

# **I M P O R T A N T      R E M I N D E R N O T I C E ! !**

DATE:            Effective July 1, 2007

TO:              Carriers Remitting Telecommunications Relay Surcharges

FROM:           Maurice Gene Hand, Director of Communications

RE:              **Effective July 1, 2007 the Telecommunications Relay Surcharge (formerly known as “Dual Party Relay Surcharge”) will be five (\$.05) cents on the first one hundred (100) telephone numbers or functional equivalent per subscriber per month. The surcharge remained the same from the previous period through June 30, 2006.**

The Nebraska Telecommunications Relay System provides for the full and simultaneous communication between hearing-impaired or speech-impaired persons using specialized telecommunications equipment, and other persons using conventional telephone equipment.

Nebraska statutes 86-301 through 86-315, require telephone service providers to:

## **Collect Surcharge:**

Section 86-313(1)(a) requires each telephone company in Nebraska to collect from each of the telephone subscribers a surcharge not to exceed twenty cents (.20) per month on each telephone number or functional equivalent in Nebraska, including cellular telephone service. The surcharge shall only be collected on the first one hundred (100) telephone numbers or functional equivalent per subscriber. The companies shall add the surcharge to each subscriber's telephone bill.

The recommended language for the line item on bills is “Telecommunications Relay Surcharge” or “Telecomm Relay Surcharge.”

**Effective July 1, 2007 the surcharge remains at five (\$.05) cents on the first one hundred (100) telephone numbers or functional equivalent per subscriber.**

## **Remit Surcharge:**

Section 86-313(4) mandates that the proceeds from the surcharge must be remitted to the PSC (“Commission”) monthly no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the month in which they were collected together with forms provided by the Commission. Enclosed for your convenience is the revised prescribed form that must accompany remittances to the

Commission. Please note this form requires certain statistical information in addition to the total proceeds.

**Tariff Requirements (local carriers):**

All local carriers are required to file a tariff with the Commission **that explicitly references the new rate (not just a reference to the existence of a surcharge)**. Title 291 of the Commissions Rules and Regulations section 002.21 states in part, “The provisions of such tariff shall be definite and so worded as to minimize ambiguity or the possibility of misinterpretation. . .” If carriers are subject to a group tariff, that tariff must also explicitly reference the \$.05 surcharge per Commission Rules and Regulations.

Thank you for your cooperation and if you are in need of any additional information, please call our toll free number 1-800-526-0017 and ask for Steve Stovall or dial him direct at (402) 471-0225.

Enclosure:     Monthly Remittance Form

**STATE OF NEBRASKA**  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SURCHARGE REMITTANCE**

TYPE OF REMITTER (PLEASE CHECK ☒): ILEC/CLEC ☐ WIRELESS ☐ **OR**; ☐ OTHER  
(PLEASE SPECIFY TYPE FOR "OTHER"; i.e. VoIP, PAGING): \_\_\_\_\_

CARRIER REMITTING \_\_\_\_\_

REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of telephone numbers or functional equivalent \_\_\_\_\_

Less: Exceptions \_\_\_\_\_

Total telephone numbers subject to surcharge \_\_\_\_\_

Factor (per telephone number): **X** **\$0.05**

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Less: Uncollectible Amounts \_\_\_\_\_

Add: Recoveries on Uncollectibles \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE \_\_\_\_\_

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\* The Total Due amount may not tie back to the telephone numbers  
subject to surcharge because of partial month billing or exceptions.

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Signature

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Date

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Name, Address and Phone Number of Preparer

For Commission Use Only

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date Deposited \_\_\_\_\_

NIS Date Posted \_\_\_\_\_

NIS Batch Num. \_\_\_\_\_

The telephone numbers or functional equivalent is calculated and billable on a monthly basis. The proceeds from the surcharge shall be remitted to the Commission monthly no later than thirty (30) days after the end of the month in which they were collected.

This form shall be completed and mailed, along with your check to the Nebraska Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 94927, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, NE 68509-4927. Make checks payable to the Nebraska Public Service Commission. The State of Nebraska Identification number is 47-0491233. If you have any questions concerning the Telecommunications Relay surcharge, contact the Nebraska Public Service Commission at (402) 471-0225.