

FARMERS COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY

SERVICES CATALOG

LOCAL SERVICES

ACCESS SERVICES CONCURRENCE

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- (C) - Change in regulation or condition which affects a rate or charge
- (D) - Discontinued regulation, condition, rate or charge
- (M) - Material moved to another part of the tariff without change
- (N) - New regulation, condition, rate or charge
- (T) - Change in text only -- no change in regulation, condition, rate or charge

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

B. OBLIGATION AND LIABILITY OF TELEPHONE COMPANY (Continued)

8. Customer Premise Equipment (Continued)

- c. The customer indemnifies and saves the Company harmless against claims for libel, slander, or infringement of patents arising from combining such equipment with the facilities of the Company.
- d. The Company shall not be responsible to the customer if changes in criteria in this tariff or changes in any of the facilities or operations or procedures of the Company render any customer premise equipment obsolete, or require modification or alteration of such equipment, or otherwise affect its use or performance. The Company reserves the right to change the standards of its equipment as the requirements of the telephone business may direct.

C. USE OF SERVICE AND FACILITIES

1. Use of Customer Service

- a. Customer telephone service is furnished on retail basis for residential or business use only and not for resale except as otherwise provided in Part II, Section O. Service accounts are assigned to customers only, and the customer(s) in whose name the account is established will be treated as the account owner(s) for all purposes. Account owners shall be responsible for any and all use of the subscribed service.

2. Attachment or Connection of Customer Premise Equipment

- a. Customer premise equipment may be used with the facilities furnished by the Company, for telecommunication service, provided that such equipment will be connected, maintained and operated in a manner compatible with Company's facilities and networks.
- b. It is the customer's obligation to ensure compliance with any applicable state or federal laws governing the installation and use of customer premise equipment.
- c. To protect the network and services furnished to the public by the Company, the customer premise equipment must comply with all applicable minimum network protection criteria.
- d. If customer premise equipment is used which is causing or is likely to cause interference or hazard to the network, the Company will take such action as it deems necessary for the protection of the telecommunications network.
- e. After notification by the Company of such interference or hazard, the customer shall discontinue such use and disconnect such equipment. Failure of the customer to conform to this requirement may result in suspension of service.
- f. The customer will be responsible to pay a service check charge as specified in Part VI, Service Check Charges for visits to their premises when the service difficulty is caused by the customer premise equipment.

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F. ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF CREDIT (Continued)

2. Amount of Deposits

- a. The amount of deposit required shall not be more than the maximum charge for two months local exchange service or as may reasonably be required by the Company in cases involving service for short periods or special occasions. The Company may require the customer to increase the amount of the deposit at any time, if the charges billed against the customer are found to warrant such an increase. Qualified low income applicants may apply for Lifeline Assistance.
- b. A deposit may be made at any Company business office or authorized agent.
- c. The Company will maintain records which show the name and address of each depositor, the amount and date of the deposit and each transaction concerning the deposit. Unclaimed deposits shall be disposed of in accordance with law.
- d. A receipt of deposit will be furnished to each customer from whom a deposit is received. Upon customer request, duplicate receipts will be provided to customers who have lost their receipt if the deposit is substantiated by the Company records.

3. Deposits and Collection Practices

- a. The fact that a deposit has been made in no way relieves the applicant or customer from complying with the Company's regulations as to advance payments and the prompt payment of bills; nor constitutes a waiver or modification of the regular practices of the Company providing for the discontinuance of service for non-payment of sums due the Company for services rendered. The Company may discontinue service to any customer failing to pay current bills regardless of the fact that such customer has made a deposit with the Company to secure payment of such bills, or has furnished the Company with a guarantee in writing for such bills.

4. Interest to be Paid on Deposits

- a. Interest compounded annually, shall be at the rate provided in Iowa Utility Board rule 199 IAC 22.4(2)(b). Interest shall be paid for the period beginning with the date of deposit to the date of refund or to the date that the deposit is applied to the customer's account or to the date the customer's bill becomes permanently delinquent.

5. Discontinuance of Service for Failure to Establish Credit

- a. Service may be discontinued for failure to establish or maintain credit, as set forth in F.1. above, twelve days after the Company has mailed notice requiring the customer to do so.

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F. ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF CREDIT (Continued)

6. Service Charge for Reconnection
  - a. Where service has been discontinued for failure to establish or maintain credit, as set forth in F.1. above, the applicable service charges as defined in Part VI of this tariff shall apply.
7. Deposit Refunds
  - a. The deposit shall be refunded or credited to the customer after not more than 12 consecutive months of prompt payment or 11 timely payments and one automatic forgiveness of late payment, unless the Company has documented information which indicates the deposit is necessary to insure payment.
8. Criteria for Procurement of Deposits
  - a. False credit information
  - b. Unsatisfactory credit history

G. APPLICATION OF BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE RATES

1. Business rates apply at the following locations:
  - a. In offices, stores, factories, mines, and all other places of a strictly business nature.
  - b. In boarding houses, except as noted under G.2. below, offices of hotels, halls and offices of apartment buildings; quarters occupied by clubs or lodges; public, private or parochial schools or colleges, hospitals, libraries and other similar institutions.
  - c. At residence locations when the customer has no regular business access line service and the use of the service either by himself, members of his household, or his guests, or parties calling him can be considered as more of a business than of a residence nature. This may be indicated by advertising either by business cards, newspapers, handbooks, billboards, circulars, motion picture screens, or other advertising media, such as on vehicles, etc. When such business use is not such as commonly arises and passes over to residence telephone during the intervals when, in compliance with the law or established custom, business places are ordinarily closed.
  - d. In any location where the listing of service at that location indicates a business, trade or profession, except as specified under G.2. below.
2. Residence rates apply at the following locations:
  - a. In a private residence where business listings are not provided.
  - b. In private apartments of hotels, rooming house, or boarding houses where service is confined to the customer's use.
  - c. In college fraternity or sorority houses where individual access line service is provided.

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H. CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION CHARGES

1. General

- a. Lines will be extended in accordance with provisions specified in the Line Extension Section.
- b. Special charges in the form of installation charges, monthly rates or both, are applied in addition to the usual service charge and monthly rates when, because of the sporadic or occasional nature of the service or an unusual investment or expense as for example:
  - 1) The facilities are provided in remote or undeveloped sections outside the Base Rate Area.
  - 2) Conditions that require unusual methods of plant construction, installation or maintenance.
  - 3) The customer's location requires the use of costly private right-of-way.
  - 4) The establishment of services which may be of a speculative or temporary nature.
- c. Title to all construction, as specified in H.2. below, provided wholly or partly as a customer's expense is vested in the Company.
- d. "Cost" is labor and materials included loaded overheads and may include a contribution to cover the cost of doing business not explicitly associated with direct cost.

2. Special Type of Construction

- a. If a special type of construction is desired by a customer, (e.g., when underground service is desired in places where aerial construction would normally be used) or if unusual requirements of a customer make the cost of an installation higher than it would be if the usual type of construction were used, the customer is required to pay the difference in cost between the special type of construction and the average cost of the usual type of construction.

I. MINIMUM CONTRACT PERIODS

1. Minimum Contract Period

- a. Except as specified elsewhere in this Tariff, the minimum contract period is one month from the date service or additions to service are established and the minimum charge is the authorized rate for one month. For purposes of rate administration each month is considered to have 30 days.
- b. The Company may require a contract period longer than one month at the same location for unusual construction necessary to meet special demands, and involving extra costs (see Special Type Construction).

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ENTRANCE FACILITIES - Facilities extending from the point of entrance on private property to the premises on which service is furnished.

EXCHANGE - A geographical area established for the administration of local communications services in a specified area, called the "Exchange Area", which usually embraces a city, town or village, and its environs. It may contain one or more central offices together with the associated plant, equipment, and facilities used in furnishing communication service within that area.

EXCHANGE AREA - The territory served by an exchange.

EXCHANGE SERVICE - The furnishing of facilities for communication within an exchange area, in accordance with the regulations and charges specified in the Local Tariff.

EXTENDED AREA SERVICE - Extended Area Service (EAS) means telephone service furnished between end user customers located within an exchange area and all of the end user customers of an additional exchange area. Extended Area Service is only for local calls both originating and terminating within the defined extended area by the end users of local exchange companies.

EXTRA EXCHANGE LINE MILEAGE - The measurement on which charges are based for that portion of the circuit extending beyond the Base Rate Area but within the Exchange Area, which is used to furnish urban classes of service in the Suburban or Rural Area.

EXTRA LISTING - See "Additional Listing."

FLAT RATE SERVICE - Telecommunications service furnished at a fixed monthly or periodic charge.

FOREIGN CENTRAL OFFICE - Any central office other than that which serves the area in which the customer is located.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE LINE MILEAGE - The measurement applying to that portion of a central office line connecting a customer with a foreign central office, from the common boundary line to the customer's station, for which a monthly charge is made in addition to the base rate for exchange service.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICE - Exchange service furnished to a customer from an exchange other than the exchange regularly serving the area in which the customer is located.

GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICES - Facilities, services or features furnished by the Company connected to or associated with primary local exchange service.

INDIVIDUAL LINE - A Central Office Access Line to provide one-party service. (Not a private branch exchange trunk.)

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INITIAL SERVICE PERIOD - The minimum length of time for which a customer is obligated to pay for service, facilities and equipment, whether or not retained by the customer for such minimum length of time.

INSTALLATION CHARGE - A nonrecurring charge made at the time of installation of communications service or facilities, which may apply in place of or in addition to Service Charges and other applicable charges for service.

JOINT USER SERVICE - An arrangement whereby an individual, firm or corporation whose telephone needs are not such as to justify the provision of separate customer service is permitted to use the services of another customer.

LIFELINE ASSISTANCE – An assistance program which for qualified applicants have a reduction in the monthly local exchange service.

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE - Telecommunications within a local service area in accordance with the provisions of the Company's tariffs.

LOCAL MESSAGE - A completed customer or user call between stations located within the same Exchange Area or Local Service Area.

LOCAL SERVICE AREA - The area within which telephone service is furnished under a specific schedule or rates without the application of a long distance message charge.

LOW INCOME CONNECTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – An aggregate term for the assistance programs identified as the Link Up Assistance Program and the Lifeline Assistance Program.

MESSAGE - A completed customer or user call.

MESSAGE RATE SERVICE - A service for which charges are based upon the number of originated messages placed by the customer to stations within the same local or message rate calling area.

MILEAGE RATE - The rate applying for the use of part or all of a line furnished by the Company.

MINIMUM CONTRACT PERIOD - The minimum length of time for which a customer is obligated to pay for services and/or facilities, whether or not retained by the customer for such minimum length of time.

NONRECURRING CHARGE - A one-time charge associated with certain installations, changes or transfers of services, either in lieu of or in addition to recurring monthly charges.

NOTICE - See "Disconnect Notice."

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OUTSIDE PLANT - The telephone facilities installed on, along, or under streets, alleys, highways, and private rights of way between customer locations, central offices or the central office and customer location.

PAY TELEPHONE SERVICE - A central office access line providing connections for pay telephone equipment.

PAY CENTRAL OFFICE ACCESS LINE - A circuit extending from the central office equipment up to and including the demarcation point to provide both local and toll service.

PREMISES - The space occupied by an individual customer in a building, in adjoining buildings, or on contiguous property including property separated only by a public thoroughfare, a railroad right-of-way, or a natural barrier.

PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE TRUNKS - See "Central Office Access Line."

PROTECTOR - A utility owned electrical device located in the central office, at a customer's premises or anywhere along any telephone facilities which is designed to protect both the telephone company's and the customer's property and facilities from over-voltage and over-current by shunting such excessive voltages and currents to ground.

RATES - Recurring amounts billed to customers for regulated communications services.

RESALE SERVICE - Central Office Access Line service obtained by a customer from the Company and resold to occupants of a building or complex of buildings.

RESIDENCE SERVICE - Telecommunication service furnished to customers when its use is for domestic purposes.

RURAL SERVICE - Telecommunication service in an exchange area outside of a base rate area or generally outside a special rate area.

SERVICE CHARGE - The charge a customer is required to pay at the time of the establishment of telephone service or subsequent changes to that service.

SERVICE CHECK - See "Check of Service".

SERVICE ORDERING CHARGE - For work involved in receiving, recording and transmitting, information for establishment of telephone service or subsequent change to that service including directory listing.

SHARED SERVICE - Central Office Access Line service obtained by a customer from the Company and shared by occupants of a building or complex of buildings.

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ACRONYMS

C

CO Central Office

E

EAS Extended Area Service

F

FCC Federal Communication Commission  
FX Foreign Exchange

I

IUB Iowa Utilities Board

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TRADE NAMES

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GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

EMPLOYEES' TELEPHONE SERVICE

A. GENERAL

Employees' Concession Telephone Service may be offered to all active and retired employees at their residence when such telephone service is provided by this Company.

B. RATES

1. The charge for Employees' Telephone Service is 0 percent of the regular rate.

C. CONDITIONS

1. Employees' Telephone Service at their residence is available to employees of the Company having at least 12 months continuous credited service with the Company.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICE

A. GENERAL

1. Foreign Exchange Service (FX) is a local service that provides dial tone to and from a telephone exchange other than the subscribers local exchange. In essence, the telephone subscriber is provided dial tone from another exchange whereby calls are transmitted over a special circuit between the two exchanges.
2. The rates and charges contained herein are in addition to all other applicable rates and charges located in other parts of this tariff.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. Local Exchange - the exchange in which the customer premise equipment is located and in which service is provided.
2. Serving Exchange - the exchange in which the serving central office is located.
3. Contiguous Exchange - adjoining exchanges which share a common boundary.
4. Noncontiguous Exchanges - exchanges which do not share a common boundary.

C. RATES

1. Serving Exchange (Dial Tone Provider) rates would be as follows:
  - a. Business or Residence rates would apply (See Part IV of this tariff), plus any possible mileage rates for outside of the base rate area;
  - b. Plus, a FX service rate of \$0.86 per month per .01 multiple of the day DD station initial period message toll rate between the local and serving exchanges.
2. Local Exchange (Non Dial Tone Provider) rates would be as follows:
  - a. Business or Residence "Central Office Access Line" rates would apply (See Part IV of this tariff), plus any possible mileage rates for outside of the base rate area;
  - b. Plus, a FX service rate of N/A per month.

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D. CONDITIONS

1. Foreign Exchange Service will be limited to business and residence individual Local Service, or PBX trunks, when facilities for its provision are available.
2. One directory listing will be provided, without added charge in the alphabetical directory covering the serving exchange for each business or residence service. In addition, each business customer will be entitled to a regular listing in the classified directory covering the serving exchange without additional charge. Additional listing in the alphabetical and/or classified directories covering the local or other exchanges may be provided at the rates effective in those exchanges.
3. Customers to Foreign Exchange Service are required to subscribe to Local Service of the exchange from which service would normally be rendered. Any suspension or termination of the primary Local Exchange Service will require suspension or termination of the Foreign Exchange Service.
4. Calls beyond the local calling area of the serving exchange will not be permitted.

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GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

PERSONAL SAFETY EXCEPTION FORM

Customer Certification

In order to provide a solution to your unique personal safety concerns, it is necessary for you to provide responses to the questions below.

What is the estimated interval of time that your personal safety concerns require "Per-Line" Blocking?

\_\_\_\_\_

If you are requesting "Per-Line" Blocking for a telephone line other than your own, the responsible party must sign below.

CUSTOMER REQUESTING FREE PER LINE BLOCKING:

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER WHERE PER LINE BLOCKING WILL BE ASSIGNED:

\_\_\_\_\_

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBLE FOR TELEPHONE ACCOUNT:

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

If a line is equipped with "Per-Line" Blocking, the telephone number of that line will not be delivered to any subscribers of Caller ID. Poison control centers, hospitals, medical centers and others who might use Caller ID will not be able to identify callers with "Per-Line" blocking who need assistance. In addition, subscribers of Caller ID may choose not to answer blocked calls. THE CUSTOMER REPRESENTS THAT HE/SHE UNDERSTANDS THE ABOVE, AND THE CUSTOMER RELEASES FARMERS COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE COMPANY FROM ALL CLAIMS AND LIABILITY, INCLUDING PERSONAL INJURY, CAUSED BY ITS ERRORS, OMISSIONS AND THE OPERATION OR MALFUNCTION OF "PER-LINE" BLOCKING SERVICE.

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INFORMATION SERVICE ACCESS BLOCKING

A. GENERAL

1. Information Service Access Blocking enables customers with individual line service to request the blocking of access to all 900 and 976 numbers.
2. The rates and charges contained herein are in addition to all other applicable rates and charges located in other parts of this tariff.

B. CHARGES

1. Applicable rates apply\*.

C. CONDITIONS

1. A customer shall not be charged for the first activation of information service access blocking. After this service has been established, subsequent unblocking and/or reblocking will be subject to all applicable charges\*.
2. This service is provided only where central office capabilities permit the offering.

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SERVICE CHARGES

SERVICE CHECK CHARGES

A. GENERAL

1. A service check will be performed when a customer requests the telephone company to perform a check of its facilities up to the demarcation point.

B. CONDITIONS

1. No charge will be assessed the customer regardless of whether the telephone company determines any difficulty exists on its side of the demarcation point.
2. When a customer requests that the telephone company locate or repair any difficulty on the customer's side of the demarcation point, a deregulated charge may apply for checking the facilities on both the customer's and the telephone company's side of the demarcation point.

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A. LIFELINE ASSISTANCE

1. The Federal Lifeline Assistance Program is a plan which assists qualified low-income applicants with reductions in their monthly local exchange service rate. The assistance applies for a single telephone line at the applicant's principal place of residence. Qualified applicants shall have their monthly local exchange service rate reduced by the federal support amount defined in 47 CFR 54.403.
  
2. Eligibility Requirements  
To be eligible for assistance, an applicant must provide documentation showing the applicant (1) meets income-based criterion currently defined as at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, OR (2) participates in at least one of the following programs as defined by 47 CFR 54.409:
  - a. Medicaid (e.g. Title XIX/Medical, state supplemental assistance)
  - b. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
  - c. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - d. Federal public housing assistance
  - e. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LHEAP)
  - f. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF)
  - g. National School Lunch Program

The Lifeline customer is responsible for notifying the Company if the customer ceases to participate in any of the public assistance programs listed above.

A Lifeline customer may only receive assistance from one wireline or one wireless telephone provider per household.

3. Application for Assistance  
An applicant shall request telephone assistance through completion of a certification form provided by the Company as governed by 47 CFR 54.410.
  
4. Rates
  - a. The Lifeline customer will receive a monthly credit toward their local exchange service rate. The total monthly credit identified in 47 CFR 54.403 shall be used to reduce the Lifeline customer's rate.
  
  - b. Toll blocking shall be included with this service offering without charge. No service deposit would be required if applicant voluntarily elects toll blocking with the initiation of Lifeline Service.

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A. CONCURRENCE IN RATES AND CHARGES OF NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 3, 4, AND 5 AS FILED BY THE IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION ACCESS SERVICE TARIFF NO. 1

1. Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company concurs in the Effective Access Tariffs as filed by the Iowa Telecommunications Association in the State of Iowa.

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