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Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, Texas 78711

Transmittal Letter No. 2010-01

Re:

Docket No. 27385

Revised Texas Rate Sheet No. 2

NTS Communications, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are the original and six (6) copies of NTS Communications, Inc.'s revisions to its Texas Rate Sheet No. 2.

Specifically, NTS has made the following revisions:

The Check Sheet was revised to reflect the changes to the Rate Sheet.

At page 11.2, the rate for Local Directory Assistance, National Directory Assistance, and Reverse Directory Assistance were raised from \$1.25 to \$1.99. These changes are effective January 25 because Customers have been notified of these rates and the rates have been published on NTS' web page, www.ntscom.com.

At page 11.3, the rate for Business Category Search was raised from \$1.25 to \$1.99. The rate for Fully-Automated DACC Collect was raised from \$1.00 to \$3.00. The rate for Semi-Automated DACC Collect was raised from \$1.20 to \$3.00 and the rate for Billed to Third Number was reduced from \$1.20 to \$1.00. These changes are effective January 25 because Customers have been notified of these rates and the rates have been published on NTS' web page, www.ntscom.com.

At page 12.6, a Texas High Cost Universal Service Plan (THCUSP) Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) Area Discount was added in accordance with the Commission's Order in Project No. 35629. While the Rate Sheet will not be effective until January 25, NTS has been applying the credit since January 1.

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Please return a file-marked copy of this filing in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Respectfully submitted,

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LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

CHECK SHEET

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GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

APPLICATION OF TARIFF

This tariff sets forth the service offerings, rates, terms and conditions applicable to the furnishing of intrastate local exchange and basic local exchange communications services by NTS Communications, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Company," to Customers within the local exchange service area defined herein. Rates, terms and conditions applicable to the Company's intrastate dedicated services and intrastate-switched access services are contained in the Company's Texas Rate Sheet No. 1.

The terms and conditions of this tariff apply to all local exchange Customers of the Company (both facilities-based and resold). The rates set forth herein are, however, only applicable to Customers purchasing facilities-based local exchange service from the Company. Resold local exchange flat rated service is generally provided to Customers at a five percent (5%) discount from the incumbent local exchange company's then-current rates. 1,2,3

ADOPTING COMPANIES

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This document has been adopted by NTS Telephone Company, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of NTS Communications, Inc.

¹ Resale includes both Total Service Resale (TSR) and UNE-P. TSR and UNE-P services and rates shall be subject to their availability under any interconnection agreement between the Company and the Incumbent Local Exchange Company. In the event of changes in the availability of TSR and UNE-P due to regulatory, legislative, or judicial action including re-negotiation of terms between the Company and the Incumbent Local Exchange Company, the Company shall have the right to change the affected terms of service, including pricing, on thirty (30) days written notice to the Customer.

² The resale discount shall not apply to the ILEC's End User Common Line Charge (EUCL). The EUCL for resold local exchange service shall be equal to the ILEC's then-current rate plus \$1.00.

³ Operator Services and Directory Assistance Call Completion will be provided to Resale Customers at the same rates as those charged to the Company's facilities-based Customers.

OPERATOR SERVICES

11. OPERATOR SERVICES

11.1 Directory Assistance

A Customer may obtain Directory Assistance in determining telephone numbers by calling the Directory Assistance operator at 1411.

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11.1.1 <u>Local Directory Assistance</u>

A Customer may obtain Directory Assistance in determining telephone numbers within the local calling scope by calling the Directory Assistance operator at 1411.

Residential Customers will be allowed to make up to 3 calls per month to Directory Assistance at no charge. Each call to Directory Assistance thereafter will be charged as follows:

The Customer may request a maximum of two telephone numbers per call to Directory Assistance service.

Per Call

\$1.99

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11.1.2 National Directory Assistance

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A Customer may obtain Directory Assistance outside the local calling scope on a nationwide bases by calling the Directory Assistance operator at 1411.

The Customer may request a maximum of two telephone numbers per call to Directory Assistance service.

Per Call

\$1.99

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11.1.3 Reverse Directory Assistance

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A Customer may obtain directory listing information for specific telephone numbers on a nationwide bases by calling the Directory Assistance operator at 1411.

The Customer may request a maximum of two directory listings per call.

Per Call

\$1.99

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11.1 <u>Directory Assistance</u> (Cont'd)

11.1.4 Business Category Search

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A Customer who does not know the name of the business they are seeking may ask for a type of business in a particular city and obtain directory listing information on a nationwide bases by calling the Directory Assistance operator at 1411.

Per Listing

\$1.99

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11.4 <u>Directory Assistance Call Completion</u>

DACC is billed in addition to Directory Assistance charges.

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- 11.4.1 DACC is a service that provides customers the option of having their local calls automatically completed when they request a telephone listing from the directory assistance operator. The call may be completed automatically or by the Directory Assistance Operator.
- 11.4.2 Fully-Automated DACC The customer receives the requested directory number from an automated voice system. The customer accepts DACC by depressing "1" from a touch-tone telephone when prompted by the DACC announcement.
- 11.4.3 Semi-Automated DACC The customer receives the requested directory number and then requests the operator to provide call completion to the requested number.
- 11.4.4 Person-to-Person DACC The customer receives the requested directory number and then requests the operator to complete the call to a specified person.

11.4.5 Rates

| DACC Rates – Per Call Basis Fully-Automated DACC Sent Paid Calling Card Collect Billed to Third Number | \$0.30 \$0.30 \$3.00 \$1.00 | (R) (I) |
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| Semi-Automated DACC Sent Paid Calling Card Collect Billed to Third Number | \$0.60 \$0.60 \$3.00 \$1.00 | (I) (R) |
| Person-to-Person DACC | \$2.60 | |

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12. Lifeline and Link Up Services (cont'd)

12.1 Lifeline Service (cont'd)

12.1.4 Service Discounts (cont'd)

Amounts

The Company shall apply Lifeline Program rate reductions, per eligible customer, as described below.

Monthly Rate Reduction

Waiver of Federal Subscriber Tariffed rate of ILEC Line Charge

Federal Reduction \$1.75

Federal Match of State Reduction \$1.75 (one-half the amount of the state-mandated reduction)

State Reduction \$3.50

THCUSP ILEC Area Discount AT&T Areas \$1.00 Windstream Areas \$1.24

12.1.5 Service Charges

Service connection charges do not apply to eligible customers with existing, qualifying service converting to the Lifeline Program.

Service connection charges do apply to:

Existing eligible customers requesting additional non-qualifying services at the time Lifeline Program reduced billing is initiated.

Any subsequent moves or changes after initial connection to the Lifeline Program.

If the eligible customer changes the telephone service or initiates new service, the Lifeline provider shall begin reduced billing at the time the change of service becomes effective or at the time new service is established.

In instances where service connection charges apply, customers qualifying for the Lifeline Program automatically qualify for the Link-Up America Program and may be eligible to receive a reduction for a single telecommunication's connection at a customer's principal place of residence.

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