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F. Extended Area Service (EAS)

1. Subscribers of the Cambridge Exchange have extended area service to the following exchanges at no charge:

Annawan	Green River	Andover
Atkinson	Oscos	
Geneseo	Orion	

2. Subscribers of the Oscos Exchange have extended area service to the following exchanges at no charge:

Annawan	Green River	Andover
Atkinson	Geneseo	
Cambridge	Bishop Hill	

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4. Use of EAS for Abusive or Fraudulent Services as described in Section 2, paragraph 7, may result in disconnection of the call.

G. Line Extensions

RATES

1. Line Extensions and Additions

- 1.1 Extensions to plant beyond existing exchange facilities of the utility.

- a. Line Extension Allowance:

The Company will construct at its own expense a maximum amount of line extension per applicant, as follows:

First 200 feet of construction, including drop

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G. Line Extensions (continued)

RATES

b. Extensions to plant exceeding Line Extension Allowance:

Actual Cost

GROUP OF APPLICANTS

When construction is required to serve a new applicant, a survey is made of all prospective subscribers who might be served from the new construction or an extension thereof and who might benefit by being included in the project. Line extension allowances are made only for those prospective subscribers making a written application for service.

All applicants are grouped in a single project when there is no more than 200 feet of construction between successive applicants. Separate projects are established whenever the construction between any two successive applicants exceeds 200 feet. Two or more projects are combined, however, whenever this results in lower charges (or no increase in charges) for all of the applicants involved.

An applicant at any premise receives only a single line extension allowance regardless of the number of services ordered at that premise.

Applicants ordering service at more than one premise are treated as separate applicants at each premise for purposes of this schedule.

For the purpose of determining project charges, the total project cost is divided equally among all applicants.

Exception:

- 1) No applicant is required to pay a higher charge than he would if the project were established for him alone. Any difference between this charge and the average charge for the group is absorbed by the Company.

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G. Line Extensions (continued)

CHARGES TO SUBSEQUENT APPLICANTS

When a new applicant can be served from a completed project within three years from the date service was initially established for such project, the charges for the entire project are recomputed to include the new applicant. The new applicant pays a prorated amount of the line extension charge based on the number of months (a fraction of a month is counted as a full month) remaining in the original three-year term. The time is computed from the date service is established for the new applicant.

Where additional construction is required for an applicant to be served from a project less than three years old, the cost of the project is computed as above if such recomputation does not increase the charges to those customers served from the existing project. Otherwise, a new project will be established.

When a project is recomputed as described previously, existing subscribers will be refunded a prorated amount of the difference between the original charges and the recomputed charges, based on the remainder of the three-year term. Recomputation of the charges due to the addition of new applicants is made on the assumption that there have been no disconnects.

DISCONNECTS AND REUSE OF FACILITIES

When one or more subscribers on a project disconnect within the three-year term, no refund is made of the line extension charge to the disconnected subscribers. Charges to remaining subscribers are not affected by disconnects.

When a subscriber disconnects service or moves off the project and service is established for a new applicant at the same location, any adjustment in charges is a matter for negotiation between the original subscriber and the new applicant.

Where a subscriber is disconnected for any reason and subsequently re-applies for service from the same premises or another premises on the same project, the subscriber will not be required to pay any additional line extension charges in addition to his total original obligation.

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G. Line Extensions (continued)

REAL ESTATE SUBDIVISIONS

Line extensions into real estate subdivisions will be made by the Company, provided 75% of the estimated total cost of such extension is advanced to the Company by the subdivider. The amount so advanced will be refunded to the subdivider when 50% of the estimated total telephone services are connected within the subdivision during a period of five years from date of agreement. Failure to reach 50% of the estimated total in five years will result in forfeiture of advanced funds. The subdivider shall notify the Company in writing when the 50% hook-up has been attained. Final evaluation will be made by the Company.

TEMPORARY OR SPECULATIVE SERVICE

Line extensions and/or additions to provide service to an applicant engaged in temporary or speculative business will be made on the condition that applicant pays to the Company the total cost of the construction and removal of the line necessary in furnishing the service, less the salvage value of the material used.

If a subscriber maintains, for twelve consecutive months, a service installation which was originally established on a temporary or speculative basis, and if his business or operation at the end of that time has proven its permanency to the satisfaction of the Company, there will be refunded to the subscriber an amount equal to the difference between the payment made and the normal line extension charge which would have been applicable at the time the subscriber's service was installed.

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H. Seasonal and Vacation

1. Conditions

.1 Seasonal service will be furnished under the following conditions:

.1.1 Available to all classes and grades of exchange service where the usage is of a seasonal nature;

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- .1.2 No inward or outward service will be provided during the period of suspension.
- .1.3 Charges may be billed in total prior to the connection of service or monthly at the option of the Telephone Company.
- .2 Vacation
 - .2.1 The monthly rate will be based upon 50% of the regular rate for the basic and associated additional services suspended for a minimum of 30 days.
 - .2.2 A Service Order Change Charge will apply for the suspension of service. A Service Order Change Charge and a Service Reconnection Charge will apply for the subsequent restoral of service.

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7. Directory Listings

.1 Conditions

- .1.1 One primary listing will be furnished at no charge. It will include the name, address and telephone number of the individual, organization, firm or corporation for whom the service has been contracted.
- .1.2 Listings will be limited to such information as is necessary for proper identification.
- .1.3 The length of a listing may be limited by the use of abbreviations where the clarity of the listing and the identification of the customer will not be impaired.
- .1.4 The Telephone Company may refuse to insert any listing which in its judgment does not facilitate the use of the directory.
- .1.5 An additional listing must include the same address and telephone number as the primary listing except that a different address may be shown for an off-premises extension located on other premises occupied solely by the customer.
- .1.6 Additional listings may be furnished with residence service for others who are members of the customer's domestic establishment and who occupy the same premises.
- .1.7 An alternate call listing refers a calling party to certain other telephone numbers after business or on Sundays or holidays or if there is no answer on the first listed number.
- .1.8 Where the alternate call number is to be that of another customer, the listing will be furnished only with written approval of the other customer.

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A foreign listing may be furnished customers requesting that their listings be included in a directory for another exchange. The rate for foreign company listing will be the rate of the company in whose directory the listing appears.

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.1.11 The charge for additional alternate listings begins on the day the information records are posted.

.1.12 The length of contract for directory listings where the listing actually appears in the directory is the directory period. The directory period is from the day on which the directory is distributed to the customers to the day the succeeding directory is distributed to the customers.

.2 Rates - See Section No. 6, Paragraph No. 8.

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.3 Nonlisted service is an arrangement where a customer's listing is omitted from the Telephone Company directory provided to its subscribers.

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- .3.1 When nonlisted service is to be furnished, the customer will hold the Telephone Company harmless from any damages which might arise and will absolve the Telephone Company from any responsibility for the failure of the customer to receive calls or any other services because of the nonlisted service.
- .3.2 Nonlisted service does not preclude an information operator or Telephone Company representative from giving out information about this number just as would be provided with a directory listing.
- .3.3 A nonlisted telephone number associated with the line used by the calling party to place outgoing calls may be forwarded to subscribers (called parties) of "Caller ID", as described in section 5.

- .4 Nonpublished service is an arrangement where a customer's listing is omitted from both the telephone directory and information records.

- .4.1 When nonpublished service is to be furnished, the customer will hold the Telephone Company harmless from any damages which might arise and will absolve the Telephone Company from any responsibility for the failure of the customer to receive calls or any other services because of the nonpublished listing.

- .4.2 Any information associated with the telephone number of a subscriber with a nonpublished number will not be provided, EXCEPT:

- a. to a Grand Jury or in open Court pursuant to lawful process.
- b. as part of a data-base for automated 911 emergency service.

- .4.3 A nonpublished telephone number associated with the line used by the calling party to place outgoing calls may be forwarded to subscribers (called parties) of caller ID, as described in Section 5.

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- .4.4 The Telephone Company will guard against unauthorized disclosure of any information pertaining to a nonpublished number. The Company retains the right to authorize disclosure of any information pertaining to a nonpublished number if it determines such disclosure to be appropriate. The provision of a nonpublished number does not absolutely guarantee such information will not become known and used by unauthorized personnel. The customer will hold the Telephone Company harmless from any damages which might arise and will absolve the Telephone Company from any responsibility due to the knowledge and/or use of information pertaining to a nonpublished number by unauthorized personnel. (M)

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J. Customer-Provided Systems and/or Terminal Equipment.

A. General

Customer-provided communications systems or terminal equipment will be connected with facilities of the Telephone Company as provided in the following paragraphs.

1. Basis of Connection

- a. Customer-provided and maintained terminal equipment and communications systems may be connected to the general exchange, message toll, or private line network facilities of the Company as specified in this Section by direct electrical connection at the network interface.

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2. Responsibility of the Customer

- a. Where exchange and message toll telephone services are available under this tariff for use in connection with customer-provided systems and/or equipment, the operating characteristics of such equipment shall be such as not to interfere with any of the services offered by the Telephone Company (hereinafter referred to as the Company). Such use is subject to the further provisions that the customer-provided systems and/or equipment does not:
- 1) Endanger the safety of Company employees or the public.
 - 2) Damage, require change in or alteration of, the equipment or other facilities of the Company.
 - 3) Interfere with the proper functioning of such equipment or facilities.

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- 4) Impair the operation of the Company system or otherwise injure the public in its use of the Company services.
- b. Upon notice from the Company that the customer-provided system and/or equipment is causing or is likely to create such hazard or interference, the customer shall make such change as shall be necessary to remove such hazard or interference. Failure to make such necessary changes will result in disconnection of service until such changes are completed to the satisfaction of the Company. (See Section 2 of this tariff). The customer shall be responsible for the payment of Company charges for service calls by Company employees to the customer's premises where a service difficulty or trouble report results from customer-provided systems and/or equipment.
- c. The customer indemnifies and saves the Company harmless against claims for libel, slander or infringement of copyright from the material transmitted over its facilities, against claims for infringement of patents arising from combining with, or using in connection with, facilities of the Company, equipment of the customer; and against all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in connection with facilities provided by the Company.
- d. When a customer elects to interconnect, he must provide all of the terminal equipment on the customer's side of the Company-provided connecting arrangement.
- e. The customer desiring to connect customer-provided equipment to the exchange and message toll telecommunications network must notify the Company in writing prior to the desired in-service date. The written notification shall include:

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- 1) Type manufacturer of each item of equipment.
- 2) The number of access lines desired, when the customer desires to provide his entire communications system.
- 3) The characteristics (e.g. electrical, dial, signaling, transmission, power) of the equipment to be used. If the equipment being provided by the customer for interconnection has not been tested or evaluated by the Company prior to application for connection, such equipment will be available for testing purposes on or before a date which shall be specified by the Company.

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- g. The Company may require, as a condition to providing interconnection service, full payment by the customer of all sums due the Telephone Company, including but not limited to reimbursement for loss or damage to telephone facilities, periodic charges for facilities and serviced, termination charges, installation charges, minimum charges.

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- i. Customer-provided station apparatus may be used with the facilities furnished by the Company for exchange and message toll telephone services provided that such station

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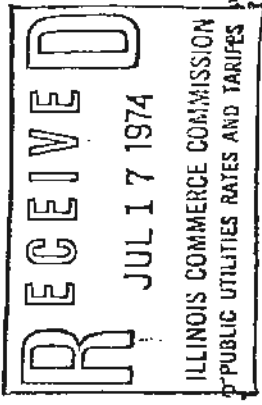
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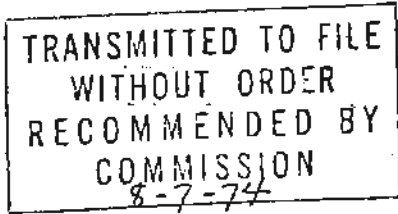
3. Responsibility of the Company



The company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation or maintenance of any customer-provided communications systems and/or terminal equipment. Exchange and message toll telephone services are not represented as adapted to the use of customer-provided communications systems and/or terminal equipment and the Company shall not be responsible for the through transmissions systems and/or terminal equipment or for the quality of or defects in such transmission, or the reception of signals by the customer-provided communications systems and/or terminal equipment.

The Company shall not be responsible to the customer or otherwise of changes in the criteria contained in B.2.b. and B.2.c., or in any of the facilities, operations, or procedures of the Company which might render any customer-provided communications systems and/or terminal equipment obsolete or require modification or alteration of such equipment or otherwise affect its use or performance.

4. Violation of Regulations



a. Where any customer-provided communications systems and/or terminal equipment is used with exchange and message toll telephone services in violation of any of the provisions of this tariff, the Company will take such immediate action as necessary for the protection of the network, and will promptly notify the customer of the violation. The customer shall discontinue such use of the equipment or correct the violation and shall confirm in writing of the Company within ten (10) days, (N)

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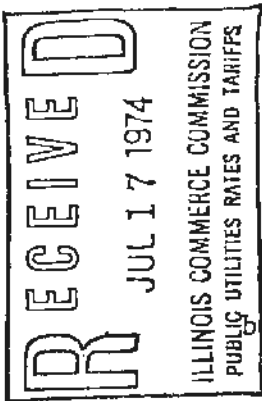
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following the receipt of written notice from the Company, that such use has ceased or that the violation has been corrected. Failure of the customer to discontinue such use or to correct the violation and to give the required written confirmation to the Company within the time stated above shall result in disconnection of the customer's service until such time as the customer complies with the provisions of this tariff. The Company reserves the right to disconnect at the coupling device, any customer-provided equipment which may prove to have a harmful effect on the switching network.

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No equipment, apparatus, circuit or device not furnished by the Company shall be attached to or connected with the facilities furnished by the Company, whether physically, by induction or otherwise, except as provided in this tariff. In case any such unauthorized attachment or connection is made, the Company shall have the right to remove or disconnect the same; or to suspend the service during the continuance of said attachment or connection; or to terminate the service.

5. Initial Contract Periods

a. Except as otherwise provided, the initial (or minimum) period for all services and facilities is one month at the same location.

b. The length of contract period for directory listings, where the listing actually appears in the directory, 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 customers.

c. The Company may require a contract period longer than one month at the same location in connection with special (non-standard) types or arrangements

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of equipment, or for unusual construction, necessary to meet special demands and involving extra costs.

6. Payment for Service

The customer is responsible for payment of all charges for facilities and services furnished.

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7. Interruption of Service

If initial service is not provided or service is interrupted, a pro-rata adjustment at the Tariff Rate for the service shall be made for the time such event continues after notice when requested by the customer if service interrupted or not provided is not caused by negligence or willful act of the customer or by failure of power supply or by testing and adjusting. The pro-rata adjustment will be made at the Tariff Rate for the telephone facility and class of service affected by such event, for such time as the event continues. No other liability shall attach to the Company in consideration of such service interruption.

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8. Termination of Service

a. Service may be terminated prior to the expiration of the initial contract period upon notice being given to the Company ten (10) days in advance and upon payment of all charges due for service which has been furnished, in addition to the termination charges given below:

1) In the case of service for which the initial contract period is one month, the charges due for the balance of the initial month.

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- 2) In the case of special equipment for which the initial contract period is in excess of one month at the same location, such proportion of the sum of the cost of the equipment and of its installation, of the equipment removed, as the unexpired portion of the initial contract period bears to the full contract period.
- 3) In the case of directory listings where the listing has appeared in the directory, the charges due to the end of the directory period, except that in the following cases charges will continue only to the date of termination of the extra listing subject, however, to a minimum charge for one month:
 - a) The contract for the main service is terminated.
 - b) The listed party becomes a customer to some other class of exchange service.
 - c) The listed party moves to a new location.
- b. Service may be terminated after the expiration of the initial contract period, upon notification to the Company ten (10) days in advance and upon payment of all charges due to the date of termination of the service.

9. Telephone Directories

One directory may be furnished for each access line or PBX trunk.

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11. Unusual Installation Costs

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

Tampering with Equipment

The Company may refuse to furnish or may deny telephone service to any person, firm or corporation on whose premises is located any telephone equipment 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.

13. Transmitting Messages

The Company does not undertake to transmit messages but offers the use of its facilities where available for the communications between parties subject to the terms and conditions specified in this Tariff.

14. Arrangements with Other Companies

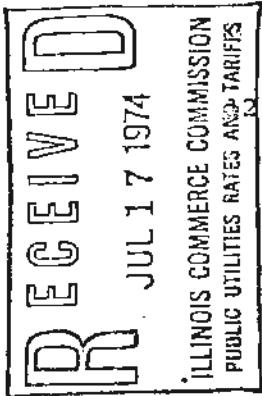
When suitable arrangements can be made, lines of other telephone companies and common carriers may be used in establishing connections to points not reached by the Company's lines. In establishing connection with the lines of other companies and common carriers, the Company is not responsible or liable for any action of the connecting company.

15. Identification of Automatic Announcements

Use of Company facilities or service in connection with automatic announcement service, automatic answering and recording

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service, recorder coupler service or miscellaneous devices for recorded public announcements is subject to the following conditions:

- a. For purposes of identification, customers to telephone 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.
- b. Customers transmitting factual public announcements such as Time, Stock Market quotations, Airline schedules and similar information are excluded from the preceding condition.
- c. Non-published telephone service will not be furnished for use with recorded public announcements.
- d. Failure to comply with the provisions of this tariff shall be cause for termination of the service.

16. Maintenance and Repairs

All ordinary expense of maintenance and repair of Company's facilities unless otherwise specified in the Company's filed 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 equipment to its original condition, except where such damage is not occasioned by the negligence of the subscriber. Customers may not rearrange, disconnect or remove, any facilities belonging to the Company, except upon written consent of the Company.

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B. Systems Required

1. Application

Customers desiring to interconnect are required to submit technical information relating to the equipment or systems to be interconnected prior to their desired service date, in order that compatibility of such systems or equipment with the telecommunications system can be determined in advance of installation by the Company. In addition, the Company reserves the right to inspect completed installations of customer-owned and maintained terminal equipment prior to approval by the Company to determine that said installation will not cause hazardous voltages to be connected to facilities of the Company; will provide proper network control signaling; and will not exceed voice band and out-of-voice band transmission levels as set forth in this tariff. A charge based on cost will be made by the Company for inspection of customer-owned and maintained terminal equipment installations. Further the Company reserves the right to inspect and review the customer-provided system and/or terminal equipment at periodic intervals to insure continuing adherence to the technical requirements outlined in this tariff. The customer must permit the Company to have access to and use of the customer's station apparatus and attendant's console(s) or switchboard for the purpose of inspection and testing. (T) (T)

2. Technical Criteria

a. Network Control Signaling

Network Control Signaling is defined as the transmission of signals used in the exchange and message toll network which perform functions such as supervision (control, status and charging signals), address signaling (calling and called number identification), audible tone signals (call progress signals indicating re-order or busy

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conditions) to control the operation of switching machines in the exchange and message toll network. Satisfactory performance of the exchange and message toll services network requires continuing functional compatibility of the network control signals and the switching equipment involved. To assure such continuing compatibility, network control signaling in the furnishing of exchange and message toll services shall be performed by equipment furnished, installed and maintained by the Company.

b. Direct Electrical Connection

Customer-provided voice transmitting and/or receiving communications systems and/or terminal equipment which involves direct electrical (hard wire) connection to the facilities furnished by the Company for exchange and message toll telephone services may be connected with such facilities in accordance with (1) and (2) following.

- 1) The connection shall be made through a Company network interface which shall be furnished, installed and maintained by the Company. (T)
- 2) To protect the exchange and message toll network and the services furnished to the general public by the Company from harmful effects, the customer-provided voice transmitting equipment must comply with the following minimum network protection criteria:
 - a) To prevent excessive noise and cross talk in the network it is necessary that the long term average power of the applied signal during established connections not exceed 12db below one milliwatt at the serving central office. To insure that this limit is not exceeded, the power of

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the signal which may be applied by the customer-provided communications systems and/or terminal equipment to the Company interface located on the customer's premises shall not exceed 7db below one milliwatt averaged over any three second interval.

- b) To protect other services, it is necessary that the total power of the signal above 4,000 Hertz which is applied by the customer-provided communications systems and/or terminal equipment to the Company interface located on the customer's premises not exceed 30db below one milliwatt between 4,000 Hertz and 14,000 Hertz and not exceed 45db below one milliwatt above 15,000 Hertz.
- c) To prevent the interruption of disconnection of a call, or interference with network control signaling, it is necessary that the signal applied by the customer-provided communications systems and/or terminal equipment to the Company interface located on the customer's premises at no time have energy solely in the 2250 to 2750 Hertz band and if energy does exist in that band, it must not exceed the power present at the same time in the 800 to 2250 Hertz band.

c. Acoustic, Inductive Connections

- 1) Customer-provided voice transmitting and/or receiving terminal equipment may be acoustically connected with Company facilities and customer-provided voice receiving equipment may be inductively connected with Company facilities for exchange and message toll telephone services provided the acoustic or inductive connection is made externally to a Company network interface.

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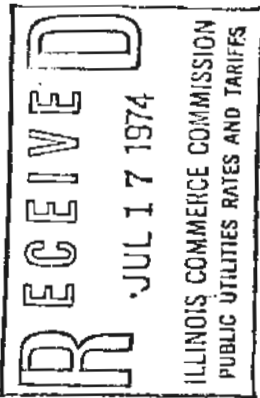
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- 2) To protect the exchange and message toll network and the services furnished to the general public by the Company from harmful effects, the customer-provided voice transmitting equipment must comply with the following minimum network protection criteria:



- a) To prevent excessive noise and crosstalk in the network it is necessary that the power of the signal which is applied by the customer-provided communications systems and/or terminal equipment to the network control signaling unit located on the customer's premises be limited so that the signal power at the output point of the network control signaling unit (i.e., at the input to the Company line) does not exceed 9db below one milliwatt when averaged over any three second interval.
- b) To protect other services it is necessary that the total power of the signal above 4,000 Hertz which is applied by the customer-provided communications system and/or terminal equipment to the network control signaling unit (i.e., at the input to the Company line) does not exceed 30db below one milliwatt between 4,000 Hertz and 15,000 Hertz and does not exceed below 45db below one milliwatt above 15,000 Hertz.
- c) To prevent the interruption of disconnection of a call or interference with the network control signaling, it is necessary that the signal applied by the customer-provided communications systems and/or equipment to the network control signaling unit located on the customer's premises be limited so that the signal at the output of the network control signaling unit (i.e., at the input to the

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Company line) shall at no time have energy solely in 2250 to 2750 Hertz band. If there is signal power at the output of the network control signaling unit in the 2250 to 2750 Hertz band, it must not exceed the power present at the same time in the 800 to 2250 Hertz band.

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K. SERIES CHANNEL SERVICE

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Series 1000, 2001A, 2001B, 2001C and 3002 have been grand fathered for all customers which had existing service or requested service before June May 1, 2001. Terms and Conditions and Rate structures will remain the same under tariff provisions filed prior to this submission.

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N. Direct High Capacity Service 1.544 Megabits Per Second Digital Service. (N)

1. General

a. 1.544 Megabits per second (Mbps) Digital Service consists of two-point digital channels and equipment which provide for simultaneous two-way transmission of serial, isochronous digital signals at a transmission speed of 1.544 Mbps. 1.544 Mbps Digital Service may be used to connect:

- (1) Two customer premises,
- (2) A customer's premises, and a Company office or
- (3) A customers premises, a Company office or another exchange's facility at an exchange boundry.

b. The regulations and rates specified herein are in addition to the applicable regulations and rates specified in this and other Sections of this tariff.

c. 1.544 Megabits Digital Service is classified as a non-competitive local exchange and interexchange telecommunications service, except as provided for elsewhere in this tariff.

d. A High Capacity Facility is any Facility capable of transmitting signals at DS1 rate.

2. Regulations

a. Availability of Service

- (1) 1.544 Mbps Digital Service can only be provided from central offices equipped for appropriate digital transmission.

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2. Regulations (Continued)

a. Availability of Service (Continued)

(2) Where appropriate facilities are not immediately available, negotiated order intervals will apply.

(3) Where appropriate facilities are not immediately available, the customer may be required to pay a reasonable portion of the costs of providing such facilities as negotiated.

b. Provision of Service

(1) 1.544 Mbps Digital Service is available only on a two point basis.

(2) 1.544 Mbps Digital Service is furnished on a full-time basis (24 hours a day, seven days a week).

(3) 1.544 Mbps Digital Service is designed to provide an average performance of at least 95% error-free-seconds of transmission measured over a continuous 24 hour period. The service is considered interrupted when the customer reports to the Company that continuity has been lost or that the service is operating at a performance level of 300 or more seconds of transmission containing errors in a consecutive 15 minute period. (N)

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b. Provision of Service (con't)

- (4) 1.544 Mbps Digital Service connecting a customer's premises and a Company office for digital trunk access with Digital Trunking Service will be provided in multiples of 24 network access lines for use as P.B.X. trunks or WATS.

c. Customer Signal Constraints

All signals generated by customer terminal equipment must meet the signal and format constraints as specified by the Company.

d. Mileage Measurements

(1) Inter-Office Facility/Facility Mileage

Mileage used to rate the Inter-office Facility or Facility Mileage is the route distance measured between the central office and the point where the facility crosses the exchange boundary or between the central offices if both are within the same exchange. (N)

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d. Mileage Measurements (con't)

(2) Local Facility

Mileage used to rate the Local Facility is the route distance measured between the customer's premises and the central office if within that exchange or to the point where the facility crosses the exchange boundary if passing out of the customer's serving exchange.

- (3) If a facility other than the most direct suitable facility available is selected by the Company to provide this service, the mileage measurements will be along the most direct suitable facility available. (N)

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3. Service Functions

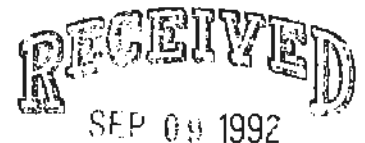
a. Channelization

- (1) Company-provided central office channelization equipment for use in connection with customer provided channelization equipment provides up to 24 voice channels.
- (2) Company-provided central office channelization equipment will be used in conjunction with customer provided channelization equipment for digital trunk access with Digital Trunking Service.

b. Clear Channel Capability is an arrangement which allows a customer to transport 1.536 Mbps of information on a 1.544 Mbps circuit with no constraint on the quantity or sequence of one and zero bits. Clear Channel Capability is only provided on non-channelized circuits.

4. Rates and Charges

Rates and charges for the optional Payment Plan and the Month-to-month Rate Plan are specified in section 6 following.



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5. Optional Payment Plan (OPP) Con't

c. Changes

- (1) With the written permission of the Company, consistent with other regulations of this tariff, the obligation to pay the OPP Charges may be assumed by another customer if the service has not been terminated and if the other customer intends to continue using the service at the present location and actually continues such use. Such assumption of service does not relieve or discharge the original customer from remaining jointly or severally liable with the transferee for any and all obligations existing at the time of the transfer.
- (2) At any time during their contract period customers may change to a new OPP as long as it is equal to or greater than the time period remaining on their current OPP. The new contract becomes effective upon execution. Month-to-Month Payment Plan customers may also change to an OPP. No credit for months under the Month-to-Month Payment Plan may be transferred to the new contract. In all situations described in this paragraph, the customer incurs no liability for the remaining months on the original OPP since the change is not considered a termination as defined in b. preceding. (N)

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- N. Direct High Capacity Service 1.544 Megabits Per Second Digital Service (Continued) (N)
5. Optional Payment Plan (OPP) (Con't)
- c. Changes (Con't)
- (3) High Capacity Service Charges will not apply when customers (1) change the length of their OPP payment period, or (2) change from the month-to-month rate plan to an OPP. The rates applicable for the new period are those currently in effect for new customers. A Business Service ordering Charge for Record Work Only applies for these changes.
- (4) During the term of their OPP contract, customers may move the Service Interface of their OPP service to another location within their premises without incurring the termination liability described in b. preceding. High Capacity Service Charges Order Charge to establish 1.544 Mbps Digital Service, however, will apply. Any interpositioned wire or additional equipment needed is the responsibility of the customer, as it is for a new installation.
- d. Renewal options
- (1) Six months prior to completion of the customer contract period, any period then available under the OPP may be selected at the rates currently in effect for new customers at the time of the renewal. The customer will be charged the then current rate for the renewal payment period upon execution of the new contract. (N)

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- N. Direct High Capacity Service 1.544 Megabits Per Second Digital Service (Continued) (N)
5. Optional Payment Plan (OPP) (Con't)
- d. Renewal Options (con't)
- (2) Extension of a contract may be made for any number of months not less than twelve months nor greater than the length of the existing contract term. The rates applied to the extension will be those currently in effect at the time of the extension for a new contract of the same length as the existing contract.
- (3) If the customer does not elect a new OPP and does not request discontinuance of service, service will be continued at the monthly rate then currently in effect for the Month-to-Month Payment Plan. At a later date, the customer may elect any contract option currently in effect for new customers.
- (4) Initial Nonrecurring Charges and High Capacity Service Charges for 1.544 Mbps Service do not apply to renewals. The monthly contract rates applicable for the new period are those currently in effect for new customers. A Business Service ordering Charge for Record Work Only applies for renewals. (N)

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