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N.1 General

This Tariff sets forth the conditions under which customer provided communications equipment or systems may be directly connected to the telephone network. Additional regulations, where applicable, may be found elsewhere in the various sections of the Company's Tariff.

N.2 Requirements and Conditions

- a. Customer provided communications equipment or systems may be used with the facilities furnished by the Company for telecommunications services as provided in this Tariff. In all such cases the customer provided equipment or systems will be constructed, maintained and operated as to work satisfactorily with the facilities of the Company. Subscribers may not connect, disconnect or remove, nor permit others to connect, disconnect or remove any apparatus provided or installed by the Company, except upon the written consent of the Company.
- b. Where telecommunications service is available under this Tariff for use in connection with customer provided equipment or systems, the operating characteristics of such equipment or systems shall be such as not to interfere with any of the services offered by the Company. Such use is subject to the further provisions that the customer provided equipment or system does not endanger the safety of the Company employees or the public; damage, require change in or alteration of, the equipment or other facilities of the Company; interfere with the proper functioning of such equipment or facilities; or impair the operation of the Company's service. Upon notice from the Company that the customer provided equipment or system is causing or is likely to cause a hazard or interference, the customer shall make such change as shall be necessary to remove or prevent such hazard or interference. The customer shall be responsible for the pay-

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N.2 Requirements and Conditions (continued)

ment of Company charges, for visits by the Company to the customer's premises where a service difficulty or trouble report results from customer provided equipment or system.

- c. In the event customer provided terminal equipment causes harm, the Company will, when practical, notify the customer that discontinuance of service may be required, however, where prior notice is not practical, the Company will attempt to:
- (1) promptly notify the customer of such temporary discontinuance,
  - (2) afford the customer the opportunity to correct the situation which gave rise to the temporary discontinuance, and
  - (3) inform the customer of his right to bring a complaint to the Federal Communications Commission.

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N.2 Requirements and Conditions (Continued)

- d. Prior to the connection of customer provided equipment, the customer will have executed a standard notice to include at least the FCC registration number, the ringer equivalence number, the customer telephone number at which said equipment is to be installed and the address of the installation. Included on this standard notice shall be the Company's notice to the customer of potential liability for charges previously referred to.
- e. The Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation or maintenance of any customer provided equipment or systems. Telecommunications service is not represented as adapted to the use of customer provided equipment or systems and where such are connected to Company facilities the responsibility of the Company shall be limited to the furnishing of facilities suitable for telecommunications service and to the maintenance and operation of such facilities in the manner proper for such telecommunications service. In particular the Company shall be responsible for:
- (1) The through transmission of signals generated by the customer provided equipment or systems, the quality of, or defects in, such transmission.
  - (2) The reception of signals by customer provided equipment or systems.
  - (3) The failure of systems functions where customer provided equipment exists.
  - (4) Changes in the Company's communications facilities, equipment or procedures which render customer provided equipment or systems obsolete or inoperable.
  - (5) Any loss or damage or impairment of service arising from, or in connection with, the use of facilities of customers and not caused solely by the negligence of the Company.
- f. Satisfactory performance of the telecommunications network requires continuing functional compatibility of the network control signals and the switching equipment involved. To assure such continuing compatibility, network control signaling in the furnishing of telecommunications service shall be performed by equipment furnished, installed and maintained by the Company.

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## N.2 Conditions and Requirements (Continued)

- g. Where any customer provided equipment or systems is used with the telecommunications service in violation of any of the provisions in this Tariff, the Company will take such immediate action as necessary for the protection of its services and will promptly notify the customer of the violation. The customer shall discontinue such use of the equipment or systems or correct the violation and shall confirm in writing to the Company within five days, following the receipt of written notice from the Company, that such has ceased or that the violation has been corrected. Failure of the customer to discontinue such use or to correct the violation and to give the required written confirmation to the Company within the time stated above shall result in termination of the customer's service until such time as the customer complies with the provisions of this Tariff.
- h. Customer provided equipment which serves a location which the Company considers impractical to serve because of hazard or inaccessibility may be connected with telecommunications service only by means of connecting equipment furnished by the Company.
- i. No equipment, apparatus, circuit or device not furnished by the Company shall be attached to or connected with the facilities furnished by the Company, except as provided in this Tariff. In case unauthorized attachments or connections are made, the Company shall have the right to remove or disconnect the same; or to suspend the service during the continuance of said attachments or connections; or to terminate the service. Except as otherwise provided in this Tariff, nothing herein shall be construed to permit the use of a recording device to interconnect any line or channel of the Company with any other communication line or channel of the Company or of any other person.

## N.3 Network Protection Criteria

To protect the telecommunications network and the services furnished to the general public by the Company from harmful effects, the signal from the customer provided equipment must comply with the Company's standards.

## N.4 Customer Provided Terminal Equipment

- a. All equipment connected to Company facilities must comply with all rules prescribed in this Tariff and conform to specifications for connection via a standard jack only. The Company, at its option, may place testing and isolation devices between its equipment and that provided by the customer.

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N.4 Customer Provided Terminal Equipment (continued)

b. Equipment eligible to be approved for connection is expected to vary from time to time and no attempt is made by this Tariff to identify each item.

N.5 Rates

The following rates and charges are in addition to the applicable established rates and charges for the associated telephone service and are in addition to any applicable established connection, move, change or other charges.

a. Couplers:	Monthly Rate	Installation Charge
(1) Alarm Coupler, each.....	\$ 6.50	\$20.00
(2) Recorder Coupler, each.....	\$ 6.50	\$20.00
(3) Recorder connector equipment for customer provided recording equipment.....	\$ 3.50	\$ 5.50
(4) Recorder connector equipment for customer provided recording and answering equipment.....	\$ 6.50	\$20.00
(5) Voice Coupler, each.....	\$ 1.00	\$20.00
(6) Coupler for customer provided two-way communication service, each.....	\$11.00	\$20.00

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N.5 Rates (continued)

b. Customer-Owned Antique or Continental-Type Telephones

- (1) Where antique or continental telephones are customer owned and a telephone kit or parts are required, a charge of \$50.00 will be made for equipping these telephones with a kit such as Western Electric Kit F56660 or any comparable units.
- (2) Standard service charges found in Section D will apply for the installation of such an instrument.

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**N.6 Customer Provided Inside Wiring**

**N.6.1 General Regulations**

- a. Customer provided inside wire and standard jacks associated with residence and business individual line basic local exchange services, as defined elsewhere in this Tariff, may be installed by either the Company on an unregulated basis or by the customer.
- b. Customer provided inside wire is defined as that wire, including connectors, blocks and jacks, within a customer's premises that extend between the termination of the Access Line and those standard jack locations within the customer's premises to which terminal equipment can be connected for access to the Network Access Line.
- c. Customer provided inside wire must be installed in accordance with the technical standards and installation guidelines furnished to the Commission by the Company and must comply with the National Electric Safety Code and applicable local codes. Technical Standards are given at the end of this Section.
- d. Customer provided inside wire may be connected to residence and business individual line basic local exchange service furnished by the Company at a specified point of demarcation called the Standard Network Interface.
- e. The demarcation point or Standard Network Interface for the connection of customer provided inside wire consists of a standard modular jack and is provided as part of the network access line. This will be installed inside or outside the customer's premises at a location determined by the Company which is accessible to the customer. The normal location will be in close



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**N.6.1 General Regulations (continued)**

proximity to the protector or entrance facility, whenever practical.

- f. The Company is not obligated to connect telephone instruments and standard modular jacks to customer-provided inside wire.**
- g. Maintenance of customer owned premises inside wire may be performed by either the Company or the customer.**

**N.6.2 Responsibility of the Customer**

- a. Where the customer elects to provide the inside wire and standard jacks, the installation must be in accordance with the technical standards furnished to the Commission by the Company.**
- b. In the event the customer maintains or attempts to maintain inside wire, the customer assumes the risk of loss of service, damage to property, or death to or injury of the customer or the customer's agent. The customer will save the Company harmless from any liability, claims, or damage suits arising out of the customer's wire maintenance activity.**
- c. In those instances where the Company makes a repair visit to the customer's premises and the service difficulty or trouble results from customer-provided inside wire that is not installed in accordance with the technical standards for such wire, the customer is responsible for the payment of an unregulated Maintenance of Service Charge. If the customer elects to have the Company replace such inside wire after determining that the trouble is located therein, the customer will be subject to the appropriate unregulated Service Charges.**

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**N.6.3 Responsibility of the Company**

- a. The Company will make the technical standards and installation guidelines for customer provision of inside wire available to customers at the Business Office or other designated locations.
- b. When notified by the customer, the Company will enter into a maintenance agreement and maintain all customer-provided inside wire and standard jacks that have been properly installed in accordance with the technical standards and installation guidelines for such wire.

**N.6.4 Violation of Regulations**

- a. Where customer-provided inside wire is in violation of this Tariff or technical standards, the Company will promptly notify the customer of the violation and will take such immediate action as is necessary for the protection of the telecommunications network and Company employees.
- b. The customer shall discontinue use of the customer-provided inside wire or correct the violation and notify the Company in writing that the violation has been corrected within 10 days after receipt of such notice.
- c. Failure of the customer to discontinue such use or to correct the violation will result in the suspension of the customer's service until such time as the customer complies with the provisions of this Tariff.

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N.7 Rates and Charges for Connections with Customer-Provided Equipment (Cont'd)

N.7.5 Voice Transmitting and Receiving Equipment

(a) General Regulations

Customer-provided voice transmitting and receiving terminal equipment which involve direct electrical connection to the facilities furnished by the Company for telecommunications service may be connected through a Company network control signalling unit and a connecting arrangement furnished and maintained by the Company.

(b) Rates

The following charges apply in addition to other rates and charges applicable, for use with customer-provided voice transmitting and/or receiving equipment or private mobile radio telephone systems.

	<u>Installation Charge</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Connecting Arrangement, Voice Coupler, each . . . . .	\$20.00	\$1.00

N.7.6 Customer-Provided Communications Systems

(a) General Regulations

- (1) Customer-provided communications systems not exceeding voice grade, may be connected at the premises where the customer has a regular and continuing requirement for the origination or termination of communications over the customer-provided system.
- (2) Where the customer-provided communications system is connected with local, long distance telecommunications or wide area telecommunications service a connecting arrangement and network control signaling unit furnished by the company must be used.

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N.7 Rates and Charges for Connections with Customer-Provided Equipment (Cont'd)

N.7.6 Customer-Provided Communications Systems (Continued)

(b) Rates

The following charges apply in addition to other rates and charges applicable, including the appropriate nonrecurring charges for the central office trunk lines and services furnished in associated with these arrangements, for the arrangements to permit connection of customer-provided and maintained switching equipment and attendant positions to an exchange trunk line.

	<u>Installation Charge</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Per automatic arrangement provided in connection with two-way service .	\$20.00	\$11.00

N.7.7 Customer-Owned Antique or Continental-Type Telephones

- (a) Where antique or continental telephones are customer owned and a telephone kit or parts are required, a charge of \$50.00 will be made for equipping these telephones with a kit such as Western Electric Kit F56660 or any comparable units.
- (b) Standard service charge found in Section D will apply for the installation of such an instrument.

N.8 Special Equipment Offered by the Telephone Company

N.8.1 General

The nature of telephone service requires that the apparatuses and equipment used in furnishing telephone service meet established standards. Rates and rules found in this Tariff are based on the use of such equipment and telephones of such design and finished in such colors as the Company may elect to use. To accomodate variety in public taste and demand, telephones of special design, or color, are offered subject to the following charges. These charges are nonrecurring, and the equipment becomes the property of the customer. Connection to the Company's lines and facilities must be made in accordance with this section and Section B of this Tariff, and maintenance charges in Section D.

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N.8 Special Equipment Offered by the Telephone Company

N.8.2 Rates and Charges

(a) Antique Telephones

Sometimes called European or continental telephones, these instruments are designed and built along early 20th Century Lines. Less functional and more fragile, these telephones cost considerably more than modern and conventional sets. Upon demand, this type telephone will be furnished for a charge of \$100.00.

(b) Other Equipment

Equipment not specifically listed which the Company may elect to offer, will be offered at the current market price.

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