# RESIDENTIAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES <br> SECTION IV - RATES (Cont'd) 

### 4.1 Excel Direct Access ( "1+") Long Distance Service Rate Ranges (Continued)

### 4.1.36 Minimum Usage Fee

Customers of any and all services described in Sections IV and VI will be assessed a Minimum Usage Fee, per account, in each billing cycle in which their qualifying Excel charges do not meet the minimum usage amount for their bill type. The Minimum Usage Fee is the difference between the minimum usage amount (i.e., $\$ 10.00$ or $\$ 20.00$ based on bill type) and the Customer's qualifying charges in a billing cycle. Customers billed directly by Excel will be assessed a Minimum Usage Fee if their qualifying charges total less than $\$ 10.00$ in a billing cycle. Customers billed through their local telephone company will be assessed a Minimum Usage Fee if their qualifying charges total less than
$\$ 5.00$ in a billing cycle. The Minimum Usage Fee will not apply to Customers of Excel's local exchange services or to customer accounts with no call usage in a given billing cycle when the account is assigned to a rate plan without a monthly fee or to one with only a monthly access fee, a fee which is billed only if the customer has used the service during the billing cycle.

Qualifying charges to be applied toward calculating the monthly usage minimum will be derived only from the following Excel charges: all long distance, calling card, toll free, operator assisted and directory assistance usage charges, Carrier Cost Recovery Fee as well as any monthly access fees or monthly recurring charges associated with the customer's rate plan.

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