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ITEM234Customer Specific IP Relay Service

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234.1 Service Description

This service provides for the use of the Company's IP relay service on a wholesale basis enabling a single Telecommunications Service Provider to fulfill its retail IP Relay service obligations as set out in *Accessibility of telecommunications and broadcasting services*, Broadcasting and Telecom Regulatory Policy CRTC 2009-430. This service is provided through a combination of onshore and offshore IP Relay service agents and is billed on a per-second basis.

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Definitions

IP Relay is a text-based operator service that provides persons with hearing or speech disabilities with the technical means to communicate via telephone call with persons without such disabilities. All relay calls require three parties: the caller, the intended recipient of the call and the relay operator. In an IP Relay call, the relay operator communicates with the person with a hearing or speech disability via text and the person without a hearing or speech disability via voice. The person with a disability accesses the service by using any device capable of Internet access to reach the relay provider's website and/or text messaging application to reach the relay operator. The person without a disability dials a toll free number to reach the relay operator using any telephone service. While access to the Internet and a device capable of Internet access are necessary for the person with a disability to communicate with the IP Relay operator, these two items are not part of the relay service offering.

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234.3 **Conditions of Service**

- 1. This tariff item provides IP Relay Service to a single large wholesale customer for a three-year term. Resale of the service is permitted.
- 2. The Customer shall pay TELUS for any unusual expenses required to implement and furnish IP Relay Service.
- 3. An IP Relay operator will relay conversations only when one of the parties is a deaf or hard of hearing customer communicating using an IP connection and the other party is a hearing party using a telephone. The operator shall terminate the call when either party hangs up.
- 4. IP Relay to IP Relay and IP Relay to TTY calls are not supported.
- 5. TELUS reserves the right to terminate any message which is found to be contrary to law.



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- 6. TELUS assumes no liability to any Basic Exchange Service Customer or Message Relay Service user for mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in the transmission of the actual voice to printed text or printed text to voice translation.
- 7. TELUS reserves the right to terminate a message which in TELUS' opinion abuses or injuriously affects the operation of the facilities or services of TELUS.
- 8. TELUS shall not maintain any records covering the content of any message.
- 9. IP Relay is available for use twenty four (24) hours per day, seven (7) days per week.
- 10. To place a Message Toll Call, the originator of such message shall contact an IP Relay service operator via 7-1-1 or an 800 Service provided for such purpose. The IP Relay service operator shall establish and relay the message and record call details for billing purposes.
- 11. Basic emergency service is provided for emergency calls placed through IP Relay Services. End-users placing an emergency call through IP Relay Services will be routed to an operator and the end-user will be asked to provide their location, city and province in which the emergency exists. Once this information has been successfully provided to the Operator, the Operator will route the end-user's call to the appropriate Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) corresponding to the provided location.

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Rates

The Customer shall pay to the Company the following rates and charges for IP Relay.

Usage Charge (Notes 1, 2)	Rate
IP Relay Service	\$ 0.033/second
	\$ 0.033/second

Set-up Charge (Note 3)	\$10,000

- Note 1: A second shall be defined as any access by the Customer's subscriber that generates a Company billing record with Company call answer agent work time greater than zero (0) seconds.
- Note 2: The minimum billing for IP Relay usage charges is \$1,000/month.
- **Note 3:** Payment of the set-up charge is due within 60 days of the provisioning of the service.

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