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A. **BASE RATE AREA**

That portion of an exchange area surrounding and including the central office or offices or exchange rate center, within which urban classes of exchange service are offered without extra mileage charges.

This area may be described in one of the following manners:

1. As the village or city corporate limits.
2. As the village or city corporate limits as of a given date.
3. By means of a map specifically identifying the area.

B. **CIRCUIT**

The term applied to a channel used for the transmission of electrical energy in the furnishing of telephone service.

C. **CONNECTING COMPANY**

A corporation, association, partnership or individual owning or operating one or more exchanges and with whom traffic is interchanged.

D. **CONVENIENCE SYSTEMS**

An arrangement of wiring incorporating keys or buttons whereby various combinations of main and extension stations on one or more lines provide the subscriber added service convenience such as intercommunication between stations, hold, pickup, cut-off and signaling features. Stations connected should ordinarily be located in the same building. Only under special conditions shall stations be located in different buildings and in such instance mileage charges will apply.

E. **EXCHANGE**

A basic unit for the administration of communication service in a specified area, called the exchange area, which usually embraces a city, town or village and its environs. It usually consists of one or more central offices together with the associated plant used in furnishing communication service to the general public within that area.

F. **EXCHANGE AREA**

The territory served by an exchange.

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DEFINITIONS, GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**G. EXCHANGE SERVICE**

The service of furnishing facilities for telephone communication within a local service area, in accordance with the regulations and charges specified in the Local Exchange and General Exchange Tariffs. Exchange service includes the furnishing of the local facilities required to establish and maintain connection between an exchange station and the toll plant in connection with toll calls.

H. EXTENSION STATION – (See Telephone Station)**I. INDIVIDUAL LINE**

A central office line designed for the connection of only one main station (not a private branch exchange trunk line).

J. INSTALLATION CHARGE

A non-recurring charge made for the placing or furnishing of telephone equipment, which may apply in place of or in addition to Service Connection and other applicable charges for service or equipment.

K. LOCAL MESSAGE

A communication between a calling station and any other station within the local service area of the calling station.

L. LOCAL SERVICE – (Same as Exchange Service)**M. LOCAL SERVICE AREA**

The area throughout which communication service is rendered to a calling station without the application of toll charges.

N. MAIN STATION – (See Telephone Station)**O. PARTY LINE**

A central office line designed for the connection of more than one main station.

P. PREMISES

The building, portion or portions of a building, used and occupied at one time by the subscriber in the conduct of his business or as a residence. Where floor space in adjoining buildings is made

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P. **PREMISES** (Continued)

continuous in extent at one or more floor levels, all floor space in both buildings is considered as the same premises insofar as the subscriber who uses and occupies such continuous floor space is concerned, the two buildings otherwise being considered as separate buildings.

Q. **PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE SYSTEM**

A private branch exchange system is an arrangement of equipment, contracted for by a subscriber, consisting of a switching apparatus with attendants' telephone, trunks to a central office and stations connected with the switching apparatus, thereby providing for telephone intercommunication between these stations, and also communication with the general exchange system.

1. Hereafter throughout this General Tariff, the commonly used abbreviation "P.B.X." will be substituted for the Private Branch Exchange.
 - a. P.B.X. Trunk: A circuit connecting the P.B.X. system with a central office.
 - b. P.B.X. Station: Any station (including the operating set or sets) connected directly or indirectly with a P.B.X. system.
 - c. Battery Power: Power furnished for talking and for operating lamp or visual signals and relays.
 - d. Ringing Current: Current furnished by means of a circuit from a central office or other source of supply, to enable the P.B.X. operator to signal the P.B.X. stations or connecting P.B.X. systems without the use of a hand generator.

R. **RURAL LINE SERVICE**

A type of multi-party line service furnished to subscribers in certain sections outside the base rate area but within the exchange area.

S. **SERVICE STATION** – (See Telephone Station)T. **SUBSCRIBER**

The individual, partnership, association or corporation which contracts for telephone service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the rules and regulations of the Telephone Company.

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U. SWITCHBOARD

Switchboards are classified as follows:

1. **Cord Switchboard:** A switchboard on which all lines terminate in jacks; interconnection of stations and of stations and trunk lines is established by means of cords equipped with plugs.
 - a. **Multiple Cord Switchboard:** A cord switchboard arranged so that each line may have two or more appearances or jack terminations.
 - b. **Non-Multiple Cord Switchboard:** A cord switchboard arranged so that each line has only one appearance or jack termination.
2. **Cordless Switchboard (Key Switchboard):** A switchboard on which all lines terminate on keys; interconnection of stations and of stations and trunk lines is established by means of keys.

V. TELEPHONE STATION

A telephone instrument, consisting of a transmitter, receiver and associated apparatus , so connected as to permit transmitting and receiving of telephone messages.

1. **Company Stations:** A station owned by the Telephone Company, receiving service from and through central office equipment and lines normally owned, maintained and operated by the Telephone Company, and provided as a part of the Telephone Company's service function. Service stations are not included under this classification.
 - a. **Main Station:** A Company station directly connected by means of an individual line or party line circuit, or by a toll circuit (foreign exchange) with a central office or toll operating unit, including the following:
 - b. **Toll Station:** A company station installed for the convenience of the public or of a subscriber in a locality where the telephone company does not generally furnish exchange service and from which established toll rates are charged for all messages sent over telephone company lines.

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V. TELEPHONE STATION (Continued)

1. Company Stations: (Continued)

- c. Toll Terminal: A company station, or a terminal on a private branch exchange switchboard, and the associated exchange circuit connecting the station or terminal directly with a toll office. (Also known as Long Distance Terminal).
- d. Extension Stations: Extension stations may be provided in connection with all classes of subscriber main station extensions, except semi-public pay station extensions, will be installed in a residence upon application of appropriate charges provided there is a residence main station maintained at the off-premise location.

Extension stations will not be furnished when in the judgment of the company, such stations will interfere with satisfactory operation of the line.

Extension stations furnished off of semi-public pay station extensions will not be equipped with dials.

Separate telephone numbers or other distinctive designations are not permitted on extension stations, nor is code ringing permitted, nor shall separate directory listings be provided.

- e. Private Branch Exchange Station: Any company station (including the operator's set or sets) connected directly or indirectly with a private branch exchange system.
2. Service Station: One of a group of stations, which, under arrangements made by the service station subscribers in joint association, receive service from a telephone company central office over facilities provided in part by such subscribers and in part by the telephone company.

W. TOLL MESSAGE

A message from a calling station to a station located in a different local service area for which a message charge applies.

X. ZONE

A portion of the exchange service area wherein graded service, including individual line service is offered without additional mileage charges. The extent of the various zones are set forth on exchange maps filed in the Utility Tariffs and special rates for individual zones are similarly filed in the tariffs.

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