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SECTION 5 – PUBLIC ACCESS LINES

A. General

Public Access Lines (PAL) are voice grade individual exchange lines which provide exchange access to customer-owned coin, coinless or combination coin/coinless operated telephones. The Public Access Line permits providers of such equipment to provide pay telephone service to the public on a resale basis.

Providers of customer-owned coin or coinless telephones who provide pay telephone service to the general public are resellers of telephone service. Service is furnished to these providers subject to the provisions following.

B. Basic Public Access Lines

Basic Public Access Lines (BPAL) are measured service lines arranged for either two way (incoming and outgoing) calling or one way (outgoing) calling. Where facilities are not available for measured service, BPAL flat rate lines are provided.

Lines may also be arranged for Outward Call Screening where facilities permit. This feature is designed to prevent a PAL user from obtaining service through an operator when such service is billed to the calling number. An Automatic Number Identification (ANI) code is transmitted to alert operator and carrier systems that the call is originating from a Public Access Line and may require special handling and billing treatment. However, if an interexchange carrier's facilities are not compatible with the Company's signaling arrangements, directly dialed interLATA calls may be blocked by the carrier.

Incoming service on BPAL may also be equipped with Billed Number Screening. This optional feature is designed to permit operator systems to disallow incoming collect and third number calls to the BPAL line when such calls originate within the continental United States and when such calls are processed through the national database known as Billing Validation Application (BVA).

In addition to the features described above, Enhanced BPAL blocks access to the service access codes 700 and 900. No other blocking options are available for Enhanced BPAL.

C. Limited InterLATA Dialing Public Access Lines

Limited InterLATA Dialing Public Access Line (LIDPAL) is a class of service, where interLATA calling is limited to O+ calling through the carrier's presubscribed operator service provider (if equipped). Casually dialed interLATA calls, where 10XXX precedes the traditional dialing pattern to identify the carrier of choice, will also be limited to O+ interLATA calling (10XXX+O+area code and seven-digit telephone number). LIDPAL offers PAL subscribers a vehicle for allowing interLATA 10XXX access while minimizing exposure to fraud. This service includes Outward Call Screening, International Direct Distance Dialing (011) Blocking, and Blocking Option 4 features and will be provided in equal access and adjunct equipped central offices where facilities permit. Billed Number Screening is an option available to LIDPAL.

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C. Limited InterLATA Dialing Public Access Lines (Cont'd)

As an alternative, the customer may subscribe to Enhanced LIDPAL which provides all the features of LIDPAL except that, in lieu of Blocking Option 4, it provides for blocking access to the service access codes 700 and 900. No other blocking options are available for Enhanced LIDPAL.

1. Limited InterLATA Dialing (LID) is provided through business Public Access Lines to Customer Owned Coin Operated Telephones, or to other registered telephone terminal equipment when not accessed by Customer Owned Coin Operated Telephones.
2. Limited InterLATA Dialing is provided as a one or two way measured class of service.
3. The Limited InterLATA Dialing class of service will be provided in 1ESS/1AESS, 5ESS, DMS100 and in 5XBAR central offices having equal access capability derived through adjunct equipment where facilities permit.

D. Line Side Answer Supervision

Line Side Answer Supervision (LSAS) optional feature provides “off-hook” supervisory signals to customer premises equipment of the Public Access Line Subscriber when the called party answers the call. When a called party on-hook at the end of a call is detected the reverse battery is returned to normal indicating that the called party has disconnected from the call. The LSAS feature will permit improved accuracy of COCOT timing of sent paid calls.

E. Regulations

1. Customer-Owned Coin Operated Telephones (COCOTs) are F.C.C. registered coin-activated telephone sets or coin-activated equipment provided through F.C.C. registered protective circuitry. COCOTs may be connected to the Company's network only through Public Access Lines.
2. Customer-owned coinless and other telephones, such as credit-card reader telephones, may also be connected to PAL lines at the option of the subscriber.
3. Coin, coinless and combination coin and coinless telephones may be connected only to PAL individual line measured rate service, provided however, that in exchanges where PAL individual line measured rate service is not furnished, these instruments may be connected to PAL individual line flat rate service.
4. Usage rates and charges for local and toll messages and all other regulations governing business individual access lines apply to PAL access lines.
5. PAL subscribers are liable for all usage and monthly charges incurred on PAL access lines.
6. PAL lines terminate in Company-provided jacks or interfaces.

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