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SYMBOLS FOR CHANGES

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The following symbols are used in the right-hand margin to denote changes or revisions made on each page:

- C Denotes a changed regulation.
- D Denotes a discontinued rate or regulation.
- E Denotes a correction of an error made during a revision that pertained to material contained in the tariff prior to the revision.
- I Denotes increase in rate.
- M Denotes text has been moved elsewhere in the tariff with no change in rate, regulation or text.
- N Denotes a new rate or regulation.
- R Denotes a rate reduction.
- S Denotes reissued material, that is material currently in the tariff which is being reissued with this revision without change in rate, regulation, or text.
- T Denotes a change in text, but no change in rate or regulation.

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ACCESS LINE

Denotes the line between the serving central office and the customer's premises.

ACCESSORIES

Devices which are mechanically attached to, or used with, the facilities furnished by the Cooperative and which are independent of, and not electrically, acoustically or inductively connected to the communications path of the telecommunications systems.

ACOUSTIC CONNECTION

A connection made by sound.

ADDITIONAL LISTING

Any listing of a name or other authorized information in connection with a customer's telephone number in addition to that to which he is entitled in connection with his regular service.

ADJACENT EXCHANGE SERVICE

Local Exchange Service furnished from a contiguous exchange, in addition to the customer's primary (home) exchange service.

AIR LINE MEASUREMENT

The shortest distance between two points.

ANCILLARY DEVICES

All terminal equipment except telephone instruments, PBX-PBX systems, key systems and data devices.

ANSWERING EQUIPMENT

Equipment that will automatically answer incoming calls and make an announcement. It may also be equipped to record messages.

APARTMENT HOUSE

See Household.

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APPLICANT

Any person, partnership, cooperative corporation, corporation, or any combination thereof requesting affirmative service or action from the Cooperative.

AUTHORIZED PROTECTIVE CONNECTING MODULE

A protective unit approved by the Cooperative which is manufactured in accordance with the design set forth in Bell Specifications and is in compliance with the requirements set forth in the latest issue of AT&T specifications. This module is to be incorporated in a Conforming Answering Device.

AUTHORIZED USER

A person, firm or corporation (other than the customer) who has been authorized by the Cooperative to communicate over a private line or channel according to the terms of the tariff and (1), on whose premises a station of the private line service is located or (2), who receives from or sends to the customer over such private line or channel communications relating solely to the business of the customer.

AUXILIARY BELL

See Extension Ringer.

BASE RATE

A schedule rate for any class of exchange service available within the base rate area.

BASE RATE AREA

That portion of the exchange area in which exchange service is furnished at schedule rates for each class of service without mileage charges.

BAUD

A unit of signaling speed and is the reciprocal of the time duration in seconds of the shortest signal element (mark or space) within a code signal. The speed in baud is the number of signal elements per second.

BLOCKING, CALLER ID SERVICE

See Caller ID Service.

BRIDGING POINT

The point at which a connection on one circuit is made across or in parallel with another without interrupting the continuity of the first.

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BUILDING (Same)

A structure under one roof, or two or more structures under separate roofs but connected by passageways, in which the wires or cables of the Cooperative can be safely run provided the plant facility requirements are not appreciably greater than would normally be required if all structures were under one roof. In those cases where there are several structures under separate roofs but connected by passageways and the plant facility requirements for furnishing telephone service are appreciably greater than would normally be required if all the structures were under one roof, the term "Same Building" applies individually to each of the separate structures.

BUSINESS SERVICE

Telecommunications service furnished to customers where the primary or obvious use is of a business, professional or occupational nature.

BUSINESS TRUNK

A central office access line that provides communications service to Key Systems, P.B.X. Systems and Data Equipment or, any combination of these systems and equipment.

CALL

An attempted communication, whether completed or not.

CALL HOLD

A feature which permits a call in progress to be put into a "held" condition by depressing a button or dialing a code. Operation of the hold feature allows a station user to place or receive a secondary call without complete disconnection of the original call.

CALL NUMBER

See "Telephone Number".

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CALL RETURN

Permits the customer to place a call to the telephone number associated with the most recent call received, by dialing an activation code.

CALL SCREENING

Provides the customer with the ability to prevent incoming calls from subscriber-specified telephone numbers.

CALL TRACE

Enables the customer to initiate an automatic trace of the last completed incoming call, by dialing an activation code.

CALLER ID SERVICES

A general category of services that assist the customer in the management of incoming and outgoing calls. Includes such features as Caller ID Delivery and Per-Call or Per-Line blocking.

CALLING AREA

See "Local Service Area".

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CANCELLATION CHARGES

A charge applicable under certain conditions when application for service and/or facilities is cancelled in whole or in part prior to the completion of the work involved or before contract period is completed.

CENTRAL OFFICE

A switching unit in a telecommunications system which provides service to the general public, having the necessary equipment and operating arrangements for the terminating and interconnecting of exchange lines and trunks or trunks only. There may be more than one central office in a building or exchange.

CENTRAL OFFICE AREA

The area within which the customer's lines are connected to the central office operating unit, or units, established by the Cooperative.

CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING

A building or portion of a building containing one or more central offices. There may be more than one central office building in an exchange and one central office building may serve more than one exchange.

CENTRAL OFFICE LINE

A circuit connecting an individual line, a main telephone, Key telephone system, PBX system, or Data equipment with a central office.

CHANGE

Denotes the substitution of a different style, color, or type of telephone or other terminal equipment, or a rearrangement of equipment or cordage, which does not involve a move of the instrument or other terminal equipment and its associated connecting apparatus.



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CHANGE CHARGE

The charge a customer is required to pay for a substitution of a different type of telephone station or a rearrangement of equipment or wiring, which does not involve a change in location of the station.

CHANNEL

A path, or combination of paths, for electrical communication between two or more stations or Cooperative offices and furnished in such a manner as the Cooperative may elect, whether by wire, radio or a combination thereof and whether or not by means of a single physical facility or route.

CHANNEL TERMINAL

The facilities required for terminating and connecting a channel of the base capacity to a station and also the facilities required where, at the request of the customer, such an interexchange channel is terminated in a Cooperative office.

CIRCUIT

A channel used for the transmission of electrical energy in the furnishing of telephone and other communication services further described as:

(a) Two-wire circuit: The normal metallic circuit using two ungrounded wires.

(b) Four-wire circuit: A circuit using two one-way transmission paths, which may be two carrier paths or two pairs (four wires) of metallic conductors.

CLASS OF SERVICE

A description of telecommunications service furnished a customer which denotes such characteristics as nature of use (business or residence) or type of rate (flat or message rate).

COIN BOX TELEPHONE

See "Pay Telephone Service."

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COMMISSION

The Public Utility Commission of Texas.

COMMUNICATING DEVICE

A device consisting of a transmitter, receiver, network control signaling unit, and associated apparatus and so connected as to permit the sending and receiving of telecommunications messages through the exchange and long distance network.

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

Channels and other facilities which are capable, when not connected to exchange telecommunication service, of 2-way communication between customer-provided terminal equipment or Cooperative stations.

COMPANY

As used in this tariff, Company is synonymous with Cooperative.

CONFORMANCE NUMBER

An identifying number assigned by AT&T to a particular model of "Conforming Answering Device" incorporating an "Authorized Protective Connecting Module" when that model complies with the latest issue of the AT&T specification PUB 46001 for Conforming Answering Devices. This number may be revoked if it is established that the associated Conforming Answering Device no longer complies with the latest issue of AT&T specification PUB 46001.

CONFORMING ANSWERING DEVICE

A customer-provided device which automatically answers incoming calls, transmits a prerecorded voice message or appropriate audible signal to the calling party, records a voice message from the calling party if so designed and arranged, automatically disconnects from the line in a prearranged manner on completion of the functions for which it was designed and arranged, bears a valid "Conformance Number", incorporates an "Authorized Protective Connecting module", and complies with the technical procedures and requirements set forth in the latest issue of AT&T specifications. The Conforming Answering Device may include remote interrogation and/or device function control, and must be approved by the Cooperative.

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CONFORMING ARRANGEMENT

The equipment provided by the Cooperative to accomplish the direct electrical connection of customer-provided facilities with the facilities of the Cooperative, or of facilities of the Cooperative with other facilities of the Cooperative.

CONNECTING ARRANGEMENT

The term "connecting arrangement" denotes the protective equipment provided by the Cooperative to accomplish the direct electrical connection of customer-provided facilities with the facilities of the Cooperative, when such customer-provided equipment does not conform to Part 68 of the FCC Rules and Regulations for direct connection of customer-provided terminal equipment.

CONNECTING COMPANY

A corporation, association, firm or individual owning and operating a toll line or one or more central offices and with whom traffic is interchanged.

CONNECTING STATION

An exchange or toll station of a connecting company.

CONNECTION

Denotes the establishment of telephone service. A move of existing service to a different premises requires a connection.

CONNECTION CHARGE

See Service Charge

CONSTRUCTION CHARGE

A separate initial charge made for construction of pole lines, circuits, facilities, etc., in excess of that contemplated under the rates quoted in the exchange tariffs.

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CONTINUOUS PROPERTY

The plot of ground, together with any building thereon, occupied by the customer, which is not divided by public highways or separated by property occupied by others. Where a customer occupies property on both sides of a street, alley, highway, body of water, railroad right-of-way, etc., and the properties would otherwise be continuous, such properties are treated as continuous property, provided local wire or cable facilities are used and the customer furnished all local distribution pole line facilities or underground conduit required in connection therewith.

CONTRACT

The service agreement between a customer and the Cooperative under which service and facilities for communication between specified locations for designated periods and for the use of the customer and the authorized users specifically named are furnished in accordance with the provisions of this tariff.

CONTRACT PERIOD

The length of time for which a customer is responsible for the charges associated with the services, facilities, and equipments under contract.

COOPERATIVE (COOPERATIVE CORPORATION)

Whenever used in this tariff, "Cooperative" refers to Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. organized and operating under the Telephone Cooperative Act (art. 1528c, V.A.C.S.), unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

COOPERATIVE STATION

A station for which the central office equipment, lines and station equipment are owned and maintained by the Cooperative and are provided as a part of the Cooperative's service function, and which is connected for exchange or toll service. Connecting stations and service stations are not included under this classification. A "Cooperative station" may be a main, extension or PBX station. It also denotes the network control signaling unit, and other equipment provided by the Cooperative at the customer's premises which enables the customer to establish the communications connections and to effect communications through such connections.

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COST OR COST BASIS

Cost of equipment and materials provided or used plus the cost of installation including engineering, labor, supervision, transportation, rights-of-way and other items which are chargeable. This also denotes the actual expense incurred by the Cooperative relating to the call-out of Cooperative personnel.

CUSTOMER

Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, municipality, cooperative organization or governmental agency furnished communication service by the Cooperative under the provisions and regulations of this tariff and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the rules and regulations of the Cooperative.

CUSTOMER PROVIDED EQUIPMENT

Devices or apparatus and their associated wiring provided by a customer which are connected either electrically, acoustically or inductively and which are capable of communications between customer-provided equipment or Cooperative stations.

CUSTOMER PROVIDED TERMINAL EQUIPMENT

Devices or apparatus and their associated wiring, provided by a customer, which may be connected to the communications path of the Cooperative's exchange network either electrically, acoustically or inductively.

CUSTOMER TROUBLE REPORT

Any oral or written report from a customer or user of telecommunications service received by the Cooperative relating to a physical defect or to difficulty or dissatisfaction with the service provided by the Cooperative's facilities. One report shall be counted for each oral or written report received even though it may duplicate a previous report. Also a separate report shall be counted for each telephone reported in trouble when several items are reported by one customer at the same time, unless the group of troubles so reported is clearly related to a common cause.

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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 by the Cooperative.

DATA SET

A device designed to convert signals received from a data transmitting and/or receiving terminal into signals suitable for transmission over the telecommunications network to a second data set capable of reconvertng such signals into a form suitable for delivery to a second data transmitting and/or receiving terminal whether Cooperative or customer provided.

DENIAL OF SERVICE

See Suspension of Service

DETACHED STATION

A P.B.X. or extension station located on a separate premises from the P.B.X. switchboard or main station. (See "Premises").

DIAL SWITCHING EQUIPMENT

A unit of electro-mechanical, electronic or digital switching equipment used in a central office or in connection with a private branch exchange system.

DIRECT BURIAL

The installation of cables or conductors directly in the earth and not in conduit or duct.

DIRECT CONNECTION

Connection of terminal equipment to the Cooperative's exchange facilities by means other than acoustic and/or inductive coupling.

DIRECT ELECTRICAL CONNECTION

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

DIRECTORY

A book which alphabetically lists each telephone customer with his address and telephone number.

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DIRECTORY LISTING

The publication of the Cooperative's directory and/or directory assistance records, of information relative to a customer's telephone number, by which telephone users are enabled to ascertain the call number of a desired station.

(a) Caption Listing: The listing of a customer's name without address or telephone number followed by a series of indented listings covering branches or different departments of the business.

(b) Foreign Exchange Listing: The listing of a customer in the alphabetical list of an exchange other than that for the exchange from which the customer is served.

(c) Free Listing: A directory listing for which no specific charge is made.

(d) Indented Listing: A directory listing indented under another listing.

(e) Reference Listing: The listing of a generally accepted name of a firm or corporation followed by a reference to another listing.

DISCONNECT NOTICE

The written notice sent to a customer following billing, notifying the customer that service will be discontinued if charges are not satisfied by the date specified on the notice.

DISCONNECTION OF SERVICE

An arrangement made at the request of the customer or initiated by the Cooperative for violation of tariff regulations by the customer, for a permanent interruption of telephone service. Once effected, telephone equipment would be removed from the customer's premises and a "final" bill would be rendered showing moneys owed to the Cooperative as of the date the service was disconnected.

DROP SERVICE

The connection of a station, other than those two designated as "terminals", to a private line service or channel.

DROP WIRE

Wires used to connect the aerial or underground distribution facilities to the point where connection is made with the inside wiring.

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DUPLEX SERVICE

Service which provides for simultaneous transmission in both directions.

ENTERPRISE SERVICE

See "Special Reverse Charge Toll Service".

ENTRANCE FACILITIES

Facilities extending from the point of entrance on private property to the premises on which service is furnished.

EQUIPMENT CONNECTION

The connection of stations, connecting arrangements or line terminals of common equipment of a P.B.X. or Key System to a connecting block, jack termination or equivalent.

EQUIPMENT LOCATION

A location of terminal equipment, connecting block, connecting arrangement, jack termination, common equipment of a P.B.X. or Kay System or its equivalent.

EXCHANGE

A toll rate center served by one or more central offices, together with the customer's stations and lines connected thereto, forming a local system for furnishing telephonic intercommunication without toll charges between customers within a specified area, usually a single city or town, and environs.

EXCHANGE ACCESS LINE

A central office line which provides access to the exchange telephone network for local and long distance telephone service.

EXCHANGE AREA

The area within which the Cooperative furnishes complete telephone service from one specific exchange at the exchange rates applicable within that area.

EXCHANGE LINE

Any circuit connecting an exchange station with a central office.



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EXCHANGE SERVICE

Exchange service is a general term describing as a whole, the facilities for local intercommunications, together with the capability to send and receive a specified or an unlimited number of local messages at charges in accordance with the provisions of the Member Services Tariff.

(a) Extension Service: A classification of exchange service that is connected on the same central office access line as a main station. Extension instruments may be provided by the Cooperative or by the customer on individual line service.

(b) Flat Rate Service: A classification of exchange service furnished a customer under tariff provisions, for which a stipulated charge is made, regardless of the amount of use.

(c) Foreign Exchange Service: A classification of exchange service furnished to a customer through a central office of an exchange office of an exchange other than the exchange regularly serving that area in which the customer is located.

(d) Individual Line Service: A classification of exchange service which provides that only one main station shall be served by the circuit connecting such station with the central office or other switching unit.

(e) Pay Telephone Access Service: A classification of exchange service for use by providers of pay telephone service that is furnished under tariff provisions for which a stipulated charge is made, regardless of the amount of usage.

EXCHANGE SERVICE AREA

The area within which the Cooperative furnished complete local telephone service at the exchange rates applicable within that area.

EXCHANGE STATION

A main or extension station owned by the Cooperative and connected directly or indirectly with a Cooperative central office over its own lines.

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EXTENDED AREA SERVICE

A type of telephone service furnished under tariff provisions whereby customers of a given exchange may complete calls to and/or may receive calls from one or more exchanges without the application of long distance message telecommunications charges.

EXTENSION BELL

An additional bell on the same circuit and operated in connection with the bell at the station.

EXTENSION GONG

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

EXTENSION LINE

A circuit connecting an extension telephone or device with a telephone circuit to which the main telephone is connected, or for connecting a station to a PBX switchboard or to another PBX station.

EXTENSION LINE MILEAGE

The measurement applying to that portion of an extension line in excess of the length provided by the Cooperative without additional charge.

EXTENSION AND P.B.X. STATION MILEAGE

The charges made for the additional circuit required to furnish such stations beyond the allowable distance from the main station or P.B.X. switchboard.

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 can be either a bell or a gong

EXTENSION STATION

An additional station on a main station line connected either directly or through a switching device.

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EXTRA LISTING

Any listing of a name or information in connection with a customer's telephone number beyond that to which he is entitled in connection with his regular service.

FACILITIES

All the plant and equipment of the Cooperative and all instrumentalities owned, licensed, used, controlled, furnished, or supplied for or by the Cooperative, including any construction work in progress allowed by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

FAMILY

A group of two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption and residing together. A primary family consists of the head of a household and all (one or more) other persons in the household related to the head. A secondary family comprises two or more persons such as guests, lodgers, or resident employees and their relatives, living in a household or quasi-household (other than the negligible number of such groups among inmates or institutions) and related to each other.

FLAT RATE SERVICE

A classification of exchange service furnished a customer under tariff provisions for which a stipulated charge is made regardless of the amount of use.

FOREIGN ATTACHMENT

Lines, instruments, appliances, or apparatus not owned or furnished by the Cooperative.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE LISTING

The listing of a customer in an exchange other than the exchange from which the customer is served.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE MILEAGE

The mileage applied in establishing the rate for a customer receiving "Foreign Exchange Service".

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICE

Exchange Service furnished under tariff provisions by means of circuit connecting a customer's main station, Key or PBX system with a central office of an exchange other than that which regularly serves the exchange area in which the customer is located.

FOREIGN TIE LINE

A circuit connecting two private branch exchange systems located in foreign exchanges for the purpose of interconnection between the stations connected with such systems.

FOUR WIRE CIRCUIT

Communication path using one channel for each direction of transmission.

FREE LISTING

See Directory Listing.

GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

Equipment, services or features furnished by the Cooperative connected to or associated with primary Local Exchange Service.

GRANDFATHERED EQUIPMENT

1. All terminal equipment such as data equipment, non-key telephone equipment, or ancillary equipment (other than PBX and key telephone systems) that was lawfully, directly connected to the switched message telephone network prior to October 17, 1977. Such equipment as connected thereafter up to July 1, 1979, and may remain connected for life without registration, unless subsequently modified.

2. Entire existing PBX and key telephone systems, including their equipments, premises wiring and protective devices ("connecting arrangements"), if any, are grandfathered. Such systems directly connected to the telephone network on June 1, 1978, may remain connected to the network for their useful service life, and may be repaired by replacement of components with ones comparable to those forming the system.

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HALF DUPLEX SERVICE

See single channel service.

HARM

Electrical hazards to Cooperative personnel, damage to Cooperative equipment, malfunctions of Cooperative billing equipment, and degradation of service to persons other than the user of the subject terminal equipment, as well as the calling or called party.

HEADSETS

A hands-free, multi-wire device containing acoustic-to-electric (transmitter) and electric-to-acoustic (receiver) transducers, normally worn on the head of the user for close talking, which provides 2-way voice grade transmission.

HOUSEHOLD

A household comprises all persons who occupy a dwelling unit, that is, a house, an apartment, or other group of rooms, or a room that constitutes separate living quarters. A household includes the related persons (the head of the household and others in the dwelling unit who are related to the head) and also the lodgers and employees, if any, who regularly live in the house. A person living alone or a group of unrelated persons sharing the same dwelling unit as partners is counted as a household.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

An identifying number assigned by AT&T to a particular model of "Conforming Device" attested by a manufacturer or supplier to comply with the standards and procedures set forth in the latest edition of AT&T specifications. This number may be revoked if it is established that the associated "Conforming Device" no longer complies with the latest issue of AT&T specifications.

INDENTED LISTING

A directory listing indented under a captioned or subcaptioned listing.

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INDIVIDUAL LINE SERVICE

A classification of exchange service furnished under tariff provisions which provides that only one main station shall be served by the circuit connecting such station with the central office or other switching unit.

INDUCTIVE CONNECTION

A connection made by using the electro-magnetic field generated by telephone equipment.

INITIAL CHARGE

See "Initial Nonrecurring Charge".

INITIAL NONRECURRING CHARGE

A nonrecurring charge made for the placing or furnishing of telephone equipment, which may apply in addition to service connection and other applicable charges for service or equipment.

INITIAL RATE

A schedule rate for any class of exchange service available within the initial rate area.

INITIAL RATE AREA

That portion of the exchange area in which exchange service is furnished at schedule rates for each class of service without mileage or construction charges.

INITIAL SERVICE PERIOD

The minimum period of time for which service, facilities or equipment are provided.

INSTALLATION CHARGE

A non-recurring charge applying to the provision of certain items of equipment or facilities as distinguished from the service connection charge applicable for establishment of basic telephone service. The installation charge is normally associated with optional service features and may sometimes be called an "initial" charge, and may apply in addition to Service Connection Charges.

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INSTRUMENTALITY

The station equipment used to provide communications services to the customer.

INTEREXCHANGE CHANNEL

That portion of a through channel which interconnects exchanges, or locations outside of exchanges, in which stations or channel terminations in Cooperative offices are located.

INTEREXCHANGE LOCAL CHANNEL

That portion of a through channel between "Primary Terminations" in different exchanges which is provided to connect a "Primary Termination" with an interexchange channel.

INTEREXCHANGE SERVICE

Telecommunications Service with points in two or more exchanges.

INTEREXCHANGE PRIVATE LINE

A communication path between telephones or other communicating devices located in two or more exchanges, and not connected for exchange telephone service.

INTERFACE

(a) The junction or point of interconnection between two systems or equipments having different characteristics which may differ with respect to voltage, frequency, speed of operation, type of signal and/or type of information coding including the connection of other than Cooperative provided facilities to exchange facilities provided by the Cooperative.

(b) The point of interconnection between terminal equipment and Cooperative communications facilities on the premises of the Customer.

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INTERCOMMUNICATING SYSTEM

See Communications Systems and Key Telephone Systems.

INTERFACE EQUIPMENT

Equipment provided by the Cooperative at the interface location to accomplish the direct electrical connection of facilities provided by the Cooperative with facilities provided by other than the Cooperative.

INTRAEXCHANGE CHANNEL SERVICE

Channel connecting two or more "Primary Terminations" in the same exchange.

INTRAEXCHANGE SERVICE

Telecommunications service confined wholly within a single exchange.

JACK

A fixed socket provided by the Cooperative designed to permit the establishment of a connection between the local exchange facilities and terminal equipment with cords ending in plugs.

JACK AND PLUG EQUIPMENT

See Portable Equipment.



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KEY EQUIPMENT

Switching keys located in the telephone base or other housing arranged to pick up or hold a line, or to intercommunicate with other telephones in the customer's system.

KEY SYSTEM TRUNK

A circuit connecting key system equipment with a central office.

KEY TELEPHONE SET

A telephone set equipped with keys or buttons in the housing.

KEY TELEPHONE SYSTEM

An arrangement of equipment in combination with telephone sets and associated keys, to connect those telephones to any one of a limited number of exchange, PBX, inter-communicating or private lines. Line status indicating, signaling, holding or other features, are or may be incorporated.

LABELING

Registered terminal equipment and/or registered protective circuitry shall have prominently displayed on an outside surface information providing the registration number, the ringer equivalence number, the grantee's name, model number and serial number or date of manufacture.

LINE

A circuit or channel extending from a central office to the customer's location to provide local exchange service.

LISTING

See Directory Listing.

LOCAL CALLING AREA

See Local Service Area.

LOCAL CHANNEL

Applies to that portion of a channel which connects a station to the interexchange channel or to a channel connecting two or more stations within an exchange area.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

Provides for telephone communication within local service areas in accordance with the provisions of the Member Services Tariff, including the use of exchange facilities required to establish connection between exchange stations.

LOCAL MESSAGE

A communication between a calling telephone and any other telephone within the local service area of the calling telephone.

LOCAL MESSAGE CHARGE

The charge that applies for a completed message that is made when the calling station and the station to which the connection is established are both within the same local calling area where a local message charge is applicable.

LOCAL SERVICE

The intercommunication (by means of facilities connected with a Cooperative central office or offices and under the provisions of the Cooperative) between telephone stations located in the same exchange or in different exchanges between which no toll rates apply.

LOCAL SERVICE AREA (LOCAL CALLING AREA)

The area within which telephone service is furnished customers under a specific schedule of exchange rates (flat or measured) and without toll charges. A local service area may include one or more exchange areas under extended area service arrangement.

LOCAL SERVICE CHARGE

The charge for furnishing facilities to enable a customer to send or receive telecommunication within the local service area. This local service calling area may include one or more exchange areas.

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LONG DISTANCE MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

Facilities furnished by means of wire, radio or a combination thereof for telecommunications between stations in different local service areas in accordance with the regulations and system of charges specified by the Cooperative. The toll service charges specified are in payment for all service furnished between the calling and called telephones.

MAIN STATION

A station or line directly connected with a central office.

MAINTENANCE CHARGE

The charge made for keeping in repair Cooperative-provided telephone equipment or facilities included as a part of the basic rates for the provision of telecommunications service.

MAINTENANCE OF SERVICE CHARGE

A charge made by the Cooperative for a visit to the customer's premises when a service difficulty or trouble report results from customer-provided equipment or facilities whether or not such equipment or facilities are legally connected in accordance with the provisions of the Member Services Tariff.

MANUFACTURER DISCONTINUED

Items of equipment which are no longer purchased due to manufacturer discontinuance. Existing stock items in this category may continue to be offered and provided until available stock is depleted.

MEMBER

Any person, firm, association, corporation, or body politic or subdivision thereof that may be accepted by the members or Board of Directors and who agree to pay the membership fee and agrees to comply with and be bound by the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Cooperative and any rules and regulations adopted by the Board.

MESSAGE

A communication between two telephone stations. Messages may be classified as local or toll.

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MILEAGE

The measurement (airline , route, etc.,) upon which a charge for the use of part or all of a circuit furnished by the Cooperative is based.

MINIMUM CONTRACT PERIOD

The minimum length of time for which a customer is obligated to pay for service, facilities and equipment, whether or not retained by the customer for such minimum length of time.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMON CARRIERS

Communications common carriers which are not engaged in the business of providing either a public landline message telephone service or a public message telegraph service.

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

Equipment associated with the various classes of customer service and furnished at additional charges.

MOBILE TELEPHONE SERVICE

Telecommunications service provided by means of radio frequencies through a land radio-telephone base station. Connections may be established between a wire station and a mobile or fixed unit or between two mobile or fixed units.

MODULAR OUTLET

See Jack.

MOVE

A change in the location of the customer's equipment which may be on the same premises or may be a relocation of the service to another premises.

MOVE CHARGE

The charge a customer is required to pay when, at his request, a change is made in the location on the same premises of the Customer's equipment, which does not involve changes in the class or grade of service.

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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 (e.g., dialing), calling and called number identification and 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 Cooperative for the provisions of network control signaling.

NETWORK FOR PROGRAM TRANSMISSION CHANNELS

The channel facilities connecting two or more stations of a customer when at all times or at certain times the stations form a distinct operating group.

NONPUBLISHED TELEPHONE NUMBER

A telephone number associated with an exchange station which, at the request of the customer, is not listed in the telephone directory and is not made available to the general public by the Cooperative.

NONRECURRING CHARGE

A one-time charge associated with certain installations, changes or transfers of services, either in lieu of or in addition to recurring monthly charges.

NORMAL CENTRAL OFFICE

See Serving Central Office.

ONE PARTY SERVICE

Any exchange access line designed for the provision of exchange service to one customer.

OPERATOR SET

A headset consisting of a receiver, transmitter and necessary cords.

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**OTHER COMMON CARRIER (OCC)**

This term denotes Specialized Common Carriers, Domestic and International Record Carriers and Domestic Satellite Carriers engaged in providing private line services as such carriers may be authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to provide.

**OTHER COMMON CARRIER TERMINAL LOCATION**

A discrete operational and equipment location of the OCC from which the OCC furnished and administers common carrier communications services to its patrons, to which the OCC and its agents have unrestricted access, over which the OCC has control and provides security and at which the OCC has the capability of testing the facilities operated or terminated at the location.

**OUTLET**

See Jack.

**PAY STATION**

See or "Pay Telephone Service."

**PAY TELEPHONE ACCESS SERVICE**

A local exchange service available to pay telephone service providers that provides a two-way, or optionally, a one-way originating only access line composed of serving central office line equipment, all outside plant facilities needed to connect the serving central office with the customer premises, and the network interface.

**PAY TELEPHONE SERVICE**

A telecommunications service utilizing any coin, coinless, credit card reader, or cordless instrument that can be used by members of the general public, or business patrons, employees, and/or visitors of the premises owner, provided that the end user pays for local and toll calls from such instruments on a per-call basis.

**PERMANENT DISCONNECT**

A discontinuance of service in which the facilities used in the service are immediately made available for use for another service.

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**PERSON**

Includes Individuals, partnerships, corporations, governmental bodies, associations and any other such entity.

**PERSON-TO-PERSON CALL**

A service whereby the person originating the call specifies to the attending operator a particular person to be reached, a particular mobile station to be reached through a "Miscellaneous Common Carrier" attendant, or a particular station, department, or office to be reached through a PBX or Centrex attendant.

**PLUG**

A contact member on the end of an electrical cord which terminates the cord conductors. It can be inserted into a fixed jack, connector, or receptacle to make temporary connections with the conductors they terminate.

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PORTABLE TELEPHONE

A telephone instrument equipped with a plug-ended cord for use with a jack terminated circuit.

PREASSIGNED NUMBER

A telephone number preassigned before service is actually established.

PREFERRED CALL FORWARDING

Allows the customer to transfer only selected calls from subscriber-specified directory numbers to another telephone number.

PREMISES

Except in connection with inside moves, the same premises consists of:

(a) the building or buildings, together with the surrounding land occupied as, or used in the conduct of one establishment, business, residence, or a combination thereof, and not intersected by a public road or by property occupied by others.

(b) the portion of the building occupied by the customer, either in the conduct of his business or residence, or a combination thereof, and not intersected by a public corridor or by space occupied by others.

(c) the continuous property operated as a single farm whether or not intersected by a public road. In connection with inside moves, the same premises consists of the building or portion of a building occupied as a unit by the customer in the conduct of his business or as a residence or a combination thereof, and not intersected by a public thoroughfare, a corridor, or space occupied by others.



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PREMISES WIRING

Wiring which connects separately-housed entities or system components to one another, or wiring which connects an equipment entity or system component with the telephone network interface, located at the customer's premises and not within an equipment housing.

(a) Fully-Protected Wiring - Premises wiring which is either:

1. No greater than 25 feet in length (measured linearly between the points where it leaves equipment or connector housings) and registered as a component of and supplied to the user with the registered terminal equipment or protective circuitry with which it is to be used. Such wiring shall either be pre-connected to the equipment or circuitry, or may be so connected by the user (or others) if it is demonstrated in the registration application that such connection by the untrained will not result in harm, using relatively fail-safe means.

2. A cord which complies with the previous paragraph and which is extended once by a connectorized FCC-registered extension cord which itself complies with the previous subsection. Extension cords may not be used as a substitute for wiring which for safety reasons should be affixed to or embedded in a building's structure.

3. Wiring located in an equipment room with restricted access, provided that the wiring remains exposed for inspection and is not concealed or embedded in the building's structure, and that it conforms to Part 68.

4. Electrically behind registered (or grandfathered) equipment, system components or protective circuitry which assure that electrical contact between the wiring and commercial power wiring or earth ground will not result in hazardous voltages or excessive longitudinal imbalance at the telephone network interface.

(b) Protected Premises Wiring Requiring Acceptance Testing for Imbalance Premises wiring which is electrically behind registered (or grandfathered) equipment, system components or circuitry which assure that electrical contact between the wiring and commercial power wiring will not result in hazardous voltages at the telephone network interface.

(c) Unprotected Premises Wiring - All other premises wiring.

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PREWIRING

Any inside wiring done at the location of a residence or business prior to the initial installation of telephone service.

PRIMARY TERMINATION

Applied to channels which extend beyond the continuous property of a customer or the confines of a single building housing the premises of more than one customer. Also, denotes the first termination of such a channel at a station or PBX on the continuous property of a customer. When more than one customer's premises is located within the same building, the first termination of such a channel at that building constitutes a "Primary Termination". For purpose of this definition, the location of a "Primary Termination" for channel services associated with "Switching System Services" is considered to be at the "Switching System Services" serving central office. When the "Switching System Services" serving central office is not in the same exchange as the main location, the "Mileage Service Area" center for the main location will be used in lieu of the "Switching System Services" serving central office.

PRINCIPAL CENTRAL OFFICE

Refers to the central office in a single office exchange or to that office (usually the toll office) of a multi-office exchange which is designated as such for the purpose of measuring local and interexchange channel mileages.

PRIORITY RINGING

Provides a distinctive ringing pattern to the subscribing customer for calls received from subscriber-specified telephone numbers.

PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE

An arrangement of equipment, contracted for by a customer and situated on a customer's premises, consisting of a switching apparatus with an attendant's telephone, telephones connected with the switchboard, and trunks connecting it with a central office. The PBX provides for intercommunications between these telephones (except that intercommunication is not provided between secretarial lines terminated on secretarial switchboards) for communication with the general exchange system and for long distance message telecommunications service.

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**PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE STATION**

A station connected with a PBX switchboard or PBX switching equipment.

**PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE TRUNKS**

Trunks connecting a Private Branch Exchange System with a central office for communication with the general exchange system and for long distance message telecommunications service.

**PRIVATE LINE**

A circuit provided to furnish dedicated communication between two or more directly connected locations and not having connection with central office switching apparatus.

**PRIVATE LINE SERVICE**

The channels and equipment furnished to a customer for communication between specified locations.

**PROTECTIVE CONNECTING ARRANGEMENT**

Equipment provided by the Cooperative for electrical protection when facilities provided by other than the Cooperative are connected with facilities provided by the Cooperative.

**PUBLIC TELEPHONE**

See "Pay Telephone Service."

**PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE**

A road, street, highway, way, lane or alley under the control of and kept by the public.

**PUBLISHED TELEPHONE NUMBER**

A number which appears in the current telephone directory, or is scheduled to appear in a forthcoming telephone directory, and which also appears in the information records for general public information.

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RATE CENTER

A specified geographical location within an exchange area from which mileage measurements are determined for the application of rates between exchange areas.

RECONNECT

The installation of telephone equipment that was previously disconnected and left in place.

REFERENCE LISTING

The listing of a generally accepted name of a firm or corporation followed by a reference to another listing.

REGISTERED PROTECTIVE CIRCUITRY

Separate, identifiable and discrete electrical circuitry designed to protect the telephone network from harm, which is registered in accordance with Part 68 of the FCC Rules and Regulations.

REGISTERED TERMINAL EQUIPMENT

Terminal equipment which is registered in accordance with Part 68 of the FCC Rules and Regulations.

REINSTALL

The installation of telephone equipment in which some part of station connection wiring, from the instrument to point of connection with the general distribution system, is reused.

RELOCATE

See Move.

REPEAT DIALING

Permits the customer to automatically redial the last outgoing telephone number dialed from the customer's line.

RESERVED TELEPHONE NUMBER

A telephone number reserved for use by the customer at some undetermined future date.

RESIDENCE EXCHANGE ACCESS LINE

An exchange access line used to provide exchange telephone service to residence customer.

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RESIDENCE TRUNK

A central office access line that provides communications service to Key Systems, PBX Systems and Data Equipment or, any combination of these systems and equipment.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

Telecommunications service furnished to customers when the actual or obvious use is for domestic purposes.

ROTARY DIAL SERVICE

A service arrangement whereby calls are originated through the use of a telephone equipped with a rotary dial instead of pushbutton keys.

ROTARY LINE SERVICE

A central office service arrangement whereby a called busy line in a specified line group will automatically advance until an idle line or trunk is found.

ROUTE MEASUREMENT

The physical length of a circuit between two points.

SAME BUILDING

See Building.

SAME PREMISES

See Premises.

SEMI-PUBLIC TELEPHONE SERVICE

See "Pay Telephone" "Access Service" or "Pay Telephone Service."

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SERVICE CALL

A visit to a customer's premises in connection with a service difficulty. See also Maintenance of Service Charge.

SERVICE CHARGE

A nonrecurring charge applying to the provision of telephone service.

SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE

A non-recurring charge applying to the establishment of service for a customer and certain subsequent additions or changes to that service.

SERVICE DROP

Facilities used to connect aerial or underground distribution facilities to the point of entrance to the building where connection is made with the inside wires of a customer's telephone.

SERVICE POINT

A rate center (usually an exchange) in which a customer's station is located, or an interexchange channel terminated in a Cooperative office at the request of the customer. Where a station is not located in an exchange, the location of the station is considered to be an exchange for the purpose of this definition.

The point on the customer's premises where channels provided by or furnished to the customer terminate in transmitting and receiving terminal equipment or in switching equipment used, at least in part, for communications with stations or customer-provided terminal equipment located on the premises.

SERVING CENTRAL OFFICE

The central office from which a customer's telephone service is normally provided.

SIGNAL CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT

That equipment connected to a channel to condition signals generated by data terminal equipment.

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SIGNAL SOURCE

A location at which video and audio baseband signals are supplied to a local distribution system or an interexchange system.

SINGLE CHANNEL (Half Duplex)

A channel with the capability of transmission alternately in either direction, or for transmission in one direction only.

SINGLE ENDED TERMINAL DEVICE

A terminal device which terminates only one line or channel at a given time (example - headset).

SPECIAL CALL ACCEPTANCE

Provides the customer the ability to screen incoming calls against a list of subscriber-specified directory numbers and then only accepts calls from those specified directory numbers.

SPECIAL REVERSE CHARGE TOLL SERVICE

A service plan by which a Cooperative customer can offer his customers in selected areas the privilege of calling him without payment of toll charges and without having to request that charges be reversed by agreeing in advance to pay all toll charges.

STATION

The equipment located on the customer's premises at which the line facilities terminate to provide exchange, long distance and other communications services.

In connection with private line services, a station consists of the transmitting or receiving equipment or combination transmitting and receiving equipment at any location on a premises which is connected for private line service; or, where the service involves only channels, a station is any point on a premises at which a channel is terminated.

STATION EQUIPMENT

Equipment connected to a channel to transmit and/or receive voice communications and/or data signals.

STATION INSTRUMENT

A telephone set including the cord, but not including the Cooperative provided terminal blocks or Cooperative provided jacks on the customer's premises through which connection is made to the inside wiring. The station instrument may be furnished by the Cooperative or the Customer.

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STATION LINE

See "Exchange Access Line".

STATION-TO-STATION CALL

A service whereby the person originating the call either dials the telephone number desired, or gives it to the operator without specifying a particular person or station to be reached.

SUPERSEDURE OF SERVICE

An applicant who otherwise qualifies for the immediate establishment of service may supersede the service of a customer discontinuing that service when the applicant is to take service on the premises where that is being rendered if a notice to that effect from both the customer and the applicant is presented to the Cooperative and if an arrangement, acceptable to the Cooperative, is made to pay outstanding charges against the service. The Cooperative may require such notice to be in writing.

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT

A contract for service, equipment or facilities in addition to that provided for under the original contract.

SUSPENSION OF SERVICE

An arrangement made at the request of the customer or initiated by the Cooperative, for temporarily interrupting service. During the period of suspension, the Cooperative's equipment remains at the customer's premises in anticipation that normal service will be resumed at some future date.

SWITCHBOARD

Equipment on which all lines terminate and interconnection of stations or station and trunks is established.



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TARIFF

The schedule of the Cooperative containing all rates, tolls and charges stated separately by type or kind of service and the customer class, and the rules and regulations of the Cooperative stated separately by type or kind of service and the customer class as filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

The various services offered by the Cooperative as specified in this tariff.

TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

See Cooperative

TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD

A billing number issued in accordance with the general plan of telephone companies on a customer's working telephone service for the purpose of placing toll calls.

TELEPHONE NUMBER

A numerical designation assigned to a telephone station for convenience in operation and identification. The telephone numbers include the number prefix of a central office, which is termed "Central Office Designation".

TELEPHONE OR TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

The local telephone exchange and long distance message telecommunications facilities, or network; both inter and intrastate.

TELEPHONE STATION

A telephone instrument consisting of a transmitter, receiver and associated apparatus so connected as to permit transmitting and receiving telephone messages.

TELETYPEWRITER

An electric typewriter device which generates a coded signal corresponding to the typed character. This electrical signal may be passed over transmission facilities and used to control a similar teletypewriter at a distance.

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TELETYPEWRITER EXCHANGE SERVICE

A service provided by the Cooperative whereby a teletypewriter is connected over the regular switched network to a teletypewriter of any other customer who subscribes to similar service.

TEMPORARY DISCONNECTION

See Suspension of Service

TEMPORARY SERVICE

The provision of service definitely known to be required for a short period of time (generally less than twelve consecutive months) such as service furnished to building contractors, service to a convention, and service for seasonal business including resorts.

TERMINAL EQUIPMENT ACCESSORIES

Devices, apparatus and their associated wiring, provided by a customer, which do not constitute a communications system and which, when connected to the telecommunications system of the Cooperative are connected either electrically, acoustically or inductively.

TERMINATION AGREEMENT

An agreement between the Cooperative and the customer to provide or furnish certain PBX and other equipment and/or lines representing a comparatively high investment or in lieu of a contribution to construction for temporary service whereby the customer agrees to compensate the Cooperative in case the service is discontinued prior to the date specified in the agreement.

TERMINATION CHARGE

A charge made to liquidate a customer's obligations for termination of service prior to the expiration of the initial contract period.

TERMINATION OF SERVICE

The discontinuance of service or facilities (including channels and station equipment) provided by the Cooperative, either at the request of the customer or by the Cooperative under its regulations concerning cancellation for cause.

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TOLL MESSAGE

A communication between two telephone stations, the called station being outside of the local or service area of the station from which the message originates.

TOLL RATE

The initial period charge prescribed for a toll message usually based upon a minimum initial period and distance between exchanges.

TOLL SERVICE

That part of the total telephone service rendered by the Cooperative which is furnished between different local service areas in accordance with the rates and regulations specified in the Long Distance Message Telecommunications Tariff as may be issued or concurred in by the Cooperative.

TRUNK LINE

A telephone communication channel between a central office and a PBX, PABX or a Key System for the common use of all calls of one class between its two terminals.

TWO-POINT INTRAEXCHANGE CHANNEL SERVICE

A channel connecting two "Primary Terminations" in the same exchange.

TWX

See Teletypewriter Exchange Service.

UNDERGROUND SERVICE CONNECTION

A drop wire or cable which is run underground from a pole line or an underground distributing cable.

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VACATION RATE

See Suspension of Service

VOICE GRADE FACILITY

A communications path typically used in the telecommunications industry for the transmission of voice and associated telephone signals within the frequency bandwidth of approximately 300 to 3000 Hertz between two points comprised of any form or configuration of physical plant capable of transmitting and receiving of these frequencies.

WATS

See "Wide Area Telecommunications Service".

WIDE AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

A service designed to meet the needs of customers who make or receive substantial volumes of long distance telephone calls. This service is provided only on an inward or outward basis.