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B2. REGULATIONS

B2.5 Definitions (Cont'd)

CUSTOM NETWORK SERVICE

The term "Custom Network Service" refers to the provisioning of custom-designed networks composed of various Private Line Services. The rates and regulations for such networks, or arrangements, are found in Section B8.

CUSTOMER

The term "Customer" denotes the person, firm or corporation which orders service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with Company regulations.

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 connection arrangement, an arrangement to identify a central office line and protective facilities and procedures to determine compliance with criteria set forth in B2.6.2.

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DATA SWITCHING

The term "Data Switching" as used in connection with composite data service denotes the switching of data (nonvoice) messages by the interchange, controlling and routing of data messages between two or more stations, via communications facilities, wherein the information content of the message remains unaltered.

B4. EQUIPMENT

B4.3 Data Communicating Equipment

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B4.3 Data Communicating Equipment (Cont'd)

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Note 1: Telemetry/Alarm Bridging Service (TABS) now appears in Section B3.

B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE

B7.2 SynchroNet Service (Cont'd)

B7.2.4 Types of Rates and Charges

- A. The two types of rates and charges are monthly rates and nonrecurring charges and are described as follows:
 - Monthly Rates

Monthly rates are recurring charges that apply each month or fraction thereof that a service is provided. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have 30 days.

2. Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring Charges are one-time charges that apply for a specific work activity. The three types of nonrecurring charges that apply are installation of service, installation of features and functions and service rearrangements.

a. Installation of Service

Nonrecurring charges apply for each service terminated at the customer's premises. For the installation of local channels when more than one of the same type of service, between the same locations, for the same customer is ordered and installed at the same time, one at each location is billed at the First Service Installed rate and the others are billed at the Additional Service Installed rate.

The nonrecurring charges for the Installation of Services are set forth in B7.2.3.A. preceding.

- b. Nonrecurring charges apply for the installation of features and functions available with the various services. For some features and functions there is a lower charge if installed coincident with the service and a higher charge if installed subsequent to the service. Nonrecurring charges for Optional Features and Functions are set forth in B7.2.3.B. preceding.
- c. Service Rearrangements
 - (1) Service rearrangements are changes to existing (installed) services which do not result in either a change in the minimum period requirements or a change in the physical location of the point of termination at a customer premises. Changes which result in the establishment of new minimum period obligations are treated as disconnects and starts. Changes in the physical location of the point of termination are treated as moves and are described and charged for as set forth in B7.2.5.

The charge to the customer for the service rearrangement is dependent on whether the change is administrative only in nature or involves actual physical change to the service.

Administrative changes will be made without charge(s) to the customer. Such changes require the continued provision and billing of the Private Line Service to the same entity (i.e., customer remains responsible for all outstanding indebtedness for the service). Administrative changes are as follows:

- Change of customer name (i.e., the customer of record does not change but rather the customer of record changes name),
- Change of customer or customer's premises address when the change of address is not a result of a physical relocation of equipment.

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B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE

B7.3 MegaLink Channel Service (Cont'd)

B7.3.1 General (Cont'd)

- **F.** The total number of voice grade equivalent channels activated by the customer may not exceed the capacity of the basic system. Additionally, there are some necessary restrictions in total system capacities where certain types of channel services are channelized. For example, some channelizing equipment for SynchroNet service may require two voice grade equivalent channels per channel provided by the Company. This would reduce a system's stated capacity substantially. The Company will notify the customer when a system's capacity is affected.
- G. Central Office channelization generally provides analog to digital conversion to permit individual exchange services and private line channel services to be transported over digital high capacity facilities. In addition, this equipment permits connection to required testing facilities at designated hub or node locations for some digital offerings, such as SynchroNet service. This channelization is also intended for use at Company locations where different high capacity digital network links terminate in the same central office and must be converted to individual analog or digital channels before individual service links can be cross-connected. System capacities below are provided in groups of 24 voice grade equivalent channels, and are subject to the limits as set forth in B7.3.1.G. preceding.
- **H.** Channelization on a customer's premises is provided by the customer. Customer premises channelization equipment, and any other associated network termination equipment, is available through various vendors, including Company, on a detariffed basis. Joint provisioning of channelized services introduces joint responsibilities between the customer and the Company.
 - 1. Responsibilities of the Company:
 - a. The Company will endeavor to activate its portion of joint service in a timely manner on the negotiated date to support installation requirements.
 - b. The Company will provide the customer with information regarding the type and the manufacturer of Central Office (C.O.) channelization equipment to be used in each application.
 - c. The Company will limit its selection of central office equipment to avoid operational and administrative difficulties associated with a multi-vendor central office environment.
 - d. The Company reserves the right to change its equipment vendors should equipment availability, price or technological advantages make such a change attractive or necessary.
 - e. The Company will notify the customer, generally a minimum of six months in advance, of any need to change its central office equipment to allow the customer sufficient time to respond, make any necessary changes, and schedule cooperative testing for cutover if required.
 - f. Digital synchronization timing for MegaLink channel service will be provided by the Company.