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DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

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DEFINITIONS

<u>Access Line</u> – The Telephone Company line from the central office switching point up to and including the termination on the customer's premises in either a protector or other point of demarcation.

<u>Access Line Work Charge</u> – The charge for work associated on the circuit between the serving central office up to and including the protector on the customer's premises or on an outside circuit between premises or between locations on the same premises.

<u>Accessories</u> – Devices attached to, or used with, the facilities furnished by the Telephone Company and which are independent of, and not electrically, acoustically, or inductively connected to the communication path of the telephone system.

<u>Actual Costs</u> – The cost of materials, labor and necessary overhead actually incurred by the Telephone Company to complete a particular project or task.

<u>Additional Lines</u> – A circuit connecting a station with another station or circuit connecting a private branch exchange station with a private branch exchange switchboard. An additional line may terminate on a key in lieu of an instrument.

Airline Mileage – The shortest distance between the points involved.

<u>Alabama Relay Center</u> – The Alabama Relay Center permits hearing and speech impaired users of Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) to communicate with users of ordinary telephones. Communications take place by relaying conversations (voice to TDD and TDD to voice). These calls are between one party who must communicate by means of a TDD and another who communicates by means of an ordinary telephone. Messages are rated from the rate center of the calling party to the rate center of the called party.

<u>Applicant</u> – An individual, firm, corporation, partnership, institution, association or organization whether public or private, applying for or requesting provision of telecommunications service in accordance with this Tariff.

<u>Auxiliary Line</u> – An additional and independent telecommunication channel from the central office to the same premises as the main line and associated therewith.

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DEFINITIONS (Continued)

<u>Base Rate</u> – A schedule rate for any form of exchange service which does not include mileage charges.

<u>Base Rate Area</u> – The developed sections which are a part of or contiguous to the community in which the exchange is located as set forth in the telephone utility's tariffs and within which specified are local exchange service is furnished at uniform rates without mileage or zone rate charges.

<u>Bill To Third Party</u> – Denotes a billing arrangement by which a long distance call may be charged to an authorized station as determined by the Company other than the station originating the call or the station where the call is terminated. Calls through the Alabama Relay Center may be billed only to a third number within Alabama.

<u>Building</u> – A structure under one roof, or two or more structures under separate roofs, but connected by an enclosed passageway through which wires may be safely run.

<u>Business Office</u> – The office of the Telephone Company which handles subscriber billing, collections, and public requests for service.

<u>Business Service</u> – Company service provided to firms, corporations, agencies, partnerships, associations and other institutions, public or private, whose basic concern is the conduct of business, or the fulfillment of a public responsibility, and normally engaged in acts of commerce. One indication of commercial service is the reference to a user's phone number in public advertising of a business nature.

Call – An attempted or completed communication.

<u>Central Office</u> – The location of the Telephone Company's switching equipment and where an individual telephone station may be switched and connected to another.

<u>Central Office Equipment</u> – Switching, transmission and power equipment located within a central office for the purpose of connecting local, EAS and toll calls.

<u>Central Office Line</u> – A circuit directly connecting an individual line or party line with a central office.

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<u>DEFINITIONS</u> (Continued)

<u>Central Office Work Charge</u> – The charge for work associated with the central office applicable for functions required within the central office.

<u>Change</u> – Revisions in telephone service, lines or equipment subsequent to the establishment of such services, lines or equipment, and also to rearrangements of outside or inside wiring (including house cable which does not involve moves, at the customer's request).

<u>Channel</u> – A path for communication between two or more stations, or central offices, furnished in such a manner as the Company may elect, whether by wire, radio or a combination thereof.

<u>Class of Service</u> – A description of telecommunications service furnished a customer which denotes such characteristics as nature of use (Business or Residence) or type of rate (Flat Rate, Measured Rate, or Message Rate). Classes of service are usually subdivided in "grades", such as individual line, two-party, or four-party.

<u>Commission</u> – Alabama Public Service Commission.

<u>Communications System</u> – Channels and other facilities which are capable, when no connected to exchange telecommunications service, of two-way communications between customer-provided terminal equipment or deregulated Company provided stations.

<u>Community of Interest Factor (CIF)</u> – A unit of measurement for determining the feasibility of Extended Area Service. A CIF is arrived at by dividing the total long distance (toll) calls made during a study period by the total number of customers (access lines) of the originating telephone exchanges involved in the study.

<u>Company</u> – Wherever used in this Tariff, refers to Butler Telephone Company, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

<u>Connecting Arrangement</u> – The equipment provided by the Company to accomplish the direct electrical connection of customer-provided facilities with the facilities of the Company.

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<u>DEFINITIONS</u> (Continued)

<u>Connecting Company</u> – A corporation, association, partnership or individual owning or operating one or more exchanges and with which communications services are interchanged.

<u>Connecting Terminal</u> – The connecting point between the Telephone Company's exchange plant and the equipment located on the customer's premises.

<u>Construction</u> – All activities required by the Telephone Company in order to initiate, rearrange, discontinue or otherwise provided or modify service or facilities provided to the subscriber.

<u>Construction Charge</u> – A separate nonrecurring charge made for the construction of facilities in excess of those contemplated under the rates quoted in the service order schedule.

<u>Contiguous Property</u> – The land, including any building or buildings thereon, occupied or used in the conduct of one establishment or business, through which there is general access without the necessity of crossing land used publicly or privately by others. Contiguous property has a single mailing address.

Continuous Property – The plot of ground, together with any buildings thereon, occupied by the customer, which is not divided by public highways or separated by property occupied by others. Where a customer occupies property on both sides of a street, alley, highway, body of water, railroad right-of-way, etc., and the properties would otherwise be continuous, such properties are treated as continuous property provided local wire or cable facilities are used and the customer furnished all local distribution pole line facilities or underground conduit required in connection therewith.

<u>Contract</u> – An agreement, either written or oral, under which telecommunications services or facilities are furnished subject to the rules and regulations specified in this Tariff.

<u>Cost</u> – The cost of labor and materials, which includes appropriate amounts to cover the Company's general operating and administrative expenses.

<u>Credit Card</u> – Denotes a billing arrangement by which a long distance call may be charged to an authorized Company credit card number.

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<u>DEFINITIONS</u> (Continued)

<u>Customer</u> – The person, firm, or corporation responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the regulations of the Telephone Company. May be different from the user. (See User)

<u>Customer Premises Equipment (CPE)</u> – Any terminal equipment located at customer premises which is used for telecommunications.

<u>Customer Provided Terminal Equipment</u> – Devices or apparatus and their associated wiring, provided by a customer, which do not constitute a communications system and which, when connected to the communications path of the telecommunications system, are so connected either electrically, acoustically, or inductively.

<u>Data Access Arrangement</u> – A protective connecting arrangement for use with the network control signaling unit, or in lieu of the connecting arrangement, an arrangement to identify a central office line and protective facilities and procedures to assure proper operation and protection of the telecommunications network.

<u>Date of Presentation</u> – The date upon which a bill or notice is mailed. In case of a hand delivered special bill or notice, the date of presentation is the date delivered.

<u>Demarcation Point</u> – The point of physical interconnection between the telephone network and the customer premises wiring. This is part of the telephone network and maintained by the Telephone Company.

<u>Dial Switching Equipment</u> – A unit of electro-mechanical or electronic switching equipment used in central office or in connection with a private branch exchange system.

<u>Direct Electrical Connections</u> – A physical connection of the electrical conductors in the communications path.

<u>Directory Listing</u> – Information contained in the Telephone Company-owned telephone directory or directory assistance records, where telephone users may obtain the telephone number of listed subscriber stations.

<u>Disconnect</u>– Discontinuance of telephone service made at the request of the subscriber or at option of the Telephone Company for nonpayment of service or other valid reasons; the facilities so disconnected by the Telephone Company may be made immediately available for use by another subscriber.

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<u>DEFINITIONS</u> (Continued)

<u>Drop Wire</u> – Paired wires, insulated and under a common cover, which connect a subscriber's line from the terminal on the pole to the point of demarcation on the customer's premise.

<u>Dual Name Listing</u> – Provided for customers subscribing to residence service who share the same surname and reside at the same address, and for a person known by two first names.

<u>Emergency</u>— A situation or condition, as determined by the Telephone Company, which demands immediate attention and requires substantial change from the normal conduct of utility business and which left unattended could seriously threaten the public safety.

<u>Exchange</u> – The areas authorized by the Commission for the administration of communication service by the Company.

<u>Exchange Access Service</u> – An unlimited local exchange service which allows users not located in the Telephone Company service area to access public switched network of the Telephone Company.

<u>Exchange Area</u> – The territory served by an exchange as specified in the Subscriber Services Tariff.

<u>Exchange Message</u> – A completed telephone call or telephonic communication between exchange stations in the same local service area.

<u>Exchange Service</u> – The service of furnishing access to Company facilities for telephone communication within a local service area in accordance with the regulations and for the rates and charges specified in the Subscriber Services Tariff.

<u>Existing Customer</u> – Reference to existing customer in this Tariff means customer as the date of this Tariff.

<u>Extended Area Service (EAS)</u> – A type of telephone switching and trunking arrangement which provides for unlimited calling between two or more telephone exchanges based on a usage-sensitive structure and/or a flat rate additive, if applicable.

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<u>DEFINITIONS</u> (Continued)

<u>Facilities</u> – All property and means owned, operated, leased, licensed, used, furnished, or supplied for, by or in connection with the rendition of telephone service.

<u>Flat Rate Service</u> – The type of exchange service furnished at a stipulated monthly rate with an unlimited number of calls within a specified local service area.

<u>Foreign Attachment</u> – Lines, instruments, appliances, or apparatus not owned or furnished by the Company.

<u>Foreign Central Office</u> – Any central office other than that which serves the area in which the customer is located.

<u>Foreign Exchange</u> – Any other exchange but that in which the customer is located.

<u>Foreign Exchange Line Mileage</u> – The measurement applying to that portion of a central office line connecting customer with a foreign central office, from the common boundary line to the customer's station, for which a monthly charge is made in addition to the base rate for exchange service.

<u>Foreign Exchange (FX) Service</u> – Exchange service furnished a subscriber from a central office located in an exchange other than that in which the subscriber's primary station is located.

<u>Grade of Service</u> – Refers to the number of parties served on a telephone line, such as one-party, two-party, four-party.

<u>Grandfathered Service</u> – Services no longer offered to new subscribers. Existing subscribers may continue service until moves or changes of service occur.

<u>Individual Line Service</u> (Or One Party Service) – A grade of exchange service by means of a central office line arranged to serve one subscriber telephone number only.

<u>Initial Service Period</u> – The minimum length of time for which a customer is obligated to pay for service, facilities and equipment, whether or not retained by the customer for such minimum length of time.

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DEFINITIONS (Continued)

<u>Inside Wire</u> – The wire and incidentals installed on the subscriber's premises to connect the communication devices with the connecting terminal.

<u>Installation</u> – Any activity required by the Telephone Company in order to initiate, rearrange, delete or otherwise provide or modify service or facilities for use by the general public.

<u>Installation Charge</u> – An initial, nonrecurring charge made under certain conditions to cover all or a portion of the cost of installation of telephone service. The payment of an installation charge gives the subscriber no ownership wholly of in part to the property installed.

<u>Intercommunicating System</u> – An arrangement involving two or more stations which enables a user to signal and connect with other stations in the system.

<u>Interexchange Channel</u> – That portion of a channel which connects stations in two or more exchanges.

<u>Interface</u> – That point on the premises of the subscriber at which facilities owned by others is connected to Telephone Company facilities.

Key Line – A circuit connecting a key system with a central office.

<u>Key Telephone Service</u> – An exchange service furnished by means of assemblies serving one or more individual central office lines, including at least one multi-button telephone set, and associated apparatus arranged for various combinations of cutoff, holding, intercommunicating pickup and signaling within the capacity of the equipment.

<u>Lease Line</u> – A channel tying together two or more points in the exchange area for the sole use of the subscriber. It is terminated at each point on the subscriber owned equipment and is not connected to the central office switching equipment.

<u>Line Extension</u> – The outside plant required in addition to existing facilities to render telephone service, exclusive of instruments.

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<u>DEFINITIONS</u> (Continued)

<u>Link Up Alabama</u> – Link Up Alabama provides subsidized assistance qualifying low income households by providing a credit to the installation and connection charges applicable to the provisioning of residence service.

<u>Local Access and Transport Area (LATA)</u> – Geographic area established for the purpose of defining the territory within which a Bell Operating Company may offer its telecommunications services.

<u>Local Calling Areas</u> – The areas within which telecommunications service is furnished subscribers under a specific schedule of exchange rates and without toll charges. A local calling area may include one or more exchange service areas, or portions of exchange service areas.

<u>Local Channel</u> – That portion of a channel which connects a station to an interexchanging channel or a channel connecting two or more stations within an exchange area.

<u>Local Message</u> – A completed call or telephonic communication between a calling station and any other exchange station within the local service area of the calling station.

<u>Local Service Area</u> – The area within which telephone service is furnished customers under a specific schedule of exchange rates and without toll charges. A local service area may include one or more exchange areas.

<u>Local Telephone Service</u> – Service available within the Telephone Company service area for communication between subscribers located within that Telephone Company service area only.

<u>Maintenance of Service Charge</u> – The charge for each visit by the Telephone Company to the premises of the customer, or authorized user, where the report results from use of equipment provided by the customer, or authorized user.

Message – A completed subscriber telephone call.

<u>Message Unit</u> – A unit charge established for calls within the local service area as provided in the General Exchange Tariff.

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<u>DEFINITIONS</u> (Continued)

<u>Message Toll Service or Message Telecommunications Service (MTS)</u> – Long distance telecommunications service between exchange areas, categorized as intraLATA/intrastate, intraLATA/intrastate, or interLATA/interstate and rated on a time and distance basis.

<u>Mileage Charge</u> – Additional recurring charges based upon distance measurement as provided for in this Tariff.

<u>Minimum Contract Period</u> – The minimum length of time for which a customer is obligated to pay for service, facilities and equipment, whether or not retained by the customer for such minimum length of time.

<u>Miscellaneous Common Carriers</u> – Miscellaneous Common Carriers, as defined in Part 21 of the Federal Communications Commission Rules, are communications common carriers which are not engaged in the business of providing either a public landline message telephone service or public message telegraph service.

<u>Miscellaneous Service</u> – Service not regularly furnished with the various classes of exchange service.

<u>Mobile Telephone Service</u> – A communication service provided by means of radio frequencies through a land radio telephone base station. Connections may be established between a wire station and a mobile or fixed unit or between two mobile or fixed units.

<u>Move</u> – A transfer of telephone service from one location to another on the same premise where there is no interruption of service other than is incident to the work involved. Transfers of telephone service from one premise to another, or from location to another on the same premise involving a break in the continuity of service and resulting in cessation of local service charges, but not considered as moved, but as new service and service charges that may be applicable.

<u>Move or Change Charge</u> – Initial nonrecurring charges made for a change of location or type of equipment on the same premises made at the subscriber's request where there is no interruption of service other than incident to the work involved and which is not initiated by the Telephone Company or required for the proper maintenance of the equipment or service.

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<u>Network Control Signaling Unit</u> – The terminal equipment furnished, installed, and maintained by the Company for the provision of network control signaling.

Network Interface Device (NID) – A standard FCC Registration Program jack or equivalent that is installed by the Telephone Company as part of the network access line on a customer's premises at a location determined by the Company which is accessible to the customer and consistent with FCC Registration regulations governing the location of the network interface. The network interface is located on the customer's premises and serves as the point of connection for all premises services to the telecommunications network.

<u>Network Terminating Wire</u> – Wire installed for network service for a specific customer and used to connect the intrabuilding network cable or the outside plant distribution facilities to the Network Interface.

<u>New Subscriber</u> – Applicants having no basic monthly service or those subscribers changing service premises.

<u>Nonlisted Service</u> – The telephone number of the subscriber which, at the request of the subscriber is not listed in the telephone directory, but can be obtained by contacting the information operator.

Nonpublished Service – A customer listing, that is required at the customer's request in writing, to both unpublished in the telephone directory and to be withheld from any request made upon directory assistance desks or any type of request, unless so ordered by a regulation body of the Telephone Company.

<u>Normal Working Situation</u> – Those situations which can be reasonably anticipated by the Telephone Company, planned for in advance and handled as part of the usual day-to-day operations, without requiring substantial deviation from standard operating practices.

<u>Off-Premises Station</u> – Service which provides a connection from the access line termination (station) to another station located on property or in a building not contiguous to the access line termination.

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<u>DEFINITIONS</u> (Continued)

<u>Other Common Carrier (OCC)</u> – Specialized Common Carriers, Domestic and International Records Carriers, Domestic Satellite Carriers and Value-Added Carriers that are authorized by the FCC to provide private or off-network MTS/WATS equivalent services.

<u>Party Line Service</u> – A grade of service furnished under Tariff provisions by means of a central office line arranged to serve more than one subscriber telephone number and with segregated ringing for each telephone number on that line.

<u>Permanent Disconnects</u> – Termination of Telephone Company service where the intent is not to reconnect the service in the foreseeable future. Facilities related to such disconnections of service become immediately available to the Telephone Company to satisfy other service requirements.

<u>Premises</u> – The building, portion or portions of a building on continuous property used and/or occupied at one time by the customer in the conduct of his business or as a residence. Where floor space adjoining buildings is made continuous at one or more floor levels, all floor space in both buildings is considered the same premises insofar as the customer who uses and occupies such continuous floor space is concerned, the two buildings otherwise being considered as separate buildings.

<u>Premise Visit Charge</u> – Charges incurred when it is necessary for the Company to visit the subscriber's service location.

<u>Premises Wire</u> – All wiring within the same building or between buildings on the same continuous property of a customer and located on the customer's side of the network interface. In the absence of a network interface, all wiring on the customer's side of the first point of connection at a customer's premise.

<u>Private Branch Exchange (PBX) Service</u> – An arrangement of equipment consisting of switching apparatus with attendant's telephone, trunks to a central office and stations connected with the switching apparatus, providing for inter-communication between these stations and communication with the general exchange and interexchange systems. Throughout this Tariff, the commonly used abbreviation "P.B.X." will be substituted for the words Private Branch Exchange.

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DEFINITIONS (Continued)

<u>Private Branch Exchange Trunk</u> – A circuit connecting a private branch system with a central office.

<u>Private Line Circuit (Dedicated)</u> – A circuit provided to a subscriber which is not connected to the switching equipment of the Telephone Company and does not provide general access to the local exchange.

Private Line Terminal – Each end of a private line dedicated circuit.

<u>Public Telephone Service</u> – A non-listed, non-customer exchange station installed for the convenience of the public at a location chosen or accepted by the Telephone Company. A coin collecting device may be provided for immediate collection of charges for each outgoing local and toll message, or the paystation may be of a coinless nature intended for collect or third number billing purposes.

Regrade – A change in the classification of service.

Residence Telephone Service – Service furnished to a home, personal quarters, or abode used only for residential or domestic purposes and from which business is not normally conducted. Residential service does not include multi-family apartments or hotels where a landlord or manager is responsible for payment to the Telephone Company.

<u>Restoration Charge</u> – A charge applying to restore service following a temporary suspension of such service for nonpayment of charges.

<u>Rotary Hunting</u> – Routes a call to an idle station line in a prearranged group when the called station line is busy.

- a. <u>Terminal</u> The hunt always starts with the called station line and ends with the last station line in a prearranged group completing the call to the first idle station line encountered. Unless the first station line is called, only a portion of the group is tested.
- b. <u>Circular Hunting</u> The hunt starts with the called station line and always proceeds in a prearranged order to test all lines in the group once, attempting to complete the call to the first idle station line.

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<u>Route Mileage</u> – The distance measured along the route of the circuit between any tow or more given points on that circuit.

<u>Semipublic Telephone Service</u> – Exchange service designed for use of the customer and the public at locations somewhat public in character and involving a stipulated charge for each outgoing local message. A coin collecting device is provided for immediate collection of charges for each outgoing local and toll message.

<u>Service Charge</u> – A nonrecurring charge applying to the establishment of telephone service for a subscriber and subsequent alterations to that service.

<u>Service Connections</u> – The establishment of telephone service, lines or equipment for a customer, and transfers of telephone service, lines or equipment from one premises to another or non-contiguous property subsequent to the establishment of such service lines or equipment for a customer.

<u>Service Order Charge</u> – A charge made to offset the cost of establishing or changing a subscriber service.

<u>Service Point</u> – Used in connection with customer-owned communications, the point on the customer's premises where customer-provided equipment connects with the facilities of the Telephone Company.

<u>Station</u> – Each telecommunications instrument location on the premises of a subscriber or authorized user and connected for his benefit.

Subscriber - See "CUSTOMER"

<u>Supplemental Equipment</u> – Attachments, apparatus, and accessories or devices which, at the request of the subscriber, the Telephone Company provides in accordance with the rate schedule of this Tariff.

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DEFINITIONS (Continued)

<u>Switch</u> – A unit of dial switching equipment which provides interconnection between station lines or trunks.

<u>Tariff</u> The entire embodiment of the rules, regulations, definitions and charges under which service is provided within a service area of the Telephone Company. This Tariff is a contract between the Telephone Company and its subscribers binding on both and approved by the Commission.

Tariff Sheet – An individual sheet of the Telephone Company's Tariff.

<u>Telecommunications Services</u> – The provision of facilities for the transmitting and reception of messages, impressions, pictures and signals by means of electricity, electromagnetic waves, and any other kind of energy, force variations, or impulses whether conveyed by cable, wire, radiation through space, or transmitted by means of other media within a specific area or between designated points.

Telephone Company - See "COMPANY".

<u>Telephone Number</u> – A designation assigned to a telephone station or private branch exchange necessary for placing calls to the telephone station or private branch exchange for identification in the assessment of message charges, etc.

<u>Temporary Disconnect</u> – A short-term suspension of utility service without removal or disconnection of any subscriber equipment. Such disconnections may be made at the request of the subscriber or on the initiative of the Telephone Company in accordance with the rules and regulations of this Tariff.

<u>Temporary Services</u> – Local service definitely known to be needed for a short period, such as service for contractors while constructing a building, for a sales campaign, or for events such as conventions, fairs, circuses, and athletic contests.

<u>Terminal</u> – A point at which a circuit element may be directly connected to one or more other elements.

<u>Terminal Equipment</u> – All equipment provided by common carriers and located on customer premises except over voltage protection equipment, coin-operated or pay telephones, and multiplexing equipment to deliver multiple channels to the customer. Mobile radio equipment transmit earth stations are also not considered to be terminal equipment. Effective July 6, 1987, all terminal equipment is provided on a nonregulated basis.

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<u>DEFINITIONS</u> (Continued)

<u>Tie Line</u> – A circuit connecting two private branch exchange systems for the purpose of interconnection between the stations connected with such systems.

<u>Tie Line Mileage</u> – The measurement on which the rates for tie lines connecting customer's switchboard is based.

<u>Toll Call</u> – A call to a point outside the local calling area of an exchange for which a long distance charge applies.

<u>Toll Center</u> – A telephone switching center at which the operations (manual or dial) function (message timing, switching, and recording) takes place in connection with the provision of toll message service.

<u>Toll Line</u> – A circuit used exclusively for the transmission of messages between points located in different exchange areas where specific charges for each such message are applicable.

<u>Toll Message</u> – A message between stations in different exchange areas and furnished under the provisions of "Message Toll Telephone Service", Section 4.

- a. <u>Person to Person Toll Message</u> A toll message in which the user stipulates a desire for communication with a specified person or station at a specified location.
- b. <u>Station to Station Toll Message</u> A toll message in which the user stipulates a desire for communication only with a specified telephone or switchboard.
- c. <u>Collect Message</u> A toll message in which the user stipulates that the called aprty accept and pay all charges associated with the message.
- d. <u>Third Number Message</u> A toll message in which associated charges are billed neither to the calling station nor to the called station, but rather to a station not involved in the message.
- e. <u>Credit Card Message</u> A toll message in which associated charges are billed to a credit card number assigned by a telephone company and issued to either the called or calling party.

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<u>DEFINITIONS</u> (Continued)

<u>Toll Rate</u> – The charge prescribed for toll messages based upon the duration and distance of the call.

<u>Toll Service</u> – Toll Service (Long Distance Service) is that part of the total telephone service rendered by the Company which is furnished between customers in different exchange areas in accordance with the rates and regulations specified in the Company's Toll Tariff.

<u>Touchtone Calling Service</u> – A classification of exchange service whereby calls are originated through the use of pushbuttons or tone signaling devices in lieu of rotary dials.

<u>Trunk Line</u> – A channel of communication from the central office to another switching system or between a PBX, key system or similar intercommunication device and the Telephone Company's central office.

<u>Type of Service</u> – The grade or level or service provided to a subscriber in a particular circumstance.

<u>Underground Service Connection</u> – A customer's "drop" wire which is run underground from a pole line or an underground distributing cable.

<u>User</u> – The user of a service regardless of the identity or location of the subscriber or customer of the service.

<u>WATS Access</u> – Provides for termination of Wide Area Telecommunications Service access line

<u>Wide Area Telecommunications Service</u> – The furnishing of facilities for dial type telephone communications between a wide area service access line and other exchange telephones in the area prescribed in the Tariff.

<u>Zone</u> – One of a series of specified areas, beyond the base rate area of an exchange in which service is furnished at rates in addition to base rates.

Zone Boundary – The limit of a specified area beyond the base rate area of an exchange.

<u>Zone Charges</u> – A charge applying in addition to the base rate area for service when a subscriber's main station, PBX, or Centrex system is outside the base rate area, but is located within the exchange area.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ABH - Average Busy Hour

ACCUNET - AT&T Switched Data Service Network

AND - Automatic Network Dialing

ATTCOM - AT&T Communications

ATTIS - AT&T Information Services

ATUR - Automatic Telephone Using Radio (Cellular System)

BCR - Billing, Collecting, Remitting

BHC - Busy Hour Calls

BNS - Bill Number Screening

BOC - Bell Operating Companies

BRA - Base Rate Area

BV - Busy Verification

CALC - Customer Access Line Charge

CCB - Coin Collecting Box

CCIS - Common Channel Inter-Office Signaling

CCLC - Common Carrier Line Charge

CDA - Coin Detection and Announcement

CDR - Call Detail Recording

CDRR - Call Detail Recording and Reporting

CIC - Carrier Identification Code

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DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (Continued)

CMRS - Cellular Mobile Radio Telecommunications Service

COCOT - Customer Owned Coin Operated Telephone

CPE - Customer Premises Equipment

DDD - Direct Distance Dialing

DID - Direct Inward Dialing

DOJ - Department of Justice

EAS - Extended Area Service

ECA - Exchange Carrier Association

EDA - Embedded Direct Analysis

FCC - Federal Communications Commission

FGA - Feature Group A

FGB - Feature Group B

FGC - Feature Group C

FGD - Feature Group D

FX - Foreign Exchange

IXC - Interexchange Carrier

INWATS - Inward Wide Area Telecommunications Service (800)

ISDN - Integrated Services Digital Network

KTS - Key Telephone System

LATA - Local Access and Transport Area

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DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (Continued)

LCR - Least Cost Routing

LEC - Local Exchange Company

LMS - Local Measured Service

MTS - Message Telecommunications Service

NECA - National Exchange Carrier Association

ONA - Open Network Architecture

OUTWATS - Outgoing Wide Area Telecommunications Service

PBX - Private Branch Exchange Service

PIN - Personal Identification Number

PL - Private Line

POP - Point of Presence

PSN - Public Switched Network

RBOC - Regional Bell Operating Company

RCC - Radio Common Carrier

RCF - Remote Call Forwarding

SLC - Subscriber Line Charge

WATS - Wide Area Telecommunications Service