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ADVANCED INTELLIGENT NETWORK (AIN)

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The Advanced Intelligent Network is a telecommunications platform that utilizes the infrastructure of the existing switch-based network and Common Channel Signaling (CCS7) architecture. The AIN architecture introduces centralized computer devices to host service applications that are integrated with Stored Program Control switch-resident software, CCS7 and Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) protocol.

CAMPUS

A continuous property containing more than one building. A campus can be a single tenant or multi-tenants.

CENTRAL OFFICE

The building housing the switching equipment required to establish communication between Exchange Dial Tone Lines.

CENTRAL OFFICE AREA

The total geographical area served from a specific central office. When the area includes territory in more than one exchange area, the portion in each exchange area is considered to be a separate central office district.

CENTRAL OFFICE DISTRICT

That part of an exchange area which is served from a specific central office.

CENTRAL OFFICE LINE

(See Exchange Dial Tone Line)

CHANNEL

A path, or paths, for electrical communication, between two or more stations, terminals or central offices or between a station and a central office furnished in such manner as the Telephone Company may elect, whether by wire, radio or a combination thereof and whether or not by means of a single physical facility or route.

COMMON BATTERY SERVICE

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

CONNECTING COMPANY

A corporation, association, firm, or individual, other than an associated Bell System Company, owning and operating one or more central offices and interchanging traffic directly or indirectly with the Telephone Company.

ENHANCED INTELLILINQ PRI HUB SERVICE

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Enhanced **IntelliLinQ** PRI Hub Service is a Telephone Company-designed LATA-wide network service which allows Information Services Remote Access Providers (ISRAPs) to provide their end user customers with single-number dial-up access to the ISRAP's premises location. The service utilizes strategically located single-number-service hub offices to collect and route traffic using Advanced Intelligent Network features to predetermined points of interconnection, from where the traffic is routed to the ISRAP's premises location over dedicated facilities.

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EXCHANGE

An exchange consists of one or more central offices with the associated plant used in furnishing communication service within a specified area.

EXCHANGE DIAL TONE LINE

An Exchange Dial Tone Line consists of serving central office line equipment and outside plant facilities needed to provide voice grade service between the central office and the network demarcation point. These facilities are Telephone Company-provided and maintained and provide access to and from the telecommunications network.

EXCHANGE RATE CENTER

(See Rate Center)

EXCHANGE SERVICE

The furnishing of Telecommunications Service to individual and party line Business and Residence customers within a specified geographical area for local calling and access to and from the Telecommunications Network for message toll service. Exchange Service is comprised of two rate elements; (1) Exchange Dial Tone Line (2) Usage.

EXCHANGE STATION

A station provided by the Telephone Company, or by the customer, and connected directly or indirectly with a central office of the Telephone Company over its own lines.

- a. Main Station: A station set directly connected with a central office by an individual channel. (C)
- b. Extension Service: The ability to originate or receive calls from locations equipped with instruments in addition to the main station.
- c. Branch Exchange Station: Any station (including the operating set or sets) connecting directly or indirectly with a Branch Exchange System.

EXTENSION BELL

A bell on the same circuit and operated in connection with, and in addition to, the signaling device of the main, extension, or branch exchange station.

EXTENSION LINE/EXTENSION STATION LINE

A channel connecting the first and subsequent terminations of an Exchange Access Line.

FEATURE GROUP A SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

Feature Group A Switched Access Service, as provided for in Pa. P.U.C.-No. 302, furnishes line side access to Telephone Company end office switches with an associated seven-digit local telephone number for use in originating and terminating communications.

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EXCHANGE AREA

The territory served by an exchange consisting of one or more central office districts and having at least one rate center. An exchange area may be divided into zones, with each zone having a separate rate center.

FOREIGN CENTRAL OFFICE

Any central office other than the one or ones which normally serves the area in which the subscriber is located.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICE

Telephone exchange service furnished to a subscriber through a central office of an exchange other than the exchange in which the subscriber is located.

INDIVIDUAL LINE

(See Exchange Dial Tone Line)

INSIDE WIRE

All wire, cable, terminals, hardware, etc., on the customer's side of the rate demarcation point. Inside Wire may be installed, rearranged and maintained by the customer, the Telephone Company or by others. The installation and maintenance of Inside Wire is not a tariff offering of the Telephone Company.

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LOCAL SERVICE

The term used to designate the furnishing of communication from a customer's telephone to other telephones within a specified area without a toll charge.

LOCAL CALLING AREA

The area within which calls may be made at local service rates without a toll charge and which may consist of one or more exchange areas or central office districts.

MAGNETO SERVICE

The type of service which requires the use of a hand generator for signaling. Talking current is provided by local batteries.

MAIN STATION

(See Exchange Station)

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MALL

A building having a number of retail stores with an entrance which leads to an enclosed promenade.

MESSAGE

A communication between telephone stations requiring the use of telephone central office facilities.

1. Local Message: A message between telephones in the same local service area and furnished under the provisions of the Local General Tariff applicable.
2. Toll Message: A message between telephones in different local service areas and furnished under the provisions of the Toll Tariff applicable.

MINIMUM POINT OF ENTRY (MPOE)

A point within twelve inches of the protector, or where there is no protector, within twelve inches of where the wiring enters a building; or the closest practicable point from where the network facilities enter the building. See also Rate Demarcation Point.

MULTI-TENANT CAMPUS

A campus in which use and access to the buildings are not controlled by one party, even if ownership is centralized and in which the individual tenants must contract for telecommunications services independently.

NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICE (NID or NI)

The Telephone Company-provided interface terminating the telecommunications network, on the property where the customer's service is located, at a point determined by the Telephone Company. The NID is an FCC Part 68 registered jack from which inside wire may be connected to the regulated Telephone Company network.

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PATRON

Denotes a customer or client of a reseller or sharer of telecommunication service.

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PRIVATE LINE

A channel for communication, between telephone instruments or apparatus, which is not normally connected for either exchange or toll service or for program transmission.

PRIVATE LINE STATION

A station of a private system or a station connected to a private line.

PRIVATE SYSTEM

An arrangement of equipment furnished by the Telephone Company which is not connected for exchange or toll service, consisting of a switchboard or switching devices, with stations connected thereto, providing for intercommunication between the stations.

PROPERTY

Real estate either owned or leased with or without a structure on it, not separated by property owned or leased by others, or separated by a public thoroughfare or body of water.

PROTECTOR

A device designed for the grounding of network facilities to protect against hazardous voltages and harm to the network. The protector, which is part of the Telephone Company's network, is installed and maintained by the Telephone Company. It shall not be accessed, modified or disturbed in any way by the building owner, property owner or customer.

RATE CENTER

A point within an exchange from and to which mileage measurements are made in determining message toll telephone and interexchange mileage rates. In general, a point is selected at the approximate center of the most densely populated portion of the exchange. There may be more than one rate center in an exchange.

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RATE DEMARCATION POINT (RDP)

The point where network access recurring charges and Telephone Company responsibility stop and beyond which customer responsibility begins. See also Minimum Point of Entry.

SAME BUILDING

Any singularly owned structure under one roof or roof system, or two or more structures connected by a covered passageway, suitable for use by persons.

SECONDARY RATE DEMARCATION POINT (SRDP)

An additional Rate Demarcation Point resulting from a specific customer request. Construction of an SRDP will be considered A Special Assembly. See also, Section 22A, Paragraph D, entitled Rate Demaracation Points.

SINGLE TENANT CAMPUS

A campus in which use, ownership, and access to the building are controlled by one party.

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STRIP STORES

A row of stores with common inside walls and each store having an individual entrance.

TANDEM OPERATION

Type of dial tie line operation whereby one branch exchange or Centrex System may be connected to another branch exchange or Centrex system through an intermediate system without the aid of an attendant of the intermediate system.

TERMINATION CHARGE

A charge applied under certain conditions, when a contract for service is terminated before the expiration of the minimum contract term.

TIE LINE

A channel connecting any combination of two or more Central Office switching systems or Customer Premises switching systems (including, but not limited to Branch Exchange, Automatic Call Distribution or Centrex Systems).

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TOLL CENTER

The location in an exchange where the message toll traffic originating in that exchange (and, usually, some or all of the toll traffic originating at nearby tributary points) is handled and ticketed at toll switchboards of the Telephone Company.

TOLL RATE CENTER

(See Rate Center)

TOLL SWITCHBOARD

A switchboard owned and operated by the Telephone Company for the purpose of handling any calls requiring the assistance of a Telephone Company operator.

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