

INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

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REGULATIONS AND SCHEDULE OF CHARGES APPLICABLE  
TO INTERSTATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES  
TO CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE OPERATING TERRITORY OF

NTS COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

SERVICE IS PROVIDED BETWEEN POINTS WITHIN THE  
UNITED STATES, ITS TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS AS  
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TERRESTRIAL OR SATELLITE FACILITIES OR ANY  
COMBINATION THEREOF.

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CONCURRING CARRIERS

None

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OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

None

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- C - Changed Regulation
- D - Discontinued Rate or Regulation
- I - Rate Increase
- M - Matter Relocated Without Change
- N - New Rate or Regulation
- R - Rate Reduction
- S - Reissued Matter
- T - A Change in Text but No Change in Rate or Regulation
- Z - A Correction

REFERENCES TO OTHER TARIFFS

Whenever reference is made to other tariffs, the reference is to the tariffs in force as of the effective date of this tariff, and to amendments thereto and reissues thereof.

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1. APPLICATION OF TARIFF

This tariff contains the rates and regulations applicable to the provision of interstate telecommunications service of NTS Communications, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "NTS" or "the Company") between points in the United States, Its territories and possessions as specified herein. Service is furnished subject to transmission, atmospheric and like conditions, by wire, radio, terrestrial or satellite facilities or any combination thereof.

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2. REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of the Company

2.1.1 Scope

The Company undertakes to provide interstate telecommunications service in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this tariff. The terms, conditions and/or rates provided herein may be altered, amended, repealed, or otherwise changed pursuant to written contracts between the Company and any of its Customers. The precise terms, conditions and/or rates provided a Customer under a specific contract will be dependent on consideration of, among other items, the following factors: (i) length of service contract; (ii) usage volume; (iii) monetary guarantees by Customer; (iv) Customer proximity to existing Company facilities; (v) type of service in question; and (vi) mix of facilities provided by other carriers incidental to Company's provision of services.

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2.1.2 Shortage of Facilities

All service is subject to the availability of suitable facilities. The Company reserves the right to limit the length of communications or to discontinue furnishing services when necessary because of the lack of satellite or other transmission medium capacity or because of any causes beyond its control.

2.1.3 Resale of Services

Provided that the Customer makes appropriate contractual arrangements with the Company on such terms and conditions as the Company may from time to time deem appropriate, the Company's services are available for resale by Customers. In such cases, the Customer assumes sole responsibility to provide all functions for their subscribers.

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.4 Liability of the Company

- (A) The Company shall be defended (by counsel of its choosing), indemnified and held harmless by the Customer against: (C)
  - (1) Claims for libel, slander, infringement of copyright or unauthorized use of any trademark, trade name or service mark arising out of the material, data, information, or other content transmitted over the Company's facilities; and (Z)
  - (2) Claims for patent infringement arising from combining or connecting the Company's facilities with apparatus and systems of the Customer; and (Z)
  - (3) All other claims arising out of any act or omission of the Customer in connection with any service provided by the Company. (Z)

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.4 Liability of the Company (Cont'd)

- (B) The Company shall not be liable for and the Customer indemnifies and holds the Company harmless from any and all loss, claims, demands, suits, or other action, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by the Customer or by any other party or persons, for any personal injury to, or death of, any person or persons, and for any loss, damage, defacement or destruction of the premises of the Customer or any other property, whether owned by the Customer or others, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, location or use of the Company's service or equipment that is not the direct result of the Company's gross negligence. No agents or employees of other carriers or other entities shall be deemed to be agents or employees of the Company. (C)
- (C) The liability of the Company for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, errors or defects in transmission occurring in the course of furnishing service or other facilities shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the Customer for the period of service during which such mistake, omission, interruption, delay, error or defect in transmission occurs. No other liability shall in any case attach to the Company and in no event shall the Company be liable for any consequential, special, or incidental damages whatsoever. (C)  
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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.4 Liability of the Company (Cont'd)

(D) The Company shall not be liable to the Customer for any failure of performance due to causes beyond its control including fire, flood, epidemic, earthquake, other acts of God, explosion, strike or other labor disputes, riot or civil disturbance, war (whether declared or undeclared) or armed conflict, failure of common carrier or "carrier's carrier" or municipal ordinance, any state or federal law, governmental order or regulation or order of any court of competent jurisdiction, or any other similar thing or occurrence not within the control of the Company.

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.5 Provision of Equipment and Facilities

- (A) Except as otherwise indicated, Customer provided station equipment at the Customer's premises for use in connection with this service, shall be so constructed, maintained and operated as to work satisfactorily with the facilities of the Company.
- (B) The Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation or maintenance of any customer provided communications equipment. Where such equipment is connected to service furnished pursuant to this tariff, the responsibility of the Company shall be limited to the furnishing of services under this tariff and to the maintenance and operation of such service in the proper manner; subject to this responsibility, the Company shall not be responsible for:
  - (1) the through transmission of signals generated by Customer-provided equipment or for the quality of, or defects in, such transmission; or (Z)
  - (2) the reception of signals by Customer-provided equipment; or (Z)

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.5 Provision of Equipment and Facilities (Cont'd)

- (3) network control signaling where such signaling is performed (Z)  
by Customer-provided network control signaling equipment.

2.1.6 Restoration of Service

The use and restoration of service shall be in accordance with Part 64, Subpart D of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations, which specify the priority system for such activities.

2.2 Prohibited Uses

Interstate telecommunications service shall not be used for any unlawful purpose.

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## 2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.4 Use of Service

Interstate telecommunications service may only be used to transmit communications of the customer and authorized users in a manner consistent with the terms of this tariff and the policies and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and local authorities having jurisdiction over the service.

2.5 Customer Equipment and Channels2.5.1 Interconnection of Facilities

- (A) Interconnection between Customer-provided service must be made by the Customer at the operating offices of the Company.
- (B) In order to protect the Company's facilities and personnel and the services furnished to other customers by the Company from potentially harmful effects, the signals applied to the Company's services shall be such as not to cause damage to the facilities of the Company. Any special interface equipment necessary to achieve compatibility between facilities of the Company and the channels or facilities of others shall be provided at the Customer's expense.

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.5 Customer Equipment and Channels (Cont'd)

2.5.2 Inspections

- (A) The Company may, upon reasonable notice, make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine whether the requirements of this tariff are being complied with in the installation, operation or maintenance of the Customer's or the Company's equipment. The Company may interrupt the service at any time, without penalty to itself, because of the Customer's departure from any of these requirements.
- (B) Upon reasonable notice, the facilities provided by the Company shall be made available to the Company for such tests and adjustments as may be necessary for their maintenance in a condition satisfactory to the Company.
- (C) In the event of service interruption, the Customer shall cooperate in good faith to the extent necessary to reinstate service, including the provision of immediate access to the Customer's premises.

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.6 Payment Arrangements

2.6.1 Payment and Billing

- (A) All service which is not private line service is billed on a monthly (30 day) basis. Bills are due and payable within fifteen (15) days of invoice date and any bill which is not paid within this period shall be considered delinquent. A late payment charge of 1-1/2% will accrue each month upon any amount unpaid thirty (30) days after invoice date. (C)
- (B) All private line service is billed on a monthly thirty (30) day basis. Bills for this service are due and payable on receipt of invoice. Bills not paid within fifteen (15) days of invoice date shall be considered delinquent. A late payment charge of 1-1/2% will accrue each month upon any amount unpaid thirty (30) days after invoice date. (C)
- (C) The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services furnished to the Customer. The security of the Customer's authorization codes is the responsibility of the Customer. All calls placed using these authorization codes will be billed to and paid by Customer. Specifically, irrespective of the nature of usage of the Company's services, that is to say regardless of whether or not such usage is authorized by Customer, restitution in full shall be made to the Company for all usage which is billed to Customer's account pursuant to the terms of this tariff. In no instance shall the risk of loss arising from any unauthorized or fraudulent procurement or consumption of the services provided by the Company be placed on the Company, but rather, Customer shall at all times bear said risk and make payment in full to the Company for all such services charged to Customer's account. (N)

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.6 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.6.1 Payment and Billing (Cont'd)

- (D) Unless Customer has supplied the Company with effective evidence of Customer's tax exempt status for one or more specific taxes, Customer will be billed for any and all applicable local, state, and federal taxes. Customer shall be responsible for all taxes which are billed to Customer hereunder. (C)  
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(C)
- (E) The Company reserves the right to examine the credit record of all applicants and customers:
  - (1) Applicants or customers whose financial condition is unknown or is unacceptable to the Company or is not a matter of general knowledge may be required to make a security deposit. The Company reserves the right in all instances to refuse to provide service to any applicant or customer whose financial condition is unknown or unacceptable to the Company. (Z)
  - (2) A Customer whose service has been discontinued for non-payment of bills will be required to pay any unpaid balance due to the Company before service is restored. In addition, the Company may require a security deposit from the discontinued Customer wishing to reestablish service. If traffic has increased since the account was canceled, the Company may require a security deposit based on the newly estimated minutes. (Z)



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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.6 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.6.1 Payment and Billing (Cont'd)

- (F) The Company shall recognize such name(s) and customer(s) that appear on the most recent service authorization form, service agreement, or invoice as the sole person(s) or entity(s) authorized to accept, utilize, manage, modify or terminate services provided by the Company. Such name(s) shall be deemed to identify the person(s) or entity(s) liable and accountable for all charges incurred for service(s) described in the relevant document identifying such name(s). In the event the name(s) identified in such document describes the Customer as being an entity which is not readily identifiable as an individual, partnership, limited partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or other similar legal entity duly recognized by applicable state or federal law, then the Company shall recognize the individual that actually placed the order for service with the Company as the Customer. Such individual shall be responsible for all charges accruing under the account established pursuant to said order. Nothing contained herein shall preclude the Company from proceeding to collect charges, by appropriate legal action or otherwise, from an individual who is a partner, member, equity or interest-holder of a recognizable legal entity that does not, under applicable law, provide for the limited liability of partners, members, or the like. (C)  
(N)
- (G) The name(s) of the customer(s) desiring to use the service should be set forth in the application for service, service agreement, invoice, or other documentation. (C)  
(C)

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.6 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.6.1 Payment and Billing (Cont'd)

- (H) In the case of a billing dispute between the Customer and the Company for service furnished to the Customer which cannot be settled to mutual satisfaction, the Customer is limited to taking the following action:
- (1) The Customer may request, and the Company will comply with the request, an in-depth review of the disputed amount. The undisputed portion and subsequent bills must be paid on a timely basis or the service may be disconnected. (Z)
  - (2) Customer must bring billing inquiries and disputes to the Company's attention within ten (10) days of the invoice date. Failure to do so within this period shall be deemed an admission of the accuracy of the entire contents of the bill, and shall foreclose any opportunity to challenge the accuracy of any portion of that bill at a later date. (Z)

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.6 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.6.2 Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd)

- (B) Cancellation of Customer's Service by the Company (T)
- Without incurring liability, the Company may immediately discontinue, suspend for such period of time as the Company may deem appropriate, or cancel any service or application for service upon written notice to the Customer: (C)
- (1) For non-payment of any sum due to the Company for more than thirty (30) days after the Company issues the bill for the amount due. (Z)
- (2) For any violation of any of the provisions governing the furnishing of this service under this tariff. (Z)
- (3) For any violation of any law, rule, regulation or policy of any government authority having jurisdiction over the service. (Z)
- (4) By reason of any order or decision of a court or other government authority having jurisdiction which prohibits the Company from furnishing such service. (Z)
- (5) Upon notification to the Company from the Customer's bank that the Customer's payment check is being returned for reasons of "Insufficient Funds," "Account Closed," or the like. (C)  
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- (6) Any intentional or de facto transfer or assignment of services supplied by the Company without the express written authorization of the Company. (Z)  
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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.6 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.6.2 Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd)

- (B) Cancellation of Customer's Service by the Company (Cont'd) (T)
- (7) In circumstances when the Customer's use of the service has materially increased and a deposit has been requested by the Company, and the deposit is not forthcoming. (Z)
- (8) If a Customer becomes the subject of a bankruptcy or an insolvency proceeding or upon commencement of any other action against the customer with respect to creditors in the nature of bankruptcy or insolvency. (Z)
- (9) If the company deems such action is necessary to protect against fraud or to otherwise protect its personnel, agents, facilities or services. (Z&C)  
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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.7 Definitions

Applicant: A person, firm, corporation, or other entity which has requested any service from the Company.

Channel: The term "Channel" denotes the communications path established between Company operating centers and points of communication via satellite in space, microwave or cable, which channel may be used for the transmission and reception of communications signals.

Company: The term "Company" denotes NTS Communications, Inc. of Lubbock, Texas.

Customer: The person, firm, corporation, or other entity which orders service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with tariff regulations.

Responsible Organization (RESPORG): The entity identified by the SMS/800 as responsible for managing and controlling records within the SMS/800. (N)

SMS/800: The computer system, interface, and data base managed by the Number Administration and Service Center (NASC) which allows for the centralized management of 800 records and makes possible 800 number portability through appropriate RESPORG designation or instruction. (N)

United States: Designates the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

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2. REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.8 Additional Regulations for 800 Service and RESPORG Functions (N)

In addition to the terms of any contracts between the Company and its Customers and in addition to other regulations contained herein which may be applicable to 800 Service and/or RESPORG functions provided by the Company, said items shall be subject to the following specific regulations: Use of the Company's 800 Service and 800 telephone numbers is expressly subject to any 800 policies the Company may from time to time implement or be required to implement. Customer shall not sell, broker, barter, assign, transfer or release for a fee (or otherwise) any 800 number. Customer shall have no ownership interest or proprietary interest in any 800 number. With respect to 800 numbers assigned by the Company, the Company shall be deemed the RESPORG. In addition to any other limitations on liabilities contained herein, customer indemnifies and holds the Company harmless from all liabilities associated with Customer's use of any 800 number including, without limitation, the premature or incorrect publication or advertisement of any 800 number. Customer shall be fully liable to the Company for all calls placed to its 800 number including, without limitation, calls which are identified as local, misdialed, or intended for a party other than Customer. If at the time of cancellation of any 800 service for which the Company is RESPORG the Customer owes an outstanding balance (defined as charges which have been outstanding for thirty (30) days or more) to the Company, then Customer's 800 number shall not be transferable to another long distance carrier or RESPORG until all such charges have been paid.

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3. SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS

3.1 Interstate Telecommunications Services

3.1.1 Description of Services

Interstate telecommunications service consists of the furnishing of switched message telecommunications and/or private line service. Such service is available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. The Company maintains operating centers at Lubbock, Texas; Dallas, Texas; and Amarillo, Texas, and such other locations as the Company shall from time to time deem appropriate.

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(A) Message Telecommunications Service

Switched long distance or message toll voice, video and/or data service which is routed via one or more of the Company's switching centers from a point in the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, or the territories and possessions of the United States to a point which is not located within the same state, territory or possession.

(B) Private Line Service

A dedicated, nonswitchable link from one or more customer-specific locations to one or more customer-specific locations.

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3. SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS (Cont'd)

3.1 Interstate Telecommunications Services (Cont'd)

3.1.1 Description of Services (Cont'd)

(C) 800 Service

NTS Interstate 800 Services consist of interstate message telecommunications services which permit inward calling between a station associated with an access line in one location and stations in diverse geographical service areas served by the NTS 800 Interstate Service. The distinctive feature of these services is that the called party, rather than the calling party, is the Customer and is charged for the service.

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(D) Travel Card Service

NTS interstate travel card service consists of interstate message telecommunications service whereby a Customer may, by utilizing a particular access number and a Customer specific authorization code issued by the Company place calls from a point different from the Customer's regular station to stations in diverse geographical regions.

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3. SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS (Cont'd)

3.2 Interstate Message Telecommunications Service

The rates for interstate message telecommunications service will depend on the time period in which the call is placed and the location to which the call is terminated. Calls which overlap rate periods will be charged according to the rates applicable for the duration of the call. The charges in Section 4 (following) are specified in U.S. dollars and cents. (Z)

(D)

Chargeable time begins when connection is established between the calling station and the called station. Chargeable time ends when the connection is terminated.

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3.2.1 Residential and Business Customer Service

NTS provides interstate message telecommunications service to residential and business customers at the rates specified in Section 4.1 following. (C)

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3. SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS (Cont'd)

3.2 Interstate Message Telecommunications Service (Cont'd)

3.2.2 800 Service

NTS provides interstate 800 services to Customers at the rates specified in Section 4.2 following.

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3.2.3 Travel Card Service

NTS provides interstate travel card services to Customers at the rates specified in Section 4.3 following.

3.3 Private Line Service

The rates for interstate private line services are calculated on a flat rate monthly basis pursuant to specific contracts or service arrangements between the Company and its Customers. Additional charges, in the nature of installation, disconnection, or other charges, may also apply and are calculated pursuant to specific contracts or arrangements between the Company and its Customers. The Company reserves the right to utilize any non-discriminatory factors it deems worthy of consideration in pricing any and all private line services.

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4. RATES

4.1 Residential and Business Rates

<u>Day</u>	<u>Evening</u>	<u>Nights &amp; Weekends</u>
.0894 - .2494	.0894 - .1825	.0794 - .1750

Time Periods

Day Rate	Mon - Fri	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM*	(C)
Evening Rate	Mon - Sun	5:00 PM - 11:00 PM*	(C)
Night & Weekend Rates	Mon - Sun	11:00 PM - 8:00 AM*	(C)

\*Up to but not including

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4. RATES (Cont'd)

4.2 800 Service Rates

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Evening</u>	<u>Nights &amp; Weekends</u>	
	.1200 - .2995	.1100 - .2250	.1000 - .2250	
		<u>Time Periods</u>		
Day Rate		Mon - Fri	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM*	(C)
Evening Rate		Mon - Sun	5:00 PM - 11:00 PM*	(C)
Night & Weekend Rates		Mon - Sun	11:00 PM - 8:00 AM*	(C)
			*Up to but not including	

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4. RATES (Cont'd)

4.3 Travel Card Service Rates

Originate on 1-950-0687 Access Number

<u>Day</u>	<u>Evening</u>	<u>Nights &amp; Weekends</u>	
.25	.25	.25	(R)

Originate on Operator Assist Number 1-800-658-2121  
 (All calls are operator assisted)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Evening</u>	<u>Nights &amp; Weekends</u>	
.25	.25	.25	(R)

NTS Surcharge for Origination on the above 800 Access Number

Operator Assisted	.80	Person To Person	2.65	(D)
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Originate on 1-800-658-2100 (Available in all 50 states)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Evening</u>	<u>Nights &amp; Weekends</u>	
.25	.25	.25	(R)

Note: No surcharges are assessed if the call is completed on the 1-950-0687 access number or the 1-800-658-2100 access number. The surcharges only apply to calls originating on the Operator Assisted 800 Access Number.

	<u>Time Periods</u>		
Day Rate	Mon - Fri	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM*	(C)
Evening Rate	Mon - Fri	5:00 PM - 11:00 AM*	(C)
Night & Weekend Rates	Mon - Sun	11:00 AM - 8:00 AM*	(C)

\*Up to but not including

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