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Automatic Bank Payment (ABP)

An option available to customers to enable payment of telephone bills automatically. The customer's bank, savings and loan or credit union account is debited each month for the amount owing on their telephone bill. Twelve days after the monthly telephone statement is issued, the payment is deducted from the customer's account.

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Business Service

Exchange service furnished to individuals engaged in business, firms, partnerships, corporations, agencies, shops, works, tenants of office buildings, and individuals practicing a profession or operating a business who have no offices other than their residences and where the use of the service is principally or substantially of a business, professional or occupational nature. If the directory listing denotes the character of the service to be for business

Central Office

A Telephone Company's switching office unit by means of which one telephone station may be connected to another.

Central Office Trunk

A Network Access Line between the central office and a multiline system located on the customer's premises.

Class A Central Office Trunk - A trunk utilized by those multiline systems which automatically select a trunk from the system's group of trunks when the system station user activates the trunk selection function of the system's common equipment.

Class B Central Office Trunk - A trunk utilized by those multiline systems wherein the multiline system station user or attendant has the capability of individually selecting a specific central office trunk from the system's group of central office trunks.

CentraNet®

Allows intercom (IC) calling (abbreviated calling) between stations in the same customer group without incurring usage.

Company

(See Utility)

DEFINITIONS

Continuous Property

A property owned or leased by an applicant or customer where all portions may be served without crossing a public thoroughfare or the property of another. The property of an applicant or customer when divided by a public thoroughfare is considered to be continuous provided the applicant or customer furnishes at his expense a pedestrian underground or enclosed pedestrian overhead passageway suitable for telephone circuits between the portions of the property separated by the public thoroughfare.

In the application of the Rule governing Line Extensions, Service Connection and Facilities on Premises of Customer only, a Continuous Property may contain two or more lots or parcels, each individually owned and aggregating less than the whole of the property, with each owner having an interest in the remainder of the property by virtue of his ownership of his lot or parcel (as in certain planned unit developments).

Customer

An individual or concern regularly receiving exchange telephone service other than that from public telephone stations.

Customer Premises Inside Wire (CPIW)

Wire for telecommunications purposes which is on the customer's premises. CPIW begins on the customer's side of the Demarcation Point.

Date of Presentation

The date upon which a bill or notice is mailed or delivered to the customer.

Demarcation Point (Network Interface)

The point of common termination of Company-provided and customer-provided facilities, the protector or Standard Network Interface (SNI).

Dial Telephone Service

Service by means of a telephone system in which the customer's station telephone is equipped with a dial for use in originating calls therefrom as opposed to a touch tone number pad.

DEFINITIONS

Digital

Information which is expressed in binary code in discrete on or off noncontinuous electrical signal form.

Directory Listings

Essential information in the telephone directory whereby telephone users may ascertain the telephone number of a customer's station.

Distribution Facilities

The Utility's cables, wires and associated supporting structures and appurtenances, located in dedicated streets and utility easements, designed to serve more than one property and extending from the serving central office to the points of connection with service connections. (See Line Extensions and Service Connections)

DS1

A digital transmission facility which transmits data at 1.544 Megabits per second (Mbps). The DS1 is divided into 24 voice grade channels capable of carrying a transmission speed of 56 Kilobits per second (Kbps).

Emergency

A situation which exists when serious sickness, public safety, necessity or war conditions are involved.

Exchange

A telephone system providing service within a specific area as shown on maps filed elsewhere in the tariff schedules and within which communications are considered as exchange messages, except those messages between toll points.

Exchange Area

An area shown on maps filed elsewhere in tariff schedules within which the Utility holds itself out to furnish exchange telephone service from one or more central offices serving that area.

DEFINITIONS

Exchange Message

A completed telephone call or telephonic communication between exchange stations in the same local service area except messages between toll points.

Exchange Service

See Network Access Line

Existing Customers

Customers or subscribers to a service at a specific point in time. Often used in reference to those customers of record at the time that a service is classified as frozen, grandfathered or limited to existing customers.

Farmer Line Service

Exchange service furnished in the suburban area of an exchange by means of lines owned and maintained by individuals. Such lines connect to the Utility's facilities at the boundary of the primary rate area or the city limits, whichever is the farther from the central office. All switching service is performed by the Utility at its central office.

Fictitious Name

A name or style employed by an individual or a concern to direct attention to a commodity or service or for any purpose other than the actual conduct of the business.

Flat Rate Service

Exchange service furnished at a fixed periodic charge.

Foreign Attachment

Equipment attached or connected to Utility equipment not owned or authorized by the utility for use with the telephone service furnished.

Foreign Exchange

In connection with foreign exchange service, that exchange in which is located the central office from which foreign exchange service is furnished.

DEFINITIONS

Foreign Exchange Service

Exchange service furnished by means of facilities connecting a customer's telephone with a central office in an exchange area other than the exchange area in which the telephone is located, or extension service or PBX station service in an exchange area other than that in which the primary telephone or PBX station service is located.

Frozen/Grandfathered Service/Service Limited to Existing Customers

The term "frozen/grandfathered service" applies to an obsolete and/or outdated service the Utility no longer wishes to provide. The freezing/grandfathering of a service is the Utilities method of managing a tariff for this service prior to ultimately discontinuing the service, or change existing tariff regulations without discontinuing certain rights, privileges or conditions of the service to existing customers.

Full Duplex

Type of communication that supports the transmission of signals in both directions simultaneously. This is not associated with simultaneous transmission of voice and data communications.

Half Duplex

Type of communication that supports transmission of signals alternately in both directions, but is not capable of simultaneous and independent transmission and reception. This is not associated with simultaneous transmission of voice and data communications.

Hunting

A search through a group of numbers until an idle station is found or the last number of the group is reached.

Individual Case Basis (ICB)

A condition by which regulations, rates and charges for an offering are based on circumstances specific to one customer. (Sometimes Called Individual Cost Basis.)

DEFINITIONS

Individual Line Service

Exchange service furnished by means of a central office line or circuit assigned for use for one primary station only.

Industry Standard Wire or Cable

Wiring which conforms with industry standards and is installed in accordance with established guidelines.

Inside Wire Demarcation Point (IWDP)

The point where customer premises equipment connects to inside wire.

Installation Charge

A initial, nonrecurring charge made under certain conditions to cover all or a portion of the cost of installing telephone equipment. The payment of an installation charge gives the customer no ownership, wholly or in part, of the property installed.

Intercommunicating System

An arrangement of control stations, sound reproducers, interconnecting channels, amplifiers and accessory equipment, to provide communication service without connection to exchange service or toll service facilities.

Interexchange/Interdistrict Area Circuit or Intraexchange/Interdistrict Area Circuit

Denotes a private line circuit which has any leg of the circuit served from a wire center of an exchange or district area that is different from the exchange or district area serving one or more other legs of the circuit.

DEFINITIONS

Interwire Center Channel

The term "Interwire Center Channel" applies to that portion of a circuit which interconnects different wire centers that serve the customer.

Interwire Center Service

The term "Interwire Center Service" applies to circuits which interconnect separate wire centers as specified in the particular schedules governing the respective services.

Intrabuilding Cable (INC)

Sheathed cable located on the customer's side of a local loop demarcation point (LLDP). INC may run vertically (riser cable) within a building or horizontally (lateral cable) within a building or between buildings. As of August 8, 1993, building owners are responsible for INC in new, existing or fully renovated buildings.

Intrabuilding Cable Demarcation Point (INCDP)

The point where intrabuilding cable connects to inside wire. Generally, the INCDP will be located at the distribution terminal(s) on each floor.

Intraexchange/Intradistrict Area Circuit

An "Intraexchange/Intradistrict Area Circuit" denotes a Private Line Circuit in which all of the legs of the circuit are served from within the same exchange or district area.

Intrawire Center Channel

The term "Intrawire Center Channel" applies to that portion of a circuit which is served within the same wire center.

Intrawire Center Service

The term "Intrawire Center Service" applies to circuits that are interconnected entirely within the same serving wire center.

DEFINITIONS

Lateral Cable

See Intrabuilding Cable.

Line Extension

Line extensions consist of overhead or underground extensions to plant from existing distribution facilities to new service connections, and exclude additions to plant along existing telephone facilities. (See Distribution Facilities and Service Connections)

Listings

The posting of a customer's name in the Utility's information records, or directory shall constitute a listing.

Local Loop Demarcation Point (LLDP)

The point where the Utility's network connects to intrabuilding cable or to inside wire and the Utility's responsibility ends. It is generally located at the point of entry at the entrance facility.

Local Private Line Telephone Service

A service furnished for the customer's own use by means of a line to which are permanently connected two or more telephone stations and which shall not be connected for exchange service.

Local Service

An exchange service available in a particular exchange area for communication between telephones served from that exchange area only. See Network Access Line.

Local Service Area

An area within which are located the telephone which customers may call at Network Access rates, in accordance with the provisions of the exchange tariffs. The local service area may include the whole or a part of an exchange area, or parts or all of two or more exchange areas.

DEFINITIONS

Message Rate Service

A telephone service, the charges for which are based upon the number of outgoing messages to telephone receiving service from the same local service area.

Message Unit

A unit measurement of the outgoing message use in accordance with the provisions of the tariff schedules.

Mileage Charges

The additional charges for Network Access service based upon distance measurement for service furnished outside the primary rate area or off the premises of the primary telephone or in connection with Foreign Exchange Service.

Move and Change Charge

A charge made for a change of location or type of equipment on the same premises made at the customer's request where there is no interruption of service other than that incident to the work involved and which is not initiated by the Utility or required for the proper maintenance of the equipment or service.

National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Services

The term "National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Services" denotes telecommunications services which are used to maintain a state of readiness or to respond to and manage any event or crisis (local, national or international), which causes or could cause injury or harm to the population, damage to or loss of property, or degrades or threatens the NSEP posture of the United States.

DEFINITIONS

Network Access Line

A communications facility between the customer's premises and the serving central office providing access to and from the telecommunications network.

NSEP Treatment

The term "NSEP Treatment" refers to the provisioning of a telecommunications service before others based on the provisioning priority level assigned by the Executive Office of the President.

Off-Peak

The Off-Peak period for usage rating is from 5:00 PM to 7:59 AM.

Off-Premises Stations and Extensions

Off-premises stations are appearances of private branch exchange station lines in premises other than that in which the switchboard or switching equipment is located.

Off-Premises extensions are additional appearances of Network Access Lines or station lines.

Peak

The Peak period for usage rating is from 8:00 AM to 4:59 PM.

Permanent Disconnect

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

Premises

A building, two or more buildings, or part of a building, including associated grounds, located on continuous property, and occupied by an individual customer. This could include all or part of a single residential or business building, or multiple buildings on continuous property.

DEFINITIONS

Premises Wire

Customer-provided wire located or placed between the intrabuilding cable (INC) demarcation point and the inside wire demarcation point (IWDP). Where there is no INC, premises wire is located between the Utility's local loop demarcation point (LLDP) and the inside wire demarcation point. Premises wire can be either inside wire or intrasystem wire, depending on terminating services and facilities.

Primary Rate Area

A more closely built-up section of the exchange area in which the base rates apply without mileage charges.

Primary Station

The main telephone station (excluding extension stations) or PBX switchboard station of a customer's service

Private Branch Exchange (PBX) Service

Exchange service furnished by means of a PBX switchboard or mechanical equipment located on the customer's premises and local stations with local communication between them and with communication to the general system by means of exchange trunks to the Utility's central office.

Private Branch Exchange Trunk

A telephone circuit for the purpose of connecting stations of a manual or dial PBX system to the utility's central office in the exchange area in which the manual or dial PBX system is located.

Private Line

A direct channel for communications between two or more specified customer locations furnished to customers for their exclusive use.

Private Line Network

A "Private Line Network" consists of two or more private line circuits provided to one customer and reaching one or more common service points. The lines may be operated separately or they may be connected or connectable by means of a switching arrangement.

DEFINITIONS

Private Line Service and Channels Interexchange

Private line telephone service provides the requisite facilities, including channels and station equipment, to enable the customer and authorized users to transport verbal or data communications between specified locations.

Property Owner/Landlord/Agent

The owner of real property who occupies, leases or rents property for residential or commercial purposes, or the owner's authorized representative.

Provider of Last Resort

The Utility acting to offer a normally competitive service within a marketplace absent a showing that reasonable alternative service suppliers exist.

Public Utilities Commission

The Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, sometimes referred to as the Commission.

Residence Service

Exchange telephone service furnished a customer at a residence or place of dwelling where the actual or obvious use is for domestic purposes.

DEFINITIONS

Riser Cable

See Intrabuilding Cable

Room

Space in a building surrounded by walls or closed partitions provided the opening, if any, between the top of such walls or partitions and the ceiling is less than two feet.

Service Connection

Wire or cable and associated underground supporting structure where used, from the point of connection with the utility's distribution facilities to the point of connection with the interior wiring at the building served. A service connection serves only the continuous property of which it is located. An incidental segment may be located in the adjacent dedicated street or utility easement. (See Distribution Facilities, Line Extensions and Demarcation Point)

Service Connection Charge

A charge intended to cover in part certain operating expenses incident to the establishment of telephone service and the connection of the service with the telephone system.

Speculative Project

Speculative projects are projects involving oil wells, mining projects, carnivals, or other enterprises of a speculative or hazardous nature or those of unpredictable duration.

Speed Calling

Permits faster calling of frequently used numbers by pressing a button or dialing one to three digits.

DEFINITIONS

Standard Network Interface (SNI)

A type of Utility-owned network interface (isolation device) used to connect customer-owned facilities to the telephone network.

Station Line

The channel connecting the utility or customer-owned telephone or terminal equipment to the private branch exchange system.

Subdivision

See Tract of Subdivision

Subscriber

See Customer

Supersedure

The transfer of a customer's complete service, including the telephone number and responsibility for payment of outstanding charges against the service, from one party to another with no change in type or location of the equipment or wiring.

DEFINITIONS

Synchronous

A method of transmitting data in which the data characters (bits) are transmitted in a continuous stream with the beginning of one data character (bit) being contiguous with the end of the preceding one thus eliminating the need for individual start bits and stop bits.

Tariff Schedules

The entire body of effective rates, tolls, rentals, charges, classifications, rules and regulations, as set forth herein.

Tariff Sheet

An individual sheet of the tariff schedules.

Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System

The term "Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System" or "TSP System" or "NSEP TSP System" refers to the regulatory, administrative and operational system authorizing and providing for priority treatment (i.e., the provisioning and restoration) of NSEP Services.

Telephone

A customer-provided single or multiline facility consisting of a transmitter, receiver, network control signaling unit, and associated equipment.

Telephone Service

Telephone service consists of both local and toll service.

Temporary Disconnect

A temporary discontinuation of service without complete termination of the service, made at the request of the customer or on the initiative of the Utility, in which the facilities and telephone number are held available for resumption of service.

DEFINITIONS

Temporary Service

Service to premises or enterprises the temporary nature of which can be determined in advance from the known limited duration of the contemplated operations, such as construction or exploration projects with their related housing and miscellaneous camp service facilities, summer or winter resorts, amusement or sports concerns, fairs, exhibit structures of places, and other enterprises of like limited duration. Service for a specified short term to premises or enterprises normally permanent in nature.

Tie Line

A circuit connecting two PBX systems for the purpose of interconnecting the stations of one with those of the other without the use of trunks to the Utility's central office.

Toll Message

A completed telephone call or telephonic communication between exchanges when the called telephone is not within the local service area of the calling telephone, between toll stations, or between a toll station and an exchange telephone.

Toll Service

Telephone service furnished between two exchange telephones located in different local service areas, between two toll telephones, or between a toll telephone and an exchange telephone.

Tract of Subdivision

Improved or unimproved land under a definite plan of development wherein it can be shown that there are reasonable prospects within the next three years for five or more non-temporary main telephones and/or PBX trunk line terminations, at a density of at least one per acre.

DEFINITIONS

Trade Name

The name or style under which an individual or concern conducts its business and by which it is generally known to the public.

Transmission Limit

Standard transmission limit as used herein is an air line distance of one-half mile measured from the primary station or PBX switchboard.

Trenching Costs

Cost of excavating, backfilling and compacting, and, where necessary, cost of breaching and repaving pavement and of restoring landscaping.

Trunk Line

A telephone circuit from one central office to another or between PBX system and a Utility central office.

Underground Supporting Structure

Conduit, manholes, handholes, and pull boxes where and as required plus trenching costs as defined above.