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Authorized Protective Connecting Module

A protective unit designed by the Telephone Company and manufactured under the control of Telephone Company quality assurance procedures, which unit is to be incorporated in a conforming answering device.

Automatic Call Distributor

An arrangement of switching equipment which automatically distributes incoming calls to attendant positions uniformly as the positions become available.

Basic Local Exchange Service

Basic Local Exchange Service has the same definition as set forth in KRS 278.541. (House Bill No. 337, 2006 Regular Session)

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Central Office

A switching unit, in a telecommunications system providing service to the general public, having the necessary equipment and operating arrangements for terminating and interconnecting lines and trunks. More than one central office may be located in the same building.

Central Office Area

The specific section of an exchange area served by a particular central office. More than one central office may serve the same central office area.

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Central Office Line

A circuit used within a central office to connect to an individual line, all types of trunk lines, or semi-public service. (D)

Certificated Resale Carrier

A Certificated Resale Carrier denotes a communications common carrier certificated under and complies with, (1) the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Communications Commission and/or (2) the State Regulatory Commission Rules and Regulations.

Channel Terminal

The portion of foreign exchange service required to terminate an interexchange channel.

Class of Service

Exchange service with respect to the character of use to be made of such service. The Telephone Company furnishes two classes of service, namely: nonresidence and residence.

Coin Collecting Device

An internal mechanism of certain station sets associated with public and semi-public service to receive money deposited in payment of message charges.

Common Battery Service

The type of exchange service in connection with which electrical energy for talking and signaling is supplied from a central point.

Communications Systems

Channels and other facilities which are capable, when not connected to exchange and long distance message telecommunications service, of telecommunications between customer-provided terminal equipment or Telephone Company-provided terminal equipment.

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Complex Service

Denotes all other wiring, equipment, and associated installation work on the customer side of the network interface or demarcation point not assigned to noncomplex service.

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Composite Data Service

The combined use of terminal and customer provided data switching equipment with the use of communications services of the Telephone Company by a Composite Data Service Vendor to perform data switching for others.

Composite Data Service Vendor

A customer that has been certificated by the Utility Regulatory Commission, and/or the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to acquire and operate facilities to perform data switching for others. A customer shall be classified as a composite data service vendor only with respect to use of those exchange services which are utilized for the provision of composite data service.

Conformance Number

An identifying number assigned by the Telephone Company to a particular model of conforming answering device incorporating an authorized protective connecting module when that model of device is in conformance with the provisions set forth by the Telephone Company in its technical reference for conforming answering devices.

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; and automatically disconnects from the line in a prearranged manner on completion of the last of the functions for which it was designed and arranged as described in this paragraph. It may include remote interrogation and/or device function control. It must incorporate an authorized protective connecting module and must bear a valid conformance number.

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Connecting Arrangement

The equipment provided by the Telephone Company to accomplish the direct electrical connection of customer-provided facilities with the facilities of the Telephone Company. (T)

Connecting Company

A corporation, association, partnership, or individual owning or operating one or more exchanges and with whom traffic is interchanged. (T)

Construction Charge

A separate initial charge made for the construction of facilities in excess of that contemplated under the filed rates. (T)

Continuous Property

The plot of ground, together with any buildings thereon, occupied by the customer, which is not separated by public highways or by property occupied by others. Where a customer occupies properties 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 furnishes all local distribution pole line facilities or underground conduit required in connection therewith.

For the purpose of determining the application of charges, continuous property is additionally defined as follows when apartments, office buildings, or shopping center malls occupied by more than one customer are involved: (T)
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For residence service, the apartment occupied by the customer.

For nonresidence service, the space (single office, or two or more offices, same or different floors) occupied by the customer, whether or not separated by space occupied by others, except that when the customer vacates the space from which service is being relocated, the relocation is considered to involve non-continuous property. (T)

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Contract

The service agreement between a customer and the Telephone Company under which facilities for the use of the customer are furnished in accordance with the provisions of this tariff.

Cost

The cost of labor and material, plus an appropriate share of the Telephone Company's general operating and supervising expense.

Customer

The person, firm, or corporation that is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the rules and regulations of the Telephone Company. (T)

Customer-Provided Accessories

Devices which are mechanically attached to, or used with, the facilities furnished by the Telephone Company and which are independent of, and not electrically, acoustically, or inductively connected to the communications path of the telecommunications system. (T)

Customer-Provided Terminal Equipment

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

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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 in C.2. of Section 2 of this tariff.

Data Switching

As used in connection with Composite Data Service, denotes the switching of data (non-voice) messages by the interchange, controlling and routing of data messages between two or more stations, via communications facilities, wherein the information content of the message remains unaltered.

Demarcation Point (Network Interface)

The point of demarcation and/or interconnection between Telephone Company communications facilities and terminal equipment, protective apparatus or wiring at a customer's premises. Telephone Company installed facilities at, or constituting, the demarcation point shall consist of wire or a jack conforming to Subpart F of Part 68 of the FCC'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 Telephone Company's reasonable and nondiscriminatory standard operating practices. The "minimum point of entry" as used herein shall be either (1) the closest practicable point to where the wiring crosses a property line or (2) the closest practicable point to where the wiring enters a multiunit building or buildings. The Telephone Company's reasonable and nondiscriminatory standard operating practices shall determine which of (1) or (2) shall apply. The Telephone Company is not precluded from establishing reasonable classifications of multiunit premises for purposes of determining which of (1) or (2) above shall apply. Multiunit premises include, but are not limited to, residential, commercial, shopping center and campus situations.

(a) Single Unit Installations

For single unit installations existing as of November 1, 1991 and installations installed after that date the demarcation point shall be a point within twelve inches of the protector or, where there is no protector, within twelve inches of where the telephone wire enters the customer's premises.

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(b) Multiunit Installations

- (1) In multiunit premises existing as of November 1, 1991 the demarcation point shall be determined in accordance with the Telephone Company's reasonable and nondiscriminatory standard operating practices. Provided, however, that where there are multiple demarcation points within the multiunit premises, a demarcation point for a customer shall not be further inside the customer's premises than a point twelve inches from where the wiring enters the customer's premises.
- (2) In multiunit premises in which wiring is installed after November 1, 1991 including additions, modifications and rearrangements of wiring existing prior to that date, the multiunit premises owner shall determine the location of the demarcation point or points. The multiunit premises owner shall determine whether there shall be a single demarcation point location for all customers or separate such locations for each customer. Provided, however, that where there are multiple demarcation points within the multiunit premises, a demarcation point for a customer shall not be further inside the customer's premises than a point twelve inches from where the wiring enters the customer's premises.

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Direct Electrical Connection

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

Directory Listing

The publication in the Telephone Company's alphabetical directory of information relative to a customer's telephone number, by which telecommunications users are able to ascertain the desired telephone number.

Exchange

A unit established by the Telephone Company for the administration of telecommunication service in a specified area which usually embraces a city, town, or village and its environs. It consists of one or more central offices together with the associated plant used in furnishing telecommunication service within that area.

Exchange Access Line

Denotes all equipment and facilities from the central office line up to and including the Telephone Company-provided and maintained network interface or demarcation point on a customer premises encompassing the central office line and all lines connected to a central office line for access to an exchange.

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Exchange Area

The area within which the Telephone Company furnishes telecommunications service at the exchange rates and charges applicable within that area.

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Exchange Service

The service of furnishing facilities for telecommunications within a local service area, in accordance with regulations, rates, and charges specified in the Exchange Rate Tariff and General Exchange Tariff. The following are classified "types of exchange service":

Flat Rate Service

Customer exchange service for which a stipulated monthly rate is assessed, covering all local message use within a defined area.

Message Rate Service

Customer exchange service which is local message sensitive, where a stipulated number of local messages are furnished for a minimum rate. Local messages exceeding the monthly minimum will be charged on a per message basis.

Measured Service

Customer exchange service which is usage sensitive. In addition to a basic monthly charge for an access line, the customer is billed for usage based upon the number, distance, duration, and the time-of-day of originated calls.

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Flat Rate Service

Reference: Exchange Service

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Grade of Service

Exchange service with respect to the number of parties which may share a central office line (Individual). (D)

Individual Line

A circuit having the necessary equipment, facilities, and non-shared central office line required for interfacing with a central office.

Individual Line, Non-Rotary

Reference: Individual Line

Individual Line, Rotary

An individual line grouped with one or more other individual lines of the same class furnished to a customer so that calls to the first number of the grouped lines are automatically routed to the first non-busy line of the lines so grouped, and a busy signal is not given unless all the grouped lines are tested once for busy.

Inside Wire

Reference: Station Line

Interexchange Channel

Denotes that portion of a through channel associated with foreign exchange service which connects different exchange areas where stations or channel terminations in Telephone Company central offices are located, excluding those portions defined as "Foreign Exchange Terminal" and "Interoffice Channel".

Interoffice Channel

Denotes that portion of a channel service which connects serving central offices; or for foreign exchange service, it denotes that portion of a circuit which connects the serving central office to the rate center central office.

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Initial Charge

A nonrecurring charge associated with the installation of certain services or facilities, either in lieu of or in addition to recurring monthly charges or other service type charges.

Initial Service Period

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

Key Telephone System (KTS) Service (Multi-Line Telephone System Service)

An arrangement consisting of telephone instruments with direct access to one or more individual lines, PBX station lines, Centrex system station lines, ESSX-1 station lines, WATS lines, or private lines. System also consists of the wiring facilitating that access and equipment which provides one or more service features as multi-line selection (pick-up), holding, illumination, signaling, and intercommunication.

Local Channel

Denotes that portion of a circuit which connects a station with an interoffice channel, or which connects stations which are served from the same central office building, when used in connection with channel services.

Local Service Area

A specified area where exchange service is furnished under a specific schedule of exchange rates without toll charge.

Measured Service

See Exchange Service

Message Rate Service

Reference: Exchange Rate

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Multiline Terminating System Area

A Multiline Terminating System Area denotes a premises or multi-premises with the same building or continuous property.

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 re-order 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 for the provision of network control signaling.

Network Interface - Network Interface Device (NID)

A jack conforming to Subpart F of Part 68 of the FCC's rules provided by the Telephone Company as part of the Telecommunications Network. It will be located on the customer premises and is considered to be the termination of the Telecommunications Network. (Reference: Demarcation Point)

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Noncomplex Service

Denotes all wiring, equipment, and associated installation work on the customer side of the network interface or demarcation point exclusive of PBX, Key, Centrex, ESSX, Semi-Public Service, Data or any other equipment associated therewith, regardless of the type exchange access line or channel services* to which the installation is connected. Noncomplex service is further defined in FCC Dockets 79-105, 82-681 and 88-57.

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* The noncomplex service term is extended to channel services and Foreign Exchange Service provided for in this tariff, inasmuch as wiring, equipment, and associated installation work on the customer side of the network interface or demarcation point is not associated with PBX, Key, Centrex, ESSX, or Data equipment either at the originating or terminating location.

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As used in connection with Composite Data Service, denotes a subscriber to the data switching services of a composite data service vendor.

Premises

Reference: Demarcation Point

Private Branch Exchange (PBX)

An arrangement of equipment consisting of switchboards, dial switching equipment, wiring, telephone station apparatus, or a combination thereof. It provides for the interconnection of service lines associated with an attendant position or switching equipment located on a premises or extended to another premises relating to the same customer. The system may also provide for centralized control of communications with an exchange over trunk lines, Wide Area Telecommunications Service (WATS) lines, or with other communications systems over tie lines.

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Private Branch Exchange (PBX) Service Line

The portion of equipment and facilities connecting the PBX station line(s) to the PBX switchboard or dial switching equipment.

Private Branch Exchange (PBX) Station Line

Reference: Station Line

Public Announcement Service (PAS)

A service utilizing Telephone Company facilities and service to transmit public announcements.

- a. For use by the general public and
- b. Is publicly advertised or contains commercial messages or advertisements or used to provide general weather announcements or to provide state lottery winning number announcements or to provide other announcements where in the judgment of the Telephone Company Public Announcement Service is required to satisfactorily handle the traffic and is
- c. Furnished by an electronic or electro-mechanical device.
- d. See also 976 Service (Section 44 of this tariff).

Rate Center Central Office

The central office of a multi-office exchange that most closely identifies with the V and H coordinates used to determine interexchange channel mileage.

Reseller

A reseller denotes a customer who resells Telephone Company communications service to others.

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Sharing Entity

A Sharing Entity denotes a customer who establishes a non-profit sharing arrangement with others for shared use of its communications services. The customer, may, but does not have to, use the communications services.

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Station

The network control signaling unit and other equipment at the customer premises which enables the customer to establish the communications connection and to effect communications through such connections.

Station Line

Telephone Company or customer provided wiring including connectors, blocks and jacks on a customer premises that extends between the termination of the Telecommunications Network and those standard jack locations or outlets on the customers premises to which terminal equipment can be connected for access to the Telecommunications Network. Station lines may also be referred to as inside wiring or premises wiring.

Exchange Station Line

Connects an exchange access line to a jack or outlet location of a station set, station, or other equipment.

PBX Station Line

Connects the PBX service line of a PBX system to the jack or outlet location of a station set, station, or other equipment exclusive of any other associated facilities.

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Station Set (Telephone)

An instrument consisting of a transmitter, receiver, and associated apparatus, so connected as to permit the transmitting and receiving of telecommunication messages. Telephones associated with public or semi-public service may be arranged for placing outgoing calls only.

Terminal Equipment

a. Headset

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 for the transmission of human speech.

b. Single Ended Terminal Device

A terminal device which terminates only one line or channel at a given time (e.g., headset).

c. Non-Powered Conferencing Equipment

A portable plug ended device, without active elements, consisting of a multiwinding transformer and manual line switches designed to bridge the lines appearing on six button key telephone instruments equipped with both hold and illumination features.

Termination Charge

A charge applied to a customer when service is terminated before the expiration of the initial service period, or a charge applied where a basic termination charge is specified.

Tie Line

A private line type circuit connecting a private branch exchange system, Centrex system, ESSX-1 system, Horizon* Communications System, Airport Telephone Service system or customer-provided equivalent system with another private branch exchange system, Centrex system, ESSX-1 system, Horizon* Communications System, Airport Telephone Service system or customer-provided equivalent system. It is intended primarily for intercommunication between telephones connected with such systems. Tie lines connecting systems of the same customer also may be employed for central office and toll connections to the extent that conditions permit. (*Registered Trade Mark of AT&T)

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Toll Office

A Central office used primarily for completing and supervising toll calls.

Toll Restriction (Alternately Called Toll Diverting)

An arrangement of equipment which permits station users to gain access to the local central office and to dial local service area calls but prevents completion of toll calls or calls to the toll operator. Depending upon the switching system, restricted toll calls may be routed to an attendant, to an announcement, or to a tone.

TOUCH-TONE* Calling

The originating of a telephone call through the use of a bank of push-buttons usually located in, or associated with, a telephone, in lieu of the standard rotary type dial.

Trunk Line

A circuit having the necessary equipment, facilities, and non-shared central office line required for interfacing an automatic call distributing system, PBX system or other automatic (dial) switching system with a central office.

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