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Connections with Certain Facilities
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Connection with Certain Facilities
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Customer-provided communications 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 communications systems will be constructed, maintained and operated to work satisfactorily with the facilities of the Company.

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

Where telecommunications service is available under this Tariff for use in connection with customer-provided communications systems, the operating characteristics of such equipment or system 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 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; 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 such hazard or interference, the customer shall make such change as necessary to remove or prevent such hazard or interference. The customer shall be responsible for the payment of Company charges in Section D for visits by the Company to the customer's premises where a service difficulty or trouble report results from customer-provided equipment or system.

The Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation or maintenance of any customer-provided communications systems. 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 this responsibility the Company shall not be responsible for (1) the through

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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 systems inoperable or otherwise affect its use or performance.

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

Where any customer-provided equipment or system is used with 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 system or correct the violation and shall confirm in writing to the Company within 10 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.

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

The customer indemnifies and saves the 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 Company; and against all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in connection with facilities provided by the Company.

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.2. 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 communications system to the long distance message telecommunications network must comply with the following minimum network protection criteria:

- N.2.1. Where the customer-provided communications system is connected with the message telecommunications service through a connecting arrangement and network control signaling unit furnished by the Company, the customer-provided communications systems must comply with the following criteria:

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N.2. Network Protection Criteria (continued)

N.2.1.1. To prevent excessive noise and cross-talk in the network, it is necessary that the power of the signal at the central office not exceed 12db below one milliwatt when averaged over any three-second interval. To permit each customer, independent of distance from the central office, to supply signal power which approximates the 12db below one milliwatt limit at the central office, the power of the signal which may be applied by the customer-provided equipment to the Company interface located on the customer's premises will be specified for each customer's location, but in no case shall it exceed one milliwatt.

N.2.1.2. To protect other services it is necessary that the signal which is applied by the customer-provided equipment to the Company interface located on the customer's premises meets the following limits:

(1) The power in the band from 3,995 Hertz to 4,005 Hertz shall be at least 18db below the power of the signal as specified in N.2.1.1.

(2) The power in the band from 4,000 Hertz to 10,000 Hertz shall not exceed 16db below one milliwatt.

(3) The power in the band from 10,000 Hertz to 25,000 Hertz shall not exceed 24db below one milliwatt.

(4) The power in the band from 25,000 Hertz to 40,000 Hertz shall not exceed 36db below one milliwatt.

(5) The power in the band above 40,000 Hertz shall not exceed 50db below one milliwatt.

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N.2.1.3. To prevent the interruption or disconnection of a call, or interference with network control signaling, it is necessary that the signal applied by the customer-provided equipment to the Company interface located on the customer's premises at no time has energy solely in the 2450 to 2750 Hertz band, it must not exceed the power present at the same time in 800 to 2450 Hertz band.

N.2.2. Where the customer-provided communications system is connected with the message telecommunications service through customer-provided equipment which affects such connections externally to a Company network control signaling unit by means of a connection for transmitting and/or receiving, the customer-provided communications system must comply with the following criteria:

N.2.2.1. To prevent excessive noise and cross-talk in the network, it is necessary that the power of the signal which is applied by the customer-provided equipment to the network control signaling unit located on the customer's premises be limited so that the signal power at the output of the network control signaling unit (i.e., at the input of the Company line) does not exceed 9db below one milliwatt when averaged over any three second interval.

N.2.2.2. To protect other services it is necessary that the signal which is applied by the customer-provided equipment to the network control signaling unit located on the customer's premises meet the following limits at the output of the network control signaling unit (i.e., at the input to the Company line):

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N.2.2.2. (continued)

(1) The power in the band from 3,995 Hertz to 4,005 Hertz shall be at least 18db below the power of the signal as specified above in N.2.2.1.

(2) The power in the band from 4,000 Hertz to 10,000 Hertz shall not exceed 16db below one milliwatt.

(3) The power in the band from 10,000 Hertz to 25,000 Hertz shall not exceed 24db below one milliwatt.

(4) The power in the band from 25,000 Hertz to 40,000 Hertz shall not exceed 36db below one milliwatt.

(5) The power in the band above 40,000 Hertz shall not exceed 50db below one milliwatt.

N.2.2.3. To prevent the interruption or disconnection of a call, or interference with network control signaling, it is necessary that the signal applied by the customer-provided equipment to the network control signaling unit located on the customer's premises be limited so that the signal at the output of the network control signaling unit (i.e., at the input to the Company line) shall at no time have energy solely in the 2450 to 2750 Hertz band. If there is signal power at the output of the network control signaling unit in the 2450 to 2750 Hertz band, it must not exceed the power present at the same time in the 800 to 2540 Hertz band.

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N.3. Customer-Provided Communications Systems

Customer-provided systems may be connected, at a service point of the customer, on voice grade basis with telecommunications service furnished by the Company, either through a network control signaling unit and connecting arrangement or through customer-provided equipment which affects such connections externally to a Company network for transmitting and/or receiving. The customer-provided system shall comply with the minimum network protection criteria contained in N.2.2.2. and N.2.2.3. Charges for Company connection arrangements shall be determined on the basis of the equipment required and the Company's current annual charges for this type of equipment. Connection between the Company connection arrangement and the customer-provided system shall be the responsibility of the customer and shall be provided by the customer.

N.4. Entrance Facilities

All connections of entrance facilities to customer-provided communication systems shall be made through connecting arrangements provided by the Company. Customers, by use of their own equipment, but only within the normal transmission characteristics of the grade of channel ordered, may not create additional channels from the channels provided for entrance facilities. The charges for entrance facilities and the connecting arrangements will be based on cost as specified in the Tariffs of the Company.

N.5. Connection of customer-provided communications systems with instrumentalities furnished by the Company.

N.6. Reserved for future use.

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N.8. Customer-Provided Terminal Equipment Charge

For connection of customer-provided voice transmitting or receiving equipment, there is no monthly charge. (C)

N.8. Network Facilities for Use with Automatic Dialing and Announcing Devices (ADAD)

N.8.1. General

A. Pursuant to requirements of Georgia Code Section 46-5-23 subscribers who wish to use Automatic Dialing and Announcing Devices (ADAD) must first obtain a permit from the Georgia Public Service Commission using a form prescribed by the Commission and shall pay a fee as prescribed by the Commission for such permit. Permits shall be renewed biennially as prescribed by the Commission and upon payment of a renewal fee. (C)

B. Subscribers using ADADs must do so under the following conditions:

1. No numbers will be called in sequential or random fashion. Sequentially placed calls refer to those calls automatically dialed by successively increasing or decreasing integers, or similar methods. Randomly placed calls refer to those calls automatically dialed to a telephone number where no prior relationship exists between the calling and the called party.
2. The equipment shall be programmed or utilized in such a manner as to automatically disconnect a called party's line not later than ten seconds after the called party fails to give consent for playing a recorded message or hangs up.
3. Within 25 seconds after the called party answers and at the conclusion of the call, the name and telephone number of the individual or firm making or paying for the call, including but not limited to the name of the individual or firm on whose behalf the call is made, must be clearly stated. (C)

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- N.8.1 General (Cont'd)
- B. Subscribers using ADADs must do so under the following conditions: (Cont'd)
4. The telephone number given to the called party to contact must be one which during normal hours must be promptly answered in person by a person who is an agent of the person on whose behalf the calls are made and who is willing and able to provide information on the call.
 5. No calls will be placed to organizations providing emergency services, including but not limited to hospitals, nursing homes, fire departments, and law enforcement agencies.
 6. No calls will be placed between the hours of 9:00 PM and 8:00 AM.
 7. No calls will be placed to persons or firms whose telephone numbers have been omitted from Company directories, at the request of such persons or firms.
 8. Equipment used to place such calls shall be equipped with an automatic clock and calendar device which will operate, even in the event of power failure, to prevent unattended operation in violation of the time limitations set forth herein.
 9. The company is under no obligation to provide lists of customer telephone numbers, or any directory information other than that contained in normally published and distributed directories for public use. (C)

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Devices (ADAD) (Cont'd)

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N.8. General (Cont'd)

- C. Any person wishing to receive telephone calls through the use of ADAD equipment shall give his or her written permission to the person using, employing or directing another person to use, or contracting for the use of such ADAD equipment.
- D. A person may give consent to a call made with ADAD equipment when a live operator introduces the call and states an intent to play a recorded message. This consent applies only to one particular call and shall not constitute prior consent to receive further calls through the use of such ADAD equipment.
- E. This consent will be valid for two years from the date on which it is executed unless sooner withdrawn. A record of such written consent must be given, and made available to the Commission or its authorized representative during normal business hours and following receipt of the letter of withdrawal.
- F. The consent provisions contained in paragraphs C, D, E will not apply when:
 - 1. Calls are made with ADAD equipment by a nonprofit organization, or by an individual using such calls other than for commercial profit-making purposes, and the calls do not involve the advertisement or offering for sale, lease, or rental of goods, services, or property;
 - 2. Calls made with ADAD equipment related to payment for, service of, or warranty coverage of previously ordered or purchased goods or services; or

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N.8. Network Facilities for Use with Automatic Dialing and Announcing
Devices (ADAD) (Cont'd)

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N.8. General (Cont'd)

3. Calls made with ADAD equipment related to
collection of lawful debts.

G. Any subscriber who operates or uses Automatic
Dialing and Announcing Devices who does so in
violation of the provisions set forth preceding
will be subject to disconnection of telephone
service if the violation does not cease within 10
days from the date of notification to that person.
The date of notification shall be the date a
certified letter is mailed by the Company notifying
the subscriber of the violation, with a copy to the
Georgia Public Service Commission.

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