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SECTION 2 - GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.7 CONNECTIONS

2.7.1 General - When access is connected to an AT&T service, the connection will be made at the AT&T central office if the AT&T service and the access are electrically compatible. The regulations in this section and in the section(s) and tariff(s) applicable to a specific AT&T service will apply to the connection.

Coordinating agreements are necessary between AT&T and access providers to establish arrangements for common functions at central offices, such as space, power and light. In addition, technical agreements, similar to those in place with local exchange companies, are required between AT&T and access providers to establish the specific arrangements by which the access will be connected to AT&T's services.

Connections to access will be made using office connections as described in 3.3.2 following. The responsibilities of AT&T and the Customer are specified following.

A. Responsibilities of AT&T - AT&T is not responsible to any party if a change in its minimum protection criteria, operations or procedures (1) affects any access in any way, or (2) requires modification of access in order to be used. However, if such changes can be reasonably expected to materially affect the operating, switching or transmission characteristics of the AT&T service, or render the access incompatible, AT&T will provide adequate notice in writing to allow the Customer the opportunity to maintain uninterrupted service.

Unless AT&T is responsible for end-to-end service as defined in 2.1.1 preceding, AT&T is not responsible for changing its channels or components to maintain compatibility with access. However, if such changes are requested, AT&T will, upon receipt of a Customer order, endeavor to make the changes without interrupting service.

The testing of an AT&T service will be made from an AT&T central office.

In certain situations, assistance is available in matters pertaining to testing of assemblies. The services offered are set forth in this tariff (see Additional Administrative and Operational Functions, Section 13).

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