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## **GENERAL TARIFF**

## **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

# C. <u>CONNECTIONS OF CUSTOMER-PROVIDED TERMINAL EQUIPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS</u> (Cont'd)

## 1. General Provisions

## a. General

Terminal equipment\* and communications systems provided by the customer may be connected at the customer's premises to telecommunications services furnished by the Company where such connections are made in accordance with the provisions of this Paragraph C Telecommunications services, as used herein, include exchange service, Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service (LDMTS) and Wide Area Telecommunications Service (WATS).

#### b. Responsibility of the Customer

- (1) The customer shall be responsible for the installation, operation and maintenance of any Customer-provided terminal equipment or communications system. No combinations of Customer-provided terminal equipment or communications systems shall require change in or alteration of the equipment or services of the Company, (unless that change or alteration is specifically permitted under the provisions of Paragraph C.6. of this Section), cause electrical hazards to the Company personnel, damage to Company equipment, malfunction of the Company billing equipment, or degradation of service to persons other than the user of the subject terminal equipment or communications systems, his calling or called party. Upon notice from the Company that a Customer-provided terminal equipment or communications system is causing such hazard, damage, malfunction or degradation of service, the Customer shall make such changes as shall be necessary to remove or prevent such hazard, damage, malfunction or degradation of service.
- (2) The customer shall be responsible for the payment of time sensitive charges per visit by the Company to the premise of the customer or the ultimate user of telephone service or equipment where a service difficulty or trouble report is caused by customer or userprovided equipment or wiring not maintained by the Company. The charge applies whether the customer's or user's equipment or wiring are connected in accordance with tariff regulations or not. Before any repair visit to a premise, the customer shall be advised that time sensitive charges will apply if trouble exists and is not caused by Company-maintained facilities.

For Rates and Charges, see Section 14.1 of this Tariff.

\* Telephones connected to Party-Line Service require special modification. It is the customer's responsibility to obtain such modification before connecting the set to Party-Line Service. The Company will not modify customer- provided telephones. Connections to Customer-owned Coin Operated Telephones are subject to Regulations set forth in Section 3 of this Tariff.

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