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## A1. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

### CREDIT CARD

The term "credit card" denotes a billing arrangement by which a call may be charged to an authorized Company Credit Card number, an Interexchange credit card number or a commercial bank credit card number.

### CUSTOMER NETWORK MANAGEMENT (CNM) - ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT SERVICE

Customer Network Management (CNM) - Administrative Management Service provides customers a single point of access to other Company Network Management products, and provides the customer greater control and additional information about the network services they purchase from the Company.

### CUSTOMER OF RECORD

Entity responsible for placing an application for service; requesting additions, rearrangements, maintenance or discontinuance of service; and for payment in full of charges incurred such as toll, directory assistance, etc.

### CUSTOMER PROVIDED PUBLIC INMATE CALLING SERVICE (CPPICS)

Coin telephone access line service provided by the Company to non-Company public telephone providers for the exclusive use of inmates served within the confines of a penal, correctional or mental institution.

### CUSTOMER-PROVIDED TERMINAL EQUIPMENT

Devices, apparatus and their associated wiring, provided by a customer, which are used with the network control signaling unit or other station equipment furnished by the Company and not including customer-provided communications systems. (T)

### DATA ACCESS ARRANGEMENT

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 facilities and procedures to determine compliance with criteria set forth in A15.3.2.

### DEMARCATION POINT

The point of demarcation and/or interconnection between Company communications facilities and terminal equipment, protective apparatus or wiring at a subscriber's premises. Company-installed facilities at, or constituting, the demarcation point shall consist of wire or a jack conforming to Subpart F or Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules. "Premises" as used herein generally means a dwelling unit, other building or a legal unit of real property such as a lot on which a dwelling unit is located, as determined by the Company's reasonable and nondiscriminatory standard operating practices.

### DEPOSIT

A deposit may be provided by a customer in the form of cash, surety bond, or bank letter of credit to be held by the Company to assure payment of an account.

### DIRECT ELECTRICAL CONNECTION

A physical connection of the electrical conductors in the communications path.

### DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE/DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE CALL COMPLETION

Directory Assistance/Directory Assistance Call Completion (DA/DACC) is a service which provides the customer a local exchange subscriber telephone number and call completion to the number provided. This service is for use by Mobile Service Providers (MSPs) and is provisioned via a dedicated, application specific interconnect trunk connecting the MSP's Mobile Telephone Switching Office (MTSO) and the Company location where DA/DACC is provided.

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## A1. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

- a. Company and Service Stations:
- (1) Company Station:  
A station for which the central office equipment, lines and station equipment are owned and maintained by the Company and provided as a part of the Company's service offering. This term also denotes the network control signaling unit or other equipment provided by the Company at the customer's premises which enables the customer to establish the communications connections and to effect communications through such connections. (T)
  - (2) Service Station:  
A station of an association of farmers or others located in sparsely settled rural communities receiving service from a central office or a toll station of the Company. Also known as Farmers' Line or Farmers' Exchange Station.
- b. Exchange and Toll Stations and Toll Terminals:
- (1) Exchange Station:  
A Company or service station furnished for exchange service and directly or indirectly connected with a central office.
  - (2) Toll Station:  
A Company station installed for the convenience of the public or of a subscriber in a locality where the Company does not generally furnish exchange service and from which established long distance message rates are charged for all messages sent over the Company's lines.
  - (3) Toll Terminal:  
A toll terminal is a Company station to which long distance service only is furnished; a toll terminal is furnished only where the subscriber retains one or more exchange stations.
- c. Main and Extension Stations:
- (1) Main Station:  
A Company station, directly connected by means of an individual line or party line with a central office.
  - (2) Extension Station:  
An additional station connected on the same line as the main station and subsidiary thereto.
  - (3) PBX:  
See "Private Branch Exchange Service (PBX Service)".

**STATION LINE**

See "Exchange Line".

**STATION-TO-STATION CALL**

See "Expanded Local Calling Area Service" or "Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service".

**SUBSCRIBER**

Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, municipality, cooperative organization or governmental agency furnished communication service by the Company under the provisions, terms and conditions of its guidebook.

**SUSPENSION OF SERVICE**

An arrangement made at the request of the subscriber, or initiated by the Company for violation of guidebook terms and conditions by the subscriber, for temporarily discontinuing service without terminating the service agreement or removing the telephone equipment from the subscriber's premises.

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## **A15. CONNECTIONS WITH CERTAIN FACILITIES AND/OR EQUIPMENT OF OTHERS**

### **A15.1 Terms and Conditions (Cont'd)**

#### **A15.1.17 Airline Companies And Federal Aviation Agency (Cont'd)**

- B.** Customer-provided terminal equipment and communications systems connected to the telecommunications network in accordance with A15.1.17.A. preceding prior to January 1, 1980 may remain connected and be moved and reconnected for the life of the equipment without registration unless subsequently modified. New installations of customer-provided terminal equipment and communications systems subject to Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations must be connected to the telecommunications network in accordance with A15.1.2. preceding.

### **A15.2 Terminal Equipment**

#### **A15.2.1 (DELETED)**

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#### **A15.2.2 Reserved For Future Use**

#### **A15.2.3 Reserved For Future Use**

#### **A15.2.4 Dictation Recording Equipment**

Customer-provided dictation recording equipment may be used in connection with dial PBX facilities of the Company in accordance with A15.1.2. or A15.1.3. following. Such dictation recording equipment may be used only with dial extensions of the customer's PBX or dial extensions of associated dial PBX's connected by dial tie lines, and in no case shall equipment be connected to other telephones or to the local and long distance networks.

#### **A15.2.5 Reserved For Future Use**

#### **A15.2.6 Interpositioning Of Customer-Provided Terminal Equipment And Communications Systems**

- A.** Interpositioned customer premises equipment arrangements (i.e., arrangements of terminal equipment and communications systems) are those arrangements which require that Company-provided equipment gain access to the telecommunications network through customer-provided equipment.
- B.** Customer-provided equipment may be interpositioned at the customer's premises either between the Company-provided equipment and the telecommunications network or between items of Company-provided equipment. Company-provided equipment will be furnished in an interpositioned configuration for use with telecommunications services in accordance with the following.

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## B2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### B2.1 Undertaking Of The Company (Cont'd)

#### B2.1.4 Provision Of Facilities (Cont'd)

5. When a private line is used for transmission purposes other than voice and teletypewriter except as specified in B2.1.4.A.1., 2. and 3. preceding, it is contemplated that the customer or authorized user will provide the station equipment for such other purposes; however, at the request of the customer, the Company will provide teletypewriter station equipment subject to the provisions in B2.1.4.A.3. preceding for use in connection with services for data transmission, for remote metering, supervisory control and miscellaneous signaling purposes. (T)

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## B2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### B2.5 Definitions (Cont'd)

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**DEMARICATION POINT**

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**DIRECT ELECTRICAL CONNECTION**

The term "Direct Electrical Connection" denotes a physical connection of the electrical conductors in the communication path.

**DISTRIBUTION CENTERS**

The term "Distribution Center" as used in connection with Program transmission channels furnished for music networks indicates amplifying and bridging equipment required to connect the various local sections of a network or to connect local sections to an interoffice section of the network.

**DUPLEX SERVICE**

The term "Duplex Service" denotes service which permits customers or authorized users to communicate in both directions simultaneously.

**END USER**

The term "End User" denotes the ultimate user of Company or CLEC private line services.

**END USER CUSTOMER LOCATION**

The term "End User Customer Location" denotes the physical location of the premises where an end user makes use of private line services.

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## B2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### B2.6 Connections (Cont'd)

#### B2.6.3 Connections Of Grandfathered Terminal Equipment And Grandfathered Communications Systems (Cont'd)

- D. Conforming Answering Devices Connected Prior to July 1, 1979 (Cont'd)
  - 1. (Cont'd)
    - d. Conforming Answering Devices may not:
      - (1) be used to transmit or receive data signals;
      - (2) be used to originate calls.
    - e. The Conforming Answering Device shall comply with the minimum protection criteria set forth in B2.6.4.F. following.
  - 2. In the event that an answering device bearing a Conformance Number does not meet the requirements of the Company's Technical Reference for Conforming Answering Devices, the customer or authorized user using such answering device shall either disconnect the device from the Company's service or arrange the connection of the device in accordance with B2.6.2 preceding.

#### B2.6.4 Connections Of Customer-Provided Terminal Equipment & Communications Systems Not Subject To The Federal Communications Commission's Registration Program

- A. General
  - 1. Connecting arrangements are not required and minimum protection criteria are not applicable where customer-provided terminal equipment or communications systems are connected with the following channels when such channels are used for the types of transmission specified herein due to the nature of the service provided and/or the type of channels and equipment used.
    - Series 1000 Channels
    - Type 2463, 2464 and 2230 Channels
    - Series 6000 Channels
    - Series 7000 Channels
  - 2. Except as otherwise provided in B2.6.2 and B2.6.3 preceding, customer-provided terminal equipment and communications systems may be electrically connected to private line services in accordance with this B2.6.4.
    - a. When the customer-provided terminal equipment or communications system is connected with private line service furnished by the Company and such private line service is not arranged for connection to telecommunications services, such connections shall be made to an interface provided by the Company.
    - b. When the customer-provided terminal equipment or communications system is connected with private line service furnished by the Company and such private line service is arranged for connection to telecommunications services:
      - (1) Such connections shall be made through a connecting arrangement under provisions of B2.6.4 and as found in A15.1.3 of the General Exchange Guidebook, and

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## B2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### B2.6 Connections (Cont'd)

#### B2.6.9 Connections Of Services Furnished By The Company To The Same Customer (Cont'd)

- G. Type 10001 channels may be connected to private line services on the premises of the customer or authorized user where the customer has a regular and continuing requirement for the origination or termination of communications over the customer-provided communications system provided that:
1. The normal mode of operation of the customer-provided communications system shall be to provide communications originating or terminating at the premises on which the connection is made or at the customer's or authorized user's premises served by the Centrex Type Services Control Switching Equipment.
  2. The connection shall be made through switching equipment provided either by the customer, or authorized user or by the Company.
  3. The connection shall be to channels of a Type number lower than 6000, to Series 10000 channels furnished by the Company or to channels created therefrom in accordance with the provisions of B2.2.6.B. preceding.
- H. Series 1000 channels may be connected at the customer's premises to a local or toll central office or a WATS access line through switching equipment provided by the customer or the Company. The connection shall be through a data access arrangement and shall be such that the function of network control signaling is performed by equipment furnished, installed and maintained by the Company. (T)

#### B2.6.10 Connection Of Services Furnished By The Company To Different Customers

- A. A private line furnished to a customer on a twenty-four hour per day, seven day per week basis may be connected:
1. With a private line furnished to a branch or agency of the United States Government for the purposes specified under B2.6.10.B. through D. following, provided such connection is authorized by the branch or agency to whose service the connection is made and connections are made by means of connecting or switching arrangements furnished by the Company, or,
  2. With a private line, local or toll central office line or WATS access line furnished to a different customer provided such connection is made at the premises of an authorized user as specified in G. through H. following, or,
  3. As specified under I. through L. following when connections involve
    - a. Series 7000 channels,
    - b. the use of service as related to the coordination or exchange of electrical pooled power,
    - c. channels of a Type number lower than 6000 when these are furnished for data transmission to one customer with connection to channels created by another customer, or
    - d. teletypewriter private lines furnished to the U. S. Army, which may be connected to Associated Press and United Press International private lines for teletypewriter transmission, used in establishing an Emergency Action Notification System.
  4. As specified in B. following when private line service is furnished to a state or local government agency and to a United States Government agency. Connections as specified in 1. through 3. preceding will be provided only when the same types of channels, (except when local or toll central office or WATS access lines as set forth in H. following are involved) are connected and the same forms of electrical communication are used over the connected channels.

## **B4. EQUIPMENT**

### **B4.3 Data Communicating Equipment**

**B4.3.1 (DELETED)**

**B4.3.2 (DELETED)**

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**B4. EQUIPMENT**

**B4.3 Data Communicating Equipment (Cont'd)**

**B4.3.2 (DELETED)**

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## **B4. EQUIPMENT**

### **B4.3 Data Communicating Equipment (Cont'd)**

**B4.3.2 (DELETED)**

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**B4.3.3 (DELETED)**

Telemetry/Alarm Bridging Service (TABS) is now located in Section B3.

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## B7. DIGITAL NETWORK SERVICE

### B7.3 MegaLink Channel Service

- A. MegaLink channel service is an intraLATA digital service which provides channelization capability for the customer in the Company's central office. MegaLink channel service is provided in packages based on multiple voice grade channel equivalents (DS0) where 24 voice grade channels are equal to a DS1. This service provides local channels and/or interoffice channels for network access, Foreign Exchange, Centrex Type Services station lines, off-premises stations, tie lines, WATS lines, analog data channels, Broadband Exchange lines and digital data services (at 2.4 Kbps, 4.8 Kbps, 9.6 Kbps, 19.2 Kbps, 56 Kbps, 64 Kbps and 1.544 Mbps data rates).
- B. Channelization is provided by D type channel banks which are offered in various basic system capacities and feature activation types. Individual channel services are made available by selecting the specific feature activation equipment desired in a basic system. The customer may channelize all or part of a MegaLink channel service package to activate voice and data facilities for interconnection with the switched network, voice grade and data facilities for private line channels, as well as other MegaLink channel services. The customer may also choose not to channelize all or part of a MegaLink channel service package allowing direct connection to other DS1 services as provided in this Guidebook or the General Exchange Guidebook.
- C. This service is available within a LATA from wire centers where appropriate digital facilities are available as determined by the Company. Also, when exchange services are desired, wire centers must have Local Measured Service available as well as digital facilities. Service inquiries will be necessary to determine availability. Special Construction charges for MegaLink service will apply as specified in B7.1. preceding.
- D. Individual channels within a MegaLink channel service package may be connected with service offered in other sections of the Private Line Guidebook and General Exchange Guidebook as appropriate. The terms, conditions, rates and charges in this Guidebook are applicable for the Megalink channel service component of the customer's end-to-end service. Single channel service components (non-MegaLink channel service links) are subject to the terms, conditions, rates and charges in their respective guidebook sections.
- E. The customer may activate any number or combination of channels within a MegaLink channel service package within the limitations set forth in G. following. Channels may be activated coincident with initial service or at any time subsequent to basic system installation. Once activated, a channel is subject to a minimum service period in accordance with the contract terms. Features (channels) activated under month-to-month rates will have a minimum service period of one month.
- 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 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. (T)
- 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 G. preceding.

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