

(900) Tribal Lands Reporting Data Collection Form FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986 / OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010> Study Area Code 100003
 <015> Study Area Name TIDEWATER TELECOM, INC.
 <020> Program Year 2017
 <030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data JIM SANBORN
 <035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 2075639910 ext.
 <039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> JIMS@LINTELCO.NET

<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) No

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable

(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance 100003me1010.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance 100003me1030.pdf

Name of Attached Document

The Company's pricing of fixed voice services, including basic local rates below \$20 and a federal SLC of \$6.50, computes to a total local rate well under \$30. This is well below the reasonable comparability benchmark issued by the Wireline Competition Bureau.

The Company's pricing of broadband services is well below the reasonable comparability benchmark issued by the Wireline Competition Bureau. In the most readily comparable example, the Company's 10 Mbps download/1 Mbps upload service is priced at \$57.95 per month, well below the corresponding Commission benchmark rate.

(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers Lifeline Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

100003me1210.pdf, 100003me1210A.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221>
Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,
✓
- <1222>
Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,
✓
- <1223>
Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.
✓

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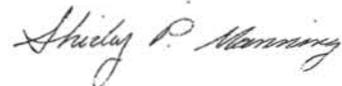
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DEFINITIONS

Access Line - The facilities from the Telephone Company's Central Office up to and including the Company-provided Network Interface or First Point of Connection located on the Customer's Premises.

Authorized User - The term "Authorized User," as used in connection with retail Provider of Last Resort Service, denotes those individuals authorized by the Telephone Company to use a Customer's telephone service. It includes the members of the same household, employees or agents of the Customer, and residential tenants of hotels, clubs, etc.

Central Office - A switching unit in a telephone system which provides service to the general public, having the necessary equipment and operating arrangements for terminating and interconnecting Customer lines and Trunks or Trunks only. There may be more than one Central Office in a building or Exchange.

Class of Service - The various categories of service generally available to the Customer, such as Business or Residential service.

Commission - The Maine Public Utilities Commission

Company - Tidewater Telecom, Inc., as applicable, a corporation engaged in the business of furnished telephone service to the public under the jurisdiction of the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

Connection Charge - See "Service Connection Charge."

Continuous Property - The plot of ground, together with any buildings thereon, occupied by the Customer, which is not divided by public highways or separated by property occupied by others. Where a Customer occupies property on both sides of a street, alley, highway, body of water, railroad right-of-way, etc., and the properties would otherwise be continuous, such properties are treated as Continuous Property provided local wire or cable facilities are used and the Customer furnishes all local distribution pole line facilities or underground conduit required in connection therewith.

Contract - Refers to the agreement, either written or verbal, between a Customer and the Company under which service and facilities are furnished in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Schedules as approved by the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

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Customer - The individual, partnership, association, corporation or other entity which contracts for telephone service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the terms and conditions of the Company.

Demarcation Point - The point of interconnection or demarcation between Telephone Company communication facilities and customer-premises wire or Terminal Equipment at a Subscriber's Premises. The demarcation point between Company facilities and Customer premise wire on the Subscriber's side of the Company's protector (or the equivalent thereof in cases where a protector is not employed) at the Network Interface, or if there is no Network Interface, at, but not including, the protector or equivalent.

Exchange - A basic geographical unit established for the administration of telephone service in a specific area, called the "Exchange Area", which usually embraces a city, town or village, and its environs. It may consist of one or more Central Offices, together with the associated plant, equipment, and facilities used in furnishing communication service within the area.

Exchange Area - The territory served by an Exchange.

Home Exchange - The Exchange in which the customer is located and service is provided.

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 - See Service Connection Charge.

Local Service Area - The area within which telephone service is furnished under a specific schedule of rates without the application of specific charges for each Message.

Message - A completed communication between two telephone numbers.

Minimum Contract 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.

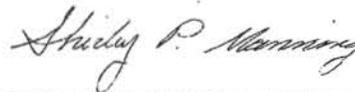
Move Charge - Service charges a Customer is required to pay when, at the Customer's request, the Customer's service is continued under the same or superseding Contract at a different location on the same Premises.

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Network Interface - A specifically designated standard FCC Registration Program jack that is installed by the Telephone Company as part of the Access Line on a Customer's Premises at a location determined by the Company which is accessible to the Customer; or similar device provided by the Customer on the Customer's side of the protector in the vicinity of the protector and accessible to the Customer. The Network Interface is located on the Customer's Premises and serves as the point of connection for all Premises services to the telecommunications network.

Premises - The buildings, portion or portions of a building or buildings on Continuous Property used and/or occupied at one time by the Customer in the conduct of this business or as a residence.

Provider of Last Resort Retail Service - A retail service taken by a customer of the Company that consists of Residential Economy Service, Residential Premium Service, Business Economy Service, or Business Premium Service as set forth in this Schedule.

Schedule - The rates, charges, rules, regulations, and separately filed franchise area maps adopted and filed by the Company and approved by the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

Service Connection Charge - The charge or charges that apply to the establishment of telephone service or subsequent modifications to that service. For example, Service Connection Charges include: 1) Initial Connection Charge, 2) Secondary Service Order Charge, and 3) Central Office Work Charge (see Section 3).

Serving Exchange - The Exchange in which the serving Central Office is located.

Subscriber - See Customer.

Switch - A unit of dial switching equipment which provides interconnection between Station lines or Trunks.

Tariff - See Schedule.

Telephone Company - See Company.

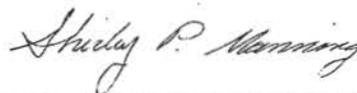
Termination Charge - A charge applied under certain conditions, when a Contract for service is terminated by the Customer before the expiration of the Minimum Contract Period.

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 Compliance With Commission Rules

Tidewater Telecom, Inc. agrees to comply with all Rules of the Maine Public Utilities Commission to the extent they apply to Provider of Last Resort service, including but not limited to:

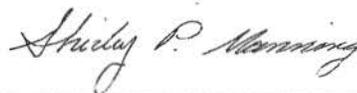
- Chapter 110: Rules of Practice and Procedure;
- Chapter 120: Filing Requirements for Rates, Terms and Conditions;
- Chapter 130: Safety and Accident Reporting;
- Chapter 140: Utility Service Area and Infrastructure Maps;
- Chapter 200: Reporting Requirements for Telecommunications Carrier's Service Outages;
- Chapter 210: Uniform System of Accounts for Telephone Utilities;
- Chapter 285: Maine Telecommunications Education Access Fund;
- Chapter 288: High Cost Universal Service Fund;
- Chapter 290: Standards for Billing, Credit and Collection and Customer Information;
- Chapter 296: Selection of Preferred Telecommunications Carriers and the Imposition of Preferred Carrier Freezes;
- Chapter 297: Anti-Cramming Rule;
- Chapter 870: Late Payment Charges, Interest Rates to be Paid on Customer Deposits, and Charges for Returned Checks;
- Chapter 880: Attachment to Joint-Use Utility Poles; Determination and Allocation of Costs; Procedure;
- Chapter 89: Confidentiality of Customer Records;
- Chapter 895: Underground Facility Damage Prevention Requirements.

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2.2 Application of Terms and Conditions.

- A. The terms and conditions set forth herein apply to intrastate retail provider of last resort service furnished within the State of Maine by Tidewater Telecom, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Company, subject to the jurisdiction of the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

Exchanges Served by Tidewater Telecom, Inc.

Bremen
Damariscotta
New Harbor
Sheepscot
South Bristol
Union

- B. When services are provided in part by the Company and in part by other companies, the terms and conditions of the Company apply to that portion of the service furnished by the Company.

2.3 Equipment Provision

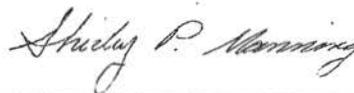
- A. Company shall own the Network Interface and any associated facilities for provisioning service to a customer location.
- B. No equipment, apparatus, Circuit, or device not furnished by the Company shall be directly attached or connected electrically with the facilities furnished by the Company, except as provided in this Schedule, or otherwise authorized in writing by the Maine Public Utilities Commission. In no event may any equipment, apparatus, or device be connected in any manner with the facilities furnished by the Company unless the connection of such equipment, apparatus, or device complies with the provisions of Part 68 of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission. In case any such unauthorized attachment or connection is made, the Company shall have the right to remove or disconnect the same, or to terminate the service.
- C. The provisions of the preceding shall not be construed or applied to bar a Customer from using devices which serve the Customer's convenience in the Customer's use of the facilities of the Company provided any such device so used does not:

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1. Endanger the safety of the Company employees or the public;
 2. Damage, require change in or alteration of, or involve direct electrical connection to, the equipment or other facilities of the Company, unless as provided for elsewhere in this Schedule;
 3. Interfere with the proper functioning of such equipment or facilities;
 4. Impair the operation of the communication system;
 5. Otherwise injure the public in its use of the Company's services.
- D. Except as otherwise provided in this Schedule, nothing herein shall be construed to permit the use of a recording device, or of a device to interconnect any line or Channel of the Company with any other communication line or Channel of the Company or of any other person.

2.4 Minimum Contract Period

- A. Except as specified elsewhere in this Schedule, 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 in connection with special types or arrangements of equipment or for unusual construction necessary to meet specific demands for service.

2.5 Abuse or Fraudulent Use of the Service

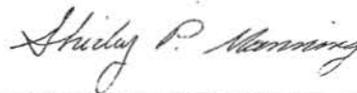
- A. The service is furnished subject to the condition that there will be no abuse or fraudulent use of the service. Abuse or fraudulent use of service includes:
 1. The use of service or facilities of the Company to transmit a Message or to locate a person or otherwise to give or obtain

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information, without payment of the charge applicable for such service;

- 2. The obtaining, or attempting to obtain, or assisting another to obtain or to attempt to obtain service, by rearranging, tampering with, or making connection with any facilities of the Company, or by any trick, scheme, false representation, or false credit device, or by or through any other fraudulent means or device whatsoever, with intent to avoid the payment, in whole or in part, of the regular charge for such service;
- 3. The use of service or facilities of the Company for a call or calls, anonymous or otherwise, if in a manner reasonably to be expected to frighten, abuse, torment, or harass another;
- 4. The use of the service in such manner as to interfere unreasonably with the use of the service by one or more other Customers; and/or
- 5. The impersonation of another.

B. Service may be discontinued if there is abuse or fraudulent use of service as outlined in 2.5.A.

2.6 Use of the Service for Unlawful Purposes

The service is furnished subject to the condition that it shall not be used for any unlawful purposes. If Company determines that customer is using service provided by the Company for unlawful purposes, Company reserves the right to disconnect Customer's service. Any Customer whose service is to be discontinued will be notified by the Company of that Customer's or applicant's right to bring a complaint before the Maine Public Utilities Commission to determine whether or not such service is being used in violation of this rule. Upon complaint to the Commission by any applicant or Customer who is affected by the refusal of discontinuance of service in accordance with this rule, such service shall be provided, continued or restored if the Commission shall determine that the service has not been used in violation of this rule.

2.7 Telephone Numbers

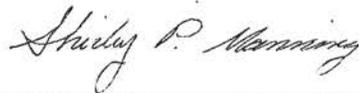
A. Customer has no ownership right for, or property right to, the telephone

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number associated with the service provided pursuant to this Schedule nor any right to continuance of service through any particular Central Office.

- B. Company reserves the right to change the Customer's telephone number or the Central Office associated with such number, or both, upon 30 days written notice, as may be required for the proper conduct of its business.

2.8 Maintenance and Repair Obligations

- A. Whenever it is determined that the Customer is responsible for damage to or loss of Telephone Company-provided equipment, the Customer will be billed for the Cost of such equipment. Customer shall not be deemed responsible for acts of God or unavoidable accidents.
- B. Access to Customer's Premises, at any reasonable hour, will be given to representatives of the Company for the purpose of inspecting, repairing, testing or removing any part of the Company's facilities.

2.9 Directory Listings

If the Company publishes a telephone directory, the Company will include a single listing within the published directory indicating the name, address, and telephone number of each Provider of Last Resort Retail Service customer. Customers who do not wish to be listed in the Company's published directory or who wish to be listed in a manner other than the standard format provided by the Company may obtain a modification of their directory listing by entering into an alternate listing agreement with the Company pursuant to the Rates, Terms and Conditions set forth on the Company's publicly accessible web site.

2.10 Line Extensions

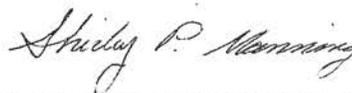
In the event a customer location requires a line extension to connect the customer location to the public switched telephone network, Company shall provide such a line extension pursuant to the Rates, Terms and Conditions for Line Extensions set forth on the Company's publicly accessible web site.

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2.11 Interest Rates

Company shall charge the maximum interest rate authorized pursuant to Chapter 870 of the Commission's Rules for any Deposits, Late Payments, or Returned Checks associated with a customer's Provider of Last Resort Retail Service.

2.12 Limitation of Liability

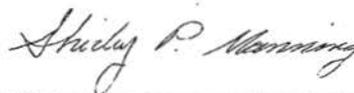
- A. The liability of the Company for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays or errors or defects in transmission occurring in the course of furnishing service and not caused by negligence of the Customer shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the Customer for the period of service during which such mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays or errors or defects in transmission occur, based upon these factors being reported to the Company's Repair Department and allowance of 24 hours for repairs.
- B. The Customer indemnifies and saves the Company harmless against the following:
1. Acts or omissions of other companies when their facilities are used in connection with the Company's facilities to provide service.
 2. Any defacement or damage to the Customer's Premises resulting from the existence of the Company's instruments, apparatus and associated wire on such Premises, or from the installation or removal thereof, when such defacement or damage is not the result of the negligence of the Company or its employees.
 3. Any accident, injury or death occasioned by its equipment or facilities, when such is not due to negligence of the Company.
 4. Claims for libel, slander, or infringement of copyright arising from the material transmitted or recorded over its facilities; claims for infringement of patents arising from combining with, or using in connection with, facilities of the Company, apparatus and systems of the Customer; and against all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the Customer in connection with facilities provided by the Company.

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5. Liability for failure to provide service (as per Section 2.12.A).

2.13 Intrastate Surcharges and Taxes

Company shall charge and collect all applicable taxes and surcharges on intrastate retail services offered pursuant to this Schedule, including but not limited to the following:

A. Enhanced Universal Emergency Number Service

E911 Surcharge as provided in 25 MRSA Section 2927 applies per month on each Residence and Business provider of last resort service accounts.

B. Maine Telecommunications Education Access Fund Surcharge

A Maine Telecommunications Education Access Fund (MTEAF) surcharge as provided in 35-A MRSA section 7104-B applies per month as a percentage, established by the Commission, of each Residence and Business Customer's bill for all intrastate retail charges for telecommunications service.

C. Maine Universal Service Fund (MUSF) Surcharge

A surcharge for the Maine Universal Service Fund (MUSF) applies to all intrastate services billed to a retail Customer for bills rendered after May 15, 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.

D. Service Provider Tax Surcharge

Consistent with Title 36MRSA c. 358, Section 2552, a Service Provider Tax surcharge will be applied monthly on the value of telecommunications services billed, and identified as such beginning with bills rendered on or after July 1, 2004. The amount of the surcharge is an equivalent pass-through of the charges assessed to the Company pursuant to Title 36MRSA c. 358, Section 2552.

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E. ConnectME Surcharge

The ConnectME surcharge applies to retail Customer bills rendered after September 15, 2007. The surcharge shall be equal to a percentage, established by the ConnectME Fund Administrator, of communications services as defined by Chapter 101 of the Rules of the ConnectME Authority.

2.14 Payment for Service

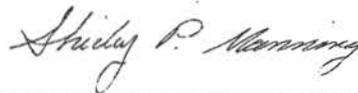
The Customer is responsible for payment to the Company for all charges in conjunction with the services furnished by the Company to the Customer in accordance with this Schedule of Rates, Terms, and Conditions.

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SERVICE CHARGES

3.1 General

- A. Service Charges apply to services or equipment ordered or connected into service at the Customer's request including initial connections, moves, and restoration of service. Certain items of equipment in this Tariff are listed with an Installation Charge. This Installation Charge is applied in addition to the appropriate Service Charges listed below.
- B. Service charges apply in addition to, but not in lieu of charges which may be incurred in installations of a temporary or speculative nature.
- C. Service charges are comprised of the following work functions, one or more of which is applicable based upon the service or equipment requested by a Customer.

1. Initial Connection Charge

Applicable for work performed by the Telephone Company in connection with the initial establishment of or restoration of provider of last resort retail service.

2. Secondary Service Order Charge

Applicable for work performed by the Telephone Company in association with connections, moves or changes to an established provider of last resort retail service

3. Central Office Work Charge

Applicable for functions required within the Central Office.

3.2 Rates

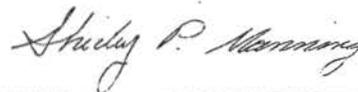
		<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>	
		<u>Business</u>	<u>Residence</u>
A.	Initial Connection Charge	\$38.00	\$38.00
B.	Secondary Service Order Charge	\$4.40	\$4.40
C.	Central Office Work Charge, Per Line.	\$6.00	\$6.00

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3.3 Application of Service Charges

- A. The Initial Connection Charge is applicable for requests for:
 - 1. Initial connection of provider of last resort retail service
 - 2. Transfer of provider of last resort retail service involving a request for a final bill or, if a final bill is not requested, a refusal of the future Customer to accept full responsibility for the former Customer's account.

- B. The secondary service order charge is applicable for subsequent Customer requests for connections, moves or changes to an established provider of last resort retail service.

- C. The Initial Connection Charge and the secondary service order charge cannot be applied on the same order. When an order requires work for which both the Initial Connection Charge and secondary service order charge would otherwise be applied, only the Initial Connection Charge is applicable.

- D. The Central Office work charge does not apply for transfer of service when there is no lapse in service.

- E. Discontinuance of Service for Nonpayment

An Initial Connection Charge will apply for restoration of service following disconnection for nonpayment.

- F. The charges specified herein do not contemplate work performed by Telephone Company employees when work is interrupted by the Customer. If the Customer interrupts work once begun, the following labor rates apply in addition to the Initial Connection Charge:

First 30 minutes	\$50.00
Each additional 30 minutes	\$15.00

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- G. In the case of equipment for which the initial Contract (termination agreement) period is more than one month at the same location, the Subscriber may arrange for the change of location on the same or to different Premises in the same Exchange area by one of the following methods:
1. By terminating the Contract for service at the old location, and signing a new application. In this case the Subscriber is required to pay the sum of any Termination Charges which may be applicable plus the Installation Charges which would apply in the case of a new installation.
 2. By paying the Cost of making the change in location including the Cost of removing all the equipment from the old locations and the Cost of installing the equipment at the new locations. In this case the Contract period is not affected.
- H. "Cost" as used in this section is to be interpreted to mean the cost of labor and material including charges for supervision and other overhead expenses.

3.4 Exceptions

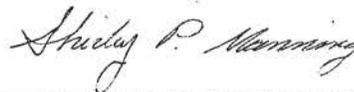
- A. Service Charges do not apply for the following:
1. Visits to a Customer's Premises solely for the purpose of repair, maintenance or disconnection of Telephone Company provided service and equipment.
 2. Changes from Premium to Economy service or changes from any service other than Provider of Last Resort Retail Service to Provider of Last Resort Retail Service.
 3. Service reestablished after the destruction of the residential Customer's Premises by fire, flood, or other similar causes beyond the Customer's control, where the same amount of service is reestablished within a reasonable period of time at the same or different location. If, under the preceding conditions, service is installed at another location and then subsequently reestablished at

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the original location, Service Charges will apply for the subsequent installation.

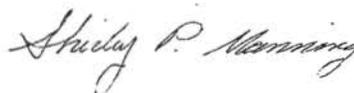
4. A change of telephone number when initiated by the Company.
 5. Any work functions required not due to Customer's request.
- B. To the extent the Commission requires application of a discount to installation charges for customers who have complied with the certification requirements and qualified for Lifeline service pursuant to Part 54 of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission, Company shall apply such Commission ordered discounts to the installation charges associated with an initial connection of provider of last resort retail service.

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Residential Economy Service

4.1 Eligibility

- A. Residential service rates shall apply if the service is primarily for domestic purposes and the telephone number associated with the service is not included in any form of advertising for any business purpose.
- B. Business rates shall apply for any service that does not qualify for residential service rates as set forth in Section 4.1.A. Customers to whom business rates apply are not eligible to take Residential Economy Service.

4.2 Definitions

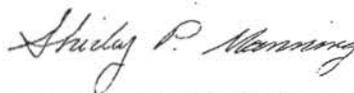
- A. Basic Service Calling Area – (BSCA) is the local (non-interexchange) calling area of the “home exchange” of a customer of Tidewater Telecom, Inc. The BSCA includes all exchanges that were in the BSCA prior to the amendments effective in December 2002 plus all exchanges that are contiguous to the home exchange that were not included prior to the December 2002 amendments. Within a BSCA, there may be Economy and Premium calling options with flat-rate and per-minute pricing as specified in the definitions of those options. For all options, the BSCA includes all of the exchanges that are included in the calling option with the largest flat-rate calling area.
- B. Home Exchange – is the Exchange of the Company where the Customer receives dial tone.
- C. Economy Calling Area is the Customer’s basic-service calling area that has a flat monthly rate for unlimited calling within the Customer’ Home Exchange and the list of Exchanges identified in connection with the particular Home Exchange in Section 4.4.A and a per-minute rate for calling to the list of Exchanges identified in connection with the Home exchange in Section 4.4.C of this Tariff.
- D. Provider of last resort service – is a flat- rate service with voice grade access to the public switched telephone network; local usage within the basic service calling areas of incumbent local exchange carriers as of January 1, 2012; dual-tone multifrequency signaling or its functional

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