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SECTION 1 - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Access Line - An arrangement from a local exchange telephone company or other common carrier, using either dedicated or switched access, which connects a Customer's location to Covista's location or switching center.

Authorization Code - A numerical code, one or more of which may be assigned to a Customer, to enable Covista to identify the origin of the Customer so it may rate and bill the call. Automatic number identification (ANI) is used as the authorization code wherever possible.

Customer - The person, firm, corporation or other legal entity which orders the services of Covista or purchases a Covista Prepaid Calling Card and/or originates prepaid calls using such cards, and is responsible for the payment of charges and for compliance with the Company's tariff regulations.

Company or Covista - Used throughout this tariff to mean Covista, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

Department - Used throughout this tariff to mean the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.

Prepaid Account - An inventory of Telecom Units purchased in advance by the Customer, and associated with one and only one Authorization Code as contained in a specific Prepaid Calling Card.

Prepaid Calling Card - A card issued by the Company, containing an Authorization Code which identifies a specific Prepaid Account of Telecom Units, which enables calls to be processed, account activity to be logged, and balances to be maintained, on a prepayment basis.

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

This tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to intrastate resale telecommunications services provided by Covista for telecommunications between points within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Company shall offer service to business and residential Customers. For residential Customers, the Company will comply with D.P.U. 18448. Resale services are furnished subject to the availability of facilities and subject to the terms and conditions of this tariff in compliance with limitations set forth in the Department' rules. The Company's services are provided on a statewide basis and are not intended to be limited geographically. The Company offers service to all those who desire to purchase service from the Company consistent with all of the provisions of this tariff. Customers interested in the Company's services shall file a service application with the Company which fully identifies the Customer, the services requested and other information requested by the Company. The Company reserves the right to examine the credit record and check the references of all applicants and Customers prior to accepting the service order. The service application shall not in itself obligate the Company to provide services or to continue to provide service if a later check of applicant's credit record is, in the opinion of the Company, contrary to the best interest of the Company. The Company may act as the Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to a service provided by the Company. The Customer shall be responsible for all charges due for such service arrangement. The Company does not own any switching, transmission or other physical facilities in Massachusetts.

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- 2.1.1 The services provided by Covista are not part of a joint undertaking with any other entity providing telecommunications channels, facilities, or services, but may involve the resale of the Message Toll Services (MTS) and Wide Area Telecommunications Services (WATS) of underlying common carriers subject to the jurisdiction of this Department.
- 2.1.2 The rates and regulations contained in this tariff apply only to the resale services furnished by Covista and do not apply, unless otherwise specified, to the lines, facilities, or services provided by a local exchange telephone company or other common carriers for use in accessing the services of Covista.
- 2.1.3 The Company reserves the right to limit the length of communications, to discontinue furnishing services, or limit the use of service necessitated by conditions beyond its control, including, without limitation: lack of satellite or other transmission medium capacity; the revision or alteration of the Underlying Carrier's tariffed offerings; or when the use of service becomes or is in violation of the law or the provisions of this tariff.

2.2 Use of Services

- 2.2.1 Covista's services may be used for any lawful purpose consistent with the transmission and switching parameters of the telecommunications facilities utilized in the provision of services, subject to any limitations set forth in this Section 2.2.
- 2.2.2 The use of Covista's services to make calls which might reasonably be expected to frighten, abuse, torment, or harass another or in such a way as to unreasonably interfere with use by others is prohibited.

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- 2.3.3 No agent or employee of any other carrier or entity shall be deemed to be an agent or employee of the Company.
- 2.3.4 The Company's liability for damages, resulting in whole or in part from or arising in connection with the furnishing of service under this tariff, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors, or other defects or misrepresentations shall not exceed an amount equal to the charges provided for under this tariff for the long distance call for the period during which the call was affected. No other liability in any event shall attach to the Company.
- 2.3.5 The Company shall not be liable for and shall be indemnified and saved harmless by any Customer or by any other entity from any and all loss, claims, demands, suits, or other action or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any Customer or any other entity for any personal injury to, or death of, any person or persons, and for any loss, damage, defacement or destruction of the premises of any Customer or any other entity or any other property whether owned or controlled by the Customer or others.
- 2.3.6 The Company shall not be liable for any indirect, special, incidental, or consequential damages under this tariff including, but not limited to, loss of revenue or profits, for any reason whatsoever, including the breakdown of facilities associated with the service, or for any mistakes, omissions, delays, errors, or defects in transmission occurring during the course of furnishing service.

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- 2.4.6 The Customer shall ensure that the equipment and/or system is properly interfaced with Covista's facilities or services, that the signals emitted into Covista's network are of the proper mode, bandwidth, power and signal level for the intended use of the subscriber and in compliance with criteria set forth in this tariff, and that the signals do not damage equipment, injure personnel, or degrade service to other Customers. If the Federal Communications Commission or some other appropriate certifying body certifies terminal equipment as being technically acceptable for direct electrical connection with interstate communications service, Covista will permit such equipment to be connected with its channels without the use of protective interface devices. If the Customer fails to maintain the equipment and/or the system properly, with resulting imminent harm to Covista equipment, personnel or the quality of service to other Customers, Covista may, upon five (5) days' written notice, require the use of protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this fails to produce satisfactory quality and safety, Covista may, upon five (5) days' written notice, terminate the Customer's service.
- 2.4.7 The Customer must pay Covista for replacement or repair of damage to the equipment or facilities of Covista caused by negligence or willful act of the Customer or others, by improper use of the services, or by use of equipment provided by Customer or others.
- 2.4.8 The Customer must pay for the loss through theft of any Covista equipment installed at Customer's premises.
- 2.4.9 Reserved for Future Use

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2.4.10 The Customer must use the services offered in this tariff in a manner consistent with the terms of this tariff and the policies and regulations of all state, federal and local authorities having jurisdiction over the service.

2.5 Cancellation or Interruption of Services

2.5.1 Without incurring liability, upon five (5) working days' (15 days for residential Customers) (defined as any day on which the company's business office is open and the U.S. Mail is delivered) written notice to the Customer, Covista may immediately discontinue services to a Customer or may withhold the provision of ordered or contracted services:

2.5.1.A For nonpayment of any sum due Covista for more than thirty (30) days after issuance of the bill for the amount due,

2.5.1.B For violation of any of the provisions of this tariff,

2.5.1.C For violation of any law, rule, regulation, policy of any governing authority having jurisdiction over Covista's services, or

2.5.1.D By reason of any order or decision of a court, public service commission or federal regulatory body or other governing authority prohibiting Covista from furnishing its services.

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- 2.5.2 Without incurring liability, Covista may interrupt the provision of services at any time in order to perform tests and inspections to assure compliance with tariff regulations and the proper installation and operation of Customer and Covista's equipment and facilities and may continue such interruption until any items of noncompliance or improper equipment operation so identified are rectified.
- 2.5.3 Service may be discontinued by Covista without notice to the Customer, by blocking traffic to certain countries, cities or NXX exchanges, or by blocking calls using certain Customer authorization codes, when Covista deems it necessary to take such action to prevent unlawful use of its service. Covista will restore service as soon as it can be provided without undue risk, and will, upon request by the Customer affected, assign a new authorization code to replace the one that has been deactivated.
- 2.5.4 The Customer may terminate service upon thirty (30) days written notice for the Company's standard month to month contract. Customer will be liable for all usage on any of the Company's service offerings until the Customer actually leaves the service. Customers will continue to have Company usage until the Customer notifies its local exchange carrier and changes its long distance carrier. Until the Customer so notifies its local exchange carrier, it shall continue to generate and be responsible for long distance usage.

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2.6 Credit Allowance

- 2.6.1 A credit allowance is available for the interruption of service which is 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, are subject to the general liability provisions set forth in 2.3 herein. It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify the Company immediately of any interruption in service for which a credit allowance is desired. Before giving such notice, the Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not being caused by any action or omission by the Customer within his control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by the Customer and connected to the Company's facilities.
- 2.6.2 No credit is allowed in the event that service must be interrupted in order to provide routine service quality or related investigations.
- 2.6.3 Credit for failure of service shall be allowed only when such failure is caused by or occurs due to causes within the control of the Company or in the event that the Company is entitled to a credit for the failure of the facilities of the Company's Underlying Carrier used to furnish service.
- 2.6.4 Credit for interruption shall commence after the Customer notifies the Company of the interruption or when the Company becomes aware thereof, and ceases when service has been restored.
- 2.6.5 For purposes of credit computation, every month shall be considered to have 720 hours.

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2.6.6 No credit shall be allowed for an interruption of a continuous duration of less than two hours.

2.6.7 The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of two hours or more at the rate of 1/720th of the monthly charge for the facilities affected for each hour or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

Credit Formula:

$$\text{Credit} = \frac{A}{720} \times B$$

"A" - outage time in hours

"B" - monthly charge for affected activity

2.7 Restoration of Service

The use and restoration of service shall be in accordance with the priority system specified in part 64, Subpart D of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.

2.8 Deposit

The Company does not require deposits.

2.9 Advance Payments

The Company does not require advance payments.

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2.10 Payment and Billing

- 2.10.1 Service is provided and billed on a billing cycle basis, beginning on the date that service becomes effective. Billing is payable upon receipt. For business Customers only, interest at the rate of 1.5% per billing cycle, or the amount otherwise authorized by law, whichever is lower, will accrue upon any unpaid amount commencing 30 days after rendition of bills.
- 2.10.2 The customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services furnished to the Customer, as well as to all persons using the Customer's codes, exchange lines, facilities, or equipment, with or without the knowledge or consent of the Customer. The security of the Customer's Authorization Codes, presubscribed exchange lines, and direct connect facilities is the responsibility of the Customer. All calls placed using direct connect facilities, presubscribed exchange lines, or Authorization Codes will be billed to and must be paid by the Customer. Recurring charges and non-recurring charges are billed in advance. Charges based on actual usage during a month and any accrued interest will be billed monthly in arrears.
- 2.10.3 All bills are presumed accurate, and shall be binding on the customer unless objection is received by the Company in writing within 30 days after such bills are rendered. No credits, refunds, or adjustments shall be granted if demand therefore is not received by the Company in writing within such 30 day period.

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SECTION 3 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE3.1 Computation of Charges

- 3.1.1 The total charge for each completed call may be a variable measured charge dependent on the duration, distance and/or time of day of the call. The variable measured charge is specified as a rate per minute which is applied to each minute. All calls are measured in six second increments with a thirty (30) second minimum per call. All calls are rounded up to the next whole increment.
- 3.1.2 Where mileage bands appear in a rate table, rates for all calls are based upon the airline distance between the originating and terminating points of the call, as determined by the vertical and horizontal coordinates associated with the exchange (the area code and three digit central office code) associated with the originating and terminating telephone numbers. If the Customer obtains access to the Company's network by a dedicated access circuit, that circuit will be assigned an exchange for rating purposes based upon the Customer's main telephone number at the location where the dedicated access circuit terminates. The vertical and horizontal (V & H) coordinates for each exchange and the airline distance between them will be determined according to industry standards.

Formula:

$$\sqrt{\frac{(V1-V2)^2 + (H1-H2)^2}{10}}$$

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All Customer complaints are subject to the jurisdiction of the Department which may be contacted at the following address and telephone number:

WRITE:
CONSUMER DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
100 CAMBRIDGE STREET
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02202

Telephone: (617) 727-3531 or 1-800-392-6066

If a Customer accumulates more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of undisputed delinquent Covista 800 Service charges, the Covista Resp. Org. reserves the right not to honor that Customer's request for a Resp. Org. change until such undisputed charges are paid in full.

3.3 Level of Service

A Customer can expect end to end network availability of not less than 99% at all times for all services.

3.4 Billing Entity Conditions

When billing functions on behalf of Covista or its intermediary are performed by local exchange telephone companies or others, the payment of charge conditions and regulations of such companies and any regulations imposed upon these companies by regulatory bodies having jurisdiction apply. Covista's name and toll-free telephone number will appear on the Customer's bill.

3.5 Service Offerings

3.5.1 1+ Dialing

The customer utilizes "1+" dialing, or "10XXX" dialing followed by "1 + ten digits" for interLATA calls, or dials "10XXX" followed by "1 + 7 digits" or "1 + 10 digits" for intraLATA calls.

3.5.2 Travel Cards.

The Customer utilizes an 11 digit "800"

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All calls must be charged against an Covista Prepaid Calling Card that has a sufficient Telecom Unit balance. A Customer's call will be interrupted with an announcement when the balance is about to be depleted.

In order to continue the call, the Customer can either call the toll-free number on the back of the Covista Prepaid Calling Card and "recharge" the balance on the card using a nationally recognized credit card, or the Customer can throw the card away and purchase a new one. Calls in progress will be terminated by the Company if the balance on the Covista Prepaid Calling Card is insufficient to continue the call and the Customer fails to enter the number of another valid Covista Prepaid Calling Card prior to termination.

A card will expire 12 months from the date of purchase, or the date of last recharge, whichever is later.

A credit allowance for Covista Prepaid Calling Card Service is applicable to calls that are interrupted due to poor transmission, one-way transmission, or involuntary disconnection of a call. A Customer may also be granted credit for reaching a wrong number. To receive the proper credit, the Customer must notify the Company at the designated toll-free customer service number printed on the Covista Prepaid Calling Card and furnish the called number, the trouble experienced (e.g. cut-off, noisy circuit, reached wrong number, etc.), and the approximate time that the call was placed.

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When a call charged to an Covista Prepaid Calling Card is interrupted due to cut-off, one-way transmission, or poor transmission conditions, the Customer will receive a credit equivalent of one Telecom Unit.

Credit allowances for calls pursuant to Covista Prepaid Card Service do not apply for interruptions not reported promptly to the Company or interruptions that are due to the failure of power, equipment or systems not provided by the Company.

Credit for failure of service shall be allowed only when such failure is caused by or occurs due to causes within the control of the Company.

The Company will block all calls beginning with the NPA "900" and NXX "976" calls, therefore such calls can not be completed.

3.5.5 Local Calls and Directory Assistance.

Local calls will not be accepted or completed. Covista does not provide local directory assistance. Access to long distance directory assistance is obtained by dialing 1 + 555-1212 for listings within the originating area code and 1 + (area code) + 555-1212 for other listings. When more than one number is requested in a single call, a charge may apply for each number requested. Business customers shall receive 10 directory assistance calls per month free of charge.

Directly dialed calls to directory assistance are exempt from rates and regulations when placed from:

- a. All residence main telephone lines;

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3.5.7 Emergency Call Handling Procedures

Emergency "911" calls are not routed to company, but are completed through the local network at no charge.

3.5.8 Promotional Offerings

The Company may, from time to time, make promotional offerings to enhance the marketing of its services. These offerings may be limited to certain dates, times and locations. All such promotions shall be included in this tariff. All promotional offerings are subject to Commission approval.

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4.4 Prepaid Calling Cards

Covista Prepaid Calling Cards are available in various Telecom Unit denominations starting at \$5, in \$5 increments, up to \$100. Prepaid Calling Cards may be recharged in \$1 increments (min. \$5). Prices are inclusive of all taxes.

Price Per Telecom Unit

\$.25

Cards will be decremented by one Telecom Unit for each minute or fractional part of a minute for intrastate calls. These rates apply twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

4.5 Directory Assistance

\$.75

4.6 Returned Check Charge

\$20.00

4.7 Rate Periods

DAY	Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:59 pm
EVENING	Sunday - Friday, 5:00 pm - 10:59 pm
NIGHT	Sunday - Saturday, 11:00 pm - 7:59 am
	Saturday 8:00 am - 10:59 pm
	Sunday 8:00 am - 4:59 pm

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