

Private Pay Telephone Service Provider Certification

The following information is provided to assist interested persons regarding certification to offer private pay telephone services in Arkansas.

The Commission's *Rules of Practice and Procedure* (RPP) Rule 6.10 sets out the required information to be included in an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CCN) for Telecommunications Providers excluding Local Exchange Carriers. A copy of RPP Rule 6.10 is included below.

Certification is required for telecommunications providers that resell services as well as facilities based providers.

The application should be signed and verified in accordance with the Commission's RPP Rule 3.06. The filing fee is two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and must accompany each application for a CCN. An original of the application should be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission ((501) 682-5782).

All filings shall be made with the Secretary and shall be by one of the following means:

- (1) Electronic filings through the Commission's Electronic Filing System on its website;
- (2) In person at the Secretary's Office at 1000 Center Street, Little Rock, Arkansas; or
- (3) By mail to the following address:

Secretary of the Commission
Arkansas Public Service Commission
1000 Center Street, P.O. Box 400
Little Rock, AR 72203-0400

Electronic filing is the Commission's preferred filing method. All Persons filing documents with the Commission are encouraged to file electronically to the greatest extent possible.

Filings in person or by mail shall include the original and one copy. Only one copy of protected material in unredacted form shall be filed.

RPP Rule 4.01 states that any person may enter an appearance on his or her own behalf in any formal proceeding before the Commission. All other parties must be represented by a licensed attorney. It is not required that the attorney be licensed in Arkansas.

RPP Rule 4.08 (c) (2) states unless the Commission shall otherwise order, an Applicant or Complainant who initiates a Docket shall fill supporting written testimony with or without exhibits concurrently with its application, tariff, petition, request or complaint.

A complete copy of the RPP, Telecommunications Providers Rules, Arkansas High Cost Fund, or Arkansas Intrastate Carrier Common Line Pool Rules may be purchased from the Secretary's office at the cost of \$.25 per page. Rules are also available from the Commission's web site at <http://www.arkansas.gov/psc>.

RPP Rule 6.10.(b) requires that an application by a non-Arkansas corporation include a copy of

their certificates to operate as a foreign corporation and, if appropriate, to operate with a fictitious name as issued by the Arkansas Secretary of State. The Office of the Secretary of State may be reached at (501) 682-1010.

After certification private pay telephone service providers become participants with the other telecommunications providers in the Arkansas Intrastate Carrier Common Line Pool (AICCLP). Pool participants are generally required to report Intrastate revenues monthly, pay common line access charges monthly, and furnish an audit annually. The Administrator of the AICCLP can be reached at (479) 495-5881.

Telecommunications providers are required to participate in the Arkansas High Cost Fund (ARHCF) which is currently administered by Rural Telcom Solutions, LLC located at 810 Dan Ark Circle, P.O. Box 608, Danville, AR 72833. Additional information is available on the website at <http://www.ruraltelcom.com>. The Manager of ARHCF can be reached at (479) 495-5881.

Telecommunications providers are required to provide an annual report pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §23-2-308, report their gross revenues annually in accordance with §23-3-109 and pay an annual fee in accordance with §23-3-110. Questions concerning the annual or revenue report should be directed to the Commission's Audit Section at (501) 682-5657.

Telecommunications providers are required to provide annual reports to the Commission's Tax Division for the purpose of ad valorem taxation. Questions concerning the taxation should be directed to the Commission's Tax Division at (501) 682-1231.

For your convenience, a sample private pay telephone provider tariff has been included below.

Rule 6.10 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity – Telecommunications Providers Excluding Local Exchange Carriers

An application for a CCN by a Telecommunications Provider other than a LEC, shall include:

- (a) The name and address of the Telecommunications Provider and the full name of its owner if a sole proprietorship, of each partner if a partnership, or a full list of the officers and directors if a corporation;**
- (b) A copy of the articles of a partnership or a certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation or other articles of organization. A copy of the Certificate of Authority of a Foreign Corporation unless incorporated under Arkansas law;**
- (c) A description of the Telecommunications Provider and the Telecommunications Service(s) it proposes to provide;**
- (d) A description of the Telecommunications Provider's technical means to provide the proposed service;**
- (e) Information setting forth the financial condition of the Telecommunications Provider;**
- (f) An initial tariff or price list proposed for the services to be offered;**

- (g) A detailed description of the transmission facilities, whether owned or leased, switching equipment, and the points at which the transmission facilities or switching equipment connects to the local exchange network through switched, special or private access service, together with a description of the type of access service used to connect to the local exchange network. This same information shall be provided with regard to direct access to any customer; and
- (h) Such other information as the Commission may require.

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SECTION 1 - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

1.1 Private Pay Telephone Services:

1.1.1 (Company/Proprietor Name) provides Private Pay Telephone Service (PPTS) that complies with all rules of the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

1.2 Operator Services:

1.2.1 (Company/Proprietor Name) does not provide Operator Services.

1.2.2 (Company Name of Provider; e.g. MCI) will provide, bill and collect for all non-coin sent paid intrastate, interLATA Operator Services.

1.2.3 The local exchange carrier will provide, bill and collect for all non-coin sent paid intrastate, intraLATA Operator Services including Local Operator Services.

1.2.4 Operator Services are not available using coin sent paid or collect procedures.

1.3 Local Services:

1.3.1 (Company/Proprietor name) provides coin sent paid local calling.

1.3.2 (Company/Proprietor Name) provides local directory assistance at no charge.

1.4 Intrastate, InterLATA Coin Sent Paid Service:

1.4.1 (Company/Proprietor Name) provides direct dialed Intrastate, InterLATA Services.

1.5 Intrastate, IntraLATA Coin Sent Paid Service:

1.5.1 (Company/Proprietor Name) provides direct dialed Intrastate, IntraLATA Services.

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SECTION 2 - LONG DISTANCE RATES

2.1 Rate Periods:

- 2.1.1 Day Rate Period - From 8:00 A.M. to but not including 5:00 P.M. local time Monday through Friday.
- 2.1.2 Evening Rate Period - From 5:00 P.M. to but not including 11:00 P.M. local time Sunday through Friday.
- 2.1.3 Night & Weekend Rate Period - From 11:00 P.M. to but not including 8:00 A.M. local time Sunday through Friday, and 8:00 A.M. local time Saturday to but not including 5:00 P.M. local time Sunday.
- 2.1.4 When the call is established in one rate period and ends in another rate period, the rate for each period applies to the portion of the call occurring within that rate period. If a minute is split between two rate periods, the rate in effect at the start of that minute applies.

2.2 Holiday Rates:

- 2.2.1 On Christmas Day (December 25), New Year's Day (January 1), Independence Day (July 4), Thanksgiving Day and Labor Day, the applicable rate is the Evening Rate unless a lower rate would normally apply.

2.3 Mileage Calculation:

- 2.3.1 The appropriate mileage band for determining rates is based on the V&H coordinate method as described in Section 1.4 of the Message Telecommunications Service Tariff of AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc.

2.4 Application of Rates:

- 2.4.1 The rates below do not include taxes.
- 2.4.2 The Initial 3 Minutes rate applies to the initial 3 minutes or any fraction thereof.
- 2.4.3 The Additional 3 Minutes rate applies to the additional 3 minute period(s) or any fraction thereof.

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2.4.4 The amount to be deposited is the sum of the message charge and applicable taxes. The message charge is the sum of the appropriate initial 3 minute rate, additional 3 minute period(s) rate and the service charge rounded to the nearest multiple of \$.05. The applicable taxes are rounded off to the nearest multiple of \$.05. When the message charge or the applicable taxes are midway between multiples of five cents, the next higher multiple shall apply.

2.5 Service Charge:

2.5.1 Operator Station, Sent Paid - Coin per call \$2.05

2.6 Direct Dial - Sent Paid - Coin:

Mileage Band	Day		Evening		Night/Weekend	
	Initial 3 Minutes	Each Add'l 3 Minutes	Initial 3 Minutes	Each Add'l 3 Minutes	Initial 3 Minutes	Each Add'l 3 Minutes
0 - 16	\$0.3600	\$0.2750	\$0.3085	\$0.2340	\$0.1865	\$0.1415
17 - 31	\$0.5700	\$0.4625	\$0.4940	\$0.3975	\$0.3050	\$0.2400
32 - 56	\$0.7000	\$0.5750	\$0.5625	\$0.4465	\$0.4235	\$0.3250
57 - 87	\$0.7300	\$0.6000	\$0.5865	\$0.4740	\$0.5085	\$0.4240
88 - 127	\$0.7400	\$0.6125	\$0.6050	\$0.4950	\$0.5085	\$0.4240
128 - 200	\$0.7500	\$0.6125	\$0.6160	\$0.5090	\$0.5085	\$0.4240
201 & UP	\$0.7750	\$0.6315	\$0.6160	\$0.5090	\$0.5085	\$0.4240

SECTION 3 - LOCAL RATES

3.1 Local Directory Assistance:

3.1.1 Rate per local directory assistance call No Charge

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