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**Blue Ridge Telephone Company**

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**DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**ACCESS LINE-A** Company-owned circuit between the customer's premises and the Company Central Office; the circuit may be physical, carrier or of radio frequency. Generally, the access line is the point of connection at the premise Company owned interface to the central office for access to the switched network. The access line does not include material/equipment/apparatus on the customer side of the interface.

**Business Access Line-A** central office access line terminating at the customer's business location(s) to be used primarily for business, professional or occupational reasons.

**Residence Access Line-A** central office access line terminating at the customer's residence/dwelling to be used only for domestic purposes.

**Public/Semipublic Paystation/Coin Access Line-A** an individual access line which provides selected central office switching to provide automatic billed call, coin collection/return and operator assistance.

**PBX/PABX Access Line-A** an individual access line (trunk) which terminates on a PBX/PABX system which may require circuit modification at the central office.

**Centrex Access Line-A** an access line between the interface at the customer's premises and the centrex equipment.

**Mobile Telephone Access Line-A** a radio frequency access to a base radio station which provides access to the switched network.

**Foreign Exchange Access Line-A** an access line providing network access from a central office which is located outside the exchange area in which the customer is located.

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**Free Access Line**-An access line provided at no charge to local municipalities as provided for in the franchise agreement.

**Satellite Access Line**-Equipment contained in an earth satellite permitting predetermined frequency access from a customer's premises which provides remote access to the switched network.

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DEFINITION OF TERMS

ACCESSORIES - Devices which are mechanically attached to, or used with, the facilities furnished by the Company and which are independent of, and not electrically, acoustically or inductively connected to the communications path of the telecommunications systems.

ADDITIONAL LISTING - Any listing of a name or other authorized information in connection with a customer's telephone number in addition to that to which he is entitled in connection with his regular service.

APPLICANT - A person, firm, partnership, corporation, cooperative organization, governmental agency, etc., requesting service from the Company.

AUTHORIZED PROTECTIVE CONNECTING MODULE - The term "Authorized Protective Connecting" module denotes a protective unit designed and manufactured under the control of telephone company quality assurance procedures, which unit is to be incorporated in a conforming device.

AUTHORIZED USER - A person, firm or corporation (other than the customer) on whose premise a telephone, PBX, or private line service or channel is located and who may communicate over such channels in accordance with the terms of this Tariff.

AUXILIARY INTERCOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS - Auxiliary Intercommunications Systems provide internal voice communications within a customer's premise by means of one-way or two-way intercom systems. They are not inter-connected to outside or toll facilities even though they may be connected internally to a telephone system.

AUXILIARY ACCESS LINE - An additional individual Access Line used for one-way (inward to the subscriber) service.

BASE RATE - A scheduled rate for any form of exchange service or equipment which does not include mileage charges.

BASE RATE AREA - A specific area within an exchange service area as set forth in the telephone utilities tariffs, maps or descriptions. Local exchange service within this area is furnished at uniform rates without extra mileage charges.

BASIC TERMINATION CHARGE - See "Termination Charge".

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BILL TO THIRD PARTY - the term "Bill to Third Party" denotes a billing arrangement by which a call can be charges to an authorized station as determined by the Telephone Company other than the station originating the call or the station where the call is terminated. (N)

BUILDING (Same)- The terms "Same Building" is to be interpreted as a structure under one roof, or two or more structures under separate roofs, but connected by enclosed passageways in which the wires or cables of the Company can be safely run provided the plant facility requirements are not appreciably greater than would be required normally if all the structures under separate roofs, but connected by enclosed passageways and the plant facility requirements for furnishing service are appreciably greater than would be required normally if all the structures were under one roof, the term "Same Building" applies individually to each of the separate structures. Pipes and conduits are not considered enclosed passageways.

BUSINESS SERVICE -Telecommunications service provided a customer where the use is primarily or substantially of a business, professional, institutional or otherwise occupational nature.

CALL - An attempted or completed communication.

CALLING AREA - See "Local Service Area". (N)

CANCELLATION CHARGE - A charge applicable under certain conditons when an application for service and/or facilities is cancelled in whole or in part prior to the completion of the work involved.

CENTRAL OFFICE - A switching unit in a telephone system which provides service to the general public, having the necessary equipment and operating arrangements for terminating and interconnecting customer lines and trunks or trunks only. There may be more than one central office in a building or exchange.

CENTRAL OFFICE LINE - See "Exchange Line".

CENTREX SERVICE -

a. A service arrangement of dial switching equipment and facilities which permits completion of inward and outward local and long distance calls from stations associated with the system without intermediate handling by the attendant.

b. Classification of Centrex Stations:

(1) Dormitory Station: A station furnished to a College or University and located in the living quarters of students, faculty members or employees.

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b. Classification of Centrex Stations (Continued):

- (2) Centrex Extension Service: An Additional station connected on the same line as the main, dormitory or interior station, and subsidiary thereto. A centrex extension station is confined to the same premises as the main or interior station with which is associated. When the extension station is associated with a dormitory station, its location is confined to the same room, suite, or apartment as the dormitory station.
- (3) Interior Centrex Station: A station that cannot originate or receive calls outside the Centrex system, either directly or through the attendant.
- (4) Main Centrex Station: A station arranged to originate or receive calls whether directly or through the attendant.

c. Principal Location: The premises of the customer on which the attendant's positions are located.

d. Secondary Location: Different premises of the same customer served by one or more stations of the Centrex System. Stations in secondary location or by providing satellite centrex service. The Company reserved the right to determine the method used to serve secondary locations.

e. Satellite Centrex Service: Service provided by auxiliary dial switching equipment which is connected by tie lines to the dial switching equipment serving the principal location. Attendant's positions are not furnished at satellite locations. Tie line terminal equipment charges do not apply for such tie lines.

CERTIFICATE - Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the Commission to telephone utilities.

CHANNEL - A path for communication between two or more stations or telephone utility offices, furnished in such a manner as the carrier may elect, whether by wire, radio, or a combination thereof and whether or not by a single physical facility or route.

CIRCUIT MEASUREMENT - See "Route Measurement" under MILEAGE CHARGES.

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CLASS OF SERVICE - A description of telephone service furnished a subscriber in terms such as:

a. For Exchange Service:

(1) Grade of Line: Individual Line, Two-Party Line, Four-party line, etc., (See also Primary Class of Service").

(2) Type of Rate: Flat or Message Rate

(3) Character of Use: Business or Residence

(4) Dialing Method: Touch or Rotary

b. For Long Distance Service:

(1) Type of Call: Station-to-Station (Direct Dial), Person-to-Person, Third Number Billing, Mechanized Credit Card Calling or Collect Calling. (T)

(2) For Wide Area Telephone Service:

(a) Type of Rate: Full Time or Measured Time

COIN TELEPHONE - A station, either public or semipublic, equipped with a device for collecting money in payment of telephone messages.

COLLECT CALL - The Term "Collect Call" denotes a billing arrangement by which the charge for a call may be reversed provided the charge is accepted at the called station. A Collect Call may be billed to a credit card of third party number. In the case of a public or semi-public coin telephone the charges must be billed to a credit card or third party number, or the call may be reoriginated from the called station.

COMMISSION - Georgia Public Service Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS - Communications Systems are channels or other facilities which are capable, when not connected to the telecommunications systems of two-way communications between customer-provided terminal equipment of Company stations.

COMPANY - Wherever used in this Tariff, "Company" refers to Blue Ridge Telephone Company, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. (N)

CONNECTING ARRANGEMENT - The equipment provided by the Company to accomplish the direct electrical connection of customer-provided facilities with the facilities of the Company, or of facilities of the Company with other facilities of the Company.

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CONSTRUCTION CHARGE - A separate non-recurring charge made for the construction of facilities in excess of those contemplated under the rates quoted in the Local Exchange Service Section of this Tariff.

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 furnishes all local distribution pole line facilities or underground conduit required in connection therewith.

CONTRACT - The arrangement between a customer and the Company under which service and facilities are furnished in accordance with the provisions of the Tariff.

CUSTOM CALLING FEATURES - Convenient central office features providing special automatic functions for customer, e.g., call forwarding, call waiting, speed call.

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- a. Call Forwarding: This feature provides an arrangement for transferring incoming calls to another telephone number. Calls can be transferred to either a local or long distance number simply by dialing a 2-digit code and the telephone number to which calls are to be transferred. Once Call Forwarding is activated, the phone will make one short ring each time a call is forwarded. However, outgoing calls can still be made from the phone.
- b. Call Waiting: By means of a tone signal a customer who is using his telephone is alerted when another caller is trying to reach that station. By touching the receiver button, the first caller is put on "hold" permitting the second call to be answered. The customer can even alternate between the two calls.
- c. Three-Way Calling: This feature permits three different phone numbers-local or long distance- to talk at the same time. An existing call can be held, and, by dialing, a second telephone call can be established and added to the connection.
- d. Speed Calling: This feature provides for the calling of a 7 or 10 digit telephone number by dialing an abbreviated code. Two arrangements available are an eight number capacity (8-code) and a thirty number capacity (30-code).

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DEFINITION OF TERMS

CUSTOMER - Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, municipality, cooperative, organization, governmental agency, etc., provided with telecommunications service by any utility.

CUSTOMER-PREMISE EQUIPMENT - 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. (N)

CUSTOMER-PROVIDED TERMINAL EQUIPMENT - 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 telecommunications system, are so connected either electrically, acoustically or inductively.

DATA ACCESS ARRANGEMENT - 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.

DIAL SWITCHING EQUIPMENT - A unit of electro-mechanical or electronic switching equipment used in a central office or in connection with a private branch exchange system.

DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE CHARGE - A charge made for placing requests for telephone numbers from the Directory Assistance Operators.

DIRECT ELECTRICAL CONNECTION - A physical connection of the electrical conductors in the communications path.

DIRECTORY LISTINGS - The publication in the Company's directory of information relative to a customer's telephone number, by which telephone users may ascertain the call number of a desired station.

- a. Caption Listing: The listing of a customer's name without address or telephone number followed by a series of indented listings covering branches of different departments of the business.
- b. Foreign Listing: The listing of a customer in the alphabetical list of an exchange other than that for the exchange from which the customer is served.
- c. Free Listing: A directory listing for which no specific charge is made.

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d. Indented Listing: A directory listing under another listing.

e. Reference Listing: The listing of a generally accepted name of a firm or corporation followed by a reference to another listing.

DROP WIRE-Wires used to connect the circuits of open wire, aerial or underground distribution facilities to the point where connection is made with the network interface.

EXCHANGE-A unit established by the telephone utility for the administration of telecommunications service in a specific area for which a separate local rate schedule is provided. It may consist of one or more central offices together with associated plant facilities used in furnishing telecommunication services in that area.

EXCHANGE ACCESS LINE-The serving central office line equipment and all Company plant facilities up to and including the Company-provided Standard Network Interface. These facilities are Company-provided and maintained and provide access to and from the telecommunications network for message toll service and for local calling appropriate to the tariffed use offering selected by the customer.

EXCHANGE LINE-Any line (circuit) directly or indirectly connecting an exchange with a central office. Exchange lines are subdivided as follows:

a. Central Office Line: A circuit extending from a central office to the location of an individual line or party line main station service or PBX or Centrex System.

b. Main Station Line: The circuit portion of a main station; the main station line extends from the main service location to the central office.

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c. **Extension Station Line:** The circuit portion of an extension station; the extension station line extends from the extension service locations to the main service location or a central connecting point of the main service.

d. **Extension Line:** A circuit with characteristics similar to an extension station line.

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- e. PBX Station Line: The circuit portion of a PBX Station, the PBX station line extends from the PBX station service location to the PBX switchboard or dial switching equipment.
- f. PBX Extension Station Line: The circuit portion of a PBX extension station. It consists of all facilities to the telephone jack or outlet of the PBX extension station location, other than those facilities associated with the telephone jack or outlet of the PBX main station location. (N)
- g. Centrex Station Line: The circuit portion of a Centrex Station. The Centrex Station Line extends from the Centrex Station service location to the Centrex Switching location.
- h. Centrex Extension Station Line: The circuit portion of a Centrex extension station. It consists of wiring on a customer's premise to the telephone jack or outlet of the Centrex extension station line location, other than those facilities associated with the telephone jack or outlet of the Centrex main station location. (N)
- i. Tie Line: A circuit connecting PBX Systems and/or Centrex Systems.
- j. Trunk Line: A circuit extending from a central office and terminated in Private Branch Exchange (PBX) switching equipment, Automatic Call Distributors, a common group of switched lines and to other services, whether provided by the Company or the customer, as specified in this Tariff. (N)

EXCHANGE SERVICE - The general telephone service rendered in accordance with tariff provisions. Exchange service is a general term describing as a whole the facilities provided for local intercommunication, together with the right to originate and receive a specified or an unlimited number of local messages at charges in accordance with the provisions of this Tariff.

- a. Flat and Message Rate Service:
  - (1) Flat Rate Service: A classification of exchange service for which a stipulated charge is made, regardless of the amount of use.
  - (2) Message Rate Service (Measured Rate): A classification of non-coin box business exchange service which is charged for on the basis of the amount of use.

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b. Individual and Party Line Service:

- (1) Individual Line Service: A classification of exchange service which provides that only one main station shall be served by the line connecting such station with the central office.
- (2) Party Line Service: A classification of exchange service which provides that two or more main stations may be served by the same central office line. Party line service is further classified by grade of line as follows:
  - (a) Two-Party Line Service: The same central office line serving no more than two main stations.
  - (b) Four-Party Line Service: The same central office line serving no more than four main stations.

c. Foreign Central Office Service: A classification of exchange service furnished to a subscriber in a multioffice exchange from a central office other than the one from which he would normally be served.

d. Foreign Exchange Service: A classification of exchange service furnished to a subscriber from an exchange other than the one from which he would normally be served.

e. Touch Calling Service: A classification of exchange service furnished from certain specified central offices whereby calls are originated through the use of pushbuttons in lieu of a rotary dial.

f. Semi-Public Service: A classification of exchange service furnished at locations reasonably accessible to the public but not suitable for the installation of public telephones and generally including a coin box.

g. Public Service: A classification of exchange service established under tariff provisions for use at locations chosen or accepted by the Company as suitable and necessary for furnishing service to the general public and may be equipped with or without a coin box, or may be operated by a Company employee as attendant.

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- h. Exchange Access Line: A classification of individual line exchange service furnished a customer which terminates directly or indirectly in a Company-provided multi-line instrument. In connection with the provision of individual lines for customer-provided equipment. Exchange Access Lines shall be provided where there are more than an individual exchange line required.

EXCHANGE SERVICE AREA - The territory, including the base rate, suburban and rural areas served by an exchange, within which local telephone service is furnished at the exchange rates applicable within that area.

EXTENDED AREA SERVICE - A type of telephone service furnished under tariff provisions whereby customers of a given exchange may complete calls to and, where provided by the Tariff, receive messages from one or more exchanges without the application of long distance message telecommunication charges.

EXTENSION STATION - See "Telephone Station".

EXTENSION RINGER - An additional ringer on the same premises and on the same line generally operated in connection with the ringer at the station location. Extension ringers are of two types:

- a. Extension Bell (ordinary type): An additional bell of the type used as the first bell, but mounted separately and generally installed at some distance from the station set.
- b. Extension Gong (loud ringing type): A loud sounding bell, connected in the same manner as the ordinary type of extension bell, for use in noisy or other locations where the common type of bell would not be used.

FACILITIES - All property, means and instrumentalities owned, operated, leased, licensed, used, furnished, or supplied for, by or in connection with the rendition of telephone service.

GEORGIA RELAY CENTER - The Georgia 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.

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GRADE OF SERVICE - The term used in describing exchange service with respect to the number of main stations which may be connected to a central office line (one-party, two-party, four-party).

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HEADSET - A hands-free, multi-wire device containing acoustic-to-electric (transmitter) and electric-to-acoustic (receiver) transducers, normally worn on the head of the user for close talking, which provides two-way transmission of live human speech.

INITIAL SERVICE PERIOD - 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.

INSTALLATION CHARGE - A separate initial charge, made under certain conditions for the placing, connecting, or furnishing of telephone equipment for the establishment of service which may or may not be associated with other charges for the service or equipment furnished. An installation charge is not a recurring charge, although the other charges, if any, with which it is associated ordinarily are recurring charges.

INTERCEPTING SERVICE - A service arrangement whereby a person calling a disconnected or discontinued telephone number is informed that, the called telephone number has been discontinued, or disconnected, or changed to another number, or that calls are received by another telephone.

JACK AND PLUG EQUIPMENT - Equipment designed to give access to a line at one or more points by means of a portable telephone equipped with a cord and plug to connect jacks bridged to the line.

JOINT USER SERVICE - A classification of exchange service furnished to a joint user, in connection with customers' exchange service. A joint user is a person, firm, or corporation sharing the customer's exchange service in accordance with tariff provisions, but who would not otherwise be entitled to the use of the service.

KEY TELEPHONE SET - A telephone set equipped with keys or buttons in the mounting.

KEY TELEPHONE SYSTEMS - An arrangement of equipment in combination with telephone sets and associated keys, to connect the associated telephone to any one of a limited number of exchange, PBX, intercommunicating or private lines. Line indicating, signaling, holding features, etc., are or may be incorporated.

LEFT-IN-STATION - A station left on the premises after discontinuance of service. Also referred to as "instrumentalities-in-place".

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LOCAL CALLING AREA - The area within which telecommunication service is furnished customers under a specific schedule or exchange rates. A local calling area may include one or more exchange service areas or portions of exchange service areas.

LOCAL CHANNEL - That portion of channel which connects a station to an inter-changing channel or a channel connecting two or more stations within an exchange area.

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE - Telecommunication service provided with local exchange service areas in accordance with the tariffs. It includes the use of exchange facilities required to establish connections between stations within the exchange and between stations and the toll facilities serving the exchange.

LOCAL MESSAGE - A completed communication between customers' stations located within the same Exchange Area or Local Service Area.

LONG DISTANCE MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE - the furnishing of facilities for telecommunication between stations in different local service areas in accordance with the regulations and system of charges specified in this Tariff:

- a. Appointment Call - An arrangement made in advance with a particular party for the establishment of a person-to-person long distance message telephone conversation at a specified time.
- b. Messenger Service - An arrangement whereby the Company, when possible and at the request of the calling party will arrange to notify the called party of a long distance call. The Company shall be reimbursed by the calling party for the amount expended for such messenger service, such charges being subject to prior authorization by the calling party to the extent that they can be determined in advance. Such charges for messenger service are in addition to the Tariff charges for the message.
- c. Person-to-Person Call - A service whereby the person originating the call specified to the Company operator a particular person to be reached, a particular mobile station to be reached through a Miscellaneous Common Carrier attendant, or a particular station, department, or office to be reached through a PBX or Centrex attendant.

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- d. Station-to-Station Call - A service whereby the person originating the call either dials the telephone number desired, or gives to the Company operator the telephone number of the desired station, Miscellaneous Common Carrier connecting circuit, Centrex, PBX or PBX station which is reached directly rather than through a PBX attendant, or gives only the name and address under which such a number is listed, and does not specify a particular person to be reached, nor a particular person to be reached, nor a particular mobile station to be reached through a Miscellaneous Common Carrier attendant, nor a particular station, department or office to be reached through a PBX or Centrex attendant.

MESSAGE - A communication between two stations. Messages may be classified as follows:

- a. Local Message: A communication between stations within the same local service area.
- b. Toll Message: A communication between stations in different exchange areas for which a toll charge is made.

MILEAGE CHARGES - A charge applying for the use of part or all of a channel furnished by the Company.

- a. Airline Measurement: The shortest distance between two points.
- b. Extra Exchange Line Mileage Charges: A charge applying in addition to the base rate for service when a customer's main station, PBX, or Centrex System is outside the base rate area but is located within the Exchange Area.
- c. Extension Line Mileage Charges: The measurement applying on an extension line, for use of which a circuit charge is made in accordance with the Tariff provisions.
- d. Foreign Central Office Mileage: The measurement applying to a line within the exchange connecting a customer's main station, PBX, or Centrex System with a central office other than that from which he would normally be served, for the use of which a separate charge is made in addition to the base rate, plus exchange line Mileage charges if applicable.

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MILEAGE CHARGES (Continued) -

- e. Foreign Exchange Mileage: The measurement applying to a line connecting a customer's main station, PBX or Centrex System with a central office of an exchange other than that from which the customer would be normally be served, for the use of which a separate charge is made in addition to the base rate, plus extension line mileage charges, if applicable.
- f. Route measurement: The actual length of a circuit between two points.

MINIMUM CONTRACT PERIOD - 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.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMON CARRIERS - Miscellaneous Common Carriers, as defined in Part 21 of the Federal Communication 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.

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT - Equipment furnished at additional charges associated with the various classes of subscriber service.

MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE - 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.

NETWORK CONTROL SIGNALING - The transmission of signals used in the telecommunications system which perform functions such as supervision (control, status, and charging signals), address signaling (e.g., dialing), calling and called number identification, audible tone signals (call progress signals indicating re-order or busy conditions, alerting, coin denominations, coin collect and coin return tones) to control the operation of switching machines in the telecommunications system.

NETWORK CONTROL SIGNALING UNIT - The terminal equipment furnished, installed and maintained by the Company for the provision of network control signaling.

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NETWORK INTERFACE - The network interface will be installed by the Company upon customer request, should the customer desire to provide his own inside wire. The network interface is at the protector, however, until approved hardware is available, that interface will be located inside the customer's premises as close as practicable to the protector or equivalent. At the point of demarcation, all premises services will connect to the telecommunications network. The network interface is a standard jack or equivalent provided by the Company as part of exchange service lines, WATS, or Private Line Services.

NEW SUBSCRIBER - Applicants having no basic monthly service or those subscribers changing service premises.

NON-POWERED CONFERENCING EQUIPMENT - Denotes a portable plug-ended device, without active elements, consisting of a multiwinding transformer and manual line switches designed to bridge two or more, but not to exceed give, of the line appearing on six-button telephone stations equipped with both hold and illumination features.

NON-LISTED TELEPHONE - An exchange station which has the listing omitted from the telephone directory but listed in the directory assistance records.

NON -PUBLISHED TELEPHONE - An exchange station which has the listing omitted from both the telephone directory and the directory assistance records at the customer's request.

PBX Trunk - An individual exchange line terminated in a PBX switchboard or switching equipment.

PERSON - Any corporation, company, person, partnership, firm, association or any cooperative, non-profit membership corporation or limited dividend or mutal association now or hereafter created.

PLANT - property which is necessary to provide service to the public as set forth in the various fixed capital accounts of the Uniform System of Accounts for telephone companies.

PORTABLE TELEPHONE - A desk or hand set equipped with a cord terminating in plug for use in connection with a circuit terminating in jacks.

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**PREMISES**-The term "same Premises" shall be interpreted to mean:

a. The building or buildings, together with the surrounding land occupied as, or used in the conduct of, one establishment, business, residence, or combination thereof, and not intersected by a public road or by property occupied by others.

b. The portion of a building occupied by the customer, either in the conduct of his business or residence, or a combination thereof, and not intersected by a public corridor or by space occupied by others, or;

c. The continuous property operated as a single farm whether or not intersected by a public road.

**PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE SERVICE (PBX Service)**-A type of service providing an arrangement of switching equipment and stations for intercommunicating among the stations and for connections through the local and long distance message telephone network to other subscribers.

a. Lines (circuits), equipment and facilities ordinarily furnished in connection with PBX service include the following:

- (1) **PBX Station:**A station connected with a PBX switchboard or PBX dial switching equipment
- (2) **PBX Extension Station:**A telephone set which is bridged to the same line as the PBX Station.
- (3) **PBX Interior Station:**A PBX Station that cannot originate or receive local calls either directly or through the PBX attendant.
- (4) **Trunk:**A central office line (circuit) connecting a PBX system with a central office.

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- a. (5) Tie Line: A circuit connecting PBX Switchboards.
- (6) Trunk Termination: Equipment necessary to terminate each PBX Trunk in the common switching equipment of a PABX System.
- (7) Line Termination: Equipment required for the provision of each PBX number associated with expandable PABX Systems.

PRIVATE LINE SERVICE - As opposed to exchange service, this refers to channels and equipment furnished to a customer for direct communication between various points without access to the Company's exchange switching network.

PRIVATE RIGHT-OF-WAY - A facility route granted to the Company on or over private property.

PUBLIC TELEPHONE - An exchange station installed on the Company's initiative, or at the Company's option, at a location chosen or accepted as suitable and necessary for furnishing service to the general public.

- a. Coin Public Telephone: A public telephone equipped with coin collecting device into which all payments for the use of the telephone are deposited prior to (pre-payment) or at (post-payment) the time the operator establishes the desired connection.
- b. Company attended Public Telephone: A public telephone operated by a company employee as attendant.

RATE CENTERS - Points upon which the airline distances for the determination of message toll telephone rates are based. In general, each city, town, or locality is designated as a rate center except that certain small towns and localities are assigned adjacent rate centers with which they are closely associated for communication purposes or by community of interest.

RESIDENCE SERVICE - Exchange service furnished to customers where the actual or obvious use is for domestic purposes.

ROTARY SERVICE - An arrangement whereby two or more lines furnished to a customer are assigned numbers in sequence and equipped so that calls to the first number are automatically completed to the first non-busy line in the sequence. Lines beyond the first line are referred to as "auxiliary Lines".

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SECRETARIAL LINES - Extension station lines or main station lines of patrons of a telephone answering bureau which terminate in telephone answering facilities on the premises of the bureau so as to permit the bureau attendant to answer incoming calls on such lines.

SEMI-PRIVATE TELEPHONE NUMBER - A telephone number associated with an exchange station which at the request of the subscribers has the listing omitted from the telephone directory but is on records available to the general public upon request. Also called a Non-listed number.

SERVICE - The classification of Telephone Company Service is applied to Company-owned or leased facilities which provide customer access to various regulated classes and grades of service related to the switched network. Entry to the switched network is obtained through access lines.

SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE - A non-recurring charge applying to the establishment of basic telephone service for a subscriber and certain subsequent additions to that service.

SERVICE LINE - A two-way business individual line, a dial PBX main station, a Centrex Main Station, or an extension of any of the before mentioned, which is required for testing of certain services provided by the Company and which is to be billed at the existing tariff rate.

SINGLE ENDED TERMINAL DEVICE - A terminal device which terminates only one line or channel at a given time (e.g., headsets).

STANDARD NETWORK INTERFACE - Is a standard Registration Program Jack or equivalent provided by the Company as a part of Exchange Access, WATS, or (N) Private Line Services.

- a. The Standard Network Interface will be located inside the subscriber premises.
- b. All premises services will connect to the telecommunications network through the Standard Network Interface. For existing installations, the protector or point where facilities enter a customer's premises is to be established as the end of such service. Going forward, a Company-provided standard Registration Program Jack is to be used as the point of connection to the telecommunications network. All newly constructed customer premises will be provided with a Standard Network Interface.

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**SUBSCRIBER**-A person, firm, partnership, corporation, municipality, cooperative organization or government agency furnished communications service by the Company under the provisions of its tariff.

**SUSPENSION OF SERVICE**-An arrangement made at the request of the customer, or initiated by the Company for violation of tariff regulations by the customer, for temporarily discontinuing service without terminating the service agreement.

**SWITCH**-A unit of dial switching equipment which provides interconnection between customer lines or trunks.

**TARIFF**-The rates, charges, rules and regulations adopted and filed by the Company and accepted and approved by the Georgia Public Service Commission.

**TELEPHONE NUMBER**-A designation assigned to a telephone line or PBX necessary for placing calls to the telephone line or PBX and for identification in the assessment of message charges, etc.

**TELEPHONE LINE**-A unit of service complete with all items (e.g., protection apparatus, drop or block wiring) and lines (circuits), so arranged as to permit sending and receiving messages through the exchange and long distance network.

**TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE FOR THE DEAF (TDD)**-A generic term describing keyboard devices designed or modified for the purpose of assisting deaf people in communicating over the telephone network. These include such devices as teleprinters or other keyboard units which use cathode ray tubes or light emitting diodes to display messages. TDD's may also be used by persons with other disabilities who require a keyboard and visual display to communicate over the telephone network.

**TEMPORARY DISCONNECTION**-An arrangement made at the request of the customer for temporarily discontinuing service without terminating the service agreement.

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TERMINATION CHARGE - A charge applying when a subscriber discontinues an item of service or equipment prior to the expiration of initial service period designated for such item. The basic termination charge is an amount established for an individual item of service or equipment from which the termination charge is computed.

TOLL CENTER - 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.

TOLL LINE - For the purpose of distinguishing between certificates for exchange areas and for toll lines, a toll line is a line as herein defined used in the transmission of communication between any two or more exchanges as distinguished from inter-office trunks between individual central offices within a single exchange area.

TOLL RATE - The initial period charge prescribed for toll messages usually based upon a minimum initial period and distance between exchanges.

TRUNK LINE - A circuit over which customers' messages are sent between two central offices or between a central office and a private branch exchange system.

UNDERGROUND SERVICE CONNECTION - A customer's drop wire which is run underground from a pole line or an underground distributing cable.

UTILITY TELEPHONE - Any person, firm, partnership or corporation engaged in the business of furnishing telecommunication services to the public under the jurisdiction of the Georgia Public Service Commission.

WIDE AREA TELEPHONE SERVICE (WATS) - A special direct-distant dialing service whereby a customer obtains a wide area service access line arranged at his option for either inward or outward stations service, but not for both, between his line and specified service areas. The customer may elect full-time unlimited service within that area, or they may elect measured time service for a specified number of hours usage per month.

WIDE AREA DATA SERVICE (WADS) - A service to handle teletypewriter/data service over regular telephone lines. The access line, at the customer's premises will terminate in data-sets which will permit voice coordination (N) followed by transmission of teletypewriter or data signals.

WIRING PLAN - An arrangement of wiring for connecting primary and extension stations, PBX stations and intercommunicating stations.

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