

**2.14 Connections-Other Common Carrier Provided Communications Systems**

Other Common Carrier-provided communications systems may be connected to IITS as specified in this Section and 2.15, following.

**2.14.1 Responsibility of the Customer**

- A. The Customer is responsible for making arrangements with the Other Common Carrier for the installation, operation and maintenance of any Other Common Carrier-provided communications system. The connection of the Other Common Carrier-provided communications system to IITS shall not require a change in or alteration of the equipment or services of the Telephone Company; cause electrical hazards to Telephone Company personnel; damage to Telephone Company equipment; malfunction of Telephone billing equipment; or degradation of service to persons other than the user of the communications system, or his calling or called party.
- B. Upon notice from the Telephone Company that the Other Common Carrier-provided communications system is causing such a hazard, damage, malfunction or degradation of service, the Customer shall arrange with the Other Common Carrier to make any changes necessary to remove or prevent such hazard, damage, malfunction or degradation of service.

**2.14.2 Responsibility of the Telephone Company**

- A. Interstate IntraLATA Toll Services are not represented as adapted to the use of the Other Common Carrier-provided communications systems. If such systems are used with IITS, the Telephone Company will only be responsible for furnishing service components suitable for IITS, and to design, maintain and operate those service components accordingly. Subject to that responsibility, the Telephone Company will not be responsible for (1) the quality or the through transmission of signals generated by the Other Common Carrier-provided systems, or (2) the reception of signals by Other Common Carrier-provided systems, or (3) address signaling where such signaling is performed by the Other Common Carrier-provided signaling equipment.
- B. When an Other Common Carrier-provided communications system (1) utilizes satellite facilities, or (2) is connected to a communications system which utilizes satellite facilities, the connection of that system to IITS may result in the utilization of two or more satellite circuits on the combined connected services. In such cases the Telephone Company will only be responsible to furnish service components suitable for IITS, and to design, maintain and operate those service components accordingly. Subject to that responsibility, the Telephone Company will not be responsible for the quality of the through transmission of signals on such connection. The Telephone Company will not apply any credit allowance for impaired transmission resulting from such connection unless the defect was in the IITS service.
- C. The Telephone Company shall not be responsible to anyone if changes in its minimum network protection criteria, service components, operations or procedures render any Other Common Carrier-provided facilities or equipment obsolete, require their modification or alteration, or otherwise affect their use or performance.

**2.14 Connections-Other Common Carrier Provided Communications Systems(Cont'd)****2.14.3 Violation of Regulations**

When any Other Common Carrier-provided communications system is connected to the Interstate IntraLATA Toll Services in violation of any of the conditions in this Guidebook, the Telephone Company will take such immediate action as necessary for the protection of the network, and will promptly notify the Customer of the violation. The Customer will discontinue the connection or correct the violation. In addition, the Customer shall confirm in writing that the connection has been discontinued or the violation has been corrected within 10 days of receiving written notice of the violations. Failure of the Customer to discontinue the connection or to correct the violation and to give the required written confirmation to the Telephone Company will result in suspension of the Customer's service until such time as the Customer complies.

**2.14.4 Other Common Carrier Services**

All arrangements concerning the Other Common Carrier services will be made by the Customer with that Other Common Carrier. The furnishing of IITS is not part of a joint undertaking with an Other Common Carrier.

Conditions for Connections of Other Common Carrier-Provided Communications Systems

**2.14.5 At the Premises of the Telephone Company**

Other Common Carrier-provided communications systems (utilizing Central Office Connecting Facilities) provided to a Customer may be directly connected at the premises of the Telephone Company, with exchange telephone service to be used with Interstate IntraLATA Toll Services furnished by the Telephone Company to the same Customer, provided that the connections are made through:

- A. individual exchange lines or PBX trunk lines furnished in accordance with the regulations and rates specified in the General and Local Exchange Service tariffs of the Telephone Company that provide for the connections of those lines with Other Common Carrier-provided communications systems. The purpose of the connection will be to permit communications via the Other Common Carrier communications system to or from the Customer's premises located in an exchange foreign to the exchange in which the connection is made, or
- B. Switching Equipment furnished in accordance with the provisions of the General and Local Exchange Service tariffs of the Telephone Company.

**2.14.6 At the Premises of the Customer**

Other Common Carrier-provided communications systems may be connected with exchange telephone service for use with IITS at the Customer's premises, provided that the connection is only made through a Service Terminating Arrangement in one of the following ways:

- A. through switching equipment,
- B. through a channel derivation device, or
- C. directly to the Service Terminating Arrangement.