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SECTION 3-CONNECTIONS

3.2. CONNECTIONS TO PRIVATE LINE SERVICES (Cont'd)

3.2.9 CONNECTIONS OF TERMINAL EQUIPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS NOT SUBJECT TO PART 68 OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION'S RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

D. Communications Systems

Communications systems not subject to Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations may be connected with Private Line Services on a direct electrical basis at the Customer's premises or at a location provided by the Customer, provided that:

- 1. Minimum protection criteria set forth in D.4. f. following are complied with.
- 2. The connection is made through a Service Terminating Arrangement furnished by the Company.

The Service Terminating Arrangement provides a clearly delineated interface which facilitates the design, isolation and testing of the Private Line Service. Where a protective connecting arrangement is required, the Service Terminating Arrangement is provided as part of the protective connecting arrangement.

- 3. Where the Private Line Service is arranged for connection to the common User switching equipment located in a Company central office, the connection must be:
 - (i) Through switching equipment, or
 - (ii) Directly to the Company provided connecting arrangement if the communications system is arranged to promptly return the Private Line Service to an idle (on-hook) state if the system fails. In addition, when the system fails, the Customer shall notify the Company.

E. Accessories

Accessories provided by a Customer may be used with Private Line Services provided that such accessories comply with the provisions of D.1.b. and D.4.a.(2)(b)(ii) preceding.

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