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## **GLOBAL TEL\* LINK CORPORATION**

MAINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PRICE LIST

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# NOTICE CONCERNING ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND RATES

The State of Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) requires that each telephone utility's Terms and Conditions comply with and not conflict with requirements of Maine Statutes (primarily in Title 35-A) and MPUC rules. Any provision in these Terms and Conditions or rate schedules that conflicts with a Maine statute or MPUC rule is inapplicable and will not be enforceable. The following rules apply to telephone utilities and contain provisions that affect matters that commonly appear in telephone utility Terms and Conditions:

Chapter 204	-	Basic-Service Calling Areas.				
Chapter 230	-	Installation, Maintenance and Ownership of Customer Premises Wire				
Chapter 250	-	Coin-operated Telephone Service				
Chapter 280	-	Provision of Competitive Telecommunications Services				
Chapter 291	-	Chapter 292, Standards for Billing, Credit and Collection, and Customer				
		Information For Interexchange Carriers				
Chapter 294	-	Lifeline and Link up Service Programs				
Chapter 296	-	Selection of Primary Interexchange and Local Exchange Carriers				
Chapter 870	Late Payment Charges, Interest Rates to Be Paid on Customer Deposits, and					
		Charges for Returned Check Fees				

In addition, the following provisions (the first two of which are required by statute) are part of this utility's Terms and Conditions:

# NOTICE CONCERNING ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND RATES, (CONT'D.)

#### 1. FOR INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE:

**Discount for Hearing-Impaired Customers -** Upon customer request, the Company will automatically apply a 70% rate reduction for IntraState toll calls made from lines used by certified deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired persons who must rely on teletypewriters for residential telephone communications, and others as provided in 35-A M.R.S.A.'7302. To qualify for an automatic reduction, the customer must submit an affidavit to the Company on a form approved by the Maine Department of Human Services, stating that due to one of the aforementioned conditions, the customer or a member of the household must rely on a teletypewriter for telephone communications, and that the equipment is connected or acoustically coupled to his telephone. Upon request, customers making calls to certified persons are eligible for a 70% rate reduction for relevant billed calls made during each billing period.

# 2. FOR LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE:

**Enhanced Universal Emergency Number Service - E911 Surcharge -** An Enhanced Universal Emergency Number Service (E911) surcharge, as provided in 25 M.R.S.A. '2927(1-A), applies per month to each residence and business access line, including PBX trunks, Centrex access lines, semipublic coin lines, and public access lines, in addition to the monthly rates for these lines specified elsewhere in these schedules. The surcharge shall not be imposed upon more that 25 lines per customer billing account.

## 3. FOR BOTH LOCAL AND INTEREXCHANGE SERVICES:

Any provisions in these Terms and Conditions that limit liability or damages do not apply to the extent they conflict with 11 M.R.S.A. '2-316(5) of the Maine Revised Statutes, Exclusion or Modification of Warranties.

This utility agrees that it is responsible for complying with all applicable rules of the Maine Public Utilities Commission and with the Maine Revised Statutes. It understands that if it applies or enforces any provision of these Terms and Conditions that is in conflict with a rule of the Maine Public Utilities Commission, or the Maine Revised Statutes, the rule or statute will govern; and the utility may be subject to action by the Consumer Assistance Division of the Maine Public Utilities Commission or an investigation by the Commission pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. '1303.

#### **SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS**

**Automated Collect Calls** - Calls billed to the called party and completed through an automated call processing system that prompts the call originator and the called party such that the call is completed without live operator assistance.

Carrier, Company or Utility - refers to Global Tel\* Link Corporation ("GTL").

**Collect Billing** - A billing arrangement whereby the originating caller may bill the charges for a call to the called party, provided the called party agrees to accept the charges.

**Commission** - Refers to the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

**Company** - Used throughout this price list to refer to Global Tel\*Link Corporation, unless otherwise clearly indicated by the context.

**Completed Call** – A call which the Company's network has determined has been answered by a person, answering machine, fax machine, computer modem device, or other mechanical answering device.

**Correctional Institutions** - Used throughout this price list to refer to prisons, jails, penal facilities or other institutions used for penalty purposes which contract with the Company for the provision of service for use by their inmate population.

**Customer** - A person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity which arranges for the Company to provide, discontinue or rearrange telecommunications services on behalf of itself or others; uses the Company's telecommunications services; and is responsible for payment of charges, all under the provisions and terms of this price list. In the case of collect-only calling services provided to inmates of correctional Institutions, the called party is the Customer and is responsible for payment of charges.

## **SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS, (CONT'D.)**

GTL - Used throughout this price list to refer to Global Tel\* Link Corporation, the issuer of this price list.

**Inmates -** The jailed population of correctional institutions who are authorized by the Institution to use such service. Responsibility for payment of Inmate charges requires positive acceptance by a Customer (i.e., billed to a third party) or prepayment by the Inmate.

**Institution -** Used throughout this price list to refer to correctional institutions.

**Institutional Telephone -** A coinless telephone instrument that allows Inmates to place collect and prepaid calls at the instrument.

**LATA** - Local access and transport area. A geographic area established by the US District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192.

**Pay Telephone** - A telephone instrument equipped with a credit card reader, coin box, or similar device that allows charges to be collected for each call at the instrument.

**Person to Person Call** - A service whereby the person originating the call specifies a particular person to be reached, or a particular station, room number, department, or office to be reached through a PBX attendant.

**Premises -** The physical space designated by the Customer for the termination of the Company's service.

**Service** - Refers to telecommunications service(s) provided by the carrier under these schedules.

**Station** – Refers to a telephone instrument consisting of a connected transmitter, receiver, and associated apparatus to permit sending or receiving telephone messages.

**Station to Station Call** - A service whereby the Customer places a non-Person to Person call with the assistance of an operator (live or automated).

**Terminal Equipment -** Telecommunications devices, apparatus and associated wiring on the Premises of the Customer.

#### **SECTION 2 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

# 2.1 General Description of Services Offered

- **2.1.1** These Terms and Conditions and Rate Schedules govern Company services originating and terminating at points within Maine. Specific services and rates are described in the Rate Schedules.
- **2.1.2** The Company's intrastate service territory is the State of Maine. Company services are available twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days a week.
- **2.1.3** Company services are available for both residential and non-residential customers, and to inmates in confinement institutions.

## **SECTION 2 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS, (CONT'D.)**

#### 2.2 Calculation of Rates

- **2.2.1** Rates for service are based on airline mileage between rate centers of the calling and called stations. The location of Rate Centers is based on information provided by Bell Operating Companies. Mileage is calculated using the Vertical and Horizontal (V&H) coordinate system from the National Exchange Carriers Association Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.
- 2.2.2 The chargeable time of a call is times and measured by the underlying carrier. Timing of calls begins when the call is answered at the called station. Different rates may apply depending on the time of day or day of week the call is made. Calls originating in one-time period and terminating in another time period will be billed according to the rates in effect during each portion of the call.
- 2.2.3 Upon customer request, the Company will automatically apply a 70% rate reduction for intrastate toll calls made from lines used by certified deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired persons who must rely on teletypewriters for residential telephone communications. To qualify for an automatic reduction, the customer must submit an affidavit to the Company on a form approved by the Maine Department of Human Services, stating that due to one of the aforementioned conditions, he or a member of the household must rely on a teletypewriter for telephone communications, and that the equipment is connected or acoustically coupled to his telephone. Upon request, customers making calls to certified persons are eligible for a 70% rate reduction for relevant billed calls made during each billing period.

#### **SECTION 2 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS, (CONT'D.)**

#### 2.3 Credit, Collection and Dispute Resolution Procedures

- **2.3.1 Residential Customers:** Application for service, billing, payment, deposit, disconnection, dispute resolution and other credit and collection procedures for residential customers are governed by Chapters 81 and 870 of the Maine Public Utilities Commission=s Rules.
- **2.3.2 Nonresidential Customers:** Application for service, billing, payment, deposit, disconnection, dispute resolution and other credit and collection procedures for nonresidential customers are governed by Chapters 86 and 870 of the Maine Public Utilities Commission=s Rules.
- **2.3.3** The Company does not charge a fee to establish service.
- **2.3.4** For billing purposes, service is established on the date the customer's local exchange carrier switches the customer's service to the reselling Company=s network.
- **2.3.5** The Company bills charges monthly in arrears. For billing purposes, a month consists of thirty (30) days.
- **2.3.6** The Company does not charge a fee to restore service that was disconnected for non-payment of bills, violation of the Terms and Conditions, or fraudulent use of the Company's services.
- **2.3.7** All state and local taxes (i.e., sales tax) are listed as separate line items and are not included in the rates quoted in the Rate Schedules.
- 2.3.8 As provided in Chapter 870 of the Maine Public Utilities Commission's Rules, the Company charges \$5.00 per account to which the check is applied or the amount of the bank charges the company, not to exceed \$15.00 for each check returned for nonpayment by a bank. If the company charges more than \$5.00, the Company shall furnish the Customer with proof of the bank charge.

#### **SECTION 2 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS, (CONT'D.)**

## 2.3 Credit, Collection and Dispute Resolution Procedures, Cont'd.

- **2.3.9** All customer bills are due and payable when presented. The bill becomes past due no less than 30 days after postmarked. Once a bill is past due, the carrier may proceed with collection activities per Chapter 81 or 860, and a late payment shall be charged on the undisputed past due amount, calculated at the maximum monthly rate specified in Chapter 870 as updated in November of each year by the Commission's Director of Finance.
- **2.3.10** Customer complaints are handled by a full service customer service department. Customers may call 1-800-489-4500 twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week, or submit a written complaint to:

Global Tel\*Link Corporation 2609 Cameron Street Mobile, Alabama 36607

Phone: 251-479-4500 Fax: 251-473-4588

If the customer is not satisfied with the Company response, the Customer may contact the Consumer Assistance Division, Maine Public Utilities Commission, 18 State House Station, 242 State Street, Augusta ME 04333-0018. Telephone: 800-452-4699 or 207-287-3831. Facsimile: 207-287-1039

#### 2.3.11 Validation of Credit

The Company reserves the right to validate the creditworthiness of Customers and billed parties through available verification procedures. Where a requested billing method cannot be validated or maximum credit amount established, the Company may refuse to provide service.

Services provided by the Company are available to inmates of confinement facilities in accordance with facility-authorized programs. The Company may request that the confinement facility adopt, as part of its program, terms that enable the Company to collect the charges for all inmate calls, including without limitation, the blocking of calls by the Company to certain telephone numbers when the amount charged to such a telephone number exceeds a predetermined amount or becomes past due.

## **SECTION 2 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS, (CONT'D.)**

## 2.4 Interruption of Service/Liability

- **2.4.1** The Company will attempt to provide continuous and uninterrupted service. When the Company schedules a service interruption for maintenance or repairs, the Company will notify customers of the cause and expected duration of the interruption at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance, when possible.
- **2.4.2** The Company's liability for damages arising out of mistakes, interruptions, omission, delays, errors, or defects in the transmission occurring in furnishing service or in Company facilities, and not caused by the negligence of its employees or agents, will not exceed the amount that the Company would have charged the customer for service for the period the aforementioned faults occur.
- **2.4.3** Upon customer request, the Company will credit a customer's account for service interruptions which are not due to the Company=s testing or adjusting, negligence of the customer, or to the failure of channels or equipment provided by the customer. Before requesting a credit, the customer will take reasonable steps to verify that the trouble could not have been prevented by the customer and is not in the customer's wiring or equipment. For purposed of computing a credit for leased facilities, a month consists of 720 hours. The Company will credit the customer's account at the rate of 1/720th of the monthly charge for the facilities affected for each full hour of the interruption.
- **2.4.4** The Company is protected against customer claims for libel, slander, or copyright infringement arising from the material, data, information, or other content transmitted using Company services. The Company is protected against all other claims arising from any act or omission of the customer while using Company services.
- 2.4.5 Any provisions that limit liability or damages do not apply to the extent they conflict with Maine Statute, 11 M.R.S.A. 2-316(5), Exclusion or Modification of Warranties.
- 2.4.6 The Company shall not be liable for the accuracy of any information provided to it by outside sources relating to directory assistance or other enhanced service offerings. The Company will make every effort to verify that all information that it provides on a per call basis will be true and accurate. The Company, however, has no control over the information that it receives from its various suppliers and makes no guarantee as such.

#### **SECTION 2 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS, (CONT'D.)**

#### 2.5 Taxes and Fees

The Company reserves the right to bill any and all applicable taxes in addition to normal long distance usage charges, including, but not limited to: Federal Excise Tax, State Sales Tax, Municipal Taxes, Gross Receipts Tax. All applicable taxes and fees are billed as separate line items and are not included in the rates quoted in this price list.

# 2.5.1 Pay Telephone Surcharge

In order to recover the Company's expenses to comply with the FCC's pay telephone compensation plan effective on October 7, 1997 (FCC 97-371), an undiscountable per call charge is applicable to all interstate, intrastate and international calls that originate from any domestic pay or institutional telephone used to access the Company's services. The Pay Telephone Surcharge, which is in addition to standard price listed usage charges and any applicable service charges and surcharges associated with the Company's service, applies for the use of the instrument used to access the Company service and is unrelated to the Company's service accessed from the pay or institutional telephone.

Pay telephones include coin-operated and coinless phones owned by local telephone companies, independent companies and other interexchange carriers. The Pay Telephone Surcharge applies to the initial completed call and any reoriginated call (i.e., using the "#" symbol).

Whenever possible, the Pay Telephone Surcharge will appear on the same invoice containing the usage charges for the surcharged call. In cases where proper pay or inmate telephone coding digits are not transmitted to the Company prior to completion of a call, the Public Pay Telephone Surcharge may be billed on a subsequent invoice after the Company has obtained information that the originating station is an eligible pay telephone.

The Pay Telephone Surcharge does not apply to calls placed from pay telephones at which the Customer pays for service by inserting coins during the progress of the call.

Rate per Call \$0.60

#### 2.5.2 Maine Universal Service Fund (MUSF)

A surcharge for the Maine Universal Service Fund (MUSF) applies to all intrastate services billed to a retail customer for service provided on and after May 1, 2003. The surcharge shall not apply to surcharges such as those for Enhanced 911, the Maine Telecommunications Education Access Fund, or similar funds. The surcharge shall be equal to the Revenue Percentage established quarterly by the Administrator of the MUSF.

#### **SECTION 3 - SERVICES AND RATES**

## 3.1 Miscellaneous Rates and Charges

# 3.1.1 Single Bill Fee

A Single Bill Fee will apply to Customer's telephone bill each month in which local or long distance collect calls are accepted and billed on the Customer's local telephone bill, or directly billed to Customer by Company invoice. This fee is for the purpose of offsetting Company's billing and administrative expenses associated with offering the convenience of receiving printed inmate call charges on a Customer's local telephone bill, or providing a paper invoice directly to Customer. This fee will be charged only once per billing period regardless of the number of calls accepted. The fee will not apply in any billing period in which no collect calls are accepted. This fee does not apply to prepaid services paid for by commercial credit card or other means.

Single Bill Fee, per month where applicable

\$2.49

#### 3.1.2 Biometric Service Charge

Biometric Service is an optional service that provides validation of an inmate's identity through unique personal verification, such as, but not limited to, voice verification technology, for purposes of improved security and reduced potential fraud and Customer harassment by inmates. This charge applies to automated calls placed by inmates of correctional facilities when such calls are provided through the Company's own processing equipment. Where Biometric Service is requested by correctional facilities, this charge applies in addition to all applicable institutional rates and charges specified in this price list.

Biometric Service Charge, per call, up to \*

\$0.45

Where requested by correctional facility

#### **SECTION 3 - SERVICES AND RATES, (CONT'D.)**

## 3.2 Institutional Operator Assisted Calling

Institutional operator assisted service allows inmates to place collect calls through an automated call processing system. The call processing system prompts the inmate and the called party such that the call is completed without live operator assistance. Calls are placed on a collect-only basis to the called party.

A number of special blocking and screening capabilities are available with institutional operator services provided by the Company. These capabilities allow Institutions to control Inmate access to telecommunications services, reduce fraudulent use of the Company's services, and eliminate harassing calls to persons outside the institution.

For services provided to inmates of institutions, the following special conditions apply:

- 1. Calls to "900", "976" or other pay-per-call services are blocked by the Company.
- 2. At the request of the institution, the Company may block inmate access to toll-free numbers (e.g., 800, 888) and dialing sequences used to access other carriers or operator service providers (e.g., 950-XXXX, 10XXXX).
- **3.** At the request of the Institution, the Company may block inmate access to "911", "411", or local operators reached through "0-" dialing.
- **4.** At the request of the Institution, the Company may block inmate access to specific telephone numbers.
- **5.** Availability of the Company's services may be restricted by the institution to certain hours and/or days of the week.
- 6. At the request of the institution, no notices or signage concerning the Company's services will be posted with its instruments. Information concerning the Company's services is provided to the administration of each institution where the Company's services are offered. Inmates may obtain information regarding rates and charges by requesting such information from the institution's administration.
- 7. At the request of the institution, the Company may impose time limits on local and long distance calls placed using its services.
- **8.** At the request of the institution, equipment may be provided which permits monitoring of inmate calls by legally authorized government officials.

## **SECTION 3 - SERVICES AND RATES, (CONT'D.)**

# 3.2 Institutional Operator Assisted Calling, (Cont'd.)

# 3.2.1 Institutional Collect-Only Rates

# A. Services Rates and Charges

# 1. Option A

# a. Usage Charges

Service is billed in one (1) minute increments following an initial one (1) minute billing period.

Miles	DAY		EVENING		NIGHT/WKND	
	Initial	Add'l	Initial	Add'l	Initial	Add'l
	Period	Period	Period	Period	Period	Period
0–10	\$0.1800	\$0.1400	\$0.1170	\$0.0910	\$0.0720	\$0.0560
11-18	\$0.2900	\$0.1900	\$0.1885	\$0.1235	\$0.1160	\$0.0760
19-30	\$0.4000	\$0.2700	\$0.2600	\$0.1755	\$0.1600	\$0.1080
31+	\$0.4500	\$0.3200	\$0.2925	\$0.2080	\$0.1800	\$0.1280

# b. Service Charges

Collect Charges per Call:

\$1.30

## **SECTION 3 - SERVICES AND RATES, (CONT'D.)**

# 3.2 Institutional Operator Assisted Calling, (Cont'd.)

# 3.2.1 Institutional Collect-Only Rates, Cont'd.

## A. Services Rates and Charges, (Cont'd.)

# 2. Usage Option B

## a. Usage Charges

Service is billed in one (1) minute increments following an initial one (1) minute billing period.

Rate Per Minute: \$0.69

# b. Service Charges

Operator Station Collect Service Charge: \$3.95

# 3. Usage Option C

# a. Usage Charges

Service is billed in one (1) minute increments following an initial one (1) minute billing period.

Rate Per Minute: \$1.15

# b. Service Charges

Operator Station Collect Service Charge: \$5.99

#### **SECTION 3 - SERVICES AND RATES, (CONT'D.)**

#### 3.3 Prepaid Institutional Service

## 3.3.1 Applicability

Prepaid Institutional Service calls are originated by entering a Personal Account Code. The Company's system informs the Customer (i.e., inmate) of the Available Usage Balance remaining in his/her Prepaid Account and prompts the Customer to place a call by entering a destination telephone number. Network usage for calls placed is deducted from the Available Usage Balance in the Customer's Account on a real time basis as the call progresses. With Prepaid Institutional Service, the Customer may purchase a voucher in any denomination. A Personal Account Code is assigned to each voucher with instructions for accessing and using the service. All monetary transactions take place between the institution and the Customer, and are under the direct and complete control of the institution.

Prepaid Institutional Service allows the Customer to make calls up to the total amount purchased divided by the per minute rate. Vouchers are not renewable. No minimum service period applies. Available Usage on the Customer's voucher is non-refundable.

Prepaid Institutional Service rates are not distance or time of day sensitive. Holiday discounts do not apply. Network usage for Prepaid Institutional Account Calls is deducted from the Available Usage Balance in Customer's Prepaid Account in full minute increments. For debiting purposes, call timing is rounded up to the nearest one (1) minute increment after the initial minimum period of one (1) minute. Usage charges are computed and rounded up to the nearest penny on a per call basis.

Account balances as well as rates and charges are available from the system upon access to place a call.

## **SECTION 3 - SERVICES AND RATES, (CONT'D.)**

# 3.3 Prepaid Institutional Service, (Cont'd.)

# 3.3.1 Applicability, (Cont'd.)

The Company's Prepaid Institutional Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days per week. The number of available accounts is subject to technical limitations. Accounts will be made available to Customers at the discretion of the Institution.

#### A. Exclusions

Calls to 700, 800, 900 numbers Calls to Directory Assistance 911 calls to emergency services Air to ground and high seas service Calls to live operators

# B. Service Availability

- 1. All calls must be charged against an Institution Prepaid voucher that has sufficient available balance.
- **2.** Calls in progress will be terminated by the Company if the balance on the voucher is insufficient to continue the call.

## **SECTION 3 - SERVICES AND RATES, (CONT'D.)**

# 3.3 Prepaid Institutional Service, (Cont'd.)

# 3.3.2 Prepaid Basic Rates

- **A. Option 1 -** Prepaid Voucher Service rates and charges are the same as those set forth in the Company's institutional collect call rate schedules.
- **B. Option 2 -** Rates and charges for Prepaid Voucher Service are provided at a discount, per request of correctional facility.

## **SECTION 3 - SERVICES AND RATES, (CONT'D.)**

## 3.4 Advance Pay Accounts

In those areas where the Company does not have a direct billing agreement with the existing local exchange carrier, or upon a Customer's request, the Company will set up a Advance Pay Account with the Called Party (Customer) for payment of collect calls placed from institutions served by Global Tel\*Link. Funds in the Customer's Advance Pay account may only be used for payment of collect calls placed by inmates to telephone numbers specified by the Customer. Establishment and maintenance of an Advance Pay Account is required to complete collect calls to Customers served by local exchange carriers with which the Company does not have an existing direct billing and collection agreement.

The minimum amount required to set up the Advance Pay Account is \$25.00. Upon request, and after the required minimum payment is received, the Company will provide the Customer with a personal identification number (PIN) and a toll-free number to call in order to set up the account information, including the permissible numbers that the inmate may call.

Additional payments will be accepted with a \$50.00 payment maximum. Initial and additional payments into the account may be made by cash, check, credit card or Western Union. Transaction fees will apply for credit card and check by phone transactions. All payments will be subject to applicable taxes.

When an inmate places a call, the Customer is informed of both the caller's identity and the account balance prior to accepting the call. Customers may also contact the Company's toll-free customer service number for account balance information at any time.

If the Advance Pay Account balance becomes depleted, calls placed to the numbers specified by the Customer will be blocked until the Advance Pay Account is replenished.

The Customer may close the Advance Pay Account at any time. At the written request of the Customer (usually upon release of an inmate from an institution), any remaining balance in the Account will be refunded to the Customer after deducting any call charges, applicable taxes and transaction fees incurred during the current billing cycle. Advance Pay Accounts will be automatically dissolved following three months of zero activity (i.e., no calls placed, no account replenishment, no customer service inquiries.)

All security measures and inmate calling restrictions as set forth elsewhere in this tariff are also applicable for any calls made using an Advance Pay Account.

## **SECTION 3 - SERVICES AND RATES, (CONT'D.)**

# 3.4 Advance Pay Accounts, (Cont'd.)

# 3.4.1 Rates and Charges

- **A. Option 1 -** Advance Pay Customers' rates and charges are the same as those set forth in the Company's institutional collect call rate schedules.
- **B. Option 2 -** Rates and charges for Advance Pay Accounts are provided at a discount, per request of correctional facility.

## **SECTION 3 - SERVICES AND RATES, (CONT'D.)**

#### 3.5 Institutional Prepaid Operator Assisted Calling

## 3.5.1 Prepaid Debit Accounts

With a Prepaid Debit Account, each inmate has the option to transfer funds from his/her personal account to his/her telephone account. This is accomplished by facility personnel or through a direct interface between the commissary system and/or booking account and the inmate phone system. This account is associated with the inmate's Personal Identification Number (PIN.) When the inmate places a call, he/she has the option of calling collect or prepaid/debit. Once debit is selected, the inmate enters the PIN and called telephone number. All deposits to the account are paid to and handled by the entity managing the account, e.g., JMS, facility, commissary, etc. The Company receives payment from the Institution; it does not engage in direct monetary transactions with the inmate.

The Company's system automatically informs the caller of the Available Usage Balance remaining in the Prepaid Debit Account, and provides prompts to place the call by entering the destination telephone number. Network usage is deducted from the Available Usage Balance in the account on a real time basis as the call progresses.

Payment for Prepaid Institutional Calling Services and any Available Usage in the Prepaid Debit Account is refundable upon request. after release of the inmate from the Confinement Institution. The Available Usage Balance expires three months from the date of the last activity on the Prepaid account. No refunds of unused balances will be issued after the expiration date.

## 3.5.2 Rates and Charges

- **A. Option 1 -** Rates and charges for Prepaid Debit Accounts are the same as those set forth in the Company's institutional collect call rate schedules.
- **B. Option 2 -** Rates and charges for Prepaid Debit Accounts are provided at a discount, per request of correctional facility.