

TITLE SHEET

IDAHO TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

This tariff applies to the intrastate resale telecommunication services furnished by TelQuest Communications, Inc. d/b/a Advantage Plus, between one or more points in the State of Idaho. This tariff is on file with the State Public Utilities Commission of Idaho and copies may be inspected, during normal business hours, at the Company's principal place of business at 5862 Bolsa Avenue, Suite 104, Huntington Beach, CA 94583.

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The following symbols shall be used in this tariff for the purpose indicated below:

- (C) - to signify change regulations.
- (D) - to signify discontinued rate or regulation.
- (I) - to signify increase.
- (N) - to signify new rate or regulation.
- (R) - to signify reduction.
- (T) - to signify a changed in text but no change in rate or regulation.

Glossary of Acronyms:

IDPUC	Idaho State Public Utilities Commission.
IXC	A long distance telephone company which carriers calls between LATAs.
LEC	Local exchange company.
Advantage Plus	Used throughout this tariff to mean TelQuest Communications, Inc. d/b/a Advantage Plus unless clearly indicated otherwise by the text.

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SECTION I - TECHNICAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Accounting Code -

A multi-digit code which enables a customer to allocate long distance charges to its internal accounts.

Access Line -

An arrangement which connects the Customer's location to a switching center of Advantage Plus' underlying carrier.

Authorized User -

A person, firm, corporation, or any other entity authorized by the Customer to communicate, utilizing the Carrier's service.

Commission -

The Idaho State Public Utilities Commission.

Company or Carrier -

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Customer -

The person, firm, corporation or other entity which orders, cancels, amends or uses service under this tariff and is responsible for payment of charges and compliance with the Company's tariff.

Long Distance Resale Service -

Long Distance Resale Service is a public communications service for hire, which includes providing long distance service to Customers through the resale of leased lines and services provided by multiple other common Carriers.

User -

The calling party utilizing the services of Advantage Plus and responsible for the payment of charges.

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SECTION II - RULES AND REGULATIONS, (CONT'D)

2.1 Undertaking of Advantage Plus

2.1.1 Advantage Plus' services and facilities are furnished for communications originating at specified points within the State of Idaho under terms of this tariff. Service is provided twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

2.1.2 Advantage Plus is a resale common carrier. Advantage Plus' services provide intrastate long distance message telephone service to Customers for their direct transmission and reception of voice, data, and other types of communications. Advantage Plus may act as the Customer's agent for ordering access connection facilities provided by other carriers or entities (such as the local exchange carrier), when authorized by the Customer, to allow connection of a Customer's location to the Advantage Plus network. The Customer shall be responsible for all regulated charges due for such service arrangement. The Carrier agrees to dutifully abide by all Rules and Regulations as set forth by the IDPUC.

2.1.3 The Customer's monthly charge for services are based upon the total time the Customer actually uses the service. For billing purposes, calls are rounded up to the next full billing increment, one minute. Minimum call duration time is one minute.

2.1.4 The rates and regulations contained in this tariff apply only to the services furnished by Advantage Plus and do not apply, unless otherwise specified, to the lines, facilities, or services provided by a local exchange telephone company or other common carrier for use in accessing the services of Advantage Plus.

2.2 Obligation of Customer

2.2.1 The customer will assume responsibility for all usage and services billed.

2.3 Use

2.3.1 Services provided under this tariff may be used for any lawful purpose for which the service is technically suited.

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2.4 Limitations

- 2.4.1 Service is offered subject to the availability of the necessary facilities and equipment, or both facilities and equipment, and subject to the provisions of this tariff.
- 2.4.2 Advantage Plus reserves the right to discontinue or limit service when necessitated by conditions beyond its control, or when the Customer is using service in violation of provisions of this tariff, or in violation of the law.
- 2.4.3 With the exception of shared tenant services, all facilities and services provided under this tariff are directly or indirectly controlled by Advantage Plus and the Customer may not transfer or assign the use of service or facilities without the express written consent of the Company. Such transfer or assignment shall only apply where there is no interruption of the use or location of the service or facilities.

2.5 Liability of Carrier *

- 2.5.1 Liability of the Carrier for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays or errors or defects in the transmission occurring in the course of furnishing service, channels or other facilities and not caused by the negligence of the Customers, commences upon activation of service and in no event exceeds an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the Customer for the period of service during which such mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays or errors or defects in the transmission occur, or as otherwise determined in a court of law. For the purposes of computing such amount a month is considered to have thirty (30) days.
- 2.5.2 In no event will Carrier be responsible for consequential damages or lost profits suffered by Customer on account of interrupted or unsatisfactory service unless Carrier is found to have been grossly negligent.

** - The above tariff language does not constitute a determination by the Commission that a limitation of liability imposed by the Company should be upheld in a court of law. Acceptance for filing by the Commission recognizes that it is a court's responsibility to adjudicate negligence and consequential damage claims. It is also the court's responsibility to determine the validity of the exculpatory clause.*

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2.6 Responsibilities of the Customer

- 2.6.1 The Customer is responsible for compliance with the applicable regulations set forth in this tariff.
- 2.6.2 The Customer is responsible placing any necessary orders; for complying with tariff regulations; and for assuring that users comply with tariff regulations. The Customer shall ensure compliance with any applicable laws, regulations, orders or other requirements (as they exist from time to time) of any governmental entity relating to services provided or made available by the Customer to end users. The Customer is also responsible for the payment of regulated charges for calls originated at the Customer's.
- 2.6.3 The Customer shall ensure that Customer's terminal equipment and/or system is properly interfaced with Advantage Plus' facilities or services, that the signals emitted into Advantage Plus' network are of the proper mode, bandwidth, power, and signal level for the intended use of the Customer and in compliance with the criteria set forth in this tariff, and that the signals do not damage equipment, injure personnel, or degrade service to other Customers.
- 2.6.4 The Customer is responsible for arranging access to its premises at times mutually agreeable to Advantage Plus and the Customer when required for Advantage Plus personnel to remove equipment associated with the provision of Advantage Plus' services.

2.7 Discontinuance of Service

- 2.7.1 Without incurring liability Advantage Plus may discontinue services to a Customer or may withhold the provision of ordered or contracted services, subject to the procedures set forth in 2.9, under any of the following conditions:
- 2.7.1.A For nonpayment of any sum due Advantage Plus for more than thirty days after issuance of the bill for the regulated amount due.
- 2.7.1.B For periods of account inactivity in excess of sixty days.
- 2.7.1.C In the event that the Customer supplies false or inaccurate information of a material nature in order to obtain service.
- 2.7.1.D For violation of any of the provisions of this tariff.

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2.7 Discontinuance of Service, (Cont'd)

- 2.7.1.E For the use of foul or profane expressions, the impersonation of another with fraudulent intent.
- 2.7.1.F For violation of any law, rule, regulation or policy of any governing authority having jurisdiction over Advantage Plus' services.
- 2.7.1.G By reason of any order or decision of a court, service commission or federal regulatory body or other governing authority prohibiting Advantage Plus from furnishing its services.
- 2.7.1.H If the Customer fails to maintain the equipment and/or the system properly, with resulting imminent harm to Advantage Plus equipment, personnel, or the quality of service to other Customers, Advantage Plus may, upon written notice, require the use of protective equipment at the Customer's expense. If this fails to produce satisfactory quality and safety, Advantage Plus may, upon written notice, terminate the Customer's service.
- 2.7.2 Advantage Plus may discontinue service without notice for any of the following reasons:
 - 2.7.2.A If a Customer or user causes or permits any signals or voltages to be transmitted over Advantage Plus' network in such a manner as to cause a hazard or to interfere with Advantage Plus' service to others.
 - 2.7.2.B If a Customer or user uses Advantage Plus' services in a manner to violate the law.
- 2.7.3 Procedures for discontinuance of existing service:
 - 2.7.3.A In all other circumstances, Advantage Plus will provide the Customer with written notice stating the reason for discontinuance, and will allow the Customer not less than 10 days to remove the cause for discontinuance. In cases of non-payment of regulated charges due, the Customer will be allowed at least five days, excluding Sundays and holidays, to make full payment of all undisputed regulated charges, and in no event will service be discontinued on the day preceding any day on which Advantage Plus is not prepared to accept payment of the amount due and to reconnect service.

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2.8 Interruption of Service

- 2.8.1 Without incurring liability, Advantage Plus may interrupt the provision of services at any time in order to perform tests and inspections to assure compliance with tariff regulations and the proper installation and operation of Customer and Advantage Plus equipment and facilities and may continue such interruption until any items of non-compliance or improper equipment operation so identified are rectified.
- 2.8.2 Service may be discontinued by Advantage Plus without notice to the Customer, by blocking traffic to certain countries, cities, or NXX exchanges, or by blocking calls using certain customer authorization codes, when Advantage Plus deems it necessary to take such action to prevent unlawful use of its service. Advantage Plus will restore service as soon as it can be provided the customer affected and assign a new authorization code to replace the one that has been deactivated.
- 2.8.3 Credit allowances for interruptions of service which are not due to the Carrier's testing or adjusting, to the negligence of the Customer, or the failure of channels, equipment or communication systems provided by the Customer, are subject to the general liability provisions set forth in Section 2.5 herein. It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify Carrier immediately of any interruption of service for which a credit allowance is desired by Customer. Before giving such notice, Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not within his or her control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any furnished by Customer and connected to Carrier's terminal. Interruptions caused by Customer-provided or Carrier's-provided automatic dialing equipment are not deemed and interruption of service as defined herein since the Customer has the option of using the long distance network via local exchange company access.

2.9 Customer's Liability in the Event of Denial or Disconnection of Service

- 2.9.1 In the event Customer's service is denied or disconnected by the Carrier for any of the reasons stated in section 2.7, Customer shall be liable for all unpaid charges due and owing to Carrier.

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2.10 Termination by Customer

2.10.1 Customer may cancel service by providing written or verbal notice to Advantage Plus. The Carrier requires such notification in order to protect Customer from unauthorized account transfer, "slamming." If Carrier is not notified accordingly, Carrier may reinstate Customer's account by implementation of its automatic provisioning system. The Company will confirm all cancellations, either verbal or written, in writing within five (5) business days of any cancellation. Additionally, in the event that the Company has found, through its automatic polling system, that Customer is no longer receiving service, Customer may be reinstated as above and written notice of same will be sent to Customer within five (5) business days of such action.

2.11 Reinstitution of Service

2.11.1 If Customer seeks reinstatement of service following disconnection of service by Carrier, Customer shall pay to Carrier prior to the time service is reinstated (1) all undisputed accrued and unpaid regulated charges and (2) a new connection fee.

2.12 Authorization to Obtain Credit Information

2.12.1 Carrier reserves the right to require all Customers to establish credit-worthiness to the reasonable satisfaction of Carrier. Upon application for service, Customer shall be deemed to have authorized Carrier to obtain such routine credit information and verification as Carrier shall require in accordance with its then existing credit policies. All criteria and methods used in the acquisition and assessment of credit related information shall be consistent and uniform for all applicants or Customers.

2.13 Deposit

2.13.1 The company does not collect deposits from customers in the State of Idaho.

2.14 Taxes

2.14.1 All state and local taxes (i.e., gross receipts tax, sales tax, municipal utilities tax) are listed as separate line items and are not included in the quoted rates.

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2.15 Description of Payment and Billing Periods

- 2.15.1 Charges for service are applied on a recurring and non-recurring basis. Service is provided and billed in arrears on a monthly basis until canceled by the customer in writing on not less than thirty (30) days notice. The initial contract period for service and facilities is thirty (30) days.
- 2.15.2 Billing will be payable upon receipt and past due 20 days after issuance.
- 2.15.3 Charges are based on actual usage during a month and will be billed monthly in arrears.
- 2.15.4 The Customer is responsible for the payment of ALL regulated undisputed charges for services. This applies to Customers where the provision of service by Carrier includes the use of authorization (access) codes. The Customer agrees to pay to Carrier ANY regulated undisputed cost incurred as a result of ANY DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY resulting in use of his/her authorization code.
- 2.15.5 Where a Customer, e.g. an employer, provides the use of authorization codes to his/her employees, or where the Customer, e.g. a family member, provides the use of authorization codes to his/her family relations or friend, guest, etc., the Customer agrees to pay to Carrier ANY regulated undisputed cost incurred as a result of the authorization codes.

2.16 Right to Backbill for Improper Use of Carrier's Services

- 2.16.1 Any person or entity which uses, appropriates or secures the use of services from Carrier, whether directly or indirectly, in any unlawful manner or through the providing of any misleading or false information to Carrier and which use, appropriation, or securing of services is inconsistent with the stated uses, intents, and purposes of this tariff or any restrictions, conditions, and limitations stated herein, shall be liable for an amount equal to the accrued and unpaid regulated charges that would have been applicable to the use of Carrier's services actually made by Customer. In addition, Carrier shall be entitled to recover an amount equal to a late payment fee of 1.5 percent per month for the period(s) for which such regulated charges would have been payable.

2.17 Customer Service

- 2.17.1 In the event that the Customer is experiencing a service problem, the local telephone company will refer the Customer to Advantage Plus. The Customer can communicate with Advantage Plus' Customer Service Department in Huntington Beach, California by dialing their toll free number, 800/ 786-7992.

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2.18 Returned Checks

- 2.18.1 If Company receives a check from a Customer in payment for service rendered or for any other reason of indebtedness and which is returned from the bank due to insufficient or uncollected funds, closed account, apparent tampering, missing signature or endorsement, or for any other reason, Company shall apply a service charge after Customer has been forwarded a notice of same five days in advance.
- 2.18.2 The charge shall be applied to Customer's monthly billing, in addition to any other regulated charges which may apply under this tariff.
- 2.18.3 Payment rendered by check, which is subsequently dishonored shall not constitute payment until such time as repayment is made by valid means.

2.19 Emergency Calls

- 2.19.1 Message toll telephone calls, to governmental emergency service agencies as set forth in (a) following, having primary or principal responsibility with respect to the provision of emergency services to persons and property in the area from which the call is made, meeting the definition and criteria of an emergency call as set forth in (b) following, are offered at no charge to customers.
- 2.19.1.A Governmental fire fighting, State Highway Patrol, police and emergency squad service (as designated by the appropriate governmental agency) qualify as governmental emergency service agencies provided they answer emergency service calls on a personally attended (live) twenty-four (24) hour basis, three hundred sixty-five (365) days a year, including holidays.
- 2.19.1.B An emergency is an occurrence or set of circumstances in which conditions pose immediate threat to human life and/or property and necessitate that prompt action be taken. An emergency call is an originated call of short duration to a governmental emergency service agency in order to seek assistance for such an emergency.
- 2.19.1.C **Emergency Shortage of facilities:** The Carrier reserves the right to limit the length of conversations in times of emergency if a shortage of facilities occurs.

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SECTION III - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

3.1 General Description of Service

- 3.1.1 For purposes of this tariff, the service provided by Advantage Plus is the resale of long distance telecommunications service within the State of Idaho and is available to all customers in equal access areas who have established an account(s) with Advantage Plus. The service may be accessed on a direct dial, or "Touch One" basis.
- 3.1.2 Advantage Plus' services are offered to subscribers on a monthly basis.
- 3.1.3 Advantage Plus' services are offered to subscribers twenty-four hours a day.
- 3.1.4 All service shall remain in effect for a minimum of thirty days.
- 3.1.5 Advantage Plus' underlying carriers in Idaho include AT&T Communications, Inc., MCI Telecommunications Corporation and US Sprint Communications Company, L.P. Advantage Plus may resell the services of other underlying carriers approved to provide such services by the Idaho Public Service Commission.

3.2 Service Options

- 3.2.1 **Advantage Plus Residential and Business Service:** A one-way multi-point service whereby the user originates and terminates calls via business telephone lines.
- 3.2.2 **Advantage Plus 800 Service:** Advantage Plus' 800 Service is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Service is provided by Advantage Plus' underlying carriers. Incoming calls from the Advantage Plus network terminate at the Customer premises via business or special access line termination.
- 3.2.3 **Advantage Plus Travel Card Service:** Advantage Plus' Travel Card Service provides facilities to complete toll calls between two points when the Customer is away from his or her premises. The Customer will be assigned a unique travel authorization code(s) that authorizes the use of Travel Card Service by that Customer. Customers will receive a Travel Card for use in accessing Advantage Plus' carrier services when away from their telephones. The appropriate carrier access number sequence specified on the Customer's Advantage Plus Travel Card must be dialed.
- 3.2.4 **Directory Assistance:** The underlying carrier provides service to Advantage Plus to offer directory assistance services which the Customer may access by dialing the area code plus 555-1212. Customer will be billed for such service by Advantage Plus, except as stated in this tariff.

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SECTION III - DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES, (CONT'D)

3.3 Service Area

3.3.1 The service area of Carrier includes all equal access points in Idaho.

3.4 Minimum Call Completion Rate

3.4.1 Customers can expect a call completion rate of 98% during peak use periods for all Feature Group D Equal Access 1+ services. The call completion rate is calculated as the number of calls completed (including calls completed to a busy line or to a line which remains unanswered by the called party) divided by the number of calls attempted.

3.5 Timing of Calls

3.5.1 **Residential, Business, Travel and 800 Service:** An initial minimum of thirty seconds, rounded up and billed in increments of six seconds.

3.5.2 Long distance usage charges are based on the actual usage of Advantage Plus' network. Usage begins when the called party picks up the receiver. When the called party picks up timing is determined by hardware answer supervision. Chargeable time ends when either party "hangs up" thereby releasing the network connection. Advantage Plus does not bill for uncompleted calls.

3.6 Method of Computing Charges

3.6.1 Charges for each call are totaled by rate period, and charges for all calls during a billing month are totaled. If the computed charges include a fraction of a cent, the fraction is rounded up to the next whole cent (e.g. \$2.425 would be rounded up to \$2.43).

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SECTION IV - RATES

4.1 Advantage Plus Residential and Business Service

Residential and Business Service provides facilities to complete toll calls between two points in Idaho. Residential and Business Service rates are flat-rated and are volume sensitive. The following rates and plans apply: (All zero minus and zero plus traffic will be routed to the LEC)

	Plan "A"	Plan "B"	Plan "C"	Plan "D"	Plan "E"
Flat Rate	Per Minute - Initial and Additional				
All Times	\$0.3620	\$0.3260	\$0.2900	\$0.2530	\$0.2350

4.2 Volume Usage Discounts

Advantage Plus Business Service Plan pricing reflects the following volume usage: Discounted pricing plans for customers using:

Plan "A"	- up to	\$500.00 per month.
Plan "B"	- between	\$500.00-\$600.00 per month
Plan "C"	- between	\$600.00 - \$700.00 per month
Plan "D"	- between	\$700.00 - \$800.00 per month
Plan "E"	- over	\$800.00 per month

4.3 Directory Assistance: \$0.85 per access.

4.4 Recurring Charges

Accounting Code Charge \$5.00 per month or \$0.20 per month per validated code number, whichever is greater.

4.5 Non-Recurring Charges

Returned Check:	\$20.00 per incident.
Reconnection Charge:	\$25.00 per incident.
Late Payment:	1.5% per month.
Accounting Code Set-up / Change:	\$20.00.

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4.6 Advantage Plus 800 Service

From origination to termination, Advantage Plus' Business Service rates set forth in Section 4.1 apply, plus a monthly 800 number usage charge of \$20.00. This monthly service charge is not considered part of the Customer's long distance usage charges and is not used in determining what usage level (volume discount) applies for Service Plan pricing.

4.7 Advantage Plus Travel Card Service

Travel Card Service rates are flat-rated and are volume sensitive. The following plans apply. Travel Card Service provides facilities to complete toll calls between two points when the Customer is away from his/her telephone. From origination to termination, volume discount plans apply as set forth in Section 4.2.

	Plan "A"	Plan "B"	Plan "C"	Plan "D"	Plan "E"
ALL TIMES	PER MINUTE - INITIAL AND ADDITIONAL				
FLAT RATED	\$0.3000	\$0.2800	\$0.2700	\$0.2600	\$0.2500

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