UPTIME365 TARIFF / PRICE GUIDE FOR GEORGIA ACCESS SERVICES

SECTION 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Scope of Services

This Access Services Tariff governs the provision of **intrastate switched and special access services** by UpTime365 to telecommunications carriers, interexchange carriers (IXCs), wireless providers, VoIP providers, and other authorized entities within the State of Georgia.

Access Services enable the origination, transport, and termination of telecommunications traffic between the Company's network and other carrier networks.

1.2 Regulatory Authority

All services are provided in accordance with:

- The **Telecommunications Act of 1996**
- Rules of the **Georgia Public Service Commission**
- Applicable **FCC intercarrier compensation regulations**

This tariff applies only to intrastate services unless otherwise specified.

1.3 Relationship to Other Tariffs and Agreements

This Access Services Tariff operates in conjunction with:

- The Company's **Georgia Local Exchange Services Tariff**
- Interconnection Agreements (ICA)
- Traffic Exchange Agreements (TEA)

Where conflicts exist, the following precedence applies:

1. Interconnection Agreements
2. Traffic Exchange Agreements
3. Access Tariff

1.4 Service Availability

Access Services are available:

- Within UpTime365's certificated service areas
- At technically feasible interconnection points
- Subject to network capacity and operational requirements

SECTION 2 – SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS

2.1 Switched Access Services

Switched Access Services provide the capability for carriers to originate and terminate traffic over UpTime365's network.

2.1.1 Originating Switched Access

- Transport of traffic from end users to interexchange or interconnected carriers
- Includes switching, routing, and signaling functions

2.1.2 Terminating Switched Access

- Delivery of inbound traffic from other carriers to end users
- Includes end office switching and call completion

2.1.3 Functional Components

- End Office Switching
- Tandem Switching (where applicable)
- Common transport facilities
- Signaling (SS7 / IP signaling)

2.2 Transport Services

Transport services provide transmission facilities between interconnection points and switching locations.

Transport Types:

- **Direct Trunked Transport (DTT)**
    - Dedicated DS1, DS3, or Ethernet circuits between carrier and Company network
- **Tandem Transport**
    - Shared transport via tandem switching facilities
- **Interoffice Transport**
    - Fiber-based transport between wire centers and POPs

Transport services may be provisioned using:

- TDM (DS1/DS3)
- Ethernet (10 Mbps to 100 Gbps)
- Optical (SONET/DWDM)

2.3 Special Access Services

Special Access Services provide dedicated, non-switched transmission paths.

Service Types:

- DS1 (1.544 Mbps)
- DS3 (44.736 Mbps)
- Ethernet Private Line
- Optical Wavelength Services

Applications:

- Enterprise connectivity
- Carrier backhaul

- Data center interconnection
- Cloud access

2.4 Interconnection Facilities

UpTime365 supports multiple interconnection methods:

Direct Interconnection

- DS1, DS3, and Ethernet handoffs
- SIP/IP interconnection

Fiber Meet / Mid-Span Meet

- Fiber-based interconnection at agreed locations
- Enables efficient traffic exchange without collocation
- Must occur on existing fiber routes and meet technical compatibility standards

Collocation-Based Interconnection

- Equipment placement in central offices or data centers
- Cross-connects to Company network

2.5 Signaling and Network Interface

UpTime365 supports industry-standard signaling protocols:

- SS7 (legacy signaling)
- SIGTRAN
- SIP (IP-based interconnection)

All signaling must comply with interoperability and technical standards defined in applicable agreements.

SECTION 3 – RATES & CHARGES

3.1 Switched Access Rates

Service	Rate Structure
Originating Access	Per minute of use (MOU) or Bill-and-Keep
Terminating Access	Per minute of use (MOU) or Bill-and-Keep

Typical Range:

- $0.0005 – $0.005 per MOU (subject to FCC reform rules)

3.2 Transport Rates

Service	Monthly Rate
DS1 Transport	$150 – $400
DS3 Transport	$500 – $1,500
Ethernet Transport (10M–1G)	$200 – $2,500

Higher-capacity services (10G, 100G) available via custom pricing.

3.3 Special Access Rates

Service	Monthly Rate
DS1 Circuit	$200 – $600
DS3 Circuit	$800 – $2,500
Ethernet Private Line	$300 – $5,000+

Pricing varies based on:

- Distance
- Capacity
- Route diversity
- Service level agreements (SLAs)

3.4 Interconnection Charges

Charges may include:

- Port charges
- Cross-connect fees
- Interconnection trunking charges

Pricing is determined based on:

- Tariffed rates
- Negotiated agreements
- **Individual Case Basis (ICB)** pricing for custom builds

3.5 Non-Recurring Charges (NRC)

Item	Cost
Installation	$100 – $1,000
Cross Connect	$250 – $500
Service Activation	$100 – $500

Additional charges may apply for:

- Special construction
- Expedited provisioning
- After-hours work

SECTION 4 – BILLING & COMPENSATION

4.1 Billing Practices

- Monthly billing cycles

- Detailed usage reporting
- Electronic billing formats available

4.2 Intercarrier Compensation

Traffic exchange is governed by:

- FCC intercarrier compensation reform rules
- State regulatory requirements

Billing arrangements include:

- **Bill-and-Keep** (zero compensation)
- Usage-based compensation (MOU)

4.3 Jurisdictional Factors

Charges are applied based on:

- Intrastate vs interstate traffic classification
- Carrier-reported jurisdictional factors

4.4 Disputed Charges

Disputes must be submitted within defined timeframes and handled per ICA/TEA dispute resolution procedures.

SECTION 5 – OPERATIONAL TERMS

5.1 Ordering Procedures

- Access services ordered via **ASR (Access Service Request)**
- Changes, additions, and disconnects processed through standard industry workflows

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5.2 Provisioning Intervals

Provisioning timelines vary based on:

- Service type
- Facility availability
- Construction requirements

5.3 Network Management

UpTime365 maintains:

- Traffic monitoring and engineering
- Capacity planning based on forecast demand
- Fault management and restoration procedures

5.4 Maintenance & Repair

- 24x7 network monitoring
- Defined escalation procedures
- Service level objectives (SLOs) for restoration

SECTION 6 – SERVICE LEVELS & PERFORMANCE

6.1 Availability

- Carrier-grade network availability (99.9%+ targets)
- Redundant routing and failover mechanisms

6.2 Performance Metrics

- Latency
- Packet loss

- Jitter (for IP services)

6.3 Service Credits

Service credits may be provided for failure to meet agreed service levels under contract terms.

SECTION 7 – SPECIAL PRICING & COMMERCIAL TERMS

7.1 Volume Discounts

Available for:

- High traffic volumes
- Large transport commitments
- Wholesale carrier agreements

7.2 Contract Pricing

Term-based agreements (12–60 months) may include:

- Reduced recurring rates
- Waived non-recurring charges
- SLA enhancements

7.3 Individual Case Basis (ICB)

ICB pricing applies to:

- Custom interconnection builds
- Large-scale fiber deployments
- Unique routing or engineering requirements