

Notice of Utility Tariff Filing

The ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION gives notice that UNITED UTILITIES, INC. (UUI), a local exchange telephone company, has filed two tariff revisions (TA32-249 and TA33-249). This notice does not detail every proposed change in the two filings.

In TA32-249 UUI proposed to revise the custom calling provisions. Among other changes UUI proposed to modify several definitions, add definitions, and add rates for three new features. Excerpts of the proposed new definitions and recurring rates for the three new features are shown below.

Customized Ringing- A line class of service that allows up to four parties (primarily subscriber plus three additional parties) to be assigned to the same line. Each party is assigned to its own subscriber directory number and distinctive ring. The billing goes to the primary subscriber.

Dual Tone Multifrequency- A tone-signaling method of transmitting information in which a set of dual-tone pulses, one from a lower group of frequencies and one from a higher group of frequencies, is used to represent characters.

Last number Redial- A custom calling feature that allows a user to "redial" the number last dialed by depressing a single key.

Line Class of Service- The collection of privileges and features assigned to phones in a system.

Speed Calling- A custom calling feature that allows a customer to use a 1- or 2- digit code to call any one of up to thirty preselected telephone numbers.

Description	Recurring Charge
Customized Ringing	\$1.50/month
Last Number Redial	\$1.50/month
Speed Calling	\$1.50/month

In TA33-249 UUI proposed to add rates and conditions for Custom Local Area Signaling Services (CLASS). According to UUI "CLASS features are available to single party lines only and at those locations where the switches have the necessary software." UUI lists those current locations as Alakanuk, Chevak, Emmonak/Sheldon Point, Hooper Bay, Mountain Village, Quinhagak, St. Mary's, and Togiak/Twin Hills.

The following table contains a summary of the proposed CLASS features and associated charges.

Description	Monthly Recurring Charge
Caller ID	\$5.50
Anonymous Call Rejection	No Charge
Automatic Callback	\$4.00
Caller ID Block, Per Call or Per Line	No Charge
Distinctive Ringing/Call Waiting	\$4.00
Selective Call Acceptance	\$4.00
Selective Call Forwarding	\$4.00
Selective Call Rejection	\$4.00
Call Trace	\$5.00/trace
Discounts: When a customer subscribes to more than one CLASS feature for which there is a monthly recurring charge, a discount shall apply. The monthly rate for each additional CLASS feature shall be reduced by \$2.00.	
UUI also proposes provisions concerning the applicability of the non-recurring charges to the CLASS features.	

Following are excerpts from UUI's proposed definitions for the CLASS features:

Anonymous Call Rejection - A CLASS feature that allows a customer to reject calls from parties who have a status of "private" under Caller ID Blocking.

Automatic Callback - A CLASS feature that allows a customer to redial the last outgoing call automatically. If the number is busy, then the call will be attempted as soon as both parties are idle.

Caller ID - A CLASS feature that allows a customer to view, before the call is answered, the directory number of an incoming call. The number is displayed on a customer provided device attached to the customer's telephone line or on a telephone or answering machine with a built-in display screen. The Utility will forward all telephone numbers (including non-published and non-listed telephone numbers) subject to technical limitations.

Caller ID Block - A CLASS feature that allows customers to control whether their directory number is to be sent on outgoing calls to a called party who subscribes to Caller ID.

Distinctive Ringing/Call Waiting - A CLASS feature that alerts the customer by a special ring or special Call Waiting tone when a call is received from any of a pre-specified list of directory numbers.

Selective Call Acceptance - A CLASS feature that allows the customer to create a list of directory numbers from which the customer will accept calls. Calls originating from numbers which are not on the list will not be completed.

Selective Call Forwarding - A CLASS feature that allows the customer to create a list of directory numbers from which incoming calls will be forwarded to another directory number.

Selective Call Rejection - A CLASS feature that allows the customer to create a list of directory numbers which the customer does not wish to receive calls.

As a special promotion, UUI requests Commission approval of a waiver of any applicable Service Order Charge and Central Office Line Connection Charge for customers who subscribe to or modify their subscription to CLASS items during the 90 day period beginning August 1, 1997, and ending October 29, 1997.

If after investigation the Commission finds that rates or classifications different from those proposed by UUI are reasonable, the Commission may approve rates or classifications which vary from those proposed.

Detailed information may be obtained from UUI at 5450 A Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99518-1291. The filing may be inspected at the offices of the Alaska Public Utilities Commission, 1016 West Sixth Avenue, Suite 400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

Any interested person may file with the Commission a statement of view favoring or opposing these tariff filings. If you are a person with a disability who may need a special accommodation to comment on the proposed tariff filings, please contact Christy Hilde at 263-2107/TTY: 276-4533 by May 29, 1997, to make any necessary arrangements.

Please file comments or petitions by June 12, 1997, to assure their consideration by the Commission prior to a final decision on these matters. Any statement filed with the Commission should clearly affirm that the interested person has filed a true copy of the statement with UUI.

The Commission considers comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken. Filing comments will not make a person a party to the proceeding. To become a party, one must first petition to intervene in accordance with 3 AAC 48.110.

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska, this 13th day of May, 1997.

ALASKA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
s/Robert A. Lohr
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