
ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

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Tariff Schedule Applicable to
Intrastate Access Service

Telecommunications Services Furnished by

Fusion Cloud Services, LLC

Between Points Within the States of Maryland

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SECTION 1 - GENERAL

1.1 Explanation of Symbols

- (C) - To signify a changed regulation
- (D) - To signify a discontinued rate or regulation
- (I) - To signify an increase in a rate
- (M) - To signify text or rates relocated without change
- (N) - To signify a new rate or regulation or other text
- (R) - To signify a reduction in a rate
- (S) - To signify reissued regulations
- (T) - To signify a change in text but no change in rate
- (Z) - To signify a correction

1.2 Application of the Tariff

- 1.2.1 This tariff governs the Carrier's services that originate and terminate in Maryland. Specific services and rates are described elsewhere in this tariff.
- 1.2.2 The Company's services are available to carrier customers.
- 1.2.3 The Company's service territory is consistent with the calling areas within Verizon's Maryland tariff.

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SECTION 1 - GENERAL (CONT'D.)**1.3 Definitions**

- 1.3.1 “Carrier,” “Company” or “Utility” refers to Fusion Cloud Services, LLC.
- 1.3.2 “Commission” means the Maryland Public Service Commission.
- 1.3.3 “Completed call” is a call which the Company’s network has determined has been answered by a person, answering machine, fax machine, computer modem device, or other answering device.
- 1.3.4 “Customer” means any person, firm, corporation, or governmental entity who has applied for and is granted service or who is responsible for payment of service.
- 1.3.5 “Residential” customer is a customer who has telephone service at a dwelling and who uses the service primarily for domestic or social purposes. All other customers are non-residential customers.
- 1.3.6 “Service” means any telecommunications service(s) provided by the Carrier under this tariff.
- 1.3.7 “Station” means a telephone instrument consisting of a connected transmitter, receiver, and associated apparatus to permit sending or receiving telephone messages.
- 1.3.8 Access or Access Service: Access or Access Service includes services and facilities provided for the origination or termination of any intrastate Telecommunication regardless of the technology used in transmission. This includes, but is not limited to, local exchange, long distance, and data communications services that may use either TDM or Internet Protocol (“IP”) or other technology. Access Service includes the functional equivalent of the incumbent local exchange carrier interstate exchange access services typically associated with following rate elements: carrier common line (originating); carrier common line (terminating); local end office switching; common trunk port; common transport multiplexing; interconnection charge; information surcharge; tandem switched transport - termination (fixed); tandem switched transport facility (per mile); tandem switching.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS**2.1 Undertaking of the Company**

The Company provides access to the Interexchange carrier of the Customer's Choice.

2.2 Obligations of the Customer

2.2.1 The customer shall be responsible for:

- A. The payment of all applicable charges pursuant to this tariff;
- B. Reimbursing the Company for damage to, or loss of, the Company's facilities or equipment caused by the acts or omissions of the customer; or the noncompliance by the customer, with these regulations, or by fire or theft or other casualty on the customer's premises unless caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the employees or agents of the Company.
- C. Providing at no charge, as specified from time to time by the Company, any needed space and power to operate the Company's facilities and equipment installed on the customer's premises.
- D. Complying with all laws and regulations regarding the working conditions on the premises at which the Company's employees and agents shall be installing or maintaining the Company's facilities and equipment. The customer may be required to install and maintain the Company's facilities and equipment within a hazardous area if, in the Company's opinion, injury or damage to the Company's employees or property might result from installation or maintenance by the Company. The customer shall be responsible for identifying, monitoring, removing and disposing of any hazardous material prior to any construction or installation work.
- E. Complying with all laws and regulations applicable to, and obtaining all consents, approvals, licenses and permits as may be required with respect to, the location of the Company's facilities and equipment in any customer premises for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining, repairing, or upon termination of service as stated herein, removing the facilities or equipment of the Company.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)

2.2 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd.)

2.2.1 The customer shall be responsible for: (Cont'd.)

F. Making Company facilities and equipment available periodically for maintenance purposes at a time agreeable to both the Company and the customer. No allowance for interruptions in service will be made for the period during which service is interrupted for such purposes.

2.2.2 With respect to any service or facility provided by the Company, the customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses for:

A. Any loss, destruction or damage to property of the Company or any third party, or injury to persons, including, but not limited to, employees or invitees of either the Company or the customer, to the extent caused by or resulting from the negligent or intentional act or omission of the customer, its employees, agents, representatives or invitees; or

B. Any claim, loss, damage, expense or liability for infringement of any copyright, patent, trade secret, or any proprietary infringement of any copyright, patent, trade secret, or any proprietary or intellectual property right of any third party, arising from any act or omission by the customer.

2.2.3 The customer is responsible for ensuring that customer-provided equipment connected to Company equipment and facilities is compatible with such equipment and facilities. The connection, operation, testing, or maintenance of such equipment shall be such as not to cause damage to the Company-provided equipment and facilities or injury to the Company's employees or other persons. Any additional protective equipment required to prevent such damage or injury shall be provided by the Company at the customer's expense.

2.2.4 The Company's services (as detailed in this tariff) may be connected to the services or facilities or other communications carriers only when authorized by, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions of the tariffs or contracts which are applicable to such connections.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.2 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd.)**

2.2.5 Upon reasonable notification to the customer, and at a reasonable time, the Company may make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the customer is complying with the requirements set forth in this tariff for the installation, operation, maintenance of customer-provided facilities and equipment that is connected to Company- owned facilities and equipment.

2.3 Liability of the Company

2.3.1 In view of the fact that the customer has exclusive control over the use of service and facilities furnished by the Company, and because certain errors incident to the services and to the use of such facilities of the Company are unavoidable, services and facilities are furnished by the Company subject to the terms, conditions and limitations herein specified:

2.3.2 Service Irregularities

- A. The liability of the Company for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission, or failures or defects in facilities furnished by the Company, occurring in the course of furnishing service or other facilities and not caused by the negligence of the customer, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the customer for the service or facilities affected during the period such mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error or defect in transmission, or failure or defect in facilities continues after notice and demand to Company.
- B. The Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any connecting carrier, underlying carrier or local exchange Company except where Company contracts the other carrier; for acts or omission of any other providers of connections, facilities, or service; or for culpable conduct of the customer or failure of equipment, facilities or connection provided by the customer.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)

2.3 Liability of the Company (Cont'd.)

2.3.3 Claims of Misuse of Service

- A. The Company shall be indemnified and saved harmless by the customer against claims for libel, slander, fraudulent or misleading advertisements or infringement of copyright arising directly or indirectly from material transmitted over its facilities or the use thereof; against claims for infringement of patents arising from combining or using apparatus and systems of the customer with facilities of the Company; and against all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in connection with the services and facilities provided by the Company.
- B. The Company does not require indemnification from the customer where the action for which it is seeking indemnification is based on a claim of negligence by the Company.

2.3.4 Defacement of Premises

The Company is not liable for any defacement of, or damage to, the customer's premises resulting from the furnishing of service or the attachment of equipment and facilities furnished by the Company on such premises or by the installation or removal thereof, when such defacement or damage is not the result of negligence of the Company. For the purpose of this paragraph, no agents or employees of the other participating carriers shall be deemed to be agents or employees of the Company except where contracted by the Company.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.3 Liability of the Company (Cont'd.)****2.3.5 Facilities and Equipment in Explosive Atmosphere, Hazardous or Inaccessible Locations**

The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations provided by it for use in an explosive atmosphere. Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the customer from and against any and all claims, loss, demands, suits, or other action, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the customer or by any other party, for any personal injury to or death of any person or persons, and for any loss, damage or destruction of any property, including environmental contamination, whether owned by the customer or by any other party, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, presence, condition, location, use or removal of any equipment or facilities or the service and not due to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Company.

2.3.6 Service at Outdoor Locations

The Company reserves the right to refuse to provide, maintain or restore service at outdoor locations unless the customer agrees in writing to indemnify and save the Company harmless from and against any and all loss or damage that may result to equipment and facilities furnished by the Company at such locations. The customer shall likewise indemnify and save the Company harmless from and against injury to or death of any person which may result from the location and use of such equipment and facilities.

2.3.7 Warranties

- A. THE COMPANY MAKES NO WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE, EXCEPT THOSE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN.
- B. Acceptance of the provisions of Section 2.3 by the Commission does not constitute its determination that any disclaimer of warranties or representations imposed by the Company should be upheld in a court of law.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.3 Liability of the Company (Cont'd.)****2.3.8 Limitation of Liability**

Nothing in this tariff shall be construed to limit the Company's liability in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

2.4 Application for Service**2.4.1 Minimum Contract Period**

- A. Except as otherwise provided, the minimum contract period is one month for all services furnished. However, if a customer notifies the Company within twenty days after receipt of the first bill that certain services or equipment are not desired, the Company will delete such services or equipment from the customer's account without a record keeping or service ordering charge. The customer nonetheless shall be responsible for all monthly usage and installation charges incurred for the use of such service and equipment.
- B. The Company may require a minimum contract period longer than one month in connection with special, non-standard types or arrangements of equipment, or for unusual construction, necessary to meet special demands for service.

2.4.2 Cancellation of Service

- A. Where the applicant cancels an order for service prior to the start of the installation or special construction of facilities, no charge shall apply, except to the extent the Company incurs a service order or similar charge from a supplying carrier, if any, prior to the construction.
- B. Where the installation of facilities, other than those provided by special construction, has been started prior to cancellation, the lower of the following charge applies;
 - 1. The total costs of installing and removing such facilities; or
 - 2. The monthly charges for the entire initial contract period of the service ordered by the customer as provided in this tariff plus the full amount of any applicable installation and termination charges.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.4 Application for Service (Cont'd.)****2.4.2 Cancellation of Service (Cont'd.)**

- C. Where special construction of facilities has been started prior to the cancellation, and the Company has another requirement for the specially constructed facilities, no charge applies.

2.5 Payment for Service

- 2.5.1 Service will be billed directly by the Company on a monthly basis and is due and payable upon receipt or as specified on the customer's bill. Service will continue to be provided until canceled by the customer or discontinued by the Company as set forth in COMAR 20.45.04.05 through COMAR 20.45.04.07.

- 2.5.2 The customer is responsible for payment of all charges for service furnished to the customer. Charges based on actual usage during a month will be billed monthly in the month following the month in which the service was used. All fixed monthly and nonrecurring charges for services ordered will be billed monthly in advance.

- 2.5.3 The Company reserves the right to require from an applicant for service advance payments of fixed charges and nonrecurring charges. The advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to the nonrecurring charge(s) and one month's charges for the service or facility. In addition, where special construction is involved, the advance payment may also include an amount equal to the estimated nonrecurring charges for the special construction. The advance payment will be applied to any indebtedness for the service and facilities for which the advance payment is made on the customer's initial bill. Advanced payments for installation costs or special construction will be credited on the first bill in their entirety.

- 2.5.4 The Company will not collect attorney fees or court costs from customers.

2.6 Allowance for Interruptions in Service

- 2.6.1 Credit for failure of service or equipment will be allowed only when failure is caused by or occurs in equipment owned, provided, or billed for, by the Company. The Carrier agrees to abide by the regulations associated with interruptions in service as specified by Code of Maryland Regulations 20.45.05.09 as amended from time to time.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.7 Special Customer Arrangements**

In cases where a customer requests special or unique arrangements which may include but are not limited to engineering, conditioning, installation, construction, facilities, assembly, purchase or lease of facilities and/or other special services not offered under this tariff, the Company, may provide the requested services. Appropriate recurring charges and/or nonrecurring charges and other terms and conditions will be developed for the customer for the provisioning of such arrangements.

2.8 Unlawful Use of Service

2.8.1 Service shall not be used for any purpose in violation of law or for any use as to which the customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents, and permits. The Company shall refuse to furnish service to an applicant or shall disconnect the service without notice of a customer when:

- A. An order shall be issued, signed by a judge finding that probable cause exists to believe that the use made or to be made of the service is prohibited by law, or
- B. The Company is notified in writing by a law enforcement agency acting within its jurisdiction that any facility furnished by the Company is being used or will be used for the purpose of transmitting or receiving gambling information in interstate or foreign commerce in violation of the law.

2.8.2 If service has been physically disconnected by law enforcement officials at the customer's premises and if there is not presented to the Company the written finding of a judge, then upon written or verbal request of the subscriber, and agreement to pay restoral of service charges and other applicable service charges, the Company shall promptly restore such service.

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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)**2.9 Interference with or Impairment of Service**

Service shall not be used in any manner that interferes with other persons in the use of their service, prevents other persons from using their service, or otherwise impairs the quality of service to other customers. The Company may require a customer to immediately shut down its transmission of signals if said transmission is causing interference to others or impairing the service of others.

2.10 Telephone Solicitation by Use of Recorded Messages

Service shall not be used for the purpose of solicitation by recorded messages when such solicitation occurs as a result of unrequested or unsolicited calls initiated by the solicitor by means of automatic dialing devices. Such devices, with storage capability of numbers to be called or a random or sequential number generator that produces numbers to be called and having the capability, working alone or in conjunction with other equipment, of disseminating a prerecorded message to the number called and which are calling party or called party controlled, are expressly prohibited.

2.11 Overcharge/Undercharge

2.11.1 Overcharge/undercharge provisions will be in accordance with COMAR 20.45.04.01.

2.11.2 When a customer has been overcharged, the amount shall be refunded or credited to the customer.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

3.1 Individual Case Basis ("ICB") Offerings

The tariff may not specify the price of a service in the tariff as ICB. The Company may or may not have an equivalent service in its tariff on file with the Commission, and the quoted ICB rates may be different than the tariffed rates. An ICB must be provided under contract to a customer and the contract filed (can be under seal) with the Commission. All customers have non-discriminatory access to requesting the service under an ICB rate.

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SECTION 4 - RATES AND CHARGES

4.1 Switched Access Rate

4.1.1 The following rates apply to originating minutes:

	<u>Tandem Connect</u>	<u>Direct Connect</u>
Non-8YY	\$0.005692	\$0.004118
8YY	\$0.005094	\$0.004094

4.1.2 The following rates apply to terminating minutes:

	<u>Tandem Connect</u>	<u>Direct Connect</u>
3 rd Party	\$0.001598	\$0.000024
Affiliated	\$0.000000	\$0.000000

4.1.3 800 Database Access Service

Per query:

Effective July 1, 2021	\$0.004248
Effective July 1, 2022	\$0.002224
Effective July 1, 2023	\$0.000200

4.2 Local Traffic Exchange and Termination

This section establishes the default rates for the exchange and termination of local traffic for carriers that do not have an interconnection agreement, traffic exchange agreement or otherwise refuse to exchange local traffic on a bill and keep basis with the Company. This provision does not apply to access (i.e., non-local) traffic. Local traffic is defined as any telephone call that originates in one exchange and terminates in either the same exchange, or other non-optional local calling area associated with the originating exchange as defined and specified in the relevant ILEC tariffs.

Local traffic will be exchanged under the default reciprocal compensation rates below unless and until either the Commission or FCC requires an alternative approach for the exchange of such traffic for use by all industry participants, pursuant to which the Company and the terminating carriers shall recover the costs of transporting and terminating such traffic on their networks from other parties in accordance with the then applicable regulations.

Rate per MOU	\$0.001901
Per Call set up (in addition to per MOU rate)	\$0.008663

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SECTION 5 - MISCELLANEOUS RATES AND CHARGES**5.1 VoIP-PSTN Traffic****5.1.1 Scope**

VoIP-PSTN Traffic is the traffic exchanged in time division multiplexing ("TDM") format that originates and/or terminates in Internet protocol ("IP") format. Telecommunications traffic originates and/or terminates in IP format if it originates and/or terminates to an end-user customer of a service that requires Internet protocol-compatible customer premise equipment. This section governs the identification of VoIP-PSTN Traffic that is required to be compensated at interstate access rates by the Federal Communications Commission in its Report and Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 et. al., FCC No. 11-161 (November 18, 2011) ("FCC Order"). Specifically, this section establishes the method of separating such traffic (referred to in this tariff as "Relevant VoIP-PSTN Traffic") from the Customer's traditional intrastate access traffic, so that such Relevant VoIP-PSTN Traffic can be billed in accordance with the FCC Order. This section will be applied to the billing of switched access charges to a customer that also is or has an affiliated local exchange carrier only to the extent that customer has also implemented billing of interstate access charges for Relevant VoIP-PSTN Traffic in accordance with the FCC Order.

5.1.2 Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic

The Relevant VoIP-PSTN Traffic identified in accordance with this tariff section will be billed in accordance with the Company's applicable interstate switched access tariff.

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SECTION 5 - MISCELLANEOUS RATES AND CHARGES (CONT'D.)**5.1 VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cont'd.)****5.1.3 Calculation and Application of Percent-VoIP-Usage Factor**

The Company will determine the number of Relevant VoIP-PSTN Traffic minutes of use ("MOU") to which interstate rates will be applied under subsection 5.1.2, above, by applying a Percent VoIP Usage ("PVU") factor to the total intrastate access MOU (however determined – either based on call detail information or PIU) exchanged between the Company and the Customer. The PVU will be derived and applied as follows:

- A. The Customer will calculate and furnish to the Company a factor (the "PVU-A") representing the percentage of the total intrastate and interstate access MOU that the Customer exchanges with the Company in the State, that (a) is sent to the Company and that originates in IP format; or (b) is received from the Company and terminates in IP format. This PVU-A shall be based on information such as the number of the Customer's retail VoIP subscriptions in the state (e.g., as reported on FCC Form 477), traffic studies, actual call detail, or other relevant and verifiable information.
- B. Company will, likewise, calculate a factor (the "PVU-B") representing the percentage of the Company's total access MOU in the State that the Company originates or terminates in IP format. This PVU-B shall be based on the number of the Company's retail VoIP subscriptions in the state as reported on FCC Form 477.
- C. The Company will use the PVU-A and PVU-B factors to calculate an effective PVU factor that represents the percentage of total access MOU exchanged between the Company and the Customer that is originated or terminated in IP format, whether at the Company's end, at the Customer's end, or at both ends. The PVU factor will be calculated as the sum of: (A) the PVU-A factor and (B) the PVU-B factor times (1.0 minus the PVU-A factor).

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SECTION 5 - MISCELLANEOUS RATES AND CHARGES (CONT'D.)**5.1 VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cont'd.)****5.1.3 Calculation and Application of Percent-VoIP-Usage Factor (Cont'd.)**

- D. The Company will apply the effective PVU factor to the total intrastate access MOU exchanged with the Customer to determine the number of Relevant VoIP-PSTN Traffic MOUs.

Example 1: The PVU-B is 10% and the PVU-A is 40%. The effective PVU factor is equal to $40\% + (10\% \times 60\%) = 46\%$. The Company will bill 46% of the Customer's intrastate access MOU in accordance with the Company's applicable interstate switched access tariff.

Example 2: The PVU-B is 10% and the PVU-A is 0%. The effective PVU factor is $0\% + (100\% \times 10\%) = 10\%$. The Company will bill 10% of the Customer's intrastate access MOU in accordance with the Company's applicable interstate switched access tariff.

Example 3: The PVU-A is 100%. No matter what the PVU-B factor is, the effective PVU is 100%. The Company will bill 100% of the Customer's intrastate access MOU in accordance with the Company's applicable interstate switched access tariff.

- E. If the Customer does not furnish the Company with a PVU-A pursuant to the preceding paragraph 1, the Company will utilize a PVU equal to the PVU-B.

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SECTION 5 - MISCELLANEOUS RATES AND CHARGES (CONT'D.)**5.1 VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cont'd.)****5.1.4 Initial PVU Factor**

If the PVU factor is not available and/or cannot be implemented in the Company's billing systems by December 29, 2011, once the factor is available and can be implemented, the Company will adjust the Customer's bills to reflect the PVU retroactively to December 29, 2011. In calculating the initial PVU, the Company will take the Customer-specified PVU-A into account retroactively to December 29, 2011, provided that the Customer provides the factor to the Company no later than April 15, 2012; otherwise, it will set the initial PVU equal to the PVU-B, as specified in subsection 5.1.3.E above.

5.1.5 PVU Factor Updates

The Customer may update the PVU-A factor or the Company may update the PVU-B quarterly using the method set forth in subsection (C)(1), above. If the Customer chooses to submit such updates, it shall forward to the Company, no later than 15 days after the first day of January, April, July and/or October of each year, a revised PVU-A factor based on data for the prior three months, ending the last day of December, March, June and September, respectively. The Company will use the revised PVU-A to calculate a revised PVU. The revised PVU factor will apply prospectively and serve as the basis for billing until superseded by a new PVU.

5.1.6 PVU Factor Verification

Not more than twice in any year, the Company may ask the Customer to verify the PVU-A factor furnished to the Company and Customer may ask the Company to verify the PVU-B factor and the calculation of the PVU factor. The party so requested shall comply and shall reasonably provide the records and other information used to determine the respective PVU-A and PVU-B factors.