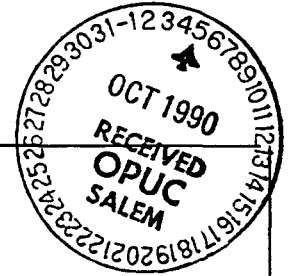


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Access Line

A circuit between a switching center and a subscriber premises which includes a standard network interface (SNI).

Access Line Installation Charge

A nonrecurring charge made to cover all or a portion of the cost associated with the installation of telephone access line.

Acoustic/Inductive Coupler

Denotes a device which makes connection with CPE through use of sound/electromagnetic waves as opposed to direct electrical connection.

Air Line Mileage

The shortest distance between the points involved.

Applicant

A person or other legal entity who (1) applies for service with a utility or (2) reapplies for service at a new or existing location after service has been discontinued for more than 20 days.

Base Rate Area

A specific area within any exchange service area as set forth in the tariff map. Local exchange service within this area is furnished at uniform rates without extra mileage charges. (See Special Rate Area.)

Billing Date

The latest of:

1. Date stated on the billing
2. Date billing was placed in the mail

Building

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 telephone wires or cables may be safely run. Pipes and conduits are not considered enclosed passageways.

Business Service

Exchange service furnished to customers whose actual or obvious use of the service is for conducting a business, trade, or profession or whose use of the service is obviously not confined to domestic use. Customers moved from residential to business will be notified by the Company of their right of appeal with the Public Utility Commissioner of Oregon.

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Call Forwarding

A function which allows incoming calls to be advanced to another telephone number in the same or different exchange. The number the calls are advanced to may be changed as required by the subscriber.

Call Waiting

A tone provided to the party using the telephone to indicate another call is waiting on the line. Successive transfers between calling parties can be accomplished through hookswitch operation.

Central Office

A switching unit in a telephone system which provides service to the general public via equipment and operating arrangements for terminating and interconnecting customer lines and trunks.

Central Office Connecting Facility

A facility furnished to another common carrier by the Company between the terminal location of the other common carrier and a point of connection on the Company premises for intra or interstate use.

Channel

A path for communication or signaling between two or more locations which provide service to the general public, having the necessary equipment and operating arrangements for terminating and interconnecting customer lines and trunks.

Class of Service

The various categories of service generally available to the customer; business, residence, public, and semi-public.

Client

A caller to an Information Delivery Service number is a "Client" of an Information provider.

Code Call Service; Code Call PBX

An arrangement of equipment which provides for calling or paging persons by means of code signals.

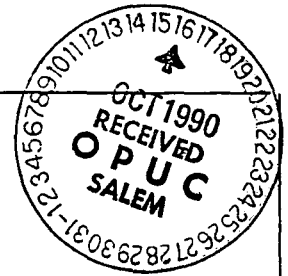
Coin Box Service (Public and Semi-public Service)

(See Public Telephone Service and Semi-public Telephone Service.)

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Combination Main Service

This service provides for serving separate business and residence locations from the same one-party line with separate rings for each location.

Commerce Number

(See Interexchange Receiving Service.)

Commission

Public Utility Commission of Oregon.

Communications System

A combination of equipment and facilities which fulfills the communication requirements of a customer.

Companion Service

(See Combination Main Service.)

Company

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Connecting Arrangement

The equipment provided by the Company to accomplish the direct electrical connection of customer-provided facilities with the facilities of the Company.

Connection Charge

(See Access Line Installation Charge.)

Contiguous Exchanges

Two exchanges whose boundaries adjoin.

Continuous Property

Property owned or leased and occupied by a customer, which is not separated by public thoroughfare or by property occupied by others.

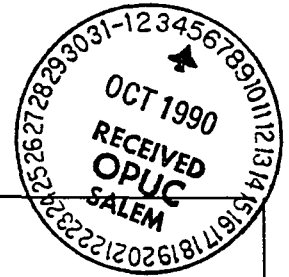
Contract

The service application-agreement between a customer and the Company under which service and/or facilities are furnished in accordance with the provisions of applicable tariffs and under special conditions.

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Contractual Agreement

A specific contract between the information provider and the Company detailing the actual price that the information provider will charge for the calls to its 976 telephone number.

Cost

The words "Cost" or "Actual Cost" as used in this tariff, are intended to cover the actual cost of material, labor, vehicles, and incidentals, plus a charge for administration.

Custom Calling Features

A term describing special features provided from digital central offices. These can include call forwarding, call waiting, speed calling, and three-way calling.

Customer

A person or legal entity who has applied for, been accepted, and is currently receiving service. A customer who voluntarily disconnects service and subsequently requests service with the same utility at a new or existing location within 20 days after disconnection retains customer status rather than being considered an applicant for service.

Customer Premises Inside Wiring, (CPIW)

Wire for telecommunications purposes which is on the customers premises. Customer Premises Inside Wire begins on the customer's side of the standard network interface (SNI).

Customer Provided Pay Telephone Service

Pay telephone service provided through an instrument owned by the customer. The services are provided on an instrument implemented basis rather than central office basis, and must be connected to a public access line.

Customer Premises Equipment, (CPE)

Telecommunication devices, equipment, and associated wiring located on the customer's side of the protector/standard network interface.

Date of Presentation

The date a bill or notice is mailed with first class postage prepaid, in a sealed envelope addressed to the customer, or if not mailed, the date that the bill or notice is presented to the customer by a representative of the Company.

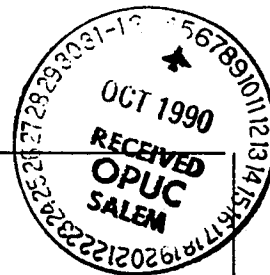
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Deposit

A cash payment made by the customer to establish or reestablish credit with the Company.

Demarcation Point

(See Standard Network Interface, SNI.)

Direct Electrical Connection

Denotes a physical connection of the electrical conductors in the communications path.

Directory Listings

Essential information in the telephone directory or information records of the Company whereby telephone users may ascertain the telephone number of a listed customer.

Drop Wire

Wires between on open wire lead, aerial, or underground cable terminal and the point of entrance to the building in which the customer's telephone service is located.

End User

A client of an interstate carrier taking services offered in combination with telephone companies and other carriers.

Exchange

A specified area established for the furnishing of communication service. It usually embraces a city, town, village, or unincorporated community and surrounding area and may consist of one or more central offices together with the associated plant used in furnishing service within that area.

Exchange Service

(See Local Service.)

Extended Area Service, (EAS)

Interexchange telephone service furnished at flat or measured rates between one or more exchanges.

Facilities

Central office equipment, poles, cables, and other materials and mechanisms necessary to, or furnished in connection with, telephone service.

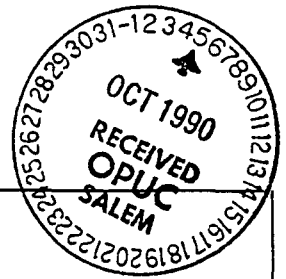
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Flat Rate Service

Service furnished at a fixed monthly rate.

Foreign Exchange, (FX or FEX)

Any exchange other than that in which the customer is located.

Foreign Exchange Directory Listing

An alphabetical listing in the directory of an exchange other than the exchange in which a subscriber is furnished local service.

Foreign Exchange Service

Exchange service furnished to a customer from a central office located in an exchange other than that in which the customer's primary station is located, or off-premises station service furnished a customer in an exchange other than that in which the customer's primary station is located.

Grade of Service

Refers to the number of parties served on a telephone line. For example: one-party, two-party, four-party, multi-party, etc.

Grandfathered Equipment

Equipment classified by the FCC as having been directly connected to the network by a telephone company. Its use may be continued as long as the equipment remains serviceable and the circuitry is not revised.

Grandfathered Service

Existing service not available to new customers.

Individual Line Service

(See One-Party Service.)

Information Delivery Service (IDS)

Communication services and facilities provided to third party information providers who offer prerecorded announcements or interactive programs to call-in customers.

Information Provider, (IP)

A person or company, unaffiliated with the Company, who provides announcements or interactive programs.

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Information Provider Pricing

A pricing plan where the information provider determines the price that a client will be billed for a call to its announcement service.

Inside Wire

(See Customer Premises Inside Wire.)

Installation Charge

(See Access Line Charge.)

Instrumentalities

The telephone instruments, switching devices, and associated equipment, located on a customer's premises. In the case of private branch exchange service, the instrumentalities include the switchboard.

Interactive Programs

A program or service whereby a caller, once connected to an information provider's announcement machine, can through the use of a Touch Call pad or similar device, access more specific or individualized announcement information.

Interconnection

(See Connecting Arrangement.)

Interexchange Carrier

Any individual or special groups engaged for hire in interstate, intrastate inter-LATA, or foreign communication with or without wires. Services are normally provided to end users.

Interexchange Receiving Service

A combination of exchange and toll service, whereby a business customer in one exchange may arrange to receive calls placed to a special number by customers from another exchange. The customer agrees to accept such calls on a prepaid station toll call basis. The special number may be published in the directory of the exchange where the call originates.

Joint User

An individual or concern authorized by the Company and the customer to share in the use of the customer's business telephone service. All arrangements regarding service must be made by the customer.

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Lifeline

(See Oregon Telephone Assistance Program.)

Line Connection

Installation of facilities provided by the Company for a circuit from the central office to the standard network interface, inclusive.

Line Extension

The outside plant required in addition to existing facilities to render telephone service.

Line Transfer Service, (Subscriber Transfer Service)

A service provided by equipment in a central office, controlled by operating a key or switch at the customer's station which transfers incoming calls to another designated line.

Local Exchange

The area within the boundaries of exchange maps filed with and approved by the commissioner.

Local Measured Service

(See Measured Service.)

Local Message

A message not subject to toll charges.

Local Private Line

A non-switched line located wholly within an exchange, furnished for the customer's own use for communication or signaling between points on that line.

Local Service

Telephone service furnished between customer's stations located within the same local service area.

Local Service Area

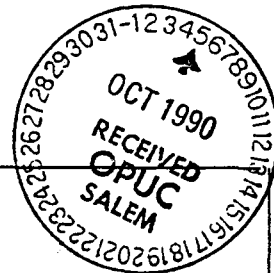
The area within which telephone service is furnished under a specific schedule of rates. This area may include one or more exchanges without the application of toll charges.

Locality Rate Area

(See Supplemental Base Rate Area.)

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Mass Calling Applications

Information services which are expected to provide call volumes characterized by a peaked distribution. These are usually the result of focused media stimulation, primarily radio and Television, i.e., call-in contests, vote polling and similar applications. IDS is not suited for these applications.

Measured Service

A local service for which charges may be based upon: frequency, time-of-day, duration, and distance.

Message

A completed customer telephone call.

Mileage Charges

Charges in addition to the access line charge. A recurring charge based on distance measurements as provided in tariff. (See also Zone.)

Minimum Contract Period

The minimum length of time for which a customer is obligated to pay for access line service, whether or not retained by the customer for such minimum length of time.

Multiple Exchange Service

(See Extended Area Service.)

Network Interface

The points of common termination of company-provided and customer-provided facilities. Sometimes referred to as the standard network interface (SNI).

Non-contiguous Exchanges

Two exchanges whose boundaries do not adjoin.

Non-listed Service

An arrangement whereby a customer's number is omitted from the telephone directory but not from the information records, at the subscriber's request.

Non-published Service

An arrangement whereby a customer's listing is omitted from both the telephone directory and information records at the subscriber's request.

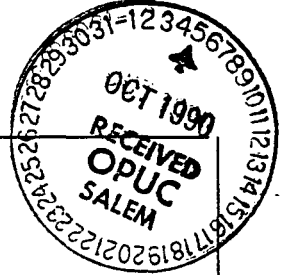
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Nonrecurring Charge, (NRC)

A one-time charge covering installation, move, or change of facilities accomplished at customer request. The charge may be based on either a flat rate or on a time and material (T&M) basis.

Off-Premises Access Line Service

The wire facility used in providing an off-premises access line.

One-Party Service

An access line serving only one customer.

Oregon Telephone Assistance Program, (OTAP)

A program which provides reduced monthly rates for low income, residential customers who meet eligibility requirements established by the Commission. Rates under this program apply to the single line serving the customer's principal residence (See Service Assistance Program Surcharge).

Other Common Carrier. (OCC)

Specialized common carriers, domestic and international record carriers, and domestic satellite carriers providing telecommunications services as may be authorized by the FCC.

Party Line Service

An access line serving more than one customer.

Pay Telephone Service

Public, semi-public and customer provided pay telephone service. Exchange service provided at the customer's request and designed for use of the customer and the public at locations somewhat public in character at a specified charge for each outgoing message. Public and semi-public locations are at a location chosen or accepted by the Company and use central office implemented features. Customer provided service is offered by the customer on an instrument-implemented basis and must be connected to a Public Access Line.

Permanent Disconnect

A service is permanently disconnected when the customer's service has been totally discontinued.

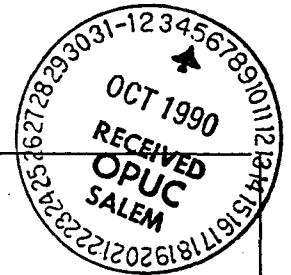
Personal Signaling Service, (Pocket Pager)

One-way service from a wireline telephone in an exchange to a pocket receiver within range of the mobile service base station serving that exchange.

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Route Mileage

The distance measured along the route of the circuit between any two or more given points on that circuit.

Screening & Blocking

Where available, these features provide operator call screening and/or central office call blocking to and from customer provided pay telephone service.

Semi-public Telephone Service

Exchange service provided at the customer's request, and designed for use Exchange service provided at the customer of the customer and the public at locations somewhat public in character and involving a stipulated charge for each outgoing local message. A coin collecting device may be provided for immediate collection of charges for each outgoing local and toll message.

Service Assistance Program Surcharge

A specified amount up to 15 cents to be charged to each access line as ordered by the Public Utility Commission. The surcharge will be used to fund an Oregon Telephone Assistance Program (OTAP) and a program for the deaf.

Service Connection Charges

(See Installation Charge.)

Service Inquiry And/Or Implementation

A nonrefundable charge for facilities review, network engineering which is collected at the time of application and implementation.

Special Rate Area

A specific area with in any exchange service area as set forth in the tariff map. Local exchange service within this area is furnished at uniform rates without extra mileage charges. (See Base or Zone Rate Area.)

Speculative Project

An undertaking of a speculative nature which, in the opinion of the Company, appears to involve risk of failure.

Speed Calling

A feature allowing a telephone user to reach frequently called numbers by abbreviated dialing.

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Standard Network Interface

The points of common termination of company-provided and customer-provided facilities. Sometimes referred to as the standard network interface (SNI.)

Subscriber

(See Customer.)

Subscriber to Service

An information provider who wishes the Company to bill callers on his behalf for each call completed to that information provider's announcements or interactive programs and for whom the Company agrees to provide such billing.

Subscriber Transfer Service

(See Line Transfer Service.)

Suburban Area

The portion of the exchange located outside the base rate area.

Supersedure

The transfer of service, including the telephone number from one customer to another with the express written consent of both the relinquishing customer and the new customer. The new customer assumes responsibility for all charges outstanding.

Supplemental Base Rate Area, (Synonymous with Locality Rate Area)

A base rate area encompassing an area of relatively high density of population, entirely separated from the main base rate area of an exchange and in which mileage charges do not apply.

Switched Access Service, (SAS)

Exchange or off-premises station service furnished a customer from a central office located in an exchange other than that in which customer's primary station is located.

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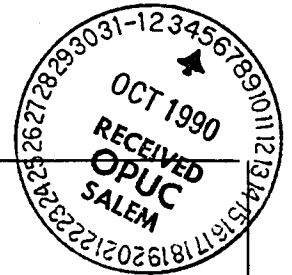
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Telecommunications Service

Two way switched access and transport of voice communications. Does not include services provided by Radio Common Carrier, (RCC), one-way transmission of television (T.V.) signals, surveying, private telecommunications networks, communications of the customer which takes place on the customers side of on premises equipment.

Temporary Disconnect

The suspension of telephone service at the request of the customer or on the initiative of the Company without permanent disconnect of service. Written notice of suspension of service is required if done at the initiative of the Company.

Temporary Service

Local service definitely known to be required for a short period, such as service provided for contractors for use during the construction of a building, sales campaigns, athletic contests, conventions, fairs, circuses, etc.

Terminal Loop

(See Off-Premises Access Line Service.)

Three-Way Calling

A feature providing the capability to add a third party to an existing conversation.

Tie Line

A circuit connecting two private branch exchange systems for the purpose of interconnecting the stations of one system with the stations of the other without the use of trunk lines to a central office of the Company.

Toll

Telecommunications service between exchanges carried on the public switched network for which charges are made on a per-unit basis.

Toll Denial Service

A feature restricting service to local calling only.

Toll Line

A line between two or more exchanges or toll stations over which service is furnished on a toll message rate basis.

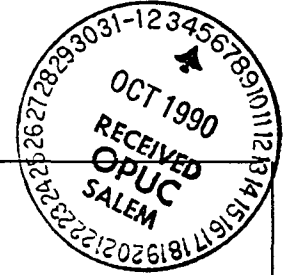
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Toll Message

A completed call between two exchange stations located in different local service areas, between two toll stations, or between a toll station and an exchange station, for which charges are made on a per-unit basis.

Toll Rate

The rate prescribed for toll messages based upon the duration of the message, time of day, number of calls, and distance between exchanges (May be intrastate or interstate.)

Toll Service

Telephone service between exchanges or locations for which a toll rate is charged.

Toll Terminal Service

A telephone line which is connected directly to toll switchboard positions.

Touch Calling, (Tone Dialing, Touchtone. U-Touch, Dual Tone Multi. Freq.)

Where central office facilities are available, a type of high-speed address signaling (dialing) in which buttons in a bank of twelve can be depressed to give one of a group of audio tone pairs for signaling directly over the circuit.

Touch Tone Telephone

The Bell System's designation for a telephone using a push-button multi-frequency dial.

Trunk Line

A telephone circuit between two central offices or between a private branch exchange and a company central office.

Type of Service

Refers to flat rate service, measured service, or toll service.

Zone

Designated areas within an exchange embracing customer groups having relatively equivalent service costs. (See Special Rate Area.)

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