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CONFERENCE SERVICE

A. Descriptive Summary

Long Distance Message Telecommunications Conference Service is the furnishing of simultaneous connection between three or more exchange access arrangements within the designated LATAs as defined in the Access Services Guidebook or Part 2, Section 1. Local conference service is furnished in accordance with Conference Telephone Service – Local, following this service.

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B. Conditions under which Service is Furnished

1. Service is furnished where and to the extent that service components permit.
2. The connections will be established on either a person-to-person or station-to-station basis.
3. The Company will, upon request, attempt to establish the conference connections at a specified time.
4. Charges for conference service may be reversed provided that the total charge is billed against one called service point and that the charge is accepted by the designated service point.

C. Timing of Messages

1. The chargeable duration of the message is the elapsed time between the start of conversation, with all the point on the intraLATA conference connection, and the time at which the disconnect signal is received from the originating exchange access arrangement, except as provided in B. following.
2. When the originating customer requests that one or more exchange access arrangements be added to or disconnected from a conference call on which conversation is in progress, that call is considered terminated and a new call is considered initiated to the revised group of service points.
3. Chargeable time does not include time lost because of faults or defects in the service.

CONFERENCE SERVICE (cont'd)**D. Rates and Charges**

The total charge for the intraLATA conference connection is the sum of the set-up charge and the charge for total conversation time.

1. The set-up charge is \$1.50 for each main service point (or PBX trunk) included in the intraLATA conference call.
2. The charge for conversation time will consist of the total minutes of conversation multiplied by the appropriate charge per minute applying to the intraLATA conference call.

The per minute charge for each main service point (or PBX trunk) is as follows:

<u>Mileage Between the 2 Most Distant Service Points</u>	<u>Charge Per Minute</u>
0 - 26	\$.05
27 - 71	.10
Over 71	.15

E. Application of Special Charges

A special charge may be applied based upon the cost of any special equipment used. Such special charges are separate from and in addition to the initial period and overtime rates computed as outlined in this Guidebook.

CONFERENCE TELEPHONE SERVICE - LOCAL**A. Definition**

Local conference service is the furnishing of simultaneous connection between three or more exchange access arrangements. If Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service Rates would apply on a connection between any two of the exchange access arrangements so connected, conference service will be furnished in accordance with the provisions of Part 9 and Part 11.

B. Conditions Under Which Service is Furnished

1. Service is furnished where and to the extent that facilities permit.
2. The connections will be established on either a person-to-person or station-to-station basis.
3. The Company will, upon request, attempt to establish the conference connections at a specified time.

C. Timing of Messages

1. The chargeable duration of the message is the elapsed time between the start of conversation, with all points on the conference connection, and the time at which the disconnect signal is received from the originating exchange access arrangement, except as provided in C.2., following.
2. When the originating customer requests that one or more exchange access arrangements be added to or disconnected from a conference call on which conversation is in progress, that call is considered terminated and a new call is considered initiated to the revised group of stations.
3. Chargeable time does not include time lost because of faults or defects in the service.

D. Rates

Where all stations (or private branch exchanges) in a conference connection are within the same exchange area:

A charge of \$.15 for the first 5 minutes, or fraction thereof, and \$.05 for each additional 5 minutes or fraction thereof, applies for each main station (or PBX trunk) in excess of the originating station.