

**OZARK TELEPHONE COMPANY  
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Ozark Telephone Company d/b/a Rally Networks hereby adopts, ratifies, and makes its own in every respect, as if the same had been originally filed by it, all tariffs of Ozark Telephone Company filed with and approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission before the effective date of this tariff.

This tariff contains the descriptions, regulations, and rates applicable to the furnishing of service and facilities for telecommunications services provided by Ozark Telephone Company d/b/a Rally Networks within the State of Missouri. This tariff is on file with the Missouri Public Service Commission and copies may be inspected during normal business hours, at the Company's principal place of business.

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A. Application

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1. General

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- a. The regulations set forth herein apply to intrastate services and facilities furnished within the State of Missouri by Ozark Telephone Company, hereinafter referred to as the Company, subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC).
- b. The regulations or conditions contained in the General and Local Exchange Tariff shall govern in the event of a conflict between these General Regulations and any conditions applicable to the General and Local Exchange Tariff.
- c. When services and facilities are provided in part by the Company and in part by other companies, the regulations of the Company apply to that portion of the service or facilities furnished by it.

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## B. Obligation and Liability of the Company

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## 1. Availability of Facilities and Equipment

- a. The Company's obligation to furnish exchange and toll service is dependent upon its ability to secure and retain, without unreasonable expense, suitable facilities and rights for the construction and maintenance of the necessary pole lines, circuits, and equipment.
- b. The installation and restoration of services shall be subject to the regulations set forth in this Tariff.

## 2. Interruptions of Service

- a. In the event of an interruption to the service not due to the negligence or willful act of the customer or customer premises equipment, an allowance will be made if the interruption continues for more than 24 hours from the time it is reported to or detected by the Company.
- b. The allowance will be limited to the prorated portion of the monthly rate for the service or portion thereof made inoperative. No other liability shall in any case attach to the Company in consideration of such interruptions.

## 3. Liability

- a. In view of the possibility of errors and difficulties occurring in the transmission of messages by telephone, and the impossibility of fixing the cause thereof, the customer assumes all risks connected with the service except as follows:
  - 1) If the initial installation is defective or if service is interrupted otherwise than by the negligence or willful act of the customer or due to customer premises equipment, an allowance at the minimum rate for the telephone facilities and class of service at the time of the installation or interruption shall be made for the time such outage continues after notice and demand to the Company unless such outage is due to the inside wiring or customer provided equipment. No other liability shall in any case attach to the Company.

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## B. Obligation and Liability of the Company (Cont'd)

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## 3. Liability (Cont'd)

- b. In the case of interruption to any interexchange service (Private Lines, WATS, etc.), allowance for message toll service used by the customer during the period of interruption, will be made at the regular message toll rates.

## 4. Directory Errors and Omissions

- a. The Company's liability for damages on account of interruptions to service due to errors or omissions in directory listings will be limited to a pro rata abatement of the charge for such of the customer's service as is affected, the maximum abatement not to exceed one-half the service charges for the period from the date of issuance of the directory in which the mistake occurred to the date of issuance of a new directory containing the proper listing.
- b. In the cases of extra listings in the alphabetical section of the directory for which a charge is made, the Company's liability shall be limited to an amount not to exceed the established rate for such listing during the period which the error or omission continues.

## 5. Transmitting Messages

- a. The Company does not transmit messages but offers the use of its facilities for communications between patrons. If because of transmission difficulties the operator, in order to accommodate the customer, repeats messages she is deemed to be acting as the agent of the persons involved and no liability shall attach to the Company because of any errors made by the operator or misunderstandings that may arise between customers because of the errors.

## 6. Use of Connecting Company Lines

- a. When suitable arrangements can be made, lines of other telephone companies may be used in establishing wire connections to points not reached by this Company's lines. In establishing connections with the lines of other companies, the Company is not responsible or liable for any action of the Connecting Company.

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B. Obligation and Liability of the Company (Cont'd)

7. Defacement of Premises

a. The Company shall exercise due care in connection with all work done on customer's premises. No liability shall attach to the Company by reason of any defacement or damage to the customer's premises resulting from the existence of the Company's facilities and associated wiring on such premises, or by the installation or removal thereof, unless such defacement or damage is the result of the sole negligence of the Company.

8. The Company will make reasonable effort to cure any material failure to provide service caused solely by year 2000 defects in the Company's hardware, software, or systems. Due to the interdependence among telecommunications providers and the interrelationship with non-Company service processes, equipment and systems, the Company is not responsible for failures caused by circumstances beyond its control including, but not limited to, failures caused by: (1) the Customer; (2) other telecommunications companies as defined by Missouri statute; or (3) customer premises equipment. In addition, the Company does not ensure compatibility between the Company and non-Company services used by the Customer.

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C. Use of Service and Facilities

1. Ownership and Use of Regulated Services

a. Coin-operated, public, semi-public or pay telephone equipment, and wiring and facilities furnished by the Company to provide transmission service on the premises of a customer are the property of the Company. The agents and employees of the Company shall have the right to enter said premises at any reasonable hours for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining or repairing the equipment, instruments and lines, or for the purpose of making collections from coin boxes or upon termination of the service, for the purpose of removing such equipment, instruments and lines. Such equipment, instruments and lines are not to be used for performing any part of the work of transmitting, delivering or collecting any message where any toll or consideration has been or is to be paid any party other than the Company, without the written consent of the Company.

b. If the installation and maintenance of service are requested at locations which are or may become hazardous or dangerous to the Company's employees or to the public or to property, the Company may refuse to install and maintain such service, and, if such service is furnished may require the customer to install and maintain such services and may also require the customer to indemnify and hold the Company harmless from any claims, loss or damage by reason of the installation and maintenance of such service.

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## C. Use of Service and Facilities (Cont'd)

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## 2. Use of Customer Service

- a. Customer telephone service, as distinguished from public and semi-public telephone service, is furnished only for use by the customer, the customer's family, employees or business associates, or persons residing in the customer's household, except as the use of the service may be extended to persons temporarily subleasing a customer's residential premises. The Company has the right to refuse to install customer transmission service or to permit such service to remain on premises of public or semi-public character when the instrument is so located that the public in general or patrons of the customer may make use of the service. At such locations, however, transmission service may be installed, provided the instrument is so located that it is not accessible for public use.

## 3. Use of Party Line Service

- a. Applications for party line service are accepted by the Company with the understanding that each customer will so use the service as not to interfere with an equitable proportionate use of the service by the other customers on the same line. When the duration or number of local messages sent or received by a party line customer is so great as to prevent an equitable proportionate use of the line by other customers on the line, the Company shall have the right to require the customer to contract for a higher grade of service, or to discontinue the service of the customer in question. The Company reserves the right to limit the continuous use of a party line for a local message to five minutes.

## 4. Tampering with Equipment

- a. The Company may refuse to furnish or may deny transmission service to any person, firm or corporation on whose premises is located any telephone equipment owned by the Company which shows any evidence of tampering, manipulation, or operation, or use of any device whatsoever, for the purpose of obtaining telephone service without payment of the charges applicable to the service rendered.

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C. Use of Service and Facilities (Cont'd)

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5. Use of Profane Language or Impersonation of Another **Public Service Commission**

a. The Company may refuse to furnish or may deny transmission service to any persons, firm or corporation who, over the facilities furnished by the Company, uses or permits to be used foul, abusive, obscene or profane language; or impersonates or permits others to impersonate any other individual with fraudulent or malicious intent.

6. Governmental Objections to Service

a. The Company may refuse to furnish or may discontinue transmission service to any person, firm, or corporation upon objection to the furnishing of such service made by or on behalf of any governmental authority on the grounds that such service is or is to be used for illegal purposes.

7. Unlawful Use of Transmission Service

a. The Company may disconnect, without advance notice:

1) Any transmission service used in such a manner as to interfere unreasonably with other services, constitute abuse, fraud or tend to injuriously affect the efficiency of the Company's plant, property or service.

2) Any transmission service which is used with intent to terrify, intimidate, threaten, harass, annoy, or offend another telephone user.

8. Connection of Automatic Dialing-Announcing Devices

a. The Company will not knowingly permit connection to or operation over the telephone network of an automated dialing-announcing device used for solicitation purposes where calls initiated by the device cannot be terminated at will by the called party and dial tone restored to the called party promptly upon termination of the call by the called party.

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8. Connection of Automatic Dialing-Announcing Devices (Cont'd)

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- b. Any prerecorded message issued by an automated dialing-announcing device shall be preceded by an announcement which states the name and address of the calling party, the purpose of the message, and that the message is coming from automated equipment.

D. Establishment and Furnishing of Service

1. Application for Service

- a. Applications for initial or additional services made verbally or in writing become a contract upon the establishment of the service or facility.
- b. Any change in rates or regulations prescribed by public authority having jurisdiction modifies all terms and regulations of contracts to the extent of such changes.

2. Telephone Numbers

- a. The customer has no property right in the telephone number nor any right to continuance of service through any particular central office, and the Company may change the telephone number or the central office designation, or both, of a customer whenever it deems it advisable in the conduct of its business to do so.

3. Alterations

- a. The Company will be reimbursed for the costs associated with customer requests for relocation or rearrangement of facilities located on his premises.

4. Payment for Service

- a. The customer is required to pay all charges for exchange services and facilities, and for toll messages (including charges for messenger service) in accordance with provisions contained elsewhere in these Rules and Regulations.

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- b. The customer is held responsible for all charges for telephone service rendered at his telephone, both exchange and toll, including charges for toll messages on which the charges have been reversed.

**5. Maintenance and Repairs**

- a. With the exception of customer premises equipment and inside wiring, all ordinary expense of maintenance and repair, unless otherwise specified in the Company's Tariff, is borne by the Company. In case of loss of, damage to, or destruction of, any of the Company's facilities, not due to ordinary wear and tear, the customer is held responsible for the cost of replacing the facilities destroyed or for the cost of restoring the facilities to its original condition, except where such damage is not occasioned by the negligence of the customer. Customers may not rearrange, disconnect, or remove or permit others to rearrange, disconnect or remove any facilities installed by the Company, except upon the written consent of the Company.

**6. Unusual Installation Costs**

- a. Where special conditions or special requirements of the customer involve unusual construction or installation costs, the customer may be required to pay a reasonable proportion of such costs.

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## D. Establishment and Furnishing of Service (Cont'd)

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## 7. Furnishing Party Line Services

- a. Two- and four-party service within the established local base rate area, when offered, is furnished at any location where there is a vacancy on an existing line or, when there is no vacancy, a new line will be opened up when there is, in the opinion of the Company an opportunity to connect additional customers in nearby locations to that line within a reasonable time. In some exchanges this service is restricted to existing customers and will not be offered to other customers.
- b. Four-party service beyond the established local base rate area, when offered, will be furnished only when, in the opinion of the Company, there is sufficient demand for such service to assure a reasonable fill of the lines and where such demand is concentrated within a reasonable area.
- c. Two-party service beyond the established local base rate area is also furnished at certain exchanges and in those exchanges the same rules and regulations apply as set out for four-party service above.

## 8. Furnishing of Announcement, Answering and Recording Services

- a. Use of Company facilities or service in connection with automatic announcement service, automatic answering and recording service, recorder-coupler service or miscellaneous devices for recorded public announcements are subject to the following conditions:
  - 1) For purposes of identification, customers to transmission service who transmit recorded public announcements over facilities provided by the Company must include in the recorded message the name of the organization or individual responsible for the service and the address at which the service is provided.
  - 2) Customers transmitting factual public announcements, such as time, stock market quotations, airline schedules, and similar information are excluded from the preceding condition.

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8. Furnishing of Announcement, Answering and Recording Services (Cont'd) **Public Service Commission**

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- 3) Nonpublished telephone service will not be furnished for use with recorded public announcements.
- 4) Failure to comply with the provisions of this Tariff shall be cause for termination of the service.

9. Inside Station Wiring - New or Existing

- a. The Company is no longer required to provide, lease, install, maintain or repair new inside station wiring or maintain or repair existing inside station wiring.
- b. The Company is responsible for making all connections at the protector or providing a facility to permit customer connection with new inside station wiring at the demarcation point. Nothing contained herein shall require or necessitate changes or modifications to telephone utility connections with existing inside station wiring.
- c. The Company will endeavor to answer any questions concerning the installation, repair, and maintenance of new inside station wiring and the maintenance of existing inside station wiring by telephone contact, personal contact or printed material, upon request.

10. Riser Cable Inside Building

- a. Cable entering a building but serving more than one individual customer within that building shall not constitute existing inside station wiring. This cable shall constitute distribution cable.
- b. Where the Company has existing cable between two or more buildings on the same premises, the cable shall constitute outside plant. An individual customer may, however, without limitation, provide cable between two or more buildings on the same premises.

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F. Priority of Service

1. In case a shortage of facilities exists at any time, either for temporary or protracted periods, the establishment of network transmission service takes precedence in the furnishing of any service or facility.

G. Foreign Central Office Service

1. Foreign central office service is exchange service furnished to a customer in a multioffice exchange, from a central office other than the one which serves the area in which he is located.

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## G. Foreign Central Office Service (Cont'd)

2. Such service is not in accordance with the general plan of furnishing transmission service, and will be furnished only if facilities are available and when such service is warranted by the extenuating circumstances involved. The Company does not obligate itself to furnish this service, particularly when it involves undue expense or impairment of the service furnished the general public.
3. Mileage rates as quoted in this Tariff will be applied if Foreign Central Office Service is provided.

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## H. Customer Premises Equipment (CPE)

1. Customer premises equipment is all terminal equipment normally used on the customer's premises and owned by the customer; or owned by the Company or some other supplier and leased to the customer; including the terminal equipment located or held in inventory on the customer's premises. Coin and coinless-operated public, semi-public, or pay telephone equipment is excluded.
  - a. CPE is no longer offered as a regulated part of this Company's tariffs; however, this does not give the customer the right to repair or maintain CPE owned by the Company without the Company's consent.
2. The Company shall allow customers to secure the provision, repair, and maintenance of CPE from any supplier provided that such equipment shall be in compliance with applicable registration standards promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission.
  - a. The Company will endeavor to answer any questions concerning the installation, repair, and maintenance of CPE by telephone contact, personal contact, or printed material, upon request.
3. Service requirements for connection of CPE to multi-party central office access lines:
  - a. Customers on multi-party central office access lines are required to contact the Company before connecting terminal equipment to their line to ascertain the correct ringer frequency and any other information necessary to insure that service to the other customer(s) on the line will not be interrupted.

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## I. Fees or Taxes to be Billed to Customers

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1. When any municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of Missouri, imposes upon the Company any license, occupation, or other similar charge or tax applicable to service by the Company to the customer, or imposes a charge or tax based upon a percentage of gross receipts, net receipts, or revenues from sale of telephone service by the Company, the charges for local service to customers within such municipality, other political subdivision or local agency of government, shall be increased by an amount equal to each such customer's proportionate part of any such charge or tax, and such amount shall be shown separately on the customer's bill.

## J. Application of Business and Residence Rates

## 1. Business rates apply at the following locations:

- a. In offices, stores, factories, and all other places of a strictly business nature.
- b. In boarding houses, except as noted in this Section, offices of hotels, halls, and offices of apartment buildings, quarters occupied by clubs or lodges, public, private, or parochial schools or colleges, hospitals, libraries, churches, and other similar institutions.
- c. At residence locations when the customer has no regular business central office access line and the use of the service either by himself, members of his household, or his guests, or parties calling him can be considered as more of a business than of a residence nature, which fact might be indicated by advertising either by business cards, newspapers, handbills, advertising matter, such as on vehicles, etc., or when such business use is not such as commonly arises and passes over to residence central office access line service during the intervals when, in compliance with the law or established custom, business places are ordinarily closed.

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- d. Where the place of business and the residence of a customer are on the same premises and no transmission service is installed in the place of business, the business rate shall be charged for the central office access line installed in the residence.
- e. At residence locations, when an additional station or extension bell is located in a shop, office, or other place of business.
- f. In college fraternity and sorority houses.
- g. At any location where the listing of service at that location indicates a business, trade or profession, except as specified in this Section.

2. Residence rates apply at the following locations:

- a. In private residences where business listings are not provided.
- b. In private apartments of hotels, rooming houses, or boarding houses where service is confined to the customer's use, and elsewhere in rooming and boarding houses which are not advertised as a place of business or which have less than five rooms for roomers or which furnish meals to less than ten boarders, provided business listings are not furnished.
- c. In the place of residence of a clergyman or nurse, and in the place of residence of a physician, dentist, veterinary, surgeon or other medical practitioner, provided the customer does not maintain an office in the residence.

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K. Establishment and Maintenance of Credit (Cont'd)

1. Deposits and Guarantee of Payment (T)

The amount, terms and conditions relating to deposits and guarantees of payment are set forth on the Company's website:

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K. Establishment and Maintenance of Credit (Cont'd)

3. Responsibility for Payment

- a. The fact that a deposit has been made shall in no way relieve the customer or applicant from complying with the Company's regulation as to advance payments and the prompt payment of bills on presentation, nor constitute a waiver or modification of the Company's regulations pertaining to disconnection of service for nonpayment.

4. Discontinuance of Service to Residential Customers

- a. Service may be discontinued for any of the following reasons:
1. Non-payment of an undisputed delinquent charge for basic local telecommunications service.
  2. Failure to post a required deposit or guarantee.
  3. Unauthorized use of the Company's service in a manner which creates an unsafe condition or creates the possibility of damage or destruction to its facilities.
  4. Failure to comply with the terms of a settlement agreement.
  5. Refusal after reasonable notice to permit inspection, maintenance or replacement of Company's equipment.
  6. Material misrepresentation of identity in obtaining Company's service.
  7. As provided by state or federal law.
- b. A written notice shall be sent by first class mail ten (10) days prior to the date of the proposed discontinuance of service.
- c. Service may be discontinued during normal business hours on or after the date specified in the notice of discontinuance. Basic local telecommunications service will not be discontinued on a day when the offices of the Company are not open to facilitate reconnection of basic local telecommunications service or on a day immediately preceding such day.
- d. The Company will make reasonable efforts to contact the customer via telephone at least twenty-four (24) hours preceding a discontinuance of basic local telecommunications service. The Company will advise the customer of the proposed discontinuance and what action must be taken to avoid it.
- e. Discontinuance of service will be postponed for a time not in excess of twenty-one (21) days if the telephone is necessary to obtain emergency medical assistance for a person who is a member of the household where the telephone service is provided and where such person is under the care of a physician. Any person who alleges such emergency shall, if requested, provide the Company with verifiable written evidence of such necessity.

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- f. Basic local telecommunications service may not be discontinued for customer nonpayment of a delinquent charge for other than basic local telecommunications service. Company may place global toll blocking and eliminate any optional, non-basic calling features and functions for customer nonpayment of delinquent charges for other than basic local telecommunications service.
  - g. Payment by personal check may be refused if the customer, within the last twelve (12) months, has tendered payment in this manner and the check has been dishonored, except when the dishonor is due to bank error.
  - h. Upon the Customer's request, Company shall restore service consistent with all other provisions of this tariff when the cause of discontinuance has been eliminated.
5. Disputes by Residential Customers
- a.) A customer shall advise the Company that all or part of a charge is in dispute by written notice, in person or by a telephone message directed to the Company during regular business hours. A dispute must be registered with the Company prior to the delinquent date of a charge for the customer to avoid discontinuance of service as provided by this tariff.
  - b.) When a customer advises the Company that all or part of a charge is in dispute, the Company shall record the date, time and place the inquiry is made; investigate the matter promptly and thoroughly; and attempt to resolve the dispute in a manner satisfactory to both parties.
  - c.) Failure of a customer to cooperate with the Company in efforts to resolve an inquiry which has the effect of placing charges in dispute shall constitute a waiver of the customer's right to continuance of service under this tariff.
  - d.) If a customer disputes a charge, the customer shall pay an amount to the Company equal to that part of the total bill not in dispute. The parties shall consider the customer's prior usage, the nature of the dispute and any other pertinent factors in determining the amount not in dispute. The Company shall not discontinue service for nonpayment of charges in dispute while the dispute is pending.
  - e.) If the parties are unable to determine the amount not in dispute, the customer shall pay to the Company, at the Company's option, an amount not to exceed fifty (50) percent of the charge in dispute or an amount based on usage during a like period under similar conditions which shall represent the amount not in dispute. The Company shall not discontinue service to a customer for nonpayment of charges in dispute while that dispute is pending.
  - f.) Failure of the customer to pay to the Company the amount not in dispute within four (4) working days from the date the dispute is registered or by the delinquent date of the

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disputed bill, whichever is later, shall constitute a waiver of the customer's right to continuance of service and the Company may then proceed to discontinue service as provided in this tariff.

- g) If the dispute is ultimately resolved in favor of the customer in whole or in part, the Company must promptly repay any excess moneys paid by the customer.
- h) If the dispute cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the customer, the Company shall notify the customer of its right to make an informal complaint to the Commission, and of the address and telephone number where the customer may file an informal complaint with the Commission.
- i) After resolution of the customer complaint, the Company may treat a second complaint based on the same facts as already determined.

6. Service Restoral Charge

- a. Where service has been discontinued for failure to establish credit as authorized above, the regular restoral of service charge will be made and collected by the Company (Refer to Section 5, Service Charges)

7. Retention of Uncollectible Records

- a. The Company retains uncollectible records for a period of seven (7) years.

L. Initial Contract Periods

- 1. Unless otherwise specified herein or elsewhere in the Company's Tariffs, the initial (or minimum) contract period is one month from the date service is established and the minimum charge is the established rate for one month.
- 2. The length of contract period for directory listings where the listings have been published, is the directory period. The directory period is from the day on which the directory is first distributed to the customers to the day the succeeding directory is first distributed to the customers.

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L. Initial Contract Periods (Cont'd)

3. The Company may require a contract period longer than one month at the same location in connection with special (nonstandard) types or arrangements of facilities, or for unusual construction, necessary to meet special demands, and involving extra costs.

M. Termination of Service

1. Service may be terminated by the customer prior to the expiration of the initial contract period upon notice being given to the Company, and upon payment of the termination charges given below, in addition to all charges due for service which has been furnished. (C)

- a. If the initial contract period is one month, charges are due for the balance of the month in which the service is terminated.

- b. If a directory listing has been published, charges are due to the end of the directory period with the following exceptions:

- 1) The contract for the main service is terminated.
- 2) The listed party moves to a new location
- 3) The listed party dies

For these exceptions, charges apply to the date of termination.

- c. For special facilities, the charges will be based on the individual circumstances in each case as agreed upon at the time of installation.

2. Contracts for periods of longer than one month, covering service whose installation required line extension, may be terminated upon payment of all charges that would accrue to the end of the contract period or the contract will be transferred to a new applicant who is to occupy the same premises and will subscribe to the service effective on the day following the termination by the original customer. The new customer will be bound under the terms of the contract for the unexpired portion of the contract.

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M. Termination of Service (Cont'd)

3. Service may be terminated after the expiration of the initial contract period, upon the Company being notified, and upon payment of all charges due to the date of termination of the service.

N. Payment for Services and Facilities.

1. The customer shall pay for services and facilities including any FCC-approved end user charge monthly in advance, and shall pay for state or interstate long distance service charges billed by OZARK TELEPHONE COMPANY, and service charges when billed.
2. All bills for local, toll, or miscellaneous services are due when rendered and are payable at the office of the Company, or an authorized collection agency. After rendition of a bill, residence customers shall have twenty-one (21) days and business customers shall have fifteen (15) days to pay the charges stated. If the toll charges remain unpaid for ten (10) days from rendition of written notification or a mutually established late payment arrangement date or twenty-one (21) days from rendition of the bill, such charges will be delinquent. (D)
3. Service to customers having undisputed delinquent accounts may be discontinued after written notice by first class mail is sent or delivered to the customer at least ten (10) days prior to the proposed disconnection date. Service will be discontinued during normal business hours and will not take place on a day when the offices of the Company are not available to facilitate reconnection of service, or on a day immediately preceding such day. The Company will postpone a discontinuance of service for a time not in excess of twenty-one (21) days if the telephone is necessary to obtain emergency medical assistance for a person who is a member of the household where the telephone service is provided and where such person is under the care of a physician. Any person who alleges such emergency shall if requested provide the Company with reasonable evidence of such necessity.

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N. Payment for Services and Facilities (Cont'd)

- 4. Payment Fees (T)
  - a. Subscribers who pay for service by credit or debit card may be subject to an additional charge. The rate, terms and conditions for such charge are set forth on the Company's website: <https://sgobroadband.com/tariff/>.
  
- 5. Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) or Returned Check Charge (N)
  - a. This charge applies whenever a check or other negotiable instrument is presented for payment of service or deposit and returned by the bank to the Company because of non-sufficient funds or any other valid reason. The charge is set forth on the Company's website: <https://sgobroadband.com/tariff/>. (N)

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N. Payment for Services and Facilities (Cont'd)

6. Late Payment Charge

- a. The rate, terms and conditions for any late payment charge are set forth on the Company's website: <https://sqobroadband.com/tariff/>.

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7. When the service of a customer has been denied in accordance with the preceding paragraph, but the service has not been terminated or the order to remove the service has not been completed, if such service is restored, a restoral of service charge as quoted in this Tariff, will be made. In addition to the restoral service charge, the customer will be required to pay, or make satisfactory arrangements to pay all service charges up to the time of restoral of service.

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8. Subsequent to the completion of an order to terminate the service it may be reestablished only on the basis of a new service application.

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O. Construction, Installation and Maintenance Charges

1. General

- a. Special charges in the form of installation charges, monthly charges, or both, are applied in addition to the usual service charges and monthly rates, when, because of the sporadic or occasional nature of the service or an unusual investment or expense, the revenue does not reasonably compensate the Company, for example:

- 1) The facilities are provided in remote or undeveloped sections outside the Base Rate Area, or if the facilities are provided on a temporary basis.
- 2) Conditions require the provision of special facilities or unusual methods of plant construction, installation, or maintenance.
- 3) The customer's location requires the use of costly private right-of-way.

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- b. Title to all construction, provided wholly or partly at a customer's expense, is vested in the Company.
- c. Construction charges will include materials, contract services, and loaded labor. The customer is required to bear unusual maintenance costs for special construction.
  - 1) Overhead loading of labor is calculated with a composite allocation factor that is based on plant, construction, and engineering personnel salaries and expenses; supervision, pension expense, insurance, unemployment and social security taxes. This factor is developed annually by determining the relationship of the above expenses to the total payroll base. It is applied to expenses for construction, removals, plant and central office maintenance.
- d. The company will provide an estimate of actual charges to the customer prior to the start of construction.
- e. When attachments are made to poles of other companies, in lieu of providing construction for which the customer would be charged under the provisions hereof, the cost to the Company for such attachments are borne by the customer.
- f. The customer is required to pay construction charges as made by another company providing facilities connecting with the facilities of the Company.
- g. Construction charges will not apply to the customer's station installation which includes the aerial drop which extends from the last pole to the demarcation point.

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## 2. Installation of Facilities Within Subdivisions Shall Be Installed Underground

a. The following definitions are used with regard to facilities constructed and owned by the Company in subdivisions:

1) Applicant - The developer, builder, or other person, partnership, association, firm, private or public corporation, trust, estate, political subdivision, governmental agency, or other legal entity recognized by law, applying for the construction of a telephone distribution system in a subdivision.2) Building - A single structure roofed and enclosed with exterior walls, built for permanent use, erected, frames of component structural parts and unified in its entirety both physically and in operation for single-family residential occupancy in a subdivision (Definition excludes mobile homes).3) Subdivision - A lot, tract, or parcel of land divided into two or more lots, plots, sites or other divisions for use for new residential buildings or the land on which is constructed new multiple-occupancy buildings per a recorded plot thereof if such recordation is required by law.

b. The Company upon receipt of the applicant's proper application will install underground facilities with suitable materials to assure that the applicant will receive reasonably safe and adequate telephone service. The provision of the underground facilities will be at no charge except where a charge is permitted in this Section of the Tariff.

## c. Rights-of-Way and Easements

1) Within the applicant's subdivision, the Company will construct, own, operate, and maintain underground facilities only along public streets, roads, and highways which the Company has the legal right to occupy, and on public land and private property across which rights-of-way and easements satisfactory to the Company may be obtained without cost or need for condemnation by the Company.

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## 2. Installation of Facilities Within Subdivisions Shall be Installed Underground (Cont'd)

## c. Rights-of-Way and Easements (Cont'd)

- 2) Rights-of-way and easements, within the subdivision, satisfactory to the Company, must be provided by the applicant in reasonable time to meet construction and service requirements before the Company shall be required to commence its installation. Such rights-of-way and easements must, by the applicant, at no charge to the Company, be cleared of trees, tree stumps, and other obstructions and be graded to within six inches of final grade. Such clearance and grading must be maintained by the applicant during construction by the Company.

## d. Advances by the Applicant

- 1) Where, due to the manner in which a subdivision is developed, the Company is required to construct an underground distribution system through a section or sections of the subdivision where service will not be connected for at least two years, then the Company may require a reasonable advancement for the construction from the applicant before construction is commenced, to guarantee performance.
- 2) Where the subdivision is developed in a uniform manner so that the Company may restrict the construction of its underground telephone distribution system to a section or sections in which buildings or multiple-occupancy buildings are being constructed, the Company may not require an advance.
- 3) If an advance is required under these rules, then the advance, without interest, shall be returned to the applicant on a pro rata basis as the permanent service connection is made to each building or multiple-occupancy building.
- 4) Any portion of an advance remaining unrefunded ten years from the date the Company is first ready to render service with the extension will be retained by the Company and credited to the appropriate construction account.

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## 2. Installation of Facilities Within Subdivisions Shall Be Installed Underground (Cont'd)

## e. Temporary Facilities

- 1) Temporary facilities may be installed to provide service, when necessary, for a maximum period of one year.
- 2) When it is necessary to place temporary facilities in advance of the permanent underground telephone system in order to provide telephone service, the Company may require the applicant to pay the estimated nonrecoverable costs of the temporary facilities. If the required costs under the above described conditions apply, the Company has the right to refuse installation of the temporary facilities until the required costs are paid to the Company.

## f. Special Conditions

- 1) In circumstances, where the application of these rules appears impracticable or unjust to the applicant or the Company, or discriminatory to other customers, e.g., difficult rock conditions, the Company or applicant shall refer the matter to the Missouri Public Service Commission for special ruling or for the approval of special conditions which may be mutually agreed upon prior to commencing construction.

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a. When underground service connections are desired by customers as initial installation in places where aerial drop wires would ordinarily be used to reach the customers' premises, or when aerial facilities are used to provide service or channels to a customer and subsequently the customer desires that such facilities be placed underground, the following regulations apply:

- 1) Where cable is laid in conduit, the underground conduit shall be constructed and maintained by or at the expense of the customer and in addition, the customer shall pay the cost of the underground cable, including the cost of installing, less the estimated cost to the Company of installing such aerial facilities as would be (or are) required to furnish the same service. The underground conduit shall be constructed in accordance with plans and specifications furnished by the Company.
- 2) The duct or ducts required in the underground conduit by the Company to furnish service shall be reserved for its exclusive use.
- 3) Where conductors are laid in a trench, the trench shall be constructed and backfilled by or at the expense of the customer. In addition, the customer shall pay the cost of the conductors, including the cost of installing, less the estimated cost to the Company of installing such aerial facilities as would be (or is) required to furnish the same service.

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- 4) Cable or wire installed in conduit will be maintained and replaced at the expense of the Company where the conduit has been inspected in place by the Company and approved, but repairs or replacements of cable or wire in conduit not so inspected and approved, or repairs or replacements of cable or wire in conduit or trench made necessary by damages caused by the customer or his representative will be made only at the customer's expense.
- 5) Where facilities are changed from aerial to underground, in addition to the above, the customer is charged the cost of dismantling and removing the aerial facilities.

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Access Line - The termination of a central office line on a customer's premises, usually at a protector.

Acoustical Connection - A connecting arrangement without electrical connections that permits transmission of sound between a telephone instrument and customer-provided equipment.

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

Application - A request made orally or in writing for telephone service.

Authorized User - A person, firm or corporation (other than the customer) on whose premises a telephone, PBX or private-line service or channel is located and who may communicate over such channels in accordance with the terms of the Tariff.

Base Rate - A rate for urban grades of exchange service available to customers located within a Base Rate Area.

Base Rate Area - That portion of an exchange area surrounding and including the Central Office or offices or exchange rate center, within which urban classes of exchange service are offered.

Business Service - Telephone service furnished to customers where the actual or obvious use is principally or substantially of a business, professional or occupational nature.

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

Central Office Line - A circuit directly connecting an individual or party-line main station, PBX switchboard, or an intercommunicating system with a central office.

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Channel - A path for communication between two or more stations, or central offices, furnished in such a manner as the Company may elect, whether by wire, radio, or a combination thereof, and whether or not by a single physical facility or route.

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Circuit - A channel used for the transmission of electrical energy in the furnishing of telephone and other communication services.

Class of Service - The various categories of service generally available to the customer such as business, residence, or payphone service.

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Communications System - Channels and other facilities which are capable, when not connected to exchange telecommunications service, of two-way communications between customer-provided terminal equipment or company stations.

Company - OZARK TELEPHONE COMPANY

Connection Company - A corporation, association, partnership or individual owning or operating one or more exchanges and with which communications services are interchanged.

Connector - See "Switch".

Connection Charge - See "Service Charge".

Construction Charge - A separate nonrecurring charge made for the construction of facilities in excess of those contemplated under the rates quoted in the Exchange Tariffs.

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.

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Contract - The agreement between a customer and the Company under which service and facilities are furnished in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Tariffs.

Cost - The cost of labor and materials, which includes appropriate amounts to cover the Company's general operating and administrative expenses.

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Customer-Provided Equipment - Devices, apparatus, and/or associated wiring provided by a customer.

Customer Provision - Customer purchase or lease of customer-provided equipment from the Company or from any other supplier.

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 assure proper operation and protection of the telecommunications network.

Demarcation Point - The point of connection, provided and maintained by the telephone company, at which the station wiring becomes dedicated to an individual customer's use. For an individual customer dwelling, this point of connection will generally be the modular jack incorporated into the customer side of the Network Interface Device (NID). The drop wire and the network protector will continue to be provided by, and remain the property of, the telephone company. The demarcation point is usually the point at which the telephone company wiring connects with the customer's wiring.

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Dial Switching Equipment - A unit of electromechanical or electronic switching equipment used in a central office or in connection with a PBX system.

Direct Electrical Connection - The physical connection of the electrical conductors in the communications path.

Directory Listing - A publication in the Company's alphabetical directory of information relative to a customer's name or other identification and telephone number.

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

Drop Wire - That portion of a circuit between the pole line or cable distributing box and the point of demarcation on or at the building in which the station or switchboard is located.

Due Notice - See "Disconnect Notice".

Exchange - A geographical area established for the administration of telephone service in a specified area, called the "exchange area," which usually embraces a city, town or village and its environs. It may contain one or more central offices together with the associated plant, equipment and facilities used in furnishing communication service within that area.

Exchange Area - The territory served by an exchange.

Exchange Line - Any circuit connecting an exchange station with a central office.

Exchange Service - The furnishing of facilities for the telephone communication within an exchange area, in accordance with the regulations and charges specified in the Local or General Exchange Tariffs. Exchange facilities are used to establish and maintain connection between an exchange and the other telephone plant and facilities in connection with long-distance calls or Extended Area Service calls.

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Exchange Station - A station connected with a central office of the Company over its own lines.

Extended Area Service - Interexchange telephone service furnished at a flat rate between two or more exchange areas.

Extra Listing - See "Additional Listing".

Foreign Attachment - Equipment or facilities not owned or furnished by the Company which are attached or connected to, and used with, exchange telephone service.

Foreign Central Office - Any central office other than that which serves the area in which the customer is located.

Foreign Equipment - See "Foreign Attachment".

Foreign Exchange Line Mileage - The measurement applying to that portion of a central office line connecting a customer with a foreign central office, from the common boundary line to the customer's station, for which a monthly charge is made in addition to the base rate for exchange service.

Foreign Exchange Service - Telephone exchange service furnished to a customer through a central office of an exchange other than the exchange regularly serving the area in which the customer is located.

Grade of Service - The term used in describing exchange service with respect to the number of parties served on a telephone line.

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Harm - Harm consists of hazards to personnel, damage to Company equipment, and impairment of service to persons other than the user of the customer-provided equipment. Types of harm include, but shall not be limited to, voltages dangerous to personnel, destruction of or damage to equipment, induced noise or cross talk, incorrect dial pulsing, failure of supervision, false answer, incorrect billing, absence of voice band transmission path for call progress signals, and loss of capability to answer an incoming call.

Individual Line - An exchange line designed for the connection of a telephone set.

Inductive Connection - Electromagnetic coupling between customer-provided equipment and Company equipment by means of mutual inductance between an inductor in the company equipment and a customer-provided inductor external to the Company equipment.

Initial Service 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.

Installation Charge - A nonrecurring charge made at the time of installation of communications service or equipment, which applies in addition to service charges and other applicable charges for service or equipment unless specifically excepted.

Intercommunicating System - An arrangement involving two or more stations which enables a user to signal and connect with other stations in the system.

Interconnection - The method by which telecommunications facilities of the Company are arranged to transmit to, or receive information from, customer-provided equipment.

Limited Service - Service which is limited to existing service at existing locations.

Line Construction Charges - The charges applied for additions to existing central office line facilities outside a Base Rate Area to provide service to business or residence customers.

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Line Extension - A circuit extending from a main terminal to an auxiliary terminal such as a line from a PBX switchboard to a telephone set or to a key.

Line Extension Mileage - The charges made for off-premises circuit extending from the main terminal.

Line Finder - See "Switch".

Local Calling Scope (LCS) - A combined Area in which interexchange telephone service is furnished at a flat rate between two or more exchange areas. See Extended Area Service.

Local Channel - That portion of a channel which connects a station to an interexchange channel or channel connecting two or more stations within an exchange area.

Local Exchange Service - Telephone communications within a local service area in accordance with the provisions of the Company's tariffs.

Local Message - A completed communication between customers' stations located within the same exchange area or local service area.

Local Calling Service Area - The area throughout which communication service is rendered to a customer or users without the application of toll charges.

Long Distance Message - See "Toll Message".

Long Distance Service - That part of the total telephone service provided by the Company which is furnished between customers in different exchange areas in accordance with the rates and regulations specified in the Company's Toll Tariff.

Main Terminal - The termination of a central office line on a customer's premises, usually at a protector.

Message - A completed customer call.

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Mileage - The measurement upon which charges are computed for Foreign Exchange, extension and private lines.

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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.

Mobile Telephone Service - A communication service provided by means of radio frequencies through a land radiotelephone base station. Connections may be established between a wire station and a mobile or fixed unit or between two mobile or fixed units.

Multiparty Line - A single central office circuit furnishing exchange service to a number of main terminals outside of the Base Rate area

Network Access Point - A connector, outlet or wiring termination on a customer's premises which affords connection to the network services of the Company.

Network Control Signaling Unit - The terminal equipment furnished, installed and maintained by the Company for the provision of network control signaling.

Network Interface Device (NID) - A device wired between the telecommunications protector and the inside wiring to isolate the customer's equipment from the network.

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Nonrecurring Charge - A one-time charge associated with a specific item of equipment. This charge applies to installation and to subsequent modification.

Notice - See "Disconnect Notice".

NRC - See "Nonrecurring Charge" or Service Charge".

Party Line - An exchange line designed for the connection of more than one line termination with the central office. (See also "Multiparty Line".)

Point of Demarcation - See "Demarcation Point".

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Premises - The buildings, portion or portions of a building on continuous property used and/or occupied at one time by the customer in the conduct of his business or as a residence. Where floor space in adjoining buildings is made continuous at one or more floor levels, all floor space in both buildings is considered as the same premises insofar as the customer who uses and occupies such continuous floor space is concerned, the two buildings otherwise being considered as separate buildings.

Private Branch Exchange System - A "Private Branch Exchange", or "Private Branch Exchange System", is an arrangement of equipment consisting of a switchboard or switching equipment situated on a customer's premises, stations connected with the switchboard or switching equipment, and connected by trunks with a central office, all of which provide for selective signaling and interconnection of such stations with each other and for communication with the general exchange system of the Company and for toll service

Private Line - A circuit provided to furnish communication between two or more telephones directly connected to it. Such terminals do not have access to the general exchange and interexchange networks.

Qualifying Low-Income Subscriber - A qualifying low-income subscriber is a subscriber who participates in one of the following programs: Medicaid; food stamps; supplemental security income; federal public housing assistance; or Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

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Registered Terminal Equipment - Equipment registered in accordance with FCC regulations which may be connected to access services of the Company.

Residence Service - Telephone service furnished to customers when the actual or obvious use is for domestic purposes.

Rural Service - A Type of multi-party central office access line service furnished to customers in certain sections outside the Base Rate Area but within the exchange area. This service provides for a number of customers to be served by the same central office line.

Selector - See "Switch".

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Service Charge - The nonrecurring charge a customer is required to pay for establishing telephone service or subsequent modification of that service. MISSOURI Public Service Commission

Station - Specific identifying number associated with a location on a communications system.

Subscriber - See "Customer".

Suburban Area - The territory surrounding the Base Rate Area in which suburban and rural services are furnished and in which urban classes of service are furnished at established rates.

Supplemental Facilities or Services - Services or facilities other than primary service.

Switch - A unit of dial switching equipment which provides interconnection between station lines or trunks.

Tariff - The schedule of rates and charges, rules and regulations adopted and filed by the Company and approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission.

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Telephone Company - See "Company".

Telephone Set - A telephone instrument consisting of a transmitter, receiver, and associated apparatus connected to permit transmission and receipt of telephone messages.

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Terminal Equipment - Equipment at the terminal of communication circuit.

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 Company are connected electrically, acoustically or inductively.

Toll Blocking - Toll blocking is a service provided by carriers that lets customers elect not to allow the completion of outgoing toll calls to the Long Distance Message Telecommunications Network, this would include 1+,0+ and/or 0- operator handled calls.

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Toll Service - Toll Service (long distance service) is that part of the total telephone service rendered by the Company which is furnished between customers in different exchange areas in accordance with the rates and regulations specified in the Company's Toll Tariff.

Trunk Line - A circuit over which customer's messages are sent between two central offices or between a central office and PBX system.

Underground Service Connection - A customer's "drop" wire which is run underground from a pole line or an underground distributing cable.

Wide Area Telecommunications Service (WATS) - The furnishing of inward or outward switched telephone communications service between a wide area service line and specified service areas.

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