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#### 5.4 SERVICE AND PROMOTIONAL TRIALS

#### 5.4.1 General

The Company may establish temporary promotional programs wherein it may waive or reduce nonrecurring or recurring charges, to introduce a present or potential customer to a service not previously subscribed to by the customer.

### 5.4.2 Regulations

- a. Appropriate notification of the Trial will be made to all eligible customers and to the Commission. Appropriate notification may include direct mail, bill inserts, broadcast or print media, direct contact or other comparable means of notification.
- b. During a Service Trial, the service(s) is provided automatically to all eligible customers, except those customers who choose not to participate. Customers will be offered the opportunity to decline the trial service both in advance and during the trial. A customer can request that the designated service be removed at any time during the trial and not be billed a recurring charge for the period that the feature was in place. At the end of the trial, customers that do not contact the Company to indicate they wish to retain the service will be disconnected from the service at no charge.

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## 5.4.2 Regulations (cont'd)

- c. During a Promotional Trial, the service is provided to all eligible customers who ask to participate. Customers will be notified in advance of the opportunity to receive the service in the trial for free. A customer can request that the service be removed at any time during the trial and not be billed a recurring charge for the period that the service was in place. At the end of the trial, customers that do not contact the Company will be disconnected from the service.
- d. Customers can subscribe to any service listed as part of a Promotional Trial and not be billed the normal Connection Charge. The offering of this trial period option is limited in that a service may be tried only once per customer, per premises.
- e. The Company retains the right to limit the size and scope of a Promotional Trial.

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#### 5.5 BUSY VERIFICATION AND INTERRUPT SERVICE

#### 5.5.1 General

Upon request of a calling party, the Company will verify a busy condition on a called line. An operator will determine if the line is clear or in use and report to the calling party. In addition, the operator will intercept an existing call on the called line if the calling party indicates an emergency and requests interruption.

# 5.5.2 Rate Application

- a. A Verification Charge will apply when:
  - 1. The operator verifies that the line is busy with a call in progress, or
  - 2. The operator verifies that the line is available for incoming calls.
- b. Both a Verification Charge and an Interrupt Charge will apply when the operator verifies that a called number is busy with a call in progress and the customer requests interruption. The operator will interrupt the call advising the called party of the name of the calling party and the called party will determine whether to accept the interrupt call. Charges will apply whether or not the called party accepts the interruption.
- c. No charge will apply when the calling party advises that the call is from an official public emergency agency.

### 5.5.3 Rates

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Verification Charge, each request	\$ 0.01	\$5.00
Interrupt Charge, each request	\$ 0.01	\$5.00

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#### 5.6 TRAP CIRCUIT SERVICE

#### 5.6.1 General

Trap Circuit Service is designed to allow the customer to control the release of an incoming call so that in situations involving emergency or nuisance calls, calls may be held and traced.

### 5.6.2 Regulations

- a. This service is provided when there is a continuing requirement for the identification of the calling party in cases involving nuisance calls or emergency situations or other situations involving law enforcement or public safety.
- b. The customer shall be required to sign a written request for this service. By signing the request the customer shall release the Company from any liability, and the customer agrees to indemnify and hold the Company harmless from any liability it may incur in providing this service. The Company may require the recommendation of an appropriate law enforcement agency prior to providing this service. Any information obtained by the Company in the tracing of a call will be provided only to the law enforcement agency designated. The only exception to this will be emergency situations such as fire, serious illness or other similar situations, in which case the appropriate agency will be notified.
- c. The equipment required to provide this service cannot be operated in all central offices. The service is restricted to locations where facilities permit.
- d. The Company makes no guarantee concerning the tracing and identification of any call when the service is provided. The Company will furnish the service only on the express condition that no liability shall attach to it for any reason arising out of the provision of the service.

#### 5.6.3 Rates

Per request,

Minimum: \$ 0.01

Maximum: \$5.00

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#### 5.7 DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICE

#### 5.7.1 General

A customer may obtain assistance, for a charge, in determining a telephone number by dialing Directory Assistance Service. A customer can also receive assistance by writing the Company with a list of names and addresses for which telephone numbers are desired.

### 5.7.2 Regulations

A Directory Assistance Charge applies for each telephone number, area code, and/or general information requested from the Directory Assistance operator except as follows:

- a. Calls from coin telephones, including COCOTS.
- b. Requests for telephone numbers of non-published service.
- c. Requests in which the Directory Assistance operator provides an incorrect number. The customer must inform the Company of the error in order to receive credit.
- d. Requests from individuals with certified visual or physical handicaps in which the handicap prevents the use of a local directory. Individuals must be certified in accordance with the terms outlined under "Handicapped Person" in Section 10 of this Tariff, up to a maximum of 50 requests per month.

### 5.7.3 Rates

Unless one of the exceptions listed above applies, the charges as shown below apply for each request made to the Directory Assistance operator:

Minimum: \$0.01

Maximum: \$2.00

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#### 5.8 LOCAL OPERATOR SERVICE

Local calls may be completed or billed with the live or mechanical assistance by the Company's operator center. Calls may be billed collect to the called party, to an authorized 3rd party number, to the originating line, or to a valid authorized calling card. Local calls may be placed on a station to station basis or to a specified party (see Person to Person), or designated alternate. Usage charges for local operator assisted calls are those usage charges that would normally apply to the calling party's service. Where no local charge applies (flat rate service), the usage charge is \$0.00. In addition to usage charges, an operator assistance charge applies to each call:

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Local Operator Assistance, per call:	\$0.00	\$5.00

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#### 5.10 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

#### 5.11 **CUSTOMIZED NUMBER SERVICE**

#### 5.11.1 General

Customized Number Service allows a customer to order a specified telephone a. number rather than the next available number.

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- Customized Number Service is furnished subject to the availability of facilities and b. requested telephone numbers.
- The Company will not be responsible for the manner in which Customized c. Numbers are used for marketing purposes by the customer.
- d. When a new customer assumes an existing service which includes Customized Number Service, the new customer may keep the Customized Number, at the tariffed rate, with the written consent of the Company and the former customer.
- The Company reserves and retains the right: e.
  - To reject any request for specialized telephone numbers and to refuse requests for specialized telephone numbers;
  - 2. Of custody and administration of all telephone numbers, and to prohibit the assignment of the use of a telephone number by or from any customer to another, except as otherwise provided in this Tariff;
  - 3. To assign or withdraw and reassign telephone numbers in any exchange area as it deems necessary or appropriate in the conduct of its business.
  - The limitation of liability provisions of this tariff in Section 2.1.1 are applicable to Customized Number Service.

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## 5.11 CUSTOMIZED NUMBER SERVICE (cont'd)

#### 5.11.2 Conditions

- a. Charges for Customized Number Service apply when a customer:
  - 1. Requests a telephone number other than the next available number from the assignment control list, and such requested number is placed into service within six months of the date of the request.
  - 2. Requests a number change from the customer's present number to a Customized Number.
- b. The Company shall not be liable to any customer for direct, indirect or consequential damages caused by a failure of service, change of number, or assignment of a requested number to another customer whether prior to or after the establishment of service. In no case shall the Company be liable to any person, firm or corporation for an amount greater than such person, firm or corporation has actually paid to the Company for Customized Number Service.

#### 5.11.3 Rates

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Set-up Charges		
Business Customer	\$0.00	\$200.00

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# 5.12 CUSTOMER REQUESTED SERVICE SUSPENSIONS

- 5.12.1 At the request of the customer the Company will suspend incoming and outgoing service on the customer's access line for a period of time not to exceed one year. The equipment is left in place and directory listings are continued during the suspension period without change. At the customer's request the Company will provide the customer with an intercept recording referring callers to another number.
- 5.12.2 The company will assess a lower monthly rate for Customer Requested Service Suspension as noted below. However, any mileage charges, monthly cable charges or monthly construction charges are still due, without reduction during the period of suspension.

Period of Suspension Charge

- First Month or Partial Month Regular Monthly Rate (no reduction)

- Each Additional Month (up to the one year limit) 1/2 Regular Monthly Rate