

**Term of Agreement:** Customer agrees to a minimum term length and service type as indicated in the attached Schedules, which are provided by Buckeye TeleSystem (BTS). Term begins immediately upon the service installation (billing) date. If Customer following the completion of the initial term transitions to a Month-To-Month agreement for any reason whatsoever the Customer agrees to pay any increase in direct and/or third party expenses to provide service to the Customer by the Company.

**General:** The service is furnished on the condition that it will be used only for authorized and lawful purposes. The service is offered subject to the availability of facilities and may be limited from time to time for reasons beyond the control of Company. Company has the right to limit the manner in which any portion of its telecommunications network ("Network") is used to protect the technical integrity of the Network. Customer has the right to purchase additional like products at the price specified herein.

**Governing Law:** This Agreement is governed by and subject to the laws of the State of Ohio, the rules of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the FCC and the tariffs of BTS

**Non-Disclosure:** All prices, terms and conditions associated with this Agreement are proprietary to Company and will not be disclosed by Customer to any party outside of Customer's business entity.

**Charges & Payment:** Payment for service, installation, and monthly recurring and Non-Recurring Charges, including applicable federal, state, and local taxes shall not be due earlier than 19 days from the date on the bill. If the bill is not paid by the due date (usually within 30 days of receipt), it then becomes past due. The Company shall present bills for Recurring charges monthly to the Customer in advance of the month which service is provided.

**Limitation of Liability:** The Company will not be liable for any indirect, incidental, special, consequential, exemplary, or punitive damages to the Customer as a result of any Company service, equipment, or facilities, or the acts or omissions or negligence of the Company's employees or agents. The Company shall not be liable for any delay or failure of performance or equipment due to causes not reasonably within its control, including but not limited to: acts of God, fire, flood, explosion, or other catastrophes; any law, order, regulation, direction, action, or request of the United States government or of any other government, including state and local governments having or claiming jurisdiction over the Company, or of any department or agency, commission, bureau, corporation, or other instrumentality of any one or more of these federal, state or local governments, or of any military authority; preemption of existing service in compliance with national emergencies; insurrections; riots; wars; unavailability of rights-of-way.

**Termination Penalties:** Cancellation of Service by the Customer:

If a Customer terminates services at the above service address before the completion of the initial term or any subsequent renewal terms for any reason whatsoever other than service interruption (as defined within the applicable tariff), or if a Customer moves to another service address that Company cannot service the Customer agrees to pay:

- A) All Non-Recurring Charges reasonably expended by Company to establish service to Customer, plus
- (B) Any disconnection, early cancellation, or termination charges reasonably incurred and paid to third parties by Company on behalf of Customer, plus
- (C) The prorate portion of a Retention Incentive Offer provided by Company to Customer, plus
- (D) The full amount of monthly recurring charges that would have been due to the Company by the Customer had the contract run to term.

**Severability:** In the event that one or more of the provisions herein shall for any reason be held to be illegal or unenforceable, this Agreement shall be revised only to the extent necessary to make such provision(s) legal and enforceable; provided, however, that the agreement as revised is consistent with the parties' original intent.

**Warranty:** Buckeye warrants that Services shall be performed in a timely and professional manner and with reasonable skill and care. SAVE AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THE AGREEMENT, ALL CONDITIONS AND WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY CONCERNING THE FITNESS OF THE SERVICES OR ANY PART THEREOF FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE) ARE HEREBY EXCLUDED. Company and Customer each represents and warrants that it has full legal power, right, and authority to execute and perform this agreement, and that this agreement is a valid and binding obligation enforceable against it in accordance with the terms of the agreement is a valid and binding obligation enforceable against it in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

**Maintenance:** Buckeye shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Buckeye Network and Service Equipment and shall have the right to charge the Customer for its costs and expenses to identify or correct any failure caused by facilities and equipment not furnished by Buckeye or to repair damage or interruptions caused by the Customer or Customer's equipment.

**Amendments:** This Agreement may only be amended in writing and any amendment must be agreed to and signed by both Company and Customer.

**Notice:** The customer may choose to have notices and bills delivered via U.S Mail, in person, or electronically. The Customer shall designate on the Service Order an appropriate address to which the Company shall deliver all notices and other communications, except that the Customer may also designate a separate address to which the company's bills for service shall be mailed or delivered electronically. The Company shall designate on the Service Order an address to which the Customer shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that the Company may designate a separate address on each bill for service to which the Customer shall mail or hand deliver payment on that bill. Arrangements also can be made for credit card or electronic transfer of funds to pay bills. All notices or other communications required to be given pursuant to the tariff will be in writing. Notices and other communications of either party, and all bills mailed by the Company, shall be presumed to have been delivered to the other party on the third business day

**Claims:** With respect to any service or facility provided by the Company, each party shall indemnify, and defend the other party from all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees for (A) any loss, destruction, or damage to property of the Indemnified Party or any third party, or the death of or injury to persons, to the extent the loss, destruction, damage, death, or injury was caused by or resulted from the negligent or intentional act or omission of the Indemnifying Party, its employees, agents, representatives, or invitees; and (B) infringement of any copyright, patent, trade secret, or any proprietary or intellectual property right of any third party, arising from and to the extent caused by the act or omission of the Indemnifying party

**Special Provisions:** (1) Buckeye TeleSystem's responsibility, other than specified herein, is to provide voice, data and video services to Customer per its tariff rates and charges within MTSS standard interval of installation in accordance with possible exceptions stated on Page 1 (2)The information contained herein is confidential and proprietary and should not be disclosed. Where disclosure is required by appropriate legal means, the party receiving notice shall immediately communicate with the other party the source, timing and use of such information.

**Force Majeure:** Neither party shall be liable to the other for any loss or damage which may be suffered by the other party, or for any failure to perform its obligations under the Agreement to the extent that such damage or failure is due to any cause beyond the first party's reasonable control including without limitation any act of God, inclement weather, failure or shortage of power supplies, flood, drought, lightning or fire, strike, lock-out, trade dispute or labor disturbance, the act or omission of Government, highway authorities, public telecommunications operators or other competent authority, war, military operations, or riot, difficulty, delay or failure in manufacture, production or supply by third parties of the Service Equipment or any part thereof.

**Default:** If either party fails to perform any material obligation within this Agreement or violates any material term or condition of this Agreement, and such failure or violation is not cured within 30 days following receipt of a default notice from the other party, then the other party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon written notice to the defaulting

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**Hazardous Substances:** Customer certifies that it is not aware of the presence of any asbestos or other hazardous substance (as defined by any applicable state, federal, local hazardous waste or environmental law or regulation) at any site where Buckeye is to perform services under this Agreement. If during such performance Buckeye employees or agents encounter any such substance, Customer agrees to take all necessary steps, at its own expense, to remove or contain the asbestos or other hazardous substance and to test the premise to ensure that exposure does not exceed the lowest exposure limit for the protection of the workers. Buckeye may suspend performance under this Agreement until the removal or containment has been completed and approved by the appropriate governmental agency and Buckeye. Performance obligations under this Agreement shall be extended for the delay caused by said clean up or removal. Customer's failure to remove or contain the hazardous substance shall entitle Buckeye to terminate this Agreement without further liability. If Buckeye so terminates, Customer shall reimburse Buckeye for expenses incurred in performing this Agreement until termination.

**Credit Approval:** This agreement is subject to customer establishment of creditworthiness in accordance with established MTSS provisions. The Company may request an advance payment and/or deposit in accordance with MTSS and the provisions of its filed tariff referenced above.

**Facilities and Equipment:** The Customer shall provide at all times suitable secure accommodation, assistance, facilities, and environmental conditions for the installation and housing of Service Equipment; and all necessary electrical power supplies and other installations and fittings and for the commissioning and provision of Service. The Customer shall assure that such preparation and provision are effected at the Customer's sole cost before Service and Service Equipment are installed at the Sites and in accordance with the specifications provided by Buckeye.

**Standard of Service:** Buckeye reserves the right to modify, change, add to or replace the Buckeye Network or the Service Equipment or any apparatus comprised therein. Any such modification, change, addition or replacement shall be carried out at Buckeye's own expense and Buckeye shall use reasonable endeavors to ensure it does not materially detract from, reduce or impair the overall performance or operation of Services, or require any material alteration to the Buckeye Network physical interface or protocol used by the Customer in using Services.