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LOCAL AND INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

SECTION 5 – LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

5.1 General

Local exchange service is offered to Customers on a presubscription basis from equal access originating end offices only. Unless otherwise specified, the minimum term is one (1) month. Rates for service may vary by call type and/or term commitment. Usage rates, per call charges and monthly fees may apply. In addition, applicable Service Order and other nonrecurring charges may apply. Call timing is defined in the description for each service. Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Service is available where technically feasible and where facilities permit.

5.1.1 Application of Business and Residential Rates

- A. The determination as to whether telephone service should be classified as Business or Residential is based on the character of the use to be made of the service. Service is classified as Business service where the use is primarily or substantially of a business, professional, institutional, or otherwise occupational nature. Where the business use, if any, is incidental and where the major use is of a personal or domestic nature at the person's dwelling, service is classified as Residential service.
- B. Business rates apply at the following locations, among others:
 - 1. In offices, stores and factories, and in quarters occupied by clubs, lodges, fraternal societies, schools, colleges, libraries, hospitals, and other business establishments.
 - 2. In residence locations where the place of residence is in the immediate proximity to a place of business and it is evident that the telephone in the residence is or will be used for business purposes, and in residence locations where an extension is located at a place where business rates would apply.
 - 3. In the residence of a practicing physician, dentist, veterinary, surgeon, or other medical practitioner who has no service at business rates at another location.
 - 4. In any residence location where there is substantial business use of the service and the customer has no service at business rates.

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