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# Definition of Terms

# Application

An application is a request for service or facilities which an applicant signs when making a request for service or facilities.

# Automatic Dialing and Announcing Devices (ADAD)

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Machines or computers which are capable of automatically placing individual, random or sequential calls over the exchange network and which are programmed to play a prerecorded announcement for the purpose of marketing products, services or for maintaining contacts related to previous transactions.

### Base Rate

A scheldule rate for any form of exchange service or equipment which does not include mileage charges is a base rate.

#### Base Rate Area

A specific section of an exchange area within which primary classes of service are available without extra mileage charges is a base rate area.

# Building

The term "Same Building" as used in this tariff is interpreted as a structure under one roof, or two or more structures under separate roofs, but connected by enclosed passageways not crossing a public thoroughfare other than an alley, in which the wires or cables of the telephone company can be safely run provided the plant facility requirements are not appreciably greater than would be required normally if all structures were under one roof. In those cases where there are several structures under separate roofs but connected by enclosed passageways and the plant facility requirements for would be required normally if all structures were under one roof, the term "Same Building" applies to each of the separate structures. Pipes and conduits are not considered passageways.

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### Central Office

A central office is a local operating unit by means of which telephonic and \*(M) inter-communication are provided for subscribers within a specified area under contracts for telephone service. An essential characteristic of a central office is a switchboard to which telephone stations are connected by means of central office lines.

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## Channels for Program Transmission

Circuits provided between two points in an exchange area for the transmission of sound to a recording instrument or a loudspeaker are channels for program transmission. Such channels usually require a higher grade circuit than is normally required for a privite line.

# Class of Service

The service as differentiated from individual line, 2-party line, 4-party line, residence or business, is termed the class of service.

# Coin Box Telephone

A telephone station either public or private equipped with a device for collecting money in payment of telephone messages is a coin box telephone.

# Conformance Number

The term conformance number denotes an identifying number assigned by the company to a particular model of confirming answering device incorporating an authorized protective connecting module when that model or device is in conformance with the provisions set forth by the company in its technical reference for conforming answering devices.

#### Conforming Answering Device

The term conforming answering device denotes a customer-provided device which automatically answers incoming calls; transmits a prerecorded voice message or appropriate audible signal to the calling party; records a voice message from the calling party if so designed and arranged; and automatically disconnects from the line in a prearranged manner on completion of the last of the functions for which it was designed and arranged as described in this paragraph. The conforming answering device may include remote interrogation and/or device function control. A conforming answering device must incorporate an authorized protective connecting module, either within or retrofit, and must bear a valid conformance number.

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# Connecting Arrangements

The term "Connecting arrangement" denotes the equipment provided by the telephone company to accomplish the direct electrical connection of customer-provided facilities with the facilities of the telephone company, or of facilities of the company with other facilities of the company.

# Connecting Company

A corporation, association, firm or individual owning and operating a toll line and/or one or more central offices providing local exchange telephone service to the public and with whom the company interchanges traffic.

# Connecting Station

An exchange or toll station of a connecting company is a connecting station.

## Contract

A contract is a formal agreement entered into by the applicant and the Telephone Company when, in the opinion of the Telephone Company, additional protection is necessary as a result of the installation costs greater than that usually required to furnish the facilities desired.

### Initial Contract Period

The length of time for which a subscriber is obligated to retain service, facilities, and equipment necessary to furnish the service desired is a contract period.

#### Cost

Wherever the word "cost" is used in this tariff, it is intended to cover the cost of labor, material and incidentals, plus a charge for supervision.

# 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 the

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telecommunications system, are so connected either electrically, acoustically, or inductively.

# Directory Listings

The publication in the telephone company's directory of information relative to a subscriber's telephone number, by which telephone users are enabled to ascertain the call number of a desired station, is a directory listing; those listings are in several categories:

- (a) Caption Listings is the listing of a subscriber's name without address or telephone number, followed by a series of indented listings covering branches of different departments of the business.
- (b) Foreign Exchange Listing is that listing of a subscriber in the alphabetical section of the directory of an exchange other than that directory for the exchange from which the subscriber is served.
- (c) Free Listing is that listing in the directory for which no specific charge is made.
- (d) Indented Listing is that listing which is indented under another listing in the directory.
- (e) Reference Listing is the listing of a generally accepted name of a firm or corporation followed by a reference to another listing in the directory.

# Drop Wire

Overhead wires used to connect the circuits of an open wire lead or aerial or underground terminal to the point of entrance to the building where connection is made with the inside wiring are drop wires.

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# Employee

An individual who has for his or her principal source of income, the income which is received for services rendered the company, is an employee.

# Exchanges

A central office or group of central offices, together with subscriber's stations and exchange lines connected thereto, forming a local system furnishing means of telephone intercommunication without toll charges between subscribers within a specified area, is an exchange. When an exchange includes only one central office, it is termed a single office exchange. When it includes more than one central office, it is termed a multi-office exchange. An exchange is termed a "Potential Exchange" when the subscribers are served by a central office located in another exchange area.

### Exchange Area

The area within which the telephone company either serves or is obligated to serve at the exchange rates applicable within that area and is defined by legal description filed and approved by the regulatory body, is an exchange area.

# Exchange Lines

Any line directly or indirectly connecting an exchange station with a central office is an exchange line. Exchange lines are subdivided as follows:

- Central office line is a circuit directly connecting an individual line or party line main station or private branch exchange system with a central office.
- Extension line is a circuit connecting an (b) extension station with a main station, or a circuit connecting a private branch exchange with a private branch switchboard, or with another private branch exchange station.

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(c) Tie line is a circuit connecting a private branch exchange switchboard with another private branch exchange switchboard, subswitchboard, or order table, for the purpose of intercommunication between stations connecting with and in the immediate vicinity of such boards.

### Exchange Rates

Those rates established in the tariff for a given local service area are exchange rates.

# Exchange Service

The general telephone service rendered in accordance with the General Subscriber Services Tariff is called exchange service. Exchange service is a general term describing as a whole the facilities provided for local intercommunication, together with the right to send and receive a specified or limited number of local messages at charges in accordance with the provisions of the General Subscriber Services Tariff. The following are classes of exchange service:

- (a) Extended Scope Service is a flat rate service furnished under tariff provisions, allowing an unlimited number of calls from a subscriber's main station or private branch exchange system (Other than hotel private branch exchange systems) to an exchange area other than that which regularly serves the exchange area in which the subscriber is located.
- (b) Flat Rate Service is a classification of exchange service furnished a subscriber under tariff provisions, for which a stipulated charge is made, regardless of the amount of use.
- (c) Foreign Central Office Service is a classification of exchange service furnished under tariff provisions by means of a circuit connecting a subscriber's main station or private branch exchange system with a central office of the same exchange area, which central office does not regularly serve the area where the subscriber is located.

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- (d) Foreign Exchange Service is a classification of exchange service furnished under tariff provisions by means of a circuit connecting a subscriber's main station or private branch exchange system with a central office or an exchange other than that which regularly serves the exchange area in which the subscriber is located.
- Individual Line Service is a classification of exchange furnished under tariff provisions which provide that only one main station shall be served by the circuit connecting such station and the central office.
- (f) Party Line Service is a classification of exchange service furnished under tariff provisions, which provide that two or more main stations may be served by the same exchange line.
- Semi-Public Service is a classification of pay-sta-(g) tion or coin box service furnished under tariff provisions for use at locations more or less public in character, but not, in the opinion of the telephone company manager, generally accessible nor suitable for the installation of public telephones.

# Extension Bell

An additional bell operated on the same circuit which rings in conjunction with the bell connected to the main station is an extension bell.

- An extension bell of the ordinary type which normally rings with the same intensity as the bell on an ordinary telephone is the ordinary extension bell.
- (b) An extension bell (extension gong) which rings with greater intensity than the ordinary extension bell is a loud ringing extension bell (gong).

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#### Foreign Exchange Mileage

See Mileage.

#### Georgia Relay Center

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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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#### Indented Listing

See Directory Listing.

# Installation Charge

A non-recurring charge applying to the provision of certain items of equipment or facilities as distinguished from the Service Charge appropriate for establishment of basic telephone service. The installation charge is normally associated with optional service features and may sometimes be called a "Initial" charge.

#### Intercommunication System

See Private Branch Exchange.

#### Jack

A fixed socket which is designed to permit the establishment of telephone connections by means of telephone instruments equipped with cords ending in a plug, is called a jack.

#### Jack and Plug Equipment

See Portable Telephone.

#### Local Service

The term used to designate the privilege allowed a subscriber of sending and receiving messages from his telephone station to another telephone station within a specified area without the payment of a toll charge is called local service.

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# Local Service Area

The area within which telephone service is furnished subscribers under a specific schedule of exchange rates and without toll charges is the local service area. A local service area may include one or more exchange areas.

### Main Station

See Telephone Station.

# Maintenance Charge

The charge for keeping in repair telephone equipment or facilities is a maintenance charge.

# Message

A communication between two telephone stations is a message, and may be classified as follows:

- (a) Local Message is a message between telephone stations within the same local service area.
- (b) Long Distance Message: A message between telephone stations in different exchange areas for which a long distance message charge is made.

### Mileage

The measurement (air line, route, etc.) upon which is based a charge quoted for the use of part or all of a circuit furnished by the telephone company is termed mileage. Mileage as classified with exchange service is classified as follows:

- (a) Air line measurement is the shortest distance between two points.
- (b) Extra exchange line mileage is the measurement applying to that portion of an individual line, party line, private branch exchange trunk line, as measured from the outward edge of the base rate area to the place where the service is established. Usually measured in air line.

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- (c) Extension line mileage is the measurement applying where an extension station is located at a point that requires a charge for mileage as provided in this tariff. Usually measured in air line.
- (d) Foreign Central Office mileage is the measurement applying to that portion of a circuit connecting a subscriber's main station or private branch exchange system with a foreign central office, for the use of which a separate circuit charge is made in addition to the base rate.
- (e) Foreign Exchange mileage is the measurement applying to that portion of a circuit connecting a subscriber's main station or private branch exchange system with a central office of an exchange other that that from which the subscriber would normally be served, for the use of which a separate circuit charge is made in addition to the base rate applicable for the facilities furnished. Usually measured air line.
- (f) Route measurement is the distance of a circuit between two points.
- (g) Tie Line Mileage is the measurement between the termination points of a tie line. Usually measured on a route mileage basis.

# Miscellaneous Equipment

That equipment not regularly furnished with the various classes of exchange service is miscellaneous equipment.

#### Miscellaneous Services

See Miscellaneous Equipment.

## Non-Published Telephone Number

An exchange station which has the listing omitted from the directory at the subscriber's request, and on which the telephone company may decline to complete connection with such station, except by call number, or may decline to furnish the call number of such station, is a non-published telephone number.

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# Party Line Service

See Exchange Service.

# Plant Facilities

That physical equipment, wire, cable, poles and other usually required material necessary to make service available, when installed and ready to serve the public, is called plant facilities.

### Portable Telephone

A telephone instrument equipped with a cord terminated in a plug for use in connection with a circuit terminating in a jack is a portable telephone.

# Premises, Same

The term "same premises" shall be interpreted to mean:

- (a) The building or buildings, together with the surrounding land occupied or used in the conduct of one establishment or business, or as a residence, and not intersected by a public thoroughfare or by property occupied by others; or
- (b) The portion of the building occupied by the subscriber, either in the conduct of his business or as a residence, and not intersected by a public corridor or by space occupied by others.
- (c) The building or portion of a building occupied by the subscriber in the conduct of his business and as a residence provided both the business and the residence bear the same street address.

In connection with inside moves, the term "same premises" is to be interpreted to mean the building or portion of a building occupied as a unit by the subscriber in the conduct of his business or residence, or a combination thereof, and not intersected by a public thoroughfare, a corridor, or space occupied by others.

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# Primary Class of Service

The service which the telephone company undertakes to furnish at any point within the base rate area at a rate common to all applicants for the same class of service is called the Primary Class of Service. That service usually constitutes the telephone instrument and no additional equipment.

# Private Automatic Branch Exchange Service

Private Branch Exchange Service

- (a) A type of service providing an arrangement of switching equipment and station for intercommunicating among the stations and for connections through the local and long distance message telephone network to other subscribers.
- (b) Lines (circuits), equipment and facilities ordinarily furnished in connection with PBX and PABX service include the following:
  - (1) PBX or PABX Station: A station connected with a PBX switchboard or dial PBX switching equipment.
  - (2) PBX or PABX Extension Station: A telephone set which is bridged to the same line as the PBX station.
  - (3) PBX or PABX trunk: A central office line (circuit) connecting a PBX system with a central office.
  - (4) Tie Line: See "exchange line."

# Private Lines

Private Lines are circuits for telephone communication which are not connected for exchange service.

# Public Telephone

A telephone station installed on the initiative of the telephone company or at the option of the telephone company, at a location accepted as suitable and necessary for the furnishing of service to the general public. Such a station is a Coin-Box Telephone, and is equipped with a coin collecting device

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into which all payments for the use of the telephone are deposited prior to (prepayment) or at the time (postpayment) the operator establishes the desired connection.

### Ringing

Selective ringing is the method of signaling stations on a party line circuit, which permits a particular station to be signaled without ringing the bells of the other stations on the circuit.

# Rotary Trunk Lines Service

An arrangement of trunk lines where more than one trunk line is required to permit the calling party to dial one number and have the call completed by the use of one of the trunk lines not in use.

#### Service Charge

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

#### Subscriber

A person, firm, or corporation that contracts for any form of exchange service furnished by the telephone company is called a subscriber.

#### Supplemental Contract

A contract for service, equipment, or facilities, in addition to that provided for under the original contract or application.

#### Suspension of Service

An arrangement made at the request of the subscriber for tempora-

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# Suspension of Service (continued)

rily disconnecting service without terminating the contract or removing the telephone equipment from the subscriber's premises.

#### Telefacsimile

Any process by which electronic signals are transmitted by any telephone system for conversion into written text.

### Telephone Number

A designation assigned to a telephone station or private branch exchange system for convenience in operating.

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# Telephone Station

A telephone instrument, consisting of transmitter, receiver, and associated apparatus, so connected as to permit the sending and receiving of telephone messages. The several types of telephone stations are as follows:

- (a) Company Station, which is a station for which the central office equipment, lines and station are owned and maintained by the telephone company, and provided as a part of the telephone company's service function, and connected for exchange toll service. A company station may be a main extension, or a private branch exchange station.
- (b) Exchange Station, is a company station furnished for exchange service and directly or indirectly connected with a central office.
- (c) Extension Station is an additional station connected on the same circuit as the main station, and subsidiary thereto.
- (d) Main Station is a company station directly connected by means of an individual line or party line circuit with a central office.
- (e) Private Branch Exchange Station or Private
  Automatic Branch Exchange Station See
  Private Branch Exchange or Private Automatic Branch Exchange
- (f) Public Telephone Station See Public Telephone.

#### Teletypewriter Service

A service which provides for the use of an electrically operated typewriter which may be connected through a central office to another electrically operated typewriter, and through which messages may be transmitted and recorded.

# Termination Charge

A charge made to a subscriber as liquidated damages for termination of service prior to the expiration of the initial period.

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# Trunk Jacks

The jacks on a private branch exchange switchboard for the connection of private branch exchange trunk lines.

# Trunk Line

A circuit connecting a private branch exchange to a central office or a circuit connecting two central offices is a trunk line.

# Wiring Plan

An arrangement of wiring for connecting main and extension stations.