

2.5 Definitions

Access Line - a transmission path that connects a Customer premises to a Telephone Company Central Office

Aggregator - An Aggregator, for purposes of this tariff, is any person that, in the ordinary course of operations, makes telephones available to the public or to transient users of their premises, for interstate telephone calls using the Telephone Company as its provider of operator services.

Ameritech - Denotes the group of Issuing Carriers of the Ameritech Operating Companies whose legal names are found on the Title Page of this Guidebook.

Ameritech Operating Companies - Denotes the Issuing Carriers of the Ameritech Operating Companies, either individually or collectively, providing services in the states of Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin whose legal names are found on the Title Page of this Guidebook.

APCC, Ameritech PrePaid Calling Card - A card available to end users in varying dollar denominations. It can be used to place prepaid send-paid calls from any telephone without the use of coins.

Assembly - a configuration consisting of Customer equipment and/or a Customer-provided communications system or systems, which is connected to IILDMTS.

Authorized Protective Connecting Module - The term "Authorized Protective Connecting Module" denotes a protective unit designed by the Telephone Company and manufactured under the control of Telephone Company quality assurance procedures, which unit is to be incorporated in a Conforming Answering Device.

BellSouth Telecommunications - Denotes the Issuing Carrier providing services within the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee whose legal name is found on the Title Page of this Guidebook.

Bill to Third Party - The term "Bill to Third Party" denotes a billing arrangement by which a call may be charged to an authorized station as determined by the Telephone Company other than the station originating the call or the station where the call is terminated.⁽¹⁾

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Building - a structure consisting of an enclosed area surrounded by outside walls and under one continuous roof.

⁽¹⁾ Effective September 13, 2016, Collect calls, Person-to-Person calls, Bill to Third Party calls and Busy Line Verification have been discontinued by the Telephone Company.

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Call - a completed connection established between a calling station and one or more called stations.

Called Station - the station (e.g., telephone number) called, or the terminating point of a call.

Call Forwarding - Call forwarding denotes that feature whereby a call placed to a Customer's telephone number is one exchange (the call forwarding location) is automatically forwarded by Telephone Company central office equipment to a station designated by said Customer in another exchange.

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Calling Station - the station from which a call is originated.

Central Office - the physical point of access for a service to the Telephone Company interoffice network.

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Carrier Identification Code (CIC) - Denotes the numeric code that is assigned by the North American Numbering Plan Association (NANPA) to Interexchange Carriers for the provisioning of (FGB) and/or (FGD) trunk side Access Service. The four digit numeric code uniquely identifies the IC.

Centrex Control Switching Equipment - The term "Centrex Control Switching Equipment" denotes switching equipment, located on the Telephone Company's premises, used to provide Centrex service furnished in accordance with Centrex service provisions of the General and Local Exchange Service Tariffs of the Telephone Company.

Central Office Connecting Facility - The term "Central Office Connecting Facility" denotes a voice grade facility furnished to an Other Participating Carrier by the Telephone Company (in accordance with the Telephone Company's Facilities for Other Common Carriers' Tariffs or their successor tariffs and/or Guidebook of services) between the terminal location of the Other Participating Carrier and a point of connection on the Telephone Company premises.

Collect Call - The term "Collect Call" denotes a billing arrangement by which the charge for a call may be reversed, provided the charge is accepted at the called station. A collect call may be billed to a third party number. In the case of a public or semi-public coin telephone, the charges must be billed to a third party number, or the call may be reoriginated from the called station.⁽¹⁾

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Communications System - The term "Communications System" denotes channels and other facilities which are capable, when not connected to Interstate IntraLATA Message Telecommunications Service, of communications between Customer-provided terminal equipment or Telephone Company stations.

Conformance Number - The term "Conformance Number" denotes an identifying number assigned by the Telephone Company to a particular model of Conforming Answering Device incorporating an Authorized Protective Connecting Module when that model of device is in conformance with the provisions set forth by the American Telephone and Telegraph 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 and must bear a valid Conformance Number.

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Connecting Arrangement - The term "Connecting Arrangement" denotes the equipment provided by the Telephone Company to accomplish the direct electrical connection of Customer-provided equipment or systems with Telephone-Company provided services.

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Customer - The term "Customer" denotes the person, firm or corporation responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the regulations of the Telephone Company.

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Customer Equipment - terminal equipment, a multiline terminating system or protective circuitry located at a non-Telephone Company premises.

Customer-Provided Communications System - dedicated private line channels and equipment (e.g., microwave or cable system) furnished by the Customer for communications between premises.

Customer-Provided Terminal Equipment - The term "Customer-Provided Terminal Equipment" denotes devices or apparatus and their associated wiring, provided by a Customer, which do not constitute a multiline terminating system or a communications system and which, when connected to the communications path of the telecommunications network, are connected either electrically, acoustically or inductively.

Customer-Provided Test Equipment - The term "Customer-Provided Test Equipment" denotes test equipment located at the premises of the Customer that is used by the Customer for the detection and/or isolation of a communications service fault.

Data Access Arrangement - The term "Data Access Arrangement" denotes a protective connecting arrangement for use with the network control signaling unit, or in lieu of the connecting arrangement, an arrangement to identify a central office line and protective equipment and procedures to determine compliance with criteria set forth in 2.6.3(C) of this Guidebook.

Dial Station/Direct Dial Station - The term "Dial Station" denotes that service where the person originating the call dials the telephone number desired, completes the message without the assistance of an operator and the message is billed to the originating number.

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Dial Station-to-Station/Direct Dial Station-to-Station - (See Dial Station)

Direct Electrical Connections - The term "Direct Electrical Connections" denotes a physical connection of the electrical conductors in the communications path.

End User - Denotes any customer of an intrastate or interstate carrier, or foreign telecommunications service that is not a carrier, except that a carrier other than a Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) shall be deemed to be an "end user" to the extent that such carrier uses a telecommunication service for administrative purposes, and a person or entity that offers telecommunications services exclusively as a reseller shall be deemed to be an "end user" if all resale transmissions offered by such reseller originate on the premises of such reseller.

Exchange - The term exchange denotes a unit generally smaller than a local access and transport area, established by the Telephone Company for the administration of communications service in a specified area which usually embraces a city, town or village and its environs. It consists of one or more central offices together with the associated facilities used in furnishing communications service within that area. One or more designated exchanges comprise a local access and transport area.

Exchange Area - The territory served by an exchange.

Grandfathered - The term "Grandfathered" denotes terminal equipment, multiline terminating systems, protective circuitry or connecting arrangements directly connected at the Customer's premises to Interstate IntraLATA Toll Services in accordance with Telephone Company tariffs and/or Guidebook, and that are considered grandfathered under Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations because:

- (i) such terminal equipment was directly connected to the telecommunications network prior to July 1, 1979, and is of a type which was directly connected to the telecommunications network as of October 17, 1977.
- (ii) such multiline terminating systems are directly connected to the telecommunications network prior to January 1, 1980, and are of a type which was directly connected to the telecommunications network as of June 1, 1978.
- (iii) such protective circuitry or connecting arrangements associated with Customer-Provided terminal equipment or multiline terminating systems are directly connected to the telecommunications network, and are of a type which was directly connected to the telecommunications network prior to the dates set forth in (i) and (ii), preceding, as appropriate.

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Headset - The term "Headset" denotes a hands-free, multi-wire device containing acoustic-to-electric (transmitter) and electric-to-acoustic (receiver) transducers, normally worn on the head of the user for close talking, which provides for the transmission of human speech.

Incomplete Call Attempt - calls that are not completed (e.g., a busy signal or ring no answer returned to the calling party) due to insufficient answering capability.

Interexchange Carrier (IC) - Denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, governmental entity or corporation engaged for hire in intrastate, interstate or foreign communication by wire or radio, between two or more exchanges.

Interface - The term "Interface" denotes that point on the premises of the Customer at which provision is made for connection of other than Telephone Company-provided facilities to facilities provided by the Telephone Company.

Interstate IntraLATA Toll Service (IITS) - The term "Interstate IntraLATA Toll Services" applies to service between points in different states which are in the same Local Access and Transport Area.

IntraLATA Service - Applies to service between points that are in the same Local Access and Transport Area (LATA).

Local Access and Transport Area (LATA) - The term "Local Access and Transport Area" denotes a geographic area established for the provision and administration of communications service. It encompasses one or more designated exchanges, which are grouped to serve common social, economic and other purposes.

Local Exchange Service Access Line - a common line that connects a Customer premises to a Telephone Company switched service via the Telephone Company public switched network.

Main Billed Account - The local exchange telephone number associated with a Customer name and address and to which IITS charges are billed.

Maintenance of Service Charge - Where maintenance of testing is required at a Customer's premises and the trouble is found to be due solely to the Customer-provided terminal equipment or other causes within the Customer's control, or any combination thereof, a Maintenance of Service Charge applies for each occurrence where such maintenance or testing is performed.

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Multiline Terminating System - The term "Multiline Terminating System" denotes switching equipment (e.g., PBX, Centrex, ACD, tandem switching equipment) and key telephone type systems which are capable of terminating more than one local central office line, WATS access line, private line service or communications system.

Nevada Bell Telephone Company, LLC - Denotes the Issuing Carrier (T) providing services within the state of Nevada whose legal name is found on the Title Page of this Guidebook

Network Control Signaling - The term "Network Control Signaling" denotes the transmission of signals used in the telecommunications network which perform functions such as supervision (control, status, and charging signals), address signaling (e.g., dialing), calling and called number identification, audible tone signals (call progress signals indicating re-order or busy conditions, alerting, coin denominations, coin collect and coin return tones) to control the operation of switching machines in the telecommunications network.

Network Control Signaling Unit - The term "Network Control Signaling Unit" denotes the terminal equipment furnished for the provision of network control signaling.

Non-Powered Conferencing Equipment - The term "Non-Powered Conferencing Equipment" denotes a portable plug ended device, without active elements, consisting of a multiwinding transformer and manual line switches designed to bridge two or more, but not to exceed five, of the lines appearing on 4-button and 6-button key telephone instruments equipped with both hold and illumination features.

North American Numbering Plan (NANP) - Denotes a three-digit Numbering Plan Area (NPA) code and a seven-digit telephone number made up of a three-digit Central Office code plus a four-digit station number.

Operator Station - the term "Operator Station" denotes Station-to-Station service other than Dial Station service.

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Operator Station-to-Station - (See Operator Station)

Other Common Carrier (OCC) - The term "Other Common Carrier" denotes:

1. Specialized Common Carriers, Interexchange Carriers (InterLATA Carriers), Domestic and International Record Carriers and Domestic Satellite Carriers engaged in providing private line voice, data or video services or other services such carriers may be allowed by the Federal Communications Commission to provide.
2. All resellers not included in (1.), preceding

Pacific Bell Telephone Company - Denotes the Issuing Carrier providing services within the state of California whose legal name is found on the Title Page of this Guidebook.

Payphone Use Charge - The Payphone Use Charge is a rate element that applies to completed non-sent paid calls originated from payphones. The charge is a cost recovery mechanism that permits the Local Exchange Carrier to recover the cost of per-call compensation to Payphone Service Providers from the end user.

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Person-to-Person - The term "Person-to-Person" denotes that service where the person originating the call specifies to the operator a particular person, mobile station, department, or office to be reached.

Point of Connection - a rate center specified in Section 4, following.

Premises - The term "Premises" denotes a building or buildings on continuous property (except railroad rights-of-way, etc) not separated by a public thoroughfare.

Premises Wiring - The term "Premises Wiring" denotes wiring associated with a multiline terminating system that is used to connect separately housed equipment entities or system components to one another, or wiring which connects an equipment entity or system component with the telecommunications network interface, located at the Customer's premises and not within an equipment housing.

Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier 2 (PIC2) - Denotes an arrangement whereby a Customer of the Telephone Company has designated an IC to complete its 1+ and 0+ intraLATA toll calls. This is referred to as Local Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier (LPIC) for intraLATA toll calls.

Presubscribed Provider - The term "Presubscribed Provider" denotes the interstate provider of operator services to which the consumer is connected when the consumer places a call using a provider of operator services without dialing an access code.

Protective Circuitry - discrete electrical circuitry that is within the scope of the Registration Program and is designed to protect IITS from harm.

Provider - The term "Provider" denotes any common carrier that provides operator services or any other person determined by the Commission to be providing operator services.

Rate Center - a specified geographical location used for determining mileage measurements.

Rate Center Area - the area which encompasses the territories identified by the central office codes that are assigned to a rate center.

Registered - The term "Registered" denotes terminal equipment, protective circuitry and multiline terminating systems which comply with the Registration provisions of Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Registration Program - Part 68 of the FCC's Rules and Regulations which permits Customer equipment to be directly connected to IITS without the requirement for protective circuitry.

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Routing Telephone Number - a telephone number used by the Telephone Company Network to route a call to the proper destination. The routing telephone number contains the intelligence to locate the terminating 4ESS and the internal software routing mechanism contained in the 4ESS.

Sent Paid Service - The term "Sent Paid Service" denotes that service where the person originating the call pays for the call by having the call billed to the originating telephone number. Sent paid calls also include calls from pay telephones when the caller pays for the call by depositing coins.

Service Station Lines - The term "Service Station Lines" denotes telephone facilities provided by the Customer in isolated and sparsely developed areas where it is not practicable for the Telephone Company to make such facilities available.

Service Terminating Arrangement - The term "Service Terminating Arrangement" denotes Telephone Company-provided equipment which terminates exchange telephone service, used for Interstate IntraLATA Toll Services (IITS), at a Customer's premises. The "Service Terminating Arrangement" provides a clearly delineated interface which facilitates the design, isolation, and testing of IITS. Where a protective connecting arrangement is required, the "Service Terminating Arrangement" is provided as a part of the protective connecting arrangement.

Single Ended Terminal Device - The term "Single Ended Terminal Device" denotes a terminal device which terminates only one line at a given time (e.g., headset).

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, LLC - Denotes the Issuing Carrier (T) providing services within the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas whose legal name is found on the Title Page of this Guidebook

Special Access Line - a dedicated communication path that connects a Customer premises to a Telephone Company switched service using services obtained from the Telephone Company's Tariff and/or access obtained from others.

Standard Jack - The term "Standard Jack" denotes the Telephone Company-provided means of connection for terminal equipment or multiline terminating systems to Interstate IntraLATA Toll Services, as described (1) in Part 68 of the FCC's Rules and Regulations, or (2) in the current issue of the Telephone Company document on file with the FCC entitled "Descriptions of Standard Registration Program Connection Configurations Supplementing Configurations Described in Subpart F of Part 68 of the FCC Rules and Regulations."

Station - The term "Station" denotes the network control signaling unit and any other equipment provided in accordance with Telephone Exchange Service Tariffs of this Company's issuing and connecting carriers, or tariffs of this Company's other participating carriers, or furnished by foreign telephone administrations, at a Customer's premises or at public or semi-public telephone locations, or in a Telephone Company central office for call forwarding which enables a Customer to establish communications connections and to effect communications through such connections.

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Station-to-Station - The term "Station-to-Station" denotes that service where the person originating the message does not specify the person, mobile station, department, or office to be reached.

Switching Equipment - The term "Switching Equipment" denotes equipment which performs the function of establishing and releasing connections between:

1. Two or more Telephone Company-provided services, or
2. Telephone Company-provided service or services and a communications system or systems provided by the Customer, or Other Common Carrier.

Such equipment shall operate to establish each connection for the purpose of the transmission of communications, and shall operate to release the connection, or generate a supervisory signal for the manual release of the connection by an attendant, immediately following the conclusion of each call.

Telecommunications Network - the IITS network provided by the Telephone Company.

Telephone Company - The term "Telephone Company" denotes the Issuing Carriers, whose legal names are found on the Title Page of this Guidebook, along with their concurring and their connecting carriers, either individually or collectively.

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Terminal Equipment - any telecommunications equipment other than a multiline terminating system, or communications system connected to IILDMTS at a Customer's or User's premises.

Third Number Billing - an optional billing procedure that permits the charges for an IILDMTS call to be billed to a number that is different from the calling number of the called number.

Transient Land Mobile Unit - The term "Transient Land Mobile Unit" denotes a land mobile unit communicating through a base station other than the base station with which it is normally associated

United States - The term "United States" denotes the United States mainland, i.e., the District of Columbia and all states except Alaska and Hawaii.