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A32. CALIFORNIA HIGH COST FUND SURCHARGES -
CALIFORNIA HIGH COST FUND – A, CALIFORNIA HIGH COST FUND – B,
AND CALIFORNIA ADVANCED SERVICES FUND

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32.1 CALIFORNIA HIGH COST FUND - A

32.1.1 APPLICABILITY

All telecommunications carriers are required to apply California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) mandated Public Program surcharge rates and the CPUC Reimbursement Fee rate to intrastate services. The California High Cost Fund - A (CHCF-A) Surcharge is for the purpose of funding the CHCF-A Program to ensure that customers in areas served by small Local Exchange Carriers (LECs) have access to telephone service at reasonable rates. This surcharge applies to all end-user intrastate telecommunications services, both within a service area (intraLATA) and between service areas (interLATA), except those shown in Special Conditions 32.1.4.

32.1.2 TERRITORY

Within the exchange area of all exchanges as said areas are defined on maps filed as part of the tariff schedules.

32.1.3 RATES

As permitted by Public Utilities Code Section 492, and as required by CPUC Resolution T-16901, Ordering Paragraph 1, effective January 1, 2005, Sierra Telephone concurs with the Commission's Public Program all-end-user surcharges rates and the Reimbursement Fee rate as filed by Pacific Bell Telephone Company (d.b.a. AT&T California) (Pacific Bell/AT&T California) in its joint tariff for surcharges and fees. Sierra Telephone will apply the current surcharge and fee rates filed in the joint tariff to its respective end user bills until further revised.

For a list of the individual Public Program surcharges and Reimbursement Fee, and the current Commission-approved percentage surcharge and fee rates, refer to the Pacific Bell/AT&T California tariff Schedules Cal. P.U.C. No. A1.1.10, Cal. P.U.C. No. A2, and/or Cal. P.U.C. No. A5. The Pacific Bell/AT&T California tariff schedules are available on-line at: www.cpr.bellsouth.com/pdf/ca/ca.htm.

32.1.4 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. Pursuant to Cal. P.U.C. Decision No. 94-09-065 a surcharge is applied to all end-user intrastate telecommunications services, both within a service area (intraLATA) and between service areas (interLATA). This percentage rate surcharge became effective on January 1, 1995 and is described on the customers' bills as "California High Cost Fund Surcharge – A" or "CHCF-A Surcharge." This surcharge will remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Commission.

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32.1 CALIFORNIA HIGH COST FUND – A - Continued

32.1.4 SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

A. Continued

The application of this surcharge to all billed end-user intrastate services is authorized by the tariffs of Sierra Telephone Company, Inc., the tariffs of other service providing companies, and the joint tariff for surcharges and fees of Pacific Bell/AT&T California.

B. The percentage rate surcharge applies to service area toll/WATS/800 Service (intrastate intraLATA), between service areas toll/WATS/800 Service (intrastate interLATA), detariffed services, all recurring and non-recurring rates, and charges for services provided by the Utility to end-users, and new General Order 96-A contracts executed after September 15, 1994. The percentage rate surcharge does not apply to federal and local excise taxes, and the following:

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| 1. | Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A4 | Universal Lifeline Telephone Service - basic monthly access rate and reduced service connection charges, both the subsidized and the unsubsidized portions |
| 2. | Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A9 | Public Access Line Service (PARTIAL) - Coin Sent Paid, Coin Station Service, Coin Person Service, and Debit Card Messages |
| 3. | Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A24 | California Teleconnect Fund Surcharge |
| 4. | Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A26 | Universal Lifeline Telephone Service Surcharge |
| 5. | Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A31 | Products and Services for the Disabled/California Relay Service and Communications Devices Fund Surcharge |
| 6. | Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A32 | California High Cost Fund - A Surcharge, California High Cost Fund - B Surcharge, and California Advanced Services Fund |
| 7. | Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A34 | Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities |
| 8. | Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. B1 | Commission Reimbursement Fee Access Service |

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(L) Material now shown on Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 2.1.

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32.1 CALIFORNIA HIGH COST FUND – A - Continued

32.1.4 SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

B. Continued

The percentage rate surcharge applies to service area toll/WATS/800 Service (intrastate intraLATA), between service areas toll/WATS/800 Service (intrastate interLATA), detariffed services, all recurring and non-recurring rates, and charges for services provided by the Utility to end-users, and new General Order 96-A contracts executed after September 15, 1994. The percentage rate surcharge does not apply to federal and local excise taxes, and the following:

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| 9. | Message Telecommunications
(PARTIAL) - Coin Sent Paid, Coin Station
Service, Coin Person Service, and Debit Card
Messages | (L) |
| 10. | One-Way Radio Paging Service | |
| 11. | Directory Advertising | |
| 12. | Usage charges billed to Customer-Owned Pay
Telephone (COPT) Service Providers | |

The surcharge is subject to federal and local excise tax.

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32.2 CALIFORNIA HIGH COST FUND – B, AND (T)
CALIFORNIA ADVANCED SERVICES FUND (T)

32.2.1 APPLICABILITY

All telecommunications carriers are required to apply California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) mandated Public Program surcharge rates and the CPUC Reimbursement Fee rate to intrastate services. The California High Cost Fund – B (CHCF-B) Surcharge is for the purpose of funding the CHCF-B Program to ensure that customers in areas served by large and mid-sized Local Exchange Carriers (LECs) have access to telephone service at reasonable rates.

Pursuant to Cal. P.U.C. Decision No. 07-12-054, dated December 20, 2007, the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) was created for the purpose of augmenting the deployment of broadband in unserved and underserved areas in California, using the same surcharge mechanism as the CHCF-B. (T)

The CHCF-B and CASF surcharges apply to all end-user intrastate telecommunications services, both within a service area (intraLATA) and between service areas (interLATA), except those shown in Special Conditions 32.2.4. (T)

32.2.2 TERRITORY

Within the exchange area of all exchanges as said areas are defined on maps filed as part of the tariff schedules.

32.2.3 RATES

As permitted by Public Utilities Code Section 492, and as required by CPUC Resolution T-16901, Ordering Paragraph 1, effective January 1, 2005, Sierra Telephone concurs with the Commission's Public Program all-end-user surcharges rates and the Reimbursement Fee rate as filed by Pacific Bell Telephone Company (d.b.a. AT&T California) (Pacific Bell/AT&T California) in its joint tariff for surcharges and fees. Sierra Telephone will apply the current surcharge and fee rates filed in the joint tariff to its respective end user bills until further revised.

For a list of the individual Public Program surcharges and Reimbursement Fee, and the current Commission-approved percentage surcharge and fee rates, refer to the Pacific Bell/AT&T California tariff Schedules Cal. P.U.C. No. A1.1.10, Cal. P.U.C. No. A2, and/or Cal. P.U.C. No. A5. The Pacific Bell/AT&T California tariff schedules are available on-line at: www.cpr.bellsouth.com/pdf/ca/ca.htm.

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32.2 CALIFORNIA HIGH COST FUND – B AND (T)
CALIFORNIA ADVANCED SERVICES FUND - Continued (N)

32.2.4 SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. Pursuant to Cal. P.U.C. Decision No. 96-10-066 a surcharge is applied to all end-user intrastate telecommunications services, both within a service area (intraLATA) and between service areas (interLATA). This percentage rate surcharge became effective on February 1, 1997 and is described on the customers' bills as California High Cost Fund Surcharge-B or CHCF-B Surcharge. This surcharge will remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Commission.

Pursuant to Cal. P.U.C. Decision No. 07-12-054, dated December 20, 2007, one-half of the California High Cost Fund-B percentage rate surcharge was allocated to the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF). This percentage rate surcharge allocation became effective on January 1, 2008, and is described on the customers' bills as CASF. This percentage rate surcharge allocation is changed from time to time as determined by Commission resolutions, and will remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Commission. (T)
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The application of the CHCF-B and CASF percentage rate surcharges to all billed end-user intrastate services is authorized by the tariffs of Sierra Telephone Company, Inc., the tariffs of other service providing companies, and the joint tariff for surcharges and fees of Pacific Bell/AT&T California. (T)

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32.2 CALIFORNIA HIGH COST FUND – B, AND (T)
 CALIFORNIA ADVANCED SERVICES FUND - Continued (N)

32.2.4 SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

B. The percentage rate surcharge applies to service area toll/WATS/800 Service (intrastate intraLATA), between service areas toll/WATS/800 Service (intrastate interLATA), detariffed services, all recurring and non-recurring rates and charges for services provided by the Utility to end-users, and new General Order 96-A contracts executed after September 15, 1994. The percentage rate surcharge does not apply to federal and local excise taxes, and the following:

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| 6. | Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A32 | California High Cost Fund - A Surcharge, California High Cost Fund - B Surcharge, and California Advanced Services Fund | (T)
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| 7. | Schedule Ca. P.U.C. No. A34 | Surcharge to Fund Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee | |
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