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LOCAL AND INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)

2.24 Caller ID Unblocking

2.24.1 311 / 911 Caller ID Blocking *

The City of New York 311 Call Center provides consolidated access to non-emergency municipal services and information 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Callers have the ability to access City departments and services by using the 311 abbreviated dialing code instead of dialing a particular seven-digit number. In certain circumstances, calls to the 311 Call Center involve emergencies of various levels. In these instances, the Call Center will transfer the call to the 911 Emergency Call Center. If the caller has activated Caller ID Blocking, either on a per-call or per-line basis, the 911 Emergency Call Center will be unable to determine the caller's location. Thus, by Order dated April 18, 2003 (Case 03-C00171), the New York Public Service Commission directed that, for reasons of public safety, Caller ID Blocking shall be unblocked on all calls to the 311 Call Center. This ruling applies only to calls made to the 311 Call Center and not to any other municipal office.

2.24.2 211 / 911 Caller ID Unblocking

The City of New York 211 Call Center provides a means of accessing community information and referral services within the Five Boroughs. Callers dialing 211 from telephones located within New York City will reach the Call Center where the calls will be routed to call takers trained to provide basic health and human services information. In certain circumstances, calls to the 211 Call Center may involve emergencies of various levels. In these instances, the Call Center will transfer the call to the 911 Emergency Call Center. If the caller has activated Caller ID Blocking, either on a per-call or per-line basis, the 911 Emergency Call Center operator will be unable to determine the caller's location. By Order dated May 28, 2008 (Case 07-C-1091), the New York Public Service Commission directed that, for reasons of public safety, Caller ID Blocking shall be unblocked on all calls to the 211 Call Center. This ruling applies only to calls to the 211 Call Center and not to any other municipal office.

* Caller ID Blocking is deactivated for calls to 211 or 311 or 911 in the New York exchange only.

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