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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2011 11:21 AM

**To:** Paul Wright

**Subject:** ID Phone commission rates

For ID folder. The flat per-call commission amounts translate to % rates of 10.5 to 66.1 percent for 15-minute calls.

- Alex

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**From:** Jeffrey Ray <[jeray@idoc.idaho.gov](mailto:jeray@idoc.idaho.gov)>

**Date:** Wed, Mar 23, 2011 at 9:14 AM

**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Phone commission rates

**To:** [stein919@gmail.com](mailto:stein919@gmail.com)

Hi Alex:

Here is IDOC's response to your follow up inquiry.

JFR

>>> Rod Leonard 03/23/2011 06:00 >>>

Jeff:

Here is my response to the follow up questions. Pre-paid collect and collect calls cost \$3.60 plus taxes and \$3.80 plus taxes respectfully. Long distance pre-paid collect and long-distance collect calls also have a per minute fee of \$0.80 and \$0.85 respectfully. Long distance debit calls do not have a per minute fee - it is a flat \$3.40 per 30-minute call. The commission the IDOC receives is not affected by the taxes charged or the length of call or whether the call is local or long distance. We do not calculate the commission on a percentage basis - just a flat amount per completed call. The commission the IDOC receives goes into the Inmate Management Fund and is used for inmate services such as recreation, religious, etc.

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>>> Jeffrey Ray 03/22/2011 12:25 >>>

Hi Rod:

I received this follow up from Prison Legal News regarding IDOC's phone rates.

JFR

>>> stein <[stein919@gmail.com](mailto:stein919@gmail.com)> 03/22/2011 12:03 >>>

Many thanks and very much appreciated!

To clarify, I understand there are set phone call rates -- but are interstate (long distance) collect calls also \$3.80 per call flat rate? In our experience the long distance rates also include a per-minute fee, so I'd like to verify that.

Also, from the data provided it looks like the commission rate varies from 46% (collect) to 66.1% (debit), excluding CWC's. If that is not accurate, please advise.

Again, thanks for the assistance; the above clarifications will conclude our research.

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On Tue, Mar 22, 2011 at 12:35 PM, Jeffrey Ray <[jeray@idoc.idaho.gov](mailto:jeray@idoc.idaho.gov)> wrote:

> Hi Alex:

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> Idaho info below.

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> >>> Rod Leonard 03/22/2011 07:22 >>>

> Jeff:  
> I will be out at ICC all week doing inventory, so I can't call Alex  
> Friedman - but here is the commission info:

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> For our prisons we have three types of calls; debit, pre-paid collect, and  
> collect. We have a set commission amount for each type of call regardless of  
> the length of the call (up to 30 minutes). The commission rates are:

Type of call	Cost of call	Commission amount per call
Debit	\$3.40	\$2.25
Pre-paid collect	\$3.60	\$2.00
Collect	\$3.80	\$1.75

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> For our CWCs we have a 20% commission rate on each call. Local calls cost  
> \$1.00 and long distance calls cost \$3.00.

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