

CHECK SHEET

Sheets 1 through 24 inclusive of this tariff are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheet(s). Original and revised sheets are named below and comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this sheet.

<u>SHEET</u>	<u>REVISION NUMBER</u> (except as indicated)	<u>EFFECTIVE</u> <u>DATE</u>	
1	1 st Revision	September 15, 2001	
1.1	Originals	October 31, 2002	
2	6 th Revision	June 1, 2005	R
3	Originals	February 15, 2000	
4	Originals	February 15, 2000	
5	Originals	February 15, 2000	
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10	Originals	February 15, 2000	
11	Originals	February 15, 2000	
12	Originals	February 15, 2000	
13	Originals	February 15, 2000	
14	2 nd Revision	May 15, 2005	
15	Originals	February 15, 2000	
16	Originals	February 15, 2000	
17	Originals	February 15, 2000	
18	Originals	September 15, 2001	
19	Originals	September 15, 2001	
20	Originals	September 15, 2001	
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SECTION 5 – TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

A. ITAC Supplemental Charge: (R)

Pursuant to the Order by the Illinois Commerce Commission in Docket No. 005-1232, the Company will impose a supplemental ITAC charge of 8 cents per month per line for all subscriber lines other than Centrex-type and PBX lines, a charge of .16 cents for each Centrex-type line and a charge of 40 cents per PBX trunk, effective with bills rendered on or after June 1, 2005. ITAC supplemental charges for services provisioned by T-1 lines and other advanced services, including digital transport service and ISDN PRI for bills issued on or after June 1, 2005, shall mirror United Communications Systems, Inc.'s application of 9-1-1 charges

B. Link-Up Program

1. General

- a. The Link-Up Program is a federally funded program established to provide assistance to low-income households. Under the program eligible customers may receive a fifty percent reduction of service connection charges up to \$30.00.
- b. Participation in any of the following assistance programs is required to establish eligibility. The Illinois Department of Human Services will certify the applicant's participation in assistance programs (1) and (2) for purposes of determining eligibility:

- (1) Medicaid
- (2) Food Stamps
- (3) Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- (4) Federal Housing Assistance
- (5) Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)

- c. The Telephone Company's verification either through the Department of Human Services or, in lieu of electronic verification, applicant's signature on the form contained in Part 757 as Exhibit E, shall constitute proof of income eligibility.
- d. The Link-Up Program connection charge reduction shall be available to only one access line per low-income household.
- e. The fifty percent Link-Up discount shall apply only to service connection charges up to \$30.00.
- f. A participant in the Link-Up Program shall have the option to defer payment of the remaining installment charges over a minimum period of 12 months. Monthly payments to retire the outstanding balance shall be required, but no interest or carrying charges shall apply.

2. Supplemental Link-Up Telephone Assistance Program

- a. In addition to the fifty percent discount described in B.1.a. above, a one-time supplemental credit of up to \$10.00, not to exceed 50% of the total connection charge, will be applied to each new eligible subscriber, as defined in A.1.b. above.
- b. The supplemental Link-Up Program is funded through voluntary contributions from Illinois customers as described in C. following.