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Collect Calls, Bill-to-Third Number (Party) Calls, Person-to-Person
Calls, Local & Long Distance Operator Verification/Interruption
Service and Zero Minus

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A1. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS**ACCESSORIES**

Devices which are mechanically attached to, or used with, the facilities furnished by the Company and which are independent of, and not electrically connected to, the conductors in the communications path of the telecommunications system.

ADD-ON

A feature which permits a station user to add one other station to the conversation.

ANSWER SUPERVISION

This feature provides the capability of delivering "off hook" supervisory signals from the subscriber's serving central office to a line interface at the customer's premises. These supervisory signals indicate when the called party has answered an incoming call (gone "off hook").

ATM

The term "ATM", referring to Asynchronous Transfer Mode, denotes one of the general class of packet switching technologies that relay traffic via an address contained within the packet (referred to in ATM as cells). ATM is a switching method in which information does not occur periodically with respect to some reference such as a frame pattern.

AUTHORIZED PROTECTIVE CONNECTING MODULE

The term authorized protective connecting module denotes a protective unit designed by the Company and manufactured under the control of Company quality assurance procedures, which unit is to be incorporated in a conforming answering device.

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AUXILIARY LINE

An additional individual line main station used for one-way (inward to the subscriber) service.

BACK-UP LINE

An optional service which provides individual line business subscribers with an additional line which is available for inward and outward calling with usage charges applying for originating and terminating calls.

BASE RATE

The rate for primary classes of exchange service.

BASE RATE AREA

A specific section of an exchange area within which primary classes of service are available.

BASE STATION OF REGISTRY

The base station from which a mobile unit receives its mobile telephone number.

BASIC LOCAL CALLING AREA

The traditional flat rate calling area as described in A3.6.

BASIC TERMINATION CHARGE

See "Termination Charge"

BELLSOUTH CHANNELIZED TRUNKS

Provides channelized DS1/1.544 Mbps circuits available for voice intraLATA communications services. Provides up to 24 DID, Outward Only or Combination/2-Way trunks.

BILL TO THIRD PARTY¹

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Denotes a billing arrangement by which an Expanded Local Calling Area call or Long Distance call may be charged to an authorized station as determined by the Company other than the station originating the call or the station where the call is terminated.

BILLED NUMBER SCREENING

An arrangement which, at the time of call origination, screens billed to third party and/or collect calls to prevent these calls being charged to certain telephone numbers.

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A1. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS**CLASS OF SERVICE**

A description of telephone service furnished a subscriber in terms such as:

a. For Exchange Service:

(1) Grade of Line:
Individual line (See also "Primary Class of Service")

(2) Type of Rate:
Flat, usage based pricing rates.

(3) Character of Use:
Business or residence

(4) Dialing Method:
Touch-Tone or Rotary

b. For Long Distance Service:

(1) Type of Call:
Station-to-station

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c. For Wide Area Telephone Service:

(1) Type of Rate:
Full time or measured time

COLLECT CALL¹

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The procedure by which certain messages, upon request, may be reversed (charged to the called station) upon acceptance of the call at the called station.

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

Channels or other facilities which are capable, when not connected to telecommunications services, of two-way communications between customer-provided terminal equipment of Company stations.

COMPANY

Wherever used in this Tariff or its headings, "Company" and "South Central Bell" refer to BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

COMPANY STATION

See "Station"

COMPANION PAYMENT PLAN

An optional payment plan which is adjunct to the Two-Tier Payment Plan. This payment plan contains only one monthly rate element. The monthly rate applies for as long as the customer retains service.

COMPETITIVE LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER (CLEC)

The term "Competitive Local Exchange Carrier or CLEC" denotes a telecommunications service provider, other than the Company, authorized by the Louisiana Public Service Commission to provide local exchange service within the Company's operating area in Louisiana and as further defined in the Commission's General Order issued March 15, 1996, and any amendments thereto.

COMPLETED CALL

A completed call is a calling attempt by the subscriber that results in an off-hook condition at the receiving end. Such conditions shall include the following actions:

(1) the called party responds by personally answering the call;

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EXTENDED AREA SERVICE

A type of telephone service furnished under tariff provisions whereby subscribers of a given exchange may complete calls to and where provided by the Tariff, receive messages from one or more exchanges without the application of long distance message telecommunications charges.

EXTENSION RINGER

An additional ringer on the same premises and on the same line and generally operated in connection with the ringer at the station location. Extension ringers are of two types:

a. Extension Bell (ordinary type):

An additional bell of the type used on standard telephone instruments, connected with the same line as the first bell, but mounted separately and generally installed at some distance from the station set.

b. Extension Gong (loud ringing type):

A loud sounding bell, connected in the same manner as the ordinary type of extension bell, for use in noisy or other locations where the common type of bell would not be heard.

EXTRA EXCHANGE LINE MILEAGE

See "Mileage and Zone Charge"

FLAT RATE SERVICE

See "Exchange Service"

FOREIGN BASE STATION

Any base station other than the Base Station of Registry.

FOREIGN CENTRAL OFFICE MILEAGE

See "Mileage and Zone Charge"

FOREIGN CENTRAL OFFICE SERVICE

See "Exchange Service"

FOREIGN EXCHANGE LISTING

See "Directory Listing"

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MILEAGE

See "Mileage and Zone Charge"

FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICE

See "Exchange Service"

FURTHER ISOLATION

The work function performed by a Company employee on the customer's premises beyond the Company specified demarcation point to determine the specific wire or set which is causing a customer's service difficulty.

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MAIN STATION

See "Station"

MESSAGE

A communication between two stations. Messages may be classified as follows:

a. Local Message:

A message between stations within the same local service area.

b. Long Distance Message:

A message between stations in different exchange areas for which a long distance message charge is made.

MESSAGE RATE SERVICE (MEASURED SERVICE)

See "Exchange Service"

MESSENGER SERVICE

See "Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service"

MILEAGE AND ZONE CHARGE

A charge applying for the use of part or all of a line furnished by the Company.

a. Airline Measurement:

The shortest distance between two points.

b. Extra Exchange Line Mileage or Zone Charge:

A charge applying in addition to the base rate for service when a subscriber's main station or PBX is outside the base rate area but is located within the exchange area.

c. Foreign Central Office Mileage:

The measurement applying to a line within the exchange connecting a subscriber's main station, PBX, or Centrex Type Services system with a central office other than that from which he would normally be served, for the use of which a separate circuit charge is made in addition to the base rate, plus zone charges if any apply.

d. Foreign Exchange Mileage:

The measurement applying to a line connecting a subscriber's main station, PBX or Centrex Type Services system with a central office of an exchange other than that from which the subscriber would normally be served, for the use of which a separate charge is made in addition to the base rate, plus zone charges if any apply.

e. Route Measurement:

The actual length of a circuit between two points.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMON CARRIERS

Miscellaneous Common Carriers, as defined in Part 21 of the Federal Communications Commission Rules, are communications common carriers which are not engaged in the business of providing either a public landline message telephone service or public message telegraph service.

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A1. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS**MONTH**

The work "month" as used in this Tariff, is to be defined as a 30-day period.

NETWORK CONTROL SIGNALING

The transmission of signals used in the telecommunications system which perform functions such as supervision (control, status, and charging signals), address signaling (dialing), calling and called number identification, audible tone signals (call progress signals indicating reorder or busy conditions, alerting, coin denominations, coin collect and coin return tones) to control the operation of switching machines in the telecommunications system.

NETWORK CONTROL SIGNALING UNIT

The terminal equipment furnished, installed and maintained by the Company for the provision of network control signaling.

NETWORK INTERFACE

Network Interface is a standard jack provided by the Company as a part of exchange access, WATS, or Private Line Services for the connection of customer terminal equipment and premises wiring to the telephone network. The Network Interface will be located at the demarcation point.

NON-LISTED (SEMIPRIVATE) LISTING

A non-listed listing is not in the alphabetical section of the Company's directory, but is maintained on directory assistance records and will be furnished upon the request of a calling party.

NON-PUBLISHED (PRIVATE) LISTING

A non-published listing is not listed in either the alphabetical section of the Company's directory or directory assistance records and will not be furnished upon request of a calling party.

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A1. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS**PRIMARY CLASS OF SERVICE**

Any of those classes of exchange service which the Company undertakes to furnish at any point within the base rate area at a rate common to all applicants for the same class. Primary classes of service may be furnished at points outside a base rate area at base rates plus zone or extra exchange line mileage.

PRIMARY SUBSCRIBER

This term has the same connotation as "subscriber" and is used in those cases where it is desirable to stress the distinction between the main subscriber to telephone service and others who may have joint use of the service or who may qualify for additional listings.

PRIMARY WIRE CENTER

The building in which a foreign exchange channel is terminated.

PRIVATE TELEPHONE NUMBER

See "Non-Published Number" Telephone Number

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT SERVICE

An announcement service utilizing Company facilities and/or service transmitting public announcements.

- a. For usage by the general public and
- b. Is publicly advertised and/or contains commercial messages and/or advertisements and
- c. Furnished by an electronic or electro-mechanical device.

REFERENCE LISTING

See "Cross Reference" Listing

RESALE

An activity wherein a Reseller subscribes to the telecommunications services of the Company and then offers those communications services to the public within their certified service area.

RESALE SERVICE

All retail telecommunications services available for resale from the Company's General Subscriber Services Tariff, *General Exchange Guidebook* and Private Line *Guidebook*. (T)

RESALE SERVICE AREA

The area, as defined in the Louisiana Public Service Commission approved certificate of operation, within which a Reseller may offer resold local exchange telecommunications services.

RESELLER

A CLEC who has obtained appropriate certification from the Louisiana Public Service Commission and offers resold Company local exchange services within a resale service area.

RINGMASTER SERVICE

This service will allow a subscriber to have up to three telephone numbers associated with a single line. A distinctive ringing pattern is provided for each additional telephone number to facilitate identification of incoming calls.

ROUTE MEASUREMENT

See "Mileage and Zone Charge"

REAL TIME RATED CALL - OPERATOR STATION

- a. Calls originated and paid for at public or semi-public telephones.
- b. Calls for which the Company furnished time and/or charges. (C)

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A7. COIN TELEPHONE SERVICE

A7.4 Access Line Service For Customer-Provided Public Telephones (Cont'd)

A7.4.5 Rates And Charges (Cont'd)

A. (Cont'd)

1. (Cont'd)

b. Access Line Feature Charges¹

(1) Public telephone access line

	Monthly Rate	USOC
(a) Unrestricted, outward, each	\$-	1ZB
(b) Unrestricted, two-way, each	-	1ZA
(c) Restricted, outward, each ^{2,3}	-	2D2
(d) Restricted, two-way, each ^{2,3}	-	1FZ
(e) Restricted, outward, each ^{2,3,4}	-	1Z3
(f) Restricted, two-way, each ^{2,3,4}	-	1Z5
(g) Restricted, outward, each ^{2,3,5}	-	13D
(h) Restricted, two-way, each ^{2,3,5}	-	13E

c. Local messages within the Expanded Local Calling Area will be charged as appropriate.

2. Service charges are applied on the same basis as for individual line business service covered in Section A4. (T)
3. At the request of the subscriber, Touch-Tone Calling Service may be provided at no charge to the customer.
4. The subscriber is responsible for Directory Assistance service charges.
5. Trouble Determination charges are applied on the same basis as for Business Service covered in Section A4. (T)
6. Directory listings in connection with two-way public telephone access lines will be furnished. Listings are not available for outward public telephone access lines.
7. Non-sent paid local calls will be rated to the end user at the rate set forth in A7.4.5.B. plus the appropriate operator surcharge in Section A3. (T)
8. **(DELETED)** (D)

B. Local End User Message Charges

1. Local messages placed within the basic local calling area from pay telephones are charged as follows:

(a) Each five minutes or fraction thereof	Rate	USOC
	\$.30	NA

Note 1: For the Access Line Feature options which do not offer central office blocking of 900 calls, this feature is available at the request of the subscriber as provided under Customized Code Restriction (CCR) Option #4 for business line customers.

Note 2: Provides operator screening.

Note 3: Provides central office blocking of 011+ calls direct distance dialed to numbers outside the North American Numbering Plan.

Note 4: 1+900, 7 digit local, 1+ to the Expanded Local Calling Area and 1+DDD are blocked from completion.

Note 5: 1+900, 1+DDD and 1+ to the Expanded Local Calling Area are blocked from completion.

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

A15.1 Regulations (Cont'd)

A15.1.1 General Provisions (Cont'd)

G. (Cont'd)

5. Telephotograph Equipment (Cont'd)

c. Company's Right to Interrupt Connection

The Company may interrupt the connection if at any time such action should become necessary in order to protect any of its services because of departure from the requirements under which the connection is permitted.

d. Responsibility of the Company

The Company assumes no responsibility for the quality of, or defects in the material transmitted or received regardless of cause.

e. Use with Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service

The regulations and rates for each call made for the purpose of transmitting pictures are those applicable for Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service, i.e., station-to-station or conference, according to the connection established. (C)

A15.1.2 Connections Of Registered Equipment

A. Customer-Provided Registered Terminal Equipment, Registered Protective Circuitry And Registered Communications Systems

Customer-provided registered terminal equipment, registered protective circuitry, and registered communications systems may be directly connected at the customer's premises to the telecommunications network, subject to Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations, as provided in A15.1.1. preceding and the following.

1. All combinations of registered equipment and associated non-registered terminal equipment (including but not limited to wiring) shall be installed, operated and maintained so that the requirements of Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations are continually satisfied.

The Company may discontinue service or impose other remedies as provided for in Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations for failure to comply with these provisions.

2. The customer shall notify the Company of each line to which registered equipment is to be connected in advance of such connection and shall notify the Company when such registered equipment is permanently disconnected. The customer shall provide the Company the Registration Number for the registered equipment.

3. The customer shall not connect registered equipment to a Company line if:

- a. the Ringer Equivalence of such equipment in combination with the total Ringer Equivalence of other equipment connected to the same line exceeds the allowable maximum of five or as otherwise determined by the Company, or
- b. the ringer is not of a type designated by the Company as suitable for that particular line.

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A35. INTERCONNECTION OF MOBILE SERVICES

A35.1 Interconnection Services for Mobile Service Providers (MSPs) (Cont'd)

A35.1.1 General (Cont'd)

F. Service Installation Guarantee(Cont'd)

4. Service Installation Guarantees do not apply:
 - a. when failure to meet the Service Date occurs because of:
 - (1) any act or omission of this MSP, any other MSP or any third party, or of any other entity providing a portion of a service,
 - (2) labor difficulties, governmental orders, civil commotions, criminal actions against the Company, acts of God, war or other circumstances beyond the Company's control,
 - (3) unavailability of the customer's facilities and/or equipment,
 - b. to service requiring Special Construction as set forth in Section A5. (T)
 - c. to Specialized Service or Arrangements or Individual Case Basis filings as set forth in Section A5. (T)
 - d. when alternate arrangements for SS7 signaling links are utilized.

In addition, Service Installation Guarantee will not apply during a declared National Emergency.

G. Other Associated Terms, Rates and Conditions

1. These services are offered at the rates specified herein from central offices where necessary service options are available. The MSP is not limited as to the number or location of points of interconnection.
2. The rates contained in this offering contemplate the use of standard serving arrangements normally provided by the Company. Non-standard facility requirements, equipment, or service options may be requested via the special assembly process as defined in Section A5. of this Tariff.
3. In order to provide compliant interconnection arrangements, it may be necessary for the Company to place equipment at the MSP's point of termination. The MSP shall furnish or arrange to have furnished to the Company, at no charge, equipment space and electrical power required by the Company to provide services under this Tariff. The MSP shall also provide the Company reasonable access for installing, testing, maintaining, or removing equipment. Facilities and equipment utilized by the Company to provide services under the provisions of this Tariff shall remain the property of the Company and shall be returned to the Company by the MSP upon reasonable request.
4. MegaLink service, MegaLink Light service, MegaLink channel service, SMARTRing service and LightGate service from Section B7. of the Private Line Guidebook, are used to rate certain portions of DS1 service offered under this offering. The terms and conditions which apply for those services apply here, except that the month to month rates for MegaLink channel service, as specified in B7.3 of the Private Line Guidebook may be applied without the MSP fulfilling any minimum contract period. However, a minimum initial service period may apply for DS1 services, as specified in B7. of the Private Line Guidebook for MegaLink service, MegaLink Light service, or LightGate service.
5. Directory listings for MSPs are provided in accordance with regulations and rates normally provided to regular business subscribers.
6. Clients of the MSP may be provided directory listings as specified for Business Additional Listings.
7. Charges for Operator Assisted Local Calls are applicable and will be individually itemized on the MSPs bill. (C)
8. **(DELETED)** (D)
9. When the MSP wants to prohibit third number and collect calls to mobile numbers, Billed Number Screening is available upon request per Section A2. of this Tariff. Certain calls cannot be screened, including but not limited to calls handled by Independent Company (ICO) operators, Maritime, Air-to-Ground, and International calls, or calls handled by companies that do not subscribe to the data base where toll billing exception data is stored. The MSP is, however, responsible for the charges for these calls.