

5. Rates for International Message Telecommunications Service

5.1 Types of Offerings

International Message Telecommunications Service is available as additional service at the rates listed in 7.1, through subscription to any of the untariffed Interstate Telecommunications service offerings available from the Company: MTS Service, Inbound Service, and Calling Card Service. Each of these offerings utilize the same rate schedules but have different rates and billing increments for each of the rate schedules.

(a) Determination of Duration

- (i) Chargeable time begins when the connection is established between the calling station and the desired telephone, attendant board, or private branch exchange console.
- (ii) Chargeable time ends when the connection is terminated.
- (iii) Chargeable time does not include the time lost because of faults or defects in the service.

(b) Determination of Time of Day

- (i) The rate charged is not dependent on the time of day. The rates listed in Section 7.1 are the rates per minute to be charged 24 hours per day.

(c) Calculation of Billable Time for MTS Service

- (i) The initial whole minute or fraction thereof is subject to the initial minute rate.
- (ii) The subsequent seconds are rounded in whole minute increments, with the remaining seconds, if any, rounded up to the next whole minute and billed at the additional minute rate.