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Nelson-Ball Ground Telephone Company

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EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY CUSTOMER

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N.1 General Regulations

Customer-provided communications equipment may be used with the facilities furnished by the Telephone Company for telecommunications services as provided in this Tariff. In all such cases the customer-provided communications equipment will be constructed, maintained and operated as to work satisfactorily with the facilities of the Telephone Company.

Subscribers may not disconnect or remove or permit others to disconnect or remove any apparatus installed by the Telephone Company, except upon the written consent of the Company.

Where telecommunications service is available under this Tariff for use in connection with customer-provided communications equipment, the operating characteristics of such equipment or system shall be such as not to interfere with any of the services offered by the Telephone Company. Such use is subject to the further provisions that the customer-provided equipment or system does not endanger the safety of Telephone Company employees or the public; damage, require change in or alteration of, the equipment or other facilities of the Telephone Company; interfere with the proper functioning of such equipment or facilities; impair the operation of the Telephone Company's service. Upon notice from the Telephone Company that the customer-provided equipment or system is causing or is likely to cause such 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 payment of Telephone Company charges, as specified elsewhere in this Tariff, for visits by the Telephone Company to the customer's premises where a service difficulty or trouble report results from customer-provided equipment or system.

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N.1 General Regulations (Cont'd)

The Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation or maintenance of any customer-provided communications equipment. Telecommunications service is not represented as adapted to the use of customer-provided equipment or systems and where such are connected to the Company facilities the responsibility for telecommunications service and to the maintenance and operation of such facilities in a manner proper for such telecommunications service: subject to their responsibility the Company shall not be responsible for (1) the through transmission of signals generated by the customer-provided equipment or systems or for the quality of, or defects in, such transmission,, or (2) the reception of signals by customer-provided equipment or systems.

The Company shall not be responsible to the customer or otherwise if changes in the criteria outlined herein or in any of the facilities operations, or procedures of the Company render any customer-provided equipment or communications system inoperable or otherwise affect its use of performance. Insofar as the Company has control of or notice of changes in the technical criteria, it will make a reasonable effort to notify a customer in advance.

The Telephone Company will not be responsible for any loss or damage, nor for any impairment or failure of the service, arising from or in connection with the use of facilities of customers and not caused solely by the negligence of the Telephone Company.

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 Telephone Company.

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N.1 General Regulations (Cont'd)

Where any customer-provided equipment or system is used with telecommunications service in violation of any of the provisions in this Tariff, the Telephone 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 system or correct the violation and shall confirm in writing to the Company within 5 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 Telephone 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.

Customer-provided equipment which serves a location which the Telephone Company considers impracticable to service because of hazard or inaccessibility may be connected with telecommunications service by means of connecting equipment furnished by the Telephone Company.

The customer indemnifies and saves the Telephone Company harmless against claims for infringement of patents arising from combining such equipment or system with, or using it in connection with, facilities of the Telephone Company; and against all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in connection with facilities provided by the Telephone Company. No equipment, apparatus, circuit or device not furnished by the Telephone Company shall be attached to or connected with the facilities furnished by the Telephone Company, except as provided in this Tariff. In case unauthorized attachments or connections are made, the Telephone 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.

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N.1 General Regulations (Cont'd)

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 Telephone Company with any other communication line or channel of the Company or of any other person.

N.2 Customer-Provided Communications System

A. Applicants

Customer-provided equipment may be connected, at a service point of the customer, on voice grade basis with telecommunications service furnished by the Company.

B. Customer-Provided Terminal Equipment

Customer-provided registered terminal equipment or registered protective circuitry may be connected to the telecommunications network in accordance with provision of this Tariff and/or the Federal Communications Commission's registration program adopted in FCC Docket No. 19528 (Part 68) as are now in effect or may be in effect.

Direct Electrical Connection

1. The point of connection (line of demarcation) between Company and customer-provided system and/or terminal equipment shall be as set forth below:
 - a. Systems and/or terminal equipment not requiring Protective Connecting Arrangements will be at the Company provided jack.

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N.2 Customer-Provided Communications System (Cont'd)

Direct Electrical Connection (Cont'd)

b. Systems and/or terminal equipment requiring
Protective Connecting Arrangements:

1. Access lines will be at the Protective Connecting Arrangement.
2. Stations/terminal equipment will be at the Protective Connecting Arrangement.
2. The Company will not provide systems and/or terminal equipment or station wiring beyond the point of connection (line of demarcation) with customer-provided system and/or terminal equipment.
3. When customer owned equipment no longer requires a Protective Connecting Arrangement in accordance with B above, the monthly charge for such arrangement will no longer apply. The Protective Connecting Arrangement will be removed at the option of the Company. The monthly charge for Protective Connecting arrangements will be in accordance with approved P.S.C. rates as applied for by this Company at such time such a rate is needed.

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N.3 Connection with Certain Facilities and/or Equipment of Others .

N.3.1 General

Customer-owned voice recording equipment for the recording of telephone conversations may be used in connection with the facilities of the Telephone Company subject to the following conditions;

N.3.1.1 Regulations

A. Connection with Telephone Company Facilities

1. Connection of customer owned voice recording equipment with the facilities of the Telephone Company shall be made only through recorder connector equipment which contain a device automatically producing a distinctive recorder tone that is repeated at intervals of approximately fifteen seconds when the recording equipment is in use, except that in the case of a private line service which has no connection with the exchange or toll system of the Telephone Company, recorder connector equipment which does not obtain the automatic tone device may be used at the option of the customer.
2. Permanent connection shall be made only through recorder connector equipment furnished, installed, and maintained by the Telephone Company.
3. Temporary connection for a period not to exceed thirty days may be made for trial or demonstration purposes through portable recorder connector equipment furnished by a recorder manufacturer or his agent, provided such equipment is obtained from and is maintained by the Telephone Company and is connected with the telephone line through jacks installed on the line by the Telephone Company for that purpose.

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N.3.1.1 Regulations (Cont'd)

4. The customer-owned voice recording equipment shall be so arranged that at the will of the user it can be physically connected to and disconnected from the facilities of the Telephone Company or switched on and off.

B. Responsibility of the Telephone Company

1. Telephone service furnished by the Telephone Company is not represented as adapted to the recording of telephone conversations by means of voice recording equipment. The use of customer-owned voice recording equipment in connection with the facilities of the Telephone Company is permitted only on the condition that the liability of the Telephone Company for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, or errors or defects in transmission, or failures or defects in the recorded connector equipment occurring in the course of furnishing service or other facilities and not caused by the negligence of the customer or of the Telephone Company in failing to maintain proper standards of maintenance and operation and to exercise reasonable supervision, shall in no event exceed an amount equivalent to the proportionate charge to the customer for the period of service during which each mistake, omission, interruption, delay, or error or defect in transmission, or failures or defects in the recorder connector equipment occurs.

C. Obligation of the Customer

1. The operating characteristics of the customer-owned voice recording equipment shall be such as not to interfere with any of the service offered by the Telephone Company. Upon notice from the Telephone Company that the equipment of the customer is causing or is likely to cause hazard or interference, the customer shall make such changes as may be necessary to remove or prevent such hazard or interference.

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N.3.1.1 Regulations (Cont'd)

C. Obligation of the Customer (Cont'd)

2. The customer idemnifies and saves the Telephone Company harmless against claims for libel, slander or infringement or copyright arising from the improper use of material transmitted over its facilities and recorded; against claims for infringement of patents arising from combining with, or using in connection with facilities of the Telephone Company, apparatus or systems of the customer; and against all other claims arising out of any act of omission of the customer in connection with facilities provided by the Telephone Company.
3. A limit of 3.0 is placed on the ringer equivalency to any systems and/or equipment connected to the telephone company's facilities.
4. If any special conditioning is necessary or required by the subscriber above the normal level of service as required by the Company or the Public Service Commission, the cost of such must be borne by the subscriber.

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