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Call Accounting Admin Guide

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ComXChange Call Accounting

Introduction

The ComXchange Call Accounting Server receives and analyzes Station Message Detail Recording (SMDR) records sent from the ComXchange PBX interface. If the Call Accounting Server determines there is a charge for the call based on the SMDR record information, it is sent out the PMS interface of the Call Accounting Server to the PMS system to be applied to the guest's account. The Call Accounting Server can be configured by a ComXchange Admin by accessing the Call Accounting Module in the in the ComXchange Web GUI. The Call Accounting Server must be licensed and the V&H file (Vertical and Horizontal file used to assess the distance between two points for call rating) must be ordered and delivered from 360 Networks before V&H Pricing setup can begin.



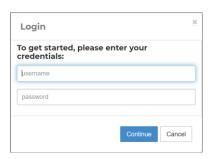
Accessing ComXchange Call Accounting

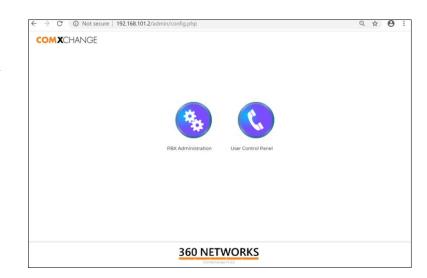
To access the ComXchange Call Accounting Module, first log into the ComXchange web GUI.

Logging In

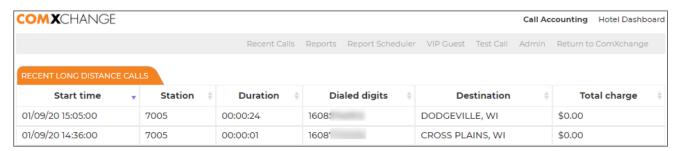
The web interface is accessible at http://192.168.101.2 by default.

Click on the PBX Administration and login with the default username/password of dealer/dealer.





Navigate to Reports > Call Accounting



Call Accounting Admin and Users

By default, a ComXchange Admin will be granted Call Accounting Server Access and will be logged into the server automatically when Navigating to the Call Accounting Module via the ComXchange Web GUI unless their Access has been restricted.

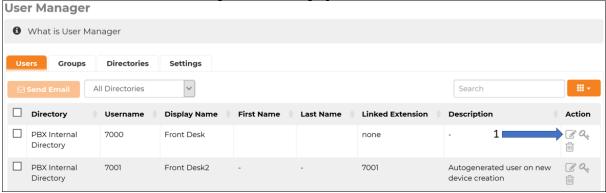
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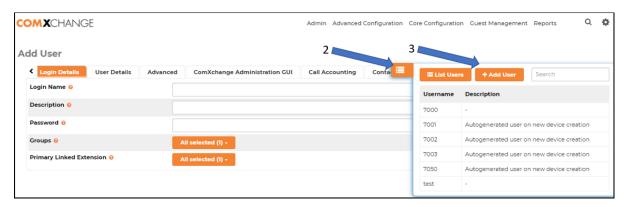
ComXchange Admins can create other Users such as for Hotel Staff and grant them access to the Call Accounting Module. This is done in the ComXchange Users Module.

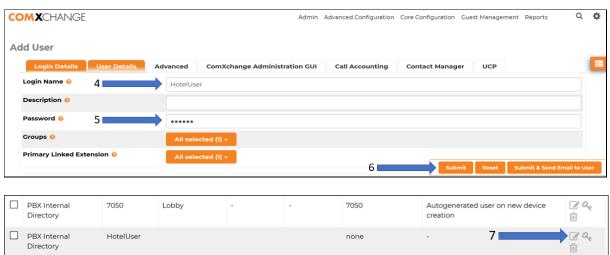
Navigate to Admin > User Management.



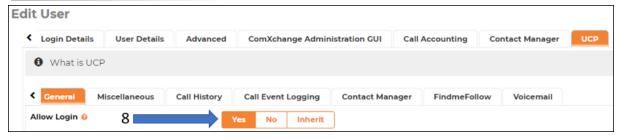
- 1. Choose any extension and click on the edit Action icon
- 2. Click on and open the Flyout Menu
- 3. Click on the Add User Button
- 4. Fill in the Login Name
- 5. Fill in a Password
- 6. Submit and Apply
- 7. Click on the edit Action icon of the new user
- 8. In the UCP tab click on the Yes button to allow Login
- 9. Click on the Call Accounting Tab and Assign permissions for the user

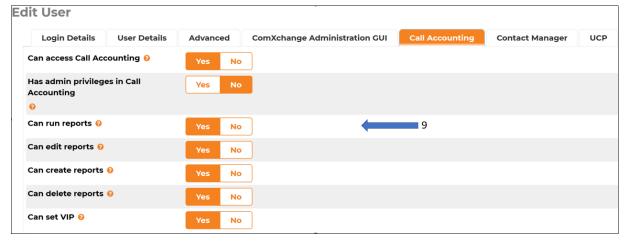








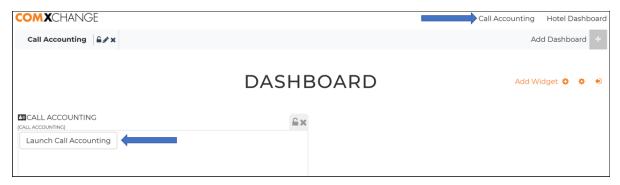




Call Accounting User Permissions

- 1. Access Allow a User to log into the Call Accounting Module or Not.
- 2. Admin Has access to all features of the Call Accounting Module.
- 3. Run Reports Can generate and email PDFs of reports.
- 4. Create Reports Can create new report templates.
- 5. Delete Reports Can delete report templates (except the preloaded report templates).
- 6. VIP Can access the VIP Guest page and update the VIP Status of specific guest extensions.

Log into the UCP at 192.168.101.2/UCP and Click on the Call Accounting Link or use the Call Accounting Widget to Launch the Call Accounting Module.

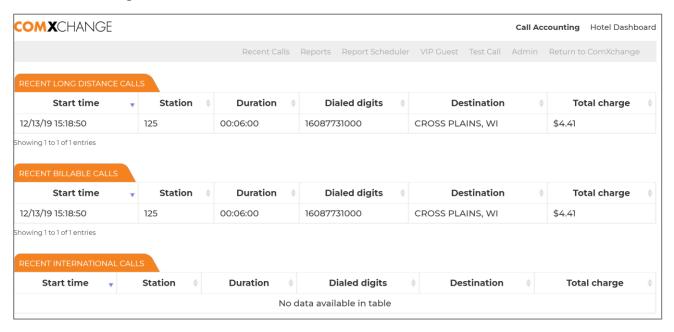




Call Accounting Module Overview

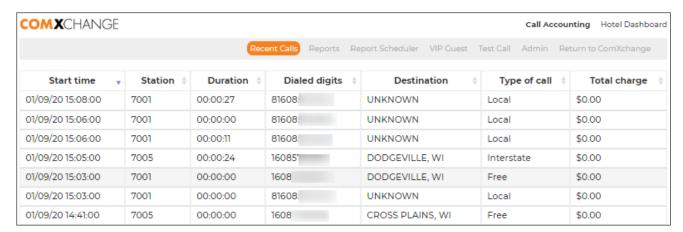
Call Accounting Landing Page

The Landing page for the Call Accounting module will list the most recent Long Distance, Billable, and International calls. Across the top, in the gray bar there are navigation buttons to the various sections of the Call Accounting Module.



Recent Calls

The **Recent Calls Button** will provide a list of the most recent calls that have been made on the ComXchange server. This will include the Station (Extension) that originated the call, the number that was dialed, the type of call and charges that would be assessed by the Call Accounting Server.

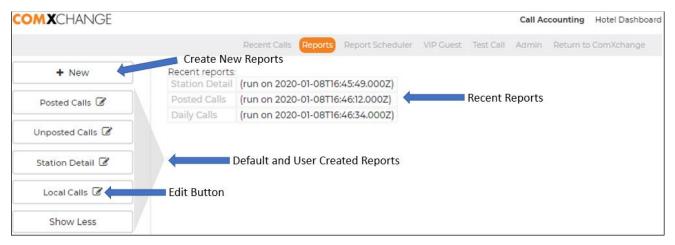




Reports

The **Reports Button** will take you to the Reports landing page that lists default and user created reports in the sidebar on the left and displays a list of recently run reports center page. From here you can manually run reports and have them sent to an email as well as view, download and or print the report.

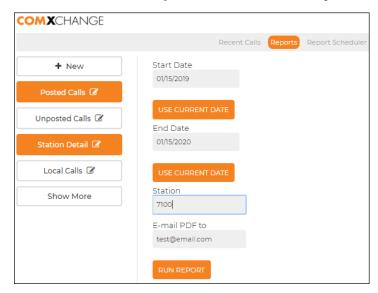
On the top of the left side bar is a **+ New** button for creating new reports, and you can click on the icon to edit a report and change the information it will return.



Note: Note any new reports that are created will be available to all users with access to Call Accounting Reports.

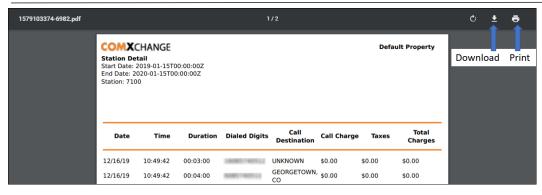
Running a Report

- 1. Click on the Report you wish to run
 - a. Fill in any filters then click Run Report



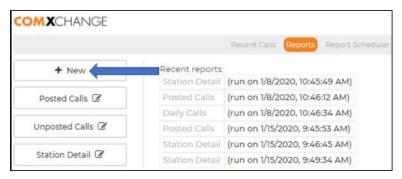
After the report is run it will open the report where it can be downloaded or printed.





Creating a Report

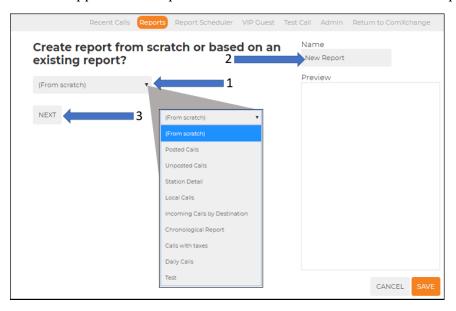
To Create a new report, click on the + New Button on the reports page



Create a New Report

- 1. Create the report from scratch or choose an existing report as a template from the drop down
- 2. Fill in the Name field for the report
- 3. Click on Next

Note: The Preview Window may appear empty until partway through the design process or empty if Call Accounting hasn't received any call records. Also, the calls shown in the preview may not be the calls that appear in the report as some filters and constraints are not applied in preview.

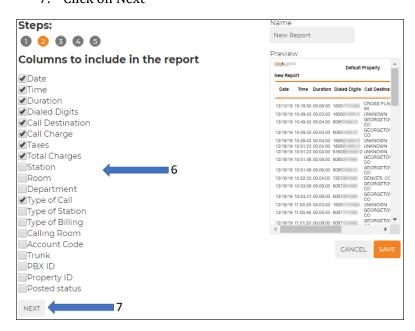




- 4. Choose from Individual Calls or Call Totals
 - a. **Individual calls** each row of the report will contain data about a single call
 - b. Call Totals each row will contain data about a set of calls matching some criteria
- 5. Click Next



- 6. Check which columns should be visible in the report
- 7. Click on Next

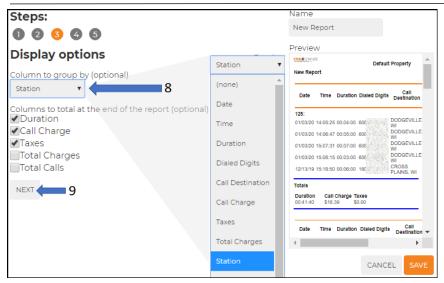


- 8. Choose the Display Options
 - a. **Column to group by**: If an option from this drop down is chosen the reports data will be ordered with like valued calls being grouped together based on the selection

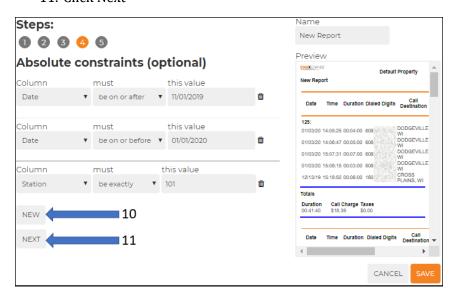
Example: if Station is selected, the report will display all calls made from one station grouped together followed by all calls made from the next station grouped together

- b. **Columns to total**: Checked columns will include a "Totals" at the end, totaling the selected columns' values
- 9. Click Next



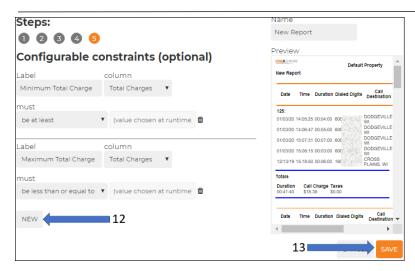


- 10. Choose any **Absolute Constraints** by clicking the New Button
 - a. These are filters that apply every time the report is run
 - b. In the example below the report will display calls made from 11/01/2019 through 1/1/2020 from room 101
- 11. Click Next



- 12. Specify any **Configurable Constraints** by clicking the New Button
 - a. These are constraints that are chosen when the report is run
 - b. In the example below we have created a constraint that allows a user to choose the minimum and maximum total charges to a call that will appear in the report
- 13. Click on Save





To Delete a report, Click the icon then click the Delete button below the preview pane.

Report Scheduler

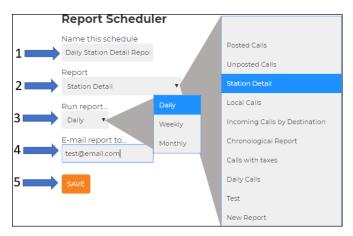
The **Report Scheduler** allows you to automatically run and email a report in PDF form at a daily, weekly, or monthly interval. You can only schedule reports that do not contain Configurable Restraints.

To create a new schedule, click on the +New Button.



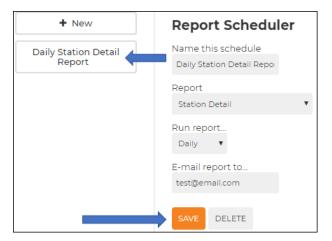
Create a Report Schedule

- 1. Fill in the "Name this Schedule" field
- 2. Choose a report from the dropdown
- 3. Choose an interval from the Run report dropdown
 - a. Once the report schedule is created it will run at midnight on the appropriate days
- 4. Fill in an email address in the E-mail report to field
 - a. Multiple addresses can be entered separated by a comma
- Click on Save





To modify or delete a schedule click on the schedule, make the changes you want then click on Save or click on the delete button then confirm.

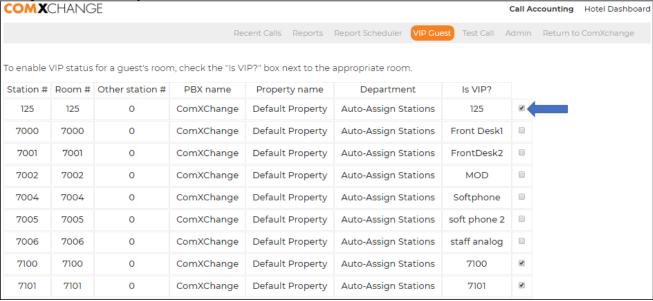


VIP Guest Button

The **VIP Guest** page allows you to toggle a "VIP" status for specific guest extensions. This feature is useful if you want to grant special discounts on calling rates to specific rooms. VIP rates are configured in the **Call Pricing** section of the **Admin** area.

To designate an extension as a VIP extension, simply check the box next to that extension. The changes

take place immediately.



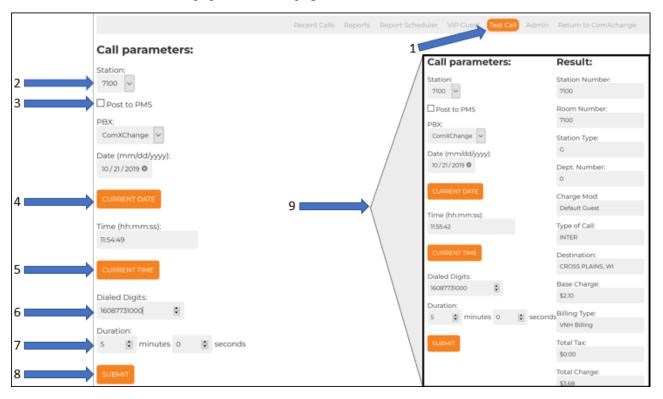


Test Call Button

The **Test Call** feature allows you to see how a call, given a set of parameters, would be priced. **Note:** this cannot work until the Call Accounting Server has <u>Stations</u> added in the Admin area.

Generate a Test Call

- 1. Click on the Test Call Button on the top Menu
- 2. Choose a Guest Extension in the Station Number drop down
- 3. Choose whether you want to Post to the PMS
- 4. Click on the Current Date Button
- 5. Click on the Current Time
- 6. Enter the test number in the Dialed Digits Field
- 7. Choose a duration of more than 3 minutes
- 8. Click on the Submit Button
- 9. The Results will then populate on the page





Call Accounting Configuration Overview (Admin)

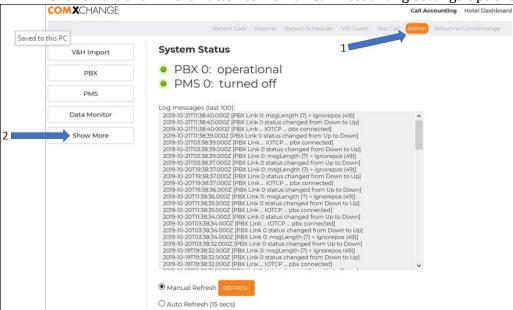
Open the Call Accounting Admin Settings

The Admin section contains the most highly-restricted of the Call Accounting Module. These are features that are commonly used when fist configuring the Call Accounting Server.

Click on the Admin button on the top menu to bring to bring up the Call Accounting Settings

a. On the left side of the screen are buttons to navigate the Call Accounting Settings

2. Click on the Show More Button to view all Call Accounting Settings Options



V&H Import

The **V&H Import** page is where you can upload a V&H table file for Call Accounting to process and populate its database.

Note: there are steps that need to be finished before the V&H file is uploaded and the process will be discussed later in the document in the V&H Process and Configuration Section



PBX

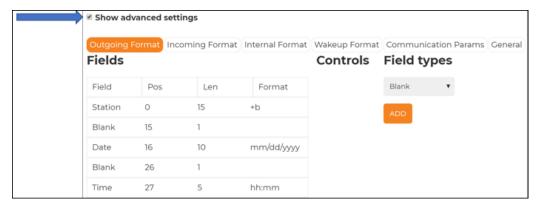
The **PBX Page** provides the ability to turn the interface to the PBX (ComXchange Server) on and off and add the 3 digit area code(NPA -Number Plan Area) and exchange (ABC) numbers to define the local numbers for the PBX. The numbers affect the V&H Import process and should be set prior to import.



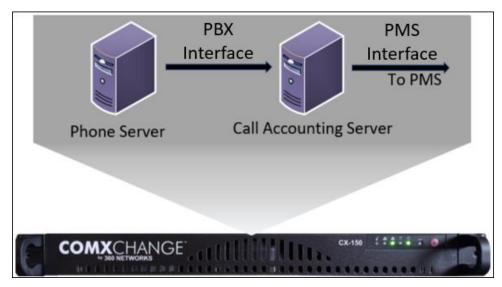


PBX Advanced Settings

Click on the Advanced Settings Check box to manage the settings of the PBX Interface that connects to the SMDR interface of the ComXchange Server suh as, the formats the PBX uses to communicate and the communication parameters of the interface.



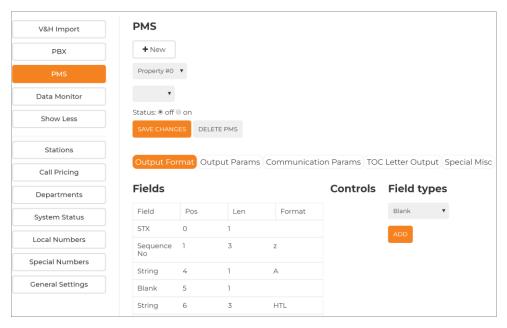
Note: The advanced settings for the PBX are setup by default and should not need to be changed. Below depicts the Call Accounting Server receiving SMDR info where it is processed then sending Call to the PMS System.





PMS

The **PMS Page** provides the ability to turn the interface to the PMS on and off. This is where you will need to make any changes to the Call Accounting interface to the PMS. There are also tabs that can be modified for the interface with an important one being the Communication Params Tab



PMS Communication Parameters

The PMS Communication Parameters are the settings for the interface between the Call Accounting Server and the PMS System. This can be over Serial or IP. If you are interfacing with Fosse there is a checkbox to match their communication standard.

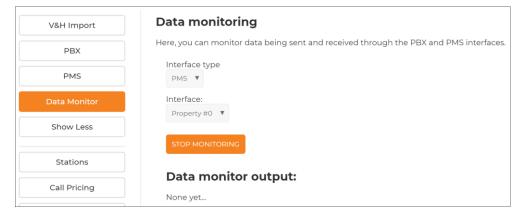




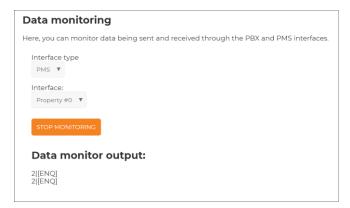
Data Monitor

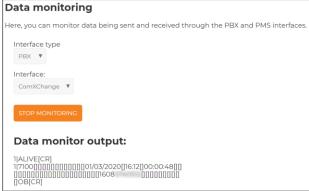
The **Data Monitor Page** provides a tool for monitoring the data being sent inbound to the Call Accounting Server from the PBX and Outbound from the Call Accounting Server to the PMS System

- 1. Choose the interface type you would like to monitor
- 2. If there is more than one PMS interface you can choose it in the interface drop down
- 3. Click Start Monitoring



4. The data being communicated across that interface will be shown

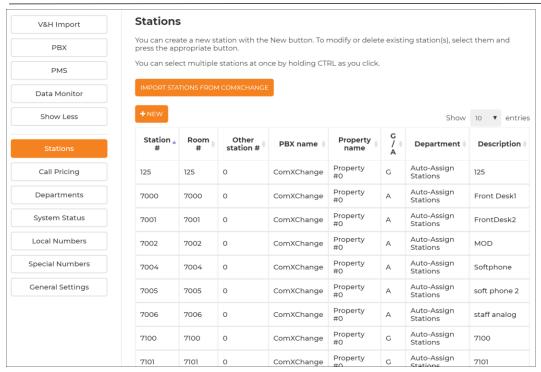




Stations

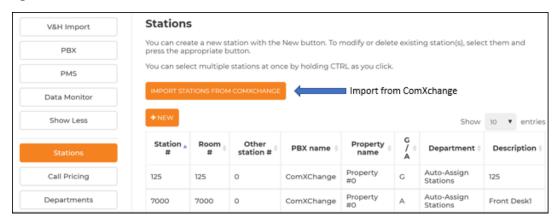
The **Stations Page** displays a list of all configured stations and is where you will import, create, or modify stations in the call accounting database.





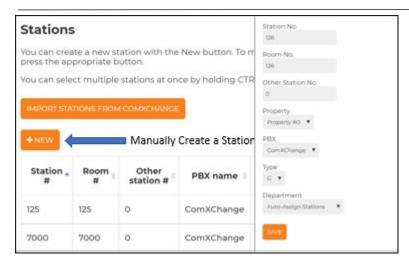
Import Stations

After the staff and guest extensions have been loaded in the ComXchange Server you can import them from ComXchange by clicking on the IMPORT STATIONS FROM COMXCHANGE button. This can be done again later if more extensions are created.

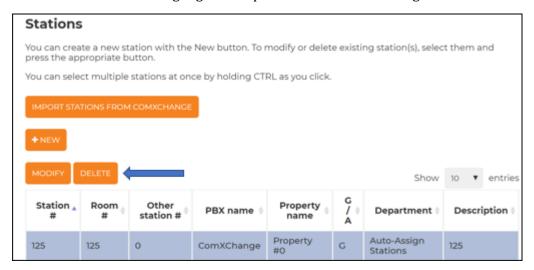


1. You can use the New button to create a station manually





- 2. You can Modify or Delete a Station by highlighting a station which will then show the Modify and Delete Option.
 - a. You can highlight multiple stations at a time using the Ctrl or Shift Keys

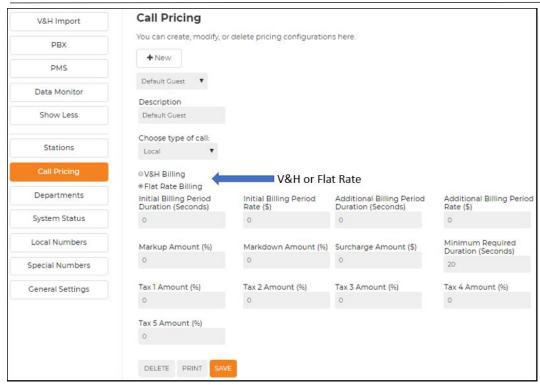


Call Pricing

The **Call Pricing Page** is where you can view and modify the rates the property charges guests for different types of phone calls (Local, Intrastate, Interstate, etc)

- 1. Calls can be priced by V&H Billing or Flat Rate Billing
 - a. **V&H Billing** is the standard billing formula. Calls are priced according to rates set in the V&H tables. These tables will be populated by the <u>V&H Import process</u>.
 - b. Flat Rate Billing is a pricing structure where calls are charged an initial amount (Initial Billing Rate Period) and granted a set amount of time for the phone call (Initial Billing Period Duration). If the phone call exceeds the number of seconds specified in Initial Billing Period Duration, the customer is then charged an additional cost (Additional Billing Period Rate) and granted an additional amount of time (Additional Billing Period Duration).





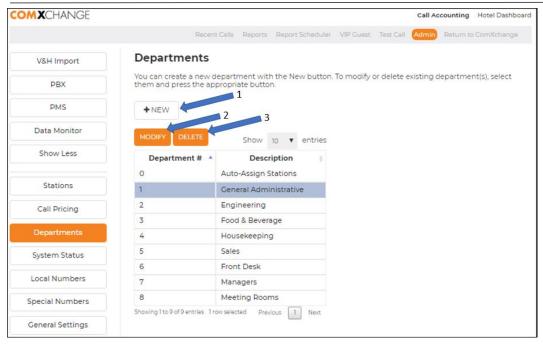
Departments

The **Departments Page** provides the ability to create, modify, and delete the apartments that can be assigned in the <u>Stations Page</u> and used for reporting.

Department configuration

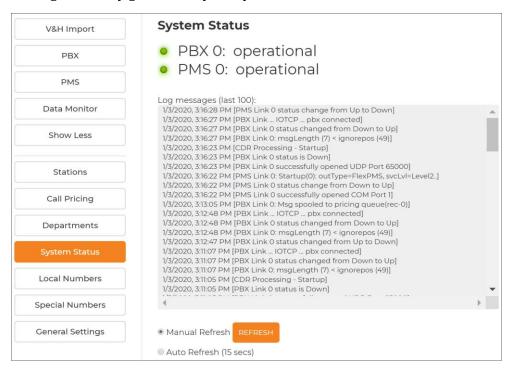
- 1. New to create a new department click on the +New button then fill in the ID number, description, and its associated modified charge group
- 2. Modify To modify a department click on the department then click the Modify Button.
- 3. Delete To delete a department click on the department then click the Delete Button.





System Status

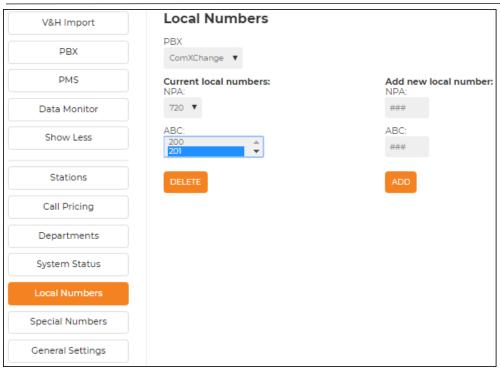
The **System Status Page** describes the state of the PBX and the PMS Interfaces. It Also displays a log of messages recently generated by the system.



Local Numbers

The **Local Numbers Page** allows you to examine and modify the list of area codes and exchange numbers that are considered "Local" to your property for call pricing purposes.





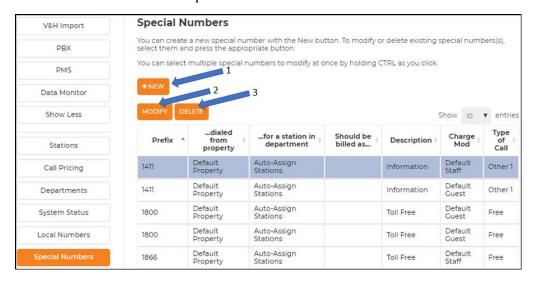
This can be useful when you want to charge local rates to your guests for numbers dialed with a specific NPA/ABC combination that would otherwise be considered a long-distance call.

Note: Any NPA/ABC combinations added here will only affect what your property charges your guests. It doesn't affect the charge the property is billed for the calls.

Special Numbers

The **Special Numbers Page** is where you can assign a prefix or a digit pattern a charge model and call type. This allows you to assign it to be free or charged at a rate.

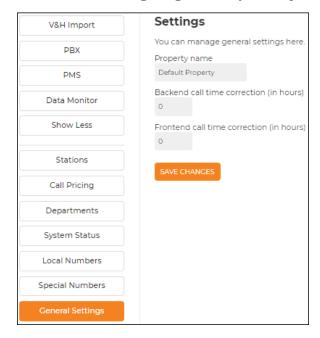
- 1. New To add new prefixes/digit patterns by clicking the +New button.
- 2. Modify To modify a special number click the number then click the Modify button.
- 3. Delete To delete a special number click on the number then click the Delete button.





General Settings

The General Settings Page Allows you to update the property name



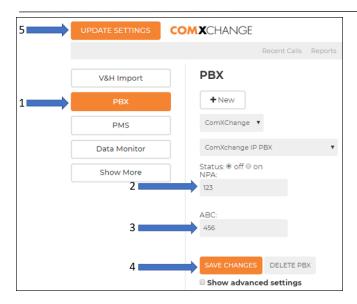
V&H Import Process and Configuration

Configure PBX

Add the Local Number NPA (Number Plan Area) and exchange Information. This will be the area code and three numbers directly after the area code.

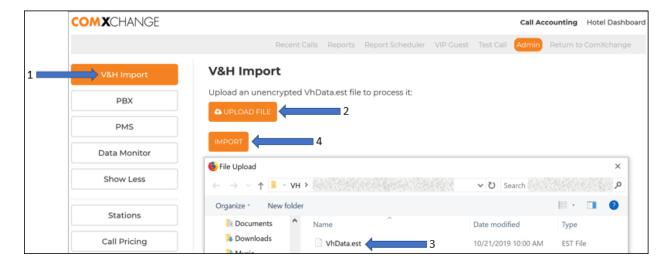
- 1. Click on the PBX Button
- 2. Add the Area Code in the NPA field
- 3. Add the exchange numbers in the ABC field
- 4. Click on the Save Changes Button
- 5. Click on Update Settings



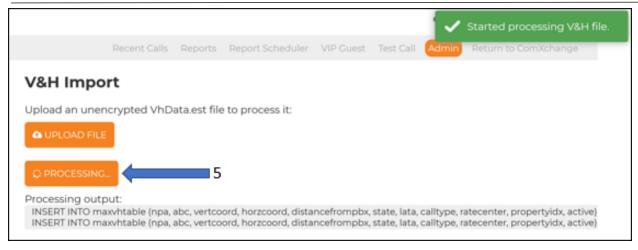


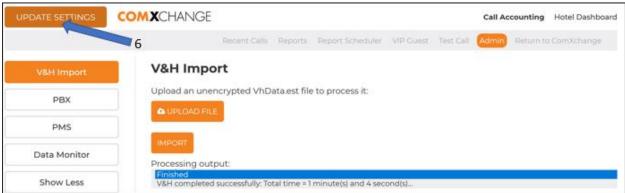
Import the V&H File

- 1. Click on the V&H Import Button
- 2. Click on Upload File
- 3. In the popup window navigate to the VhData.est file
 - a. Double click or open the file
- 4. Click on Import
- 5. Wait for the V&H file to be processed
- 6. When Processing is Finished Click Update Settings









Turn PBX Status to On

- 1. Click on the PBX Button
- 2. Click the on, option button to turn the PBX status to on



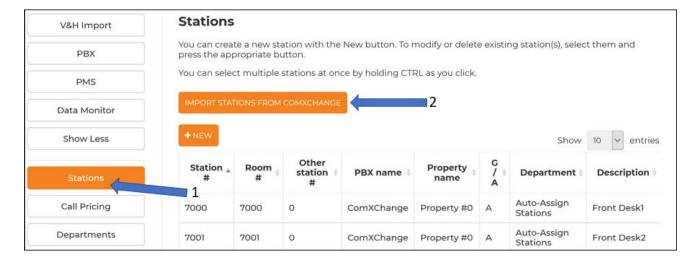
Import Stations from ComXchange

The Call Accounting Module needs to know about the stations that are in the Staff and Guest Extensions to process charges to them.

- 1. Click on the Stations Button
- 2. Click on the IMPORT STATIONS FROM COMXCHANGE Button

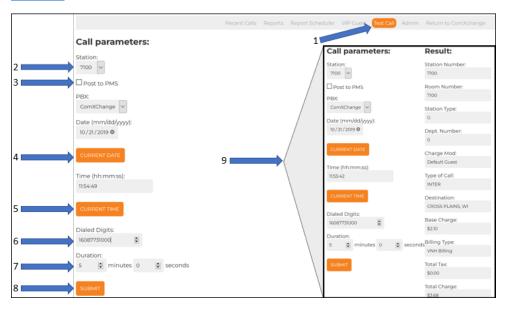


Note: The G/A Field designates if the Station is A for Admin or G for Guest



Create a Test Call

After the stations have been added you will be able to make a test call to verify the Call Accounting Server is configured correctly. For detailed instructions on how to make a test call see the Generate a Test Call Section





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