We want to supply accurate info regarding the ITS, and I couldn't find much on it from other sources.

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On Wed, Mar 16, 2011 at 12:40 PM, Chris Burke <CBurke@bop.gov> wrote:

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Let me do some checking and I'll get you the info as soon as I can.

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>>> stein <stein919@gmail.com> 3/16/2011 12:45 PM >>>

Dear Mr. Burke,

I'm the associate editor of Prison Legal News (www.prisonlegalnews.org), a monthly publication that reports on criminal justice issues. We are conducting a survey of inmate phone services, and are seeking data regarding the BOP's inmate phone system. Specifically, I am seeking the following (though I understand some of this information may not be readily available):

- * The name of the contractor/phone company that operates or manages the ITS (most recent reports indicate Unisys).
- * The phone rates charged for debit and collect calls in the following categories: local, intrastate and interstate.
- * The commission percentage/rate the BOP receives from gross revenue from the ITS, and the annual dollar amount of commission payments received in 2008/2009.
- * Is the ITS the same as TRUFONE? Are the two terms interchangeable?

Please advise if you can assist with these requests; in terms of importance, we are most interested in the phone rates and the commission percentage. Many thanks, and please contact me should you have any questions.

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