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A26. UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE SURCHARGE

26.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

26.1.1 APPLICABILITY

All telecommunications carriers are required to apply California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) mandated Public Program surcharge rates and the CPUC Reimbursement Fee rate to intrastate services. The Universal Lifeline Telephone Service Surcharge applies to all end-user intrastate telecommunications services, both within a service area (intraLATA) and between service areas (interLATA), except those shown in Special Conditions 26.3.

26.1.2 TERRITORY

Within the exchange area of all exchanges as said areas are defined on maps filed as part of the tariff schedules.

26.2 RATES

As permitted by Public Utilities Code Section 492, and as required by CPUC Resolution T-16901, Ordering Paragraph 1, effective January 1, 2005, Sierra Telephone concurs with the Commission's Public Program all-end-user surcharges rates and the Reimbursement Fee rate as filed by Pacific Bell Telephone Company (d.b.a. AT&T California) (Pacific Bell/AT&T California) in its joint tariff for surcharges and fees. Sierra Telephone will apply the current surcharge and fee rates filed in the joint tariff to its respective end user bills until further revised.

For a list of the individual Public Program surcharges and Reimbursement Fee, and the current Commission-approved percentage surcharge and fee rates, refer to the Pacific Bell/ AT&T California tariff Schedules Cal. P.U.C. No. A1.1.10, Cal. P.U.C. No. A2, and/or Cal. P.U.C. No. A5. The Pacific Bell/AT&T California tariff schedules are available on-line at: <http://cpr.bellsouth.com/pdf/ca/ca.htm>.

26.3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. Pursuant to Cal. P.U.C. Decision 94-09-065 a surcharge will be applied to all end-user intrastate telecommunications services, both within a service area (intraLATA) and between service areas (interLATA). This percentage rate surcharge will become effective on January 1, 1995 and shall be described on the customers' bills as Universal Lifeline Telephone Service Surcharge or ULTS Surcharge. This surcharge will remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Commission.

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26.3 SPECIAL CONDITIONS – Continued

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The application of this surcharge to all billed end-user intrastate services is authorized by the tariffs of Sierra Telephone Company, Inc., the tariffs of other service providing companies, and the joint tariff for surcharges and fees of Pacific Bell/ AT&T California.

B. The percentage rate surcharge applies to service area toll/WATS/800 Service (intrastate intraLATA), between service areas toll/WATS/800 Service (intrastate interLATA), detariffed services, all recurring and non-recurring rates and charges for services provided by the Utility to end-users, and new General Order 96-A contracts executed after September 15, 1994. The percentage rate surcharge does not apply to federal and local excise taxes, and the following:

1. Schedule Cal P.U.C. No. A4      Universal Lifeline Telephone Service - basic monthly access rate and reduced service connection charges, both the subsidized and the unsubsidized portions
2. Schedule Cal P.U.C. No. A9      Public Telephone Service (PARTIAL) - Coin Sent Paid, Coin Station Service, Coin Person Service, and Debit Card Messages
3. Schedule Cal P.U.C. No. A24      California Teleconnect Fund Surcharge
4. Schedule Cal P.U.C. No. A31      Products and Services for the Disabled/California Relay Service and Communications Devices Fund Surcharge
5. Schedule Cal P.U.C. No. A32      California High Cost Fund - A Surcharge and California High Cost Fund - B Surcharge
6. Schedule Cal P.U.C. No. A34      Surcharge to Fund the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee
7. Schedule Cal P.U.C. No. B1      Access Service
8.      Message Telecommunications (PARTIAL) - Coin Sent Paid, Coin Station Service, Coin Person Service, and Debit Card Messages
9.      One-Way Radio Paging Service
10.      Directory Advertising
11.      Usage charges billed to Customer-Owned Pay Telephone (COPT) Service Providers

The surcharge is subject to federal and local excise tax.

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