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S15.1 Regulations

S15.1.1 General

- a. Terminal equipment and communications systems may be used with the facilities of the Company for telecommunications services as provided in the following paragraphs of this Section. In all such cases the terminal equipment or communications systems will be so constructed, maintained and operated as to work satisfactorily with the facilities of the Company. (T) (T)

- b. (D)

- c.

(1)

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S15.1 Regulations (Continued)

S15.1.1 General (Continued)

- d. Where telecommunications service is available under this tariff for use in connection with terminal equipment or communications systems, the operating characteristics of such equipment or system shall be such as not to interfere with any of the services offered by the Company. Such use is subject to the further provisions that the equipment or system does not endanger the safety of Company employees or the public, damage, require change in or alteration of, the equipment or other facilities of the Company; interfere with the proper functioning of such equipment or facilities; impair the operation of the telecommunications system or otherwise injure the public in its use of the Company's services. Upon notice from the Company that the equipment or system is causing or is likely to cause such hazard or interference, the customer shall make such changes as shall be necessary to remove or prevent such hazard or interference. The customer shall be responsible for the payment of Company charges, as specified in S4.7, for visits by the Company to the customer's premises where a service difficulty or trouble report results from the equipment or system. (D)
- e. The Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation or maintenance of any terminal equipment or communications system. Telecommunications service is not represented as adapted to the use of terminal equipment or systems and where such are connected to Company facilities, the responsibility of the Company shall be limited to the furnishing of facilities suitable for telecommunications service and to the maintenance and operation of such facilities in a manner proper for such telecommunications service. Subject to this responsibility, the Company shall not be responsible for (1) the through transmission of signals generated by the equipment or systems or for the quality of, or defects in, such transmission, or (2) the reception of signals by equipment or systems. (D)

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S15.1 Regulations (Continued)

S15.1.1 General (Continued)

- f. The Company shall not be responsible to the customer or otherwise if changes in the criteria outlined herein or in any of the facilities, operations or procedures of the Company render any equipment or communications systems obsolete or require modification or alteration of such equipment or systems or otherwise affects its use or performance. (M)
(D)
- The Company may make changes in its communications facilities, equipment, operations, or procedures, where such action is reasonably required in the operation of its business and is not inconsistent with the rules and regulations in VOLUME X, Part 68, of the Federal Communications Commissions Rules and Regulations. If such changes can be reasonably expected to render any customer's terminal equipment incompatible with Company Communications facilities, or require modification or alteration of such terminal equipment, or otherwise materially affects its use or performance, the customer shall be given adequate notice in writing, to allow the customer an opportunity to maintain uninterrupted service. (M)
- g. The Company will not be responsible for any loss or damage, nor for any impairment or failure of the service, arising from or in connection with use of facilities of customers and not caused solely by the negligence of the Company.
- h. (D)
- i. Where any terminal equipment or system is used with telecommunications service in violation of any of the provisions in 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 immediately discontinue such use of the equipment or system or correct the violation and shall confirm in writing to the Company within 10 days, following the receipt of written notice of the violation from the Company, that such use has ceased or that the violation has been corrected. (T)

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S15.1 Regulations (Continued)

S15.1.1 General (Continued)

i. (Continued)

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 termination of the customer's service until such time as the customer complies with the provisions of this tariff.

j. (D)

k. The customer indemnifies and saves the Company harmless against claims of infringement of patents arising from combining such equipment or system with, or using it in connection with, facilities of the Company; and against all other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in connection with facilities provided by the Company.

S15.1.2 Recording of Two-Way Telephone Conversations

a. Telecommunications services are not represented as adapted to the recording of two-way telephone conversations. However, voice recording equipment may be connected with telecommunications services subject to the following conditions. (T)
(D)

b. When such connections are made, one of the following conditions must apply: (1) All parties to the telephone conversation must give their prior consent to the recording of the conversation, and the prior consent must be obtained in writing or be part of, and obtained at the start of, the recording, or (2) a distinctive recorder tone that is repeated at intervals of approximately fifteen seconds is required to alert all parties when recording equipment is in use. The requirement for one of the conditions specified in the preceding (1) and (2) is not required for the following:

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S15.1 Regulations (Continued)

S15.1.2 Recording of Two-Way Telephone Conversations (Continued)

b. (Continued)

- (1) When used by a Federal Communications Commission licensed broadcast station Customer for recording of two-way telephone conversations solely for broadcast over the air. (M)
- (2) When used by the United States Secret Service of the Department of Treasury for recording of two-way telephone conversations which concern the safety and security of the person of the President of the United States, members of his immediate family, or the White House and its grounds.
- (3) When used by a broadcast network or by a cooperative programming effort composed exclusively of Federal Communications Commission broadcast licensees, to record two-way telephone conversations solely for broadcast over the air by a licensed broadcast station.
- (4) When used for recording at United States Department of Defense Command Centers of emergency communications transmitted over the Department of Defense's private line system when connected to telecommunications services.
- (5) When furnished to law enforcement agencies, fire departments and Public Safety Answering Points in connection with 911 Service for use on central office lines assigned exclusively for the receipt of local or intrastate law enforcement, fire or other emergency calls and attended at all times for such purpose provided that the department or agency certifies these conditions will be observed. (C)
- (6) When used by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission of the Department of Energy, with respect to the telephone systems located at its Operations Center for recording of two-way telephone conversations. (M)¹

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