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# COMPETITIVE LOCAL CARRIER

Tariff Schedule Applicable to

# COMPETITIVE LOCAL CARRIER SERVICES

of

Custom Teleconnect, Inc.

Corporate ID No. U-6017-C

Applying to the Provision of Resale Local Exchange Telecommunications Services within the State of California and Containing Rules and Regulations Governing Service.

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### COMPETITIVE LOCAL CARRIER

#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This tariff sets forth the rules of Custom Teleconnect, Inc. applicable to its provision of competitive local exchange service within the State of California to Customers located in exchanges served by AT&T.

The Company has been authorized by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to provide competitive local exchange service.

The rules contained herein are subject to change pursuant to the rules and regulations of the CPUC and its provision of local exchange services throughout the State of California.

#### APPLICATION OF TARIFF

This tariff sets forth the terms and conditions applicable to the furnishing of intrastate communications services by Custom Teleconnect, Inc. to business Customers within the State of California.

Detariffed Services and rates may be found in the Company's price list, California Price List No. 1, available on the Company's website at www.customteleconnec.com. Service charges, taxes and fees and federal, state and local surcharges are added to the Customer's bill as listed in Section 2 under Rule No.8 - Rendering and Payment of Bills. These rates are updated periodically in compliance with California Resolutions.

### AVAILABILITY OF THE COMPANY'S TARIFF

Complete copies of Company advice letters and current tariff are maintained at the Company's business offices located at:

Custom Teleconnect, Inc. 6242 W. Desert Inn Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89146

The Company's Rate Schedules are posted on its website at: <a href="www.customteleconnect.com">www.customteleconnect.com</a>.

This tariff is available for public inspection at the California Public Utilities Commission.

The Company's toll free customer service number is: 1-800-672-9080.

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### **EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS**

- (C) To signify changed listing, rule, or condition which may affect rates or charges.
- (D) To signify discontinued material, including listing, rate, rule or condition.
- (I) To signify increase.
- (L) To signify material relocated from or to another part of the tariff schedules with no change in text, rate, rule or condition.
- (N) To signify new material including listing, rate, rule or condition.
- (R) To signify reduction
- (T) To signify a change in wording of text but not change in rate, rule or condition.

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#### TARIFF FORMAT

- A. Page Numbering Page numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Pages are numbered sequentially, however, new pages are occasionally added to the tariff. When a new page is added between pages already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new page added between pages 14 and 15 would be 14.1.
- B. Page Revision Numbers Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each page. These numbers are used to determine the most current page version on file with the Commission. For example, the 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Page 14 cancels the 3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Page 14.
- C. Paragraph Numbering Sequence There are nine levels of paragraph coding. Each level of coding is subservient to its next higher level:
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- D. Check Sheets When a tariff filing is made with the Commission, an updated check sheet accompanies the tariff filing. The check sheet lists the pages contained in the tariff, with a cross-reference to the current revision number. When new pages are added, the check sheet is changed to reflect the revision. All revisions made in a given filing are designated by an asterisk (\*). There will be no other symbols used on this page if these are the only changes made to it (i.e., the format, etc. remains the same, just revised revision levels on some pages).

#### **SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS**

Advance Payment - Payment of all or part of a charge required before the start of Service.

Authorization Code - A numerical code, one or more of which may be assigned to a Customer, to enable Carrier to identify the origin of Service of the Customer so it may rate and bill the call. All Authorization Codes shall be the sole property of Carrier and no Customer shall have any property or other right or interest in the use of any particular Authorization Code. Automatic Numbering Identification (ANI) may be used as or in connection with the Authorization Code.

Authorized User - A person, corporation or other entity who is authorized by the Company's Customer to utilize Service provided by the Company to the Customer. The Customer is responsible for all charges incurred by an Authorized

Automatic Numbering Identification (ANI) - A type of signaling provided by a local Exchange Telephone Company which automatically identifies the local exchange line from which a call originates.

Business Customer - In general, Business Customers are those who have access lines that terminate at a offices, mills, stores or a business location. Business rates apply if the service is used primarily or substantially for business purposes even if the access line does not terminate at a business location or if the access line has a business directory listing.

Commission - California Public Utilities Commission.

Common Carrier - An authorized company or entity providing telecommunications Services to the public.

Company – Custom Teleconnect, Inc., the issuer of this tariff.

Customer - The person, firm or corporation that orders Service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the terms and conditions of this tariff.

Customer Premises - A location designated by the Customer for the purposes of connecting to the Company's Services.

CPUC - The California Public Utilities Commission.

Deposit - Refers to a cash or equivalent of cash security held as a guarantee for payment of the charges.

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### SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS (CONT'D.)

Exchange Telephone Company or Telephone Company - Denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, or corporation authorized by the appropriate regulatory bodies to engage in providing public switched communication service throughout an exchange area, and between exchange areas within the LATA.

Individual Case Basis (ICB) - A service arrangement in which the regulations, rates and charges are developed based on the specific circumstances of the Customer's situation.

IXC or Interexchange Carrier - Long distance telecommunications services provider.

Interruption - The inability to complete calls due to equipment malfunctions or human errors. Interruption shall not include, and no allowance shall be given for Service difficulties such as slow dial tone, circuits busy or other network and/or switching capability shortages. Nor shall Interruption include the failure of any Service or facilities provided by a Common Carrier or other entity other than the Carrier. Any Interruption allowance provided within this tariff by Carrier shall not apply where Service is interrupted by the negligence or willful act of the Customer, or where the Carrier, pursuant to the terms of this tariff, terminates Service because of non-payment of bills, unlawful or improper use of the Carrier's facilities or Service, or any other reason covered by this tariff or by applicable law.

Joint User - A person, firm or corporation designated by the Customer as a User of local exchange Service furnished to the Customer by the Company, and to whom a portion of the charges for such facilities are billed under a joint use arrangement.

LATA - A Local Access and Transport Area established pursuant to the Modification of Final Judgment entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192; or any other geographic area designated as a LATA in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4, or its successor tariff(s).

LEC - Local Exchange Company refers to the dominant, monopoly local telephone company in the area also served by the Company.

Local Calling - A completed call or telephonic communication between a calling Station and any other Station within the local service area of the Calling Station.

Monthly Recurring Charges - The monthly charges to the Customer for Services, facilities and equipment, which continue for the agreed upon duration of the Service.

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### SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS (CONT'D.)

Nonrecurring Charge ("NRC") - The initial charge, usually assessed on a one-time basis, to initiate and establish Service.

Point of Presence ("POP") - Point of Presence

Premises - The space occupied by a Customer or Authorized User in a building or buildings or contiguous property not separated by a public right of way.

Recurring Charges - Monthly charges to the Customer for Services, and equipment, which continues for the agreed upon duration of the Service.

Service - Any means of Service offered herein or any combination thereof.

Service Order - The written or verbal request for Company Services by the Customer and the Company in the format devised by the Company. A Service Order initiates the respective obligations of the parties as set forth therein and pursuant to this tariff.

Services - The Company's telecommunications Services offered on the Company's network.

Station - The network control signaling unit and any other equipment provided at the Customer's Premises that enables the Customer to establish communications connections and to effect communications through such connections.

Terminal Equipment - Any telecommunications equipment other than the transmission or receiving equipment installed at a Company location.

Usage Charges - Charges for minutes or messages traversing over local exchange facilities.

User - A Customer, Joint User, or any other person authorized by a Customer to use Service provided under this tariff.

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#### SECTION 2 - RULES

# 2.1 Description of Service

The Company undertakes to furnish business communications Service pursuant to the terms of this tariff in connection with one-way and/or two-way information transmission between points within the State of California.

Customers and Users may use Service and facilities provided under this tariff to obtain access to Services offered by other service providers. The Company is responsible under this tariff only for the Services and facilities provided hereunder, and it assumes no responsibility for any Service provided by any other entity that purchases access to the Company network in order to originate or terminate its own Services, or to communicate with its own Customers (e.g., NPA 900, NXX 976, etc.).

Service is offered for Local Calling to Customers pursuant to the terms of this tariff. Descriptions applicable to specific offerings are found in the Price List posted on the Company's website.

Service is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week and is subject to the availability of necessary service, equipment and facilities and the economic feasibility of providing such necessary service, equipment and facilities.

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#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

# 2.2 Application for Service

Service is installed by arrangement between the Company and the Customer.

2.2.1 Service may be initiated on a written between the Company and the Customer. In either case, prior to the agreement, the Customer shall be informed of all rates and charges for the Services the Customer desires and any other rates or charges which will appear on the Customer's first bill. The Customer must provide the following information: an address to which the Company shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that the Customer may also designate a separate address to which the Company's bills for Service shall be mailed. The confirmation letter must be in a language other than English if the agreement was in another language.

The Company shall designate an address to which the Customer shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that the Company may designate a separate address on each bill for Service to which the Customer shall mail payment on that bill.

#### 2.2.2 Cancellation of Service:

The Customer may have Service discontinued upon verbal or written notice to the Company. The Company shall hold the Customer responsible for payment of all bills for Service furnished until the cancellation date specified by the Customer or until the date that the written cancellation notice is received, whichever is later. A termination liability charge applies to early cancellation of a term agreement.

Charges are subject to the provisions of General Order No. 96-A.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

# 2.2 Application for Service (Cont'd.)

2.2.3 At the expiration of the initial term specified in each Service Order, or in any extension thereof, Service shall continue on a month to month basis at the then current rates unless terminated by either party. Any termination shall not relieve the Customer of his or her obligation to pay any charges incurred under the Service Order and this tariff prior to termination. The rights and obligations that by their nature extend beyond the termination of the terms of the Service Order shall survive such termination.

# 2.2.4 Termination Liability:

Unless otherwise specified in individually negotiated contracts, the termination liability for Services purchased under a Term Agreement will be equal to the lesser of either:

- A. 20% of the balance of the total billing payable during the life of the term, or
- B. the difference between the monthly rate for the selected term plan and the monthly rates for the longest term plan that Customer could have satisfied prior to early discontinuance of Service.

#### 2.2.5 Initiation of Service

Within ten (10) days of initiating Service, the Company shall state in writing for all new Customers all material terms and conditions that could affect what the Customer pays for telecommunications Services provided by the Company.

Potential Customers who are denied Service for failure to establish credit or pay a Deposit as described in this tariff must be given the reason for the denial in writing within ten (10) days of Service denial.

### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

### 2.3 Special Information Required On Forms

#### 2.3.1 Customer Bills

The Company's name shall be identified on each Customer bill. Each bill will prominently display a toll-free number for service or billing inquiries, together with an address where the Customer may write to the Company. If the Company uses a billing agent, the Company will also include the name of the billing agent it uses. Each bill for telephone Service will contain notations concerning the following:

- A. When the bill shall be paid by the Customer to the Company;
- B. Billing detail, including the period of service covered by the bill;
- C. Late payment charges and when they will be applied;
- D. How the Customer must pay the bill;
- E. How to contact the Company with questions about the bill including the Company's toll-free number for billing inquiries and disputes, a postal address, and/or an email address if the Customer has agreed to communicate via electronic media; and
- F. If the Customer's bill contains charges for interLATA and interstate toll calling billed by the Company on behalf of an interexchange carrier authorized to provide those Services, then the bill will include a toll-free number for Service or billing inquiries.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

### 2.3 Special Information Required On Forms (Cont'd.)

# 2.3.1 Customer Bills (Cont'd.)

### G. Each bill shall also include the following statement:

"This bill is now due and payable; it becomes subject to a late payment charge if not paid within 15 calendar days of the presentation date (postmark date). Should you question this bill, please request an explanation from (name of CLEC). If you believe you have been billed incorrectly you may file a complaint with the California Public Utilities Commission, Consumer Services Division (CSD), 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102, or 107 South Broadway, Room 5109, Los Angeles, CA 90012. To avoid having service disconnected, payment of the disputed bill should be made "under protest" to the CPUC or payment arrangements should be made agreeable to the CLEC pending the outcome of the Commission's Consumer Services Division review. The CSD shall review the basis of the billed amount, communicate the results of the review to the parties and inform you of your recourse to pursue the matter further with the Commission."

### 2.3.2 Deposit Receipts

Each Deposit receipt shall contain the following provisions:

"This deposit, less the amount of any unpaid bills for service furnished by Custom Teleconnect, Inc., shall be refunded, together with any interest due, within 30 calendar days after the discontinuance of service, or after 12 months of service, whichever comes first. However, deposits may not receive interest if the Customer has received a minimum of two notices of discontinuance of service for nonpayment of bills in a 12-month period."

### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

### 2.4 Advance Payments, Deposits, and Guarantors

# 2.4.1 Advance Payments

At the time an application for Service is made, an applicant may be required to pay an amount equal to one month's Service charges and/or the Service connection and/or equipment charges which may be applicable as well as any nonrecurring charges for any required special construction. The Company will not require Advance Payments for usage. The Advance Payment made by the Customer is credited to the Customer's account on the first bill rendered.

### 2.4.2 Deposits

- A. Requirement The Company may, at its sole discretion, require an applicant or an existing Customer to post a guarantee for the payment of charges as a condition to receiving Service or additional Services. The Company reserves the right to review an applicant's or a Customer's credit history at any time to determine if a Deposit is required.
- B. Nondiscrimination Deposits will not be required by the Company based on race, sex, creed, national origin, marital status, age, number of dependents, condition of physical handicap, source of income, or geographical area of business.
- C. Amount The amount of the Deposit shall not exceed twice the estimated average monthly bill for the class of Service for which the Deposit is to be applied. Interest on Deposits will be set at the 3-month commercial paper rate published by the Federal Reserve Board, except no interest will be paid if the Customer has received a minimum of two discontinuance of Service notices in a 12-month period. The fact that a Deposit has been made neither relieves the Customer from complying with the Company's regulations on the prompt payment of bills on presentation nor constitutes a waiver or modification of the regulations of the Company providing for the discontinuance of Service for nonpayment of any sums due the Company for Services rendered. In the event a Customer requests Services in addition to basic Service, the average bill will reflect he aggregate Services requested by the Customer.

### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

- 2.4 Advance Payments, Deposits, and Guarantors (Cont'd.)
  - 2.4.2 Deposits (Cont'd.)
    - D. Refund upon Discontinuance Upon discontinuance or termination of service, the Company will credit the Deposit to the charges stated on the final bill. The balance, if any, will be returned to the Customer within 30 days after discontinuance of Service, and will include any interest on the Deposit as set forth above.
    - E. Refund after Satisfactory Payment Deposits associated with basic Services will be refunded with interest within thirty (30) days after discontinuance of basic Service or after twelve (12) continuous months of timely payments for basic Service, whichever comes first. Deposits associated with other Services will be refunded with interest not later than 120 days after discontinuance of Service. Interest will be added to the Deposit using the 3-month commercial paper rate published by the Federal Reserve Board on November 30<sup>th</sup> of the prior year.
    - F. Deposit Receipt See Section 2.3.2.
    - G. Deposits shall not be required if the applicant:
      - 1. Provides a satisfactory credit history acceptable to the Company. Credit information contained in the applicant's account record may include, but shall not be limited to, account established date, "can-be-reached" number, name of employer, employer's address, Customer's driver's license number or other acceptable personal identification, billing name, and location of current and previous service. Credit cannot be denied for failure to provide social security number.
      - 2. A co-signer or guarantor may be used providing the co-signer or guarantor has acceptable credit history with the Company or another acceptable local exchange carrier.
      - 3. The Company cannot refuse a Deposit to establish credit for Service. However, it may request that the Deposit be in cash or other acceptable form of payment (e.g., cashier's check, money order, bond, letter of credit, etc.).

### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

#### 2.5 Notices and Communications

# 2.5.1 Notice by the Company

Unless otherwise provided by these Rules, any notice by the Company to the Customer or to the Customer's authorized representative will be given in writing either by facsimile to the Customer or to the Customer's authorized representative, or by written notice mailed to the Customer's or the authorized representative's last known address. The Company may provide verbal notice to a Customer or to an authorized representative thereof only in emergencies, where a delay may result in impaired Service or a hazard to a Customer. All notices and other communications of either party, and all bills mailed by the Company, shall be presumed to have been delivered to the other party on the third business day following of the placement of the notice, communication or bill with the U.S. Mail or a private delivery service, prepaid and properly addressed, or when actually received or refused by the addressee, which ever occurs first.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

### 2.5 Notices and Communications (Cont'd.)

# 2.5.2 Notice by the Company Regarding Rate Information

- A. Rate information and information regarding the terms and conditions of Service will be provided in writing upon request by a current or potential Customer. Notice of major increases in rates will be provided in writing to the Customer and postmarked at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the change. No Customer notice (other than a tariff revision filed with the CPUC) shall be required for minor rate increase or rate decrease. Customers shall be advised of optional Service plans in writing as they become available. In addition, Customers shall be advised of changes to the terms and conditions of Service which may result in rate increases to some or all Customers or which result in reduced Service or increased obligations for Customers.
- B. When the Company provides information to a consumer which is allegedly in violation of its tariffs, the consumer shall have the right to bring a complaint against the Company. If the Commission determines that the complaint is part of a pattern of misinformation or was an attempt to defraud the Customer, the Commission may impose appropriate sanctions.
- C. The Company will notify Customers in writing of a change in ownership or identity of a Customer's service provider on the Customer's next monthly billing cycle.
- D. Notices the Company sends to Customers, or to the CPUC, shall be a legible size and printed in a minimum point size of 10 and are deemed made on the date of presentation.
- E. In addition, Customers shall be advised of changes to the terms and conditions of Service which may result in rate increases to some or all Customers or which result in reduced Service or increased obligations for Customers. The Company shall provide this notice no later than the Company's next periodic billing cycle.

#### 2.5.3 Notice by Customer

Unless otherwise provided by these Rules, any notice by the Customer or its authorized representative to the Company must be by written notice mailed to the Company's business office. Cancellation of Service by the Customer must be given by written notice to the Company.

### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

- 2.5 Notices and Communications (Cont'd.)
  - 2.5.4 The Company or the Customer shall advise the other party of any changes to the addresses designated for notices, other communications or billing, by following the notice set forth herein.
  - 2.5.5 The Company shall, upon request, provide any applicant for Service or Customer the following information:
    - A. The CPUC identification number of its registration to operate as a telecommunications corporation within California.
    - B. The address and telephone number of the CPUC to verify its authority to operate.
    - C. A copy of the CPUC's Consumer Protection Regulations.
    - D. A toll-free number to call for service or billing inquiries, along with an address where the Customer may write to the Company.
    - E. A full disclosure of all fictitious names, (i.e., d/b/a names) of the Company.
    - F. The names of billing agents, if any, the Company uses in place of performing the billing function itself.
    - G. Rate information as required in Rule 6 of the Consumer Protection Regulations set forth in D.95-07-054.
    - H. A description of the carrier's Service offerings that relate to the Customer's inquiry and are currently open to individual or small business subscribers in California, and the applicable key rates, terms and conditions.
    - I. Description of Customer's Privacy Rights as stated Section 2.21 of this tariff.
    - J. Information regarding availability, eligibility requirements and discounts associated with Deaf and Disabled Trust Programs as described in Section 2.18 of this tariff.
    - K. CPUC Consumer Affairs Branch contact information as reflected in Section 2.7 of this tariff.

### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

### 2.6 Rendering and Payment of Bills

- 2.6.1 Customer bills are issued monthly. The Customer will receive its bill on or about the same day of each month. Months are presumed to have 30 days. The billing date is dependent on the billing cycle assigned to the Customer. Each bill contains Monthly Recurring Charges billed in advance, Usage Charges billed in arrears, and the last date for timely payment. The Company will prorate Monthly Recurring Charges based on a 30 day month.
- 2.6.2 Bills are due and payable on the date of presentation. Bills may be paid by mail All charges for Service are payable only in United States currency. Payment may be made by check, money order, credit card or cashier's check. A return check charge applies each time a check or other payment type is submitted by the Customer to the Company that a bank or other financial institution refuses to honor.

Return Check Charge:

\$25.00

- 2.6.3 Customer payments are considered prompt when received by the Company or its agent by the due date on the bill. A late payment charge may be applied if payment is not received by the Company on or before the late payment date which date will be prominently displayed on the Customer's bill. The late payment date will be at least 15 days after the date of presentation. The Company will credit payments within 24 hours of receipt.
- 2.6.4 However, if a Customer's Service has been discontinued within the past 12 months or if the Customer incurs Usage Charges during a billing period which are equal to a least 200% of the amount of the Customer Deposit or guarantee, payment may be demanded for the Usage Charges by a telephone call to the Customer followed by written notification of such demand sent by first class mail. If the requested payment is not made within five days from the rendition of written notification or a mutually established late payment arrangement date or 30 days from the date of the bill, the usage charge will be deemed delinquent. Charges deemed delinquent may be subject to the lesser of either a late payment charge of 1-1/2% per month or portion thereof that the bill remains unpaid, or the maximum allowed by law. This amount will be assessed from the date payment was due.

### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

- 2.6 Rendering and Payment of Bills (Cont'd.)
  - 2.6.5 Bills that remain unpaid beyond the due date on the bill will incur a late payment charge of 1.5%, or the highest allowable by law, of the outstanding unpaid balance for each month or part of a month that the bill remains unpaid after the specified due date.
  - 2.6.6 Pursuant to Resolution T-16901, all telecommunications carriers are required to apply CPUC mandated Public Program surcharge rates (excluding (1) Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) billings; (2) charges to other certificated carriers for services that are to be resold; (3) coin sent paid telephone calls (coin in box) and debit card calls; (4) Customerspecific contracts effective before 9/15/94; (5) Usage Charges for coin-operated pay telephones; (6) directory advertising; and (7) one-way radio paging) and the CPUC Reimbursement Fee rate (excluding (1) directory advertising and sales; (2) Terminal Equipment sales; (3) inter-utility sales) to intrastate services. For a list of the Public Program surcharges and Reimbursement Fee, and the amounts, please refer to AT&T California tariffs.
  - 2.6.7 See Section 2.3 of this tariff for other information to be included on the bill.
  - 2.6.8 A bill will not include any previously unbilled charge for intrastate Service furnished prior to three months immediately preceding the date of the bill, with the following exceptions: collect calls, credit card calls, and third party billed calls, which will not include previously unbilled charges for intrastate Service furnished prior to five months preceding the date of the bill. This limitation on backbilling does not apply in cases involving Customer fraud.

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# 2.7 Disputed Bill Procedure

In the case of a dispute between a Customer and the Company as to the correct amount of a bill rendered by the Company for Service furnished to the Customer, that cannot be adjusted with mutual satisfaction, the Customer may make the following arrangements:

- 2.7.1 The Customer may make a written request, and the Company shall comply with the request, for an investigation and review of the disputed amount.
- 2.7.2 The undisputed portion of the bill and subsequent bills, other than the disputed amount, must be paid by the "Due by" date shown on the bill. If the undisputed portion of the bill and subsequent bills become delinquent as described in Rule No. 8, the Service may be subject to disconnection if the Company has notified the Customer by written notice of such delinquency and impending termination.
- 2.7.3 If there is still disagreement about the disputed amount after an investigation and review by a manager of the Company, the Customer may appeal to the Consumer Affairs Branch ("CAB") of the CPUC for an investigation and decision. To avoid disconnection of Service, the Customer must submit the claim and, if the bill has not been paid, Deposit the amount in dispute with CAB within 7 calendar days after the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the investigation and review have been completed and that such Deposit must be made or Service will be disconnected. However, the Service will not be disconnected prior to the Due By Date shown on the bill. The Company may not disconnect the Customer's Service for nonpayment as long as the Customer complies with these conditions.
- 2.7.4 The Company shall respond within 10 business days to requests for information issued by CAB. CAB will review the Customer's claim of the disputed amount, communicate the results of its review to the Customer and the Company, and disburse the monies Deposited by the Customer.
- 2.7.5 The addresses of the CPUC is as follows:

California Public Utilities Commission Consumer Affairs Branch 505 Van Ness Ave, Room 2003 San Francisco, CA 94102

Email: <u>consumer-affairs@cpuc.ca.gov</u>

Toll Free: 1-800-649-7570 TDD: 1-800-229-6846

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

#### 2.8 Discontinuance and Restoration of Service

(See also Section 2.24 - Legal Requirements for Refusal or Discontinuance of Service) The Company is not a carrier of last resort. Service may be discontinued as noted below.

# 2.8.1 Discontinuance by Customer

- A. A Customer may have Service discontinued upon oral or written notice to the Company on or before the date of disconnection. Customers remain responsible for payment of all bills for Services furnished.
- B. If a Customer cancels his order for Service before the Service begins, a \$25.00 charge will be levied upon the Customer for the nonrecoverable portions of expenditures or liabilities incurred expressly on behalf of the Customer by the Company. However, no charge will be levied if a Customer cancels his or her Service within three (3) days of the date of the date the order was placed in person or within three (3) days of the date of the Company's written confirmation letter. No cancellation charge applies to orders canceled due to delays in installation of greater than 50% of the overall Service Order lead time that are caused by the Company.
- C. No minimum or termination charge will apply if Service is terminated because of condemnation, destruction, or damage to the property by fire or other causes beyond the control of the Customer.
- D. Upon termination, presubscribed Customers may be held responsible for charges thereafter if the Customer has not selected an alternative local exchange carrier and Service has not been transferred to the alternative carrier and such a Customer is continuing to receive Service from the Company.

### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

- 2.8 Discontinuance and Restoration of Service (Cont'd.)
  - 2.8.2 The Company may discontinue Service under the following circumstances:
    - A. With written notice for nonpayment of any sum due to the Company for Service more than 30 days beyond the date of the invoice for such Service. In the event the Company terminates Service for nonpayment, the Customer may be liable for all reasonable court costs and attorneys fees as determined by CPUC or by the court.
    - B. A violation of, or failure to comply with, any regulation governing the furnishing of Service.
    - C. Without notice due to an order from a court or from another government authority having jurisdiction which prohibits the Company from furnishing Service.
    - D. Failure to post a required Deposit or guarantee.
    - E. Without notice in the event that the Customer supplied false or inaccurate information of a material nature in order to obtain Service.
  - 2.8.3 Service may be refused or disconnected without notice where the Customer's acts or omissions demonstrate intent to defraud the Company, or threaten the integrity or security of the Company's operations or facilities.
  - 2.8.4 Service will not be discontinued for nonpayment of Category III Services, as defined by the California Public Utilities Commission.
  - 2.8.5 The Company will continue to provide Customers access to 911 emergency Service should Service be discontinued by the Company to said Customers until such time as the Customer has established Service with another carrier. (Also known as "Warm Line")
  - 2.8.6 In compliance with Decision 95-07-054, Appendix B, Rule 6.B.(2)5, the Customer may request amortization of unpaid charges by contacting the Company at its principan place of business at:

6242 W. Deseert Inn Road Las Vegas, NV 89146

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### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

### 2.8 Discontinuance and Restoration of Service (Cont'd.)

#### 2.8.6 Notice for Disconnection

- A. Where notice is required, written notice of the pending disconnection will be rendered not less than 7 days prior to the disconnection. Notice shall be deemed given upon Deposit, first class postage prepaid, in the U.S. Mail to the Customer's last known address.
- B. Service may be discontinued during business hours on or after the date specified in the notice of discontinuance. Service is not initially discontinued on any Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or any other day the Company service representatives are not available to serve Customers.

### C. Written notice will state:

- the name and address of the Customer whose account is delinquent;
- the reason for discontinuance;
- the amount that is delinquent (if applicable);
- the date when payment or arrangements for payment are required in order to avoid termination
- the procedure the Customer may use to initiate a complaint or to request an investigation concerning Service or disputed charges;
- the procedure the Customer may use to request amortization of the unpaid charges;
- the telephone number of a the Company representative, who can provide additional information or institute arrangements for payment;
- the telephone number of the CPUC Consumer Affairs Branch where the Customer may direct inquiries;
- local Service may not be discontinued for nonpayment of Category III or other unregulated competitive services.

### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

# 2.8 Discontinuance and Restoration of Service (Cont'd.)

### 2.8.7 Restoration of Service

The Customer may restore Service by full payment in any reasonable manner including by personal check or credit card. However, the Company may refuse to accept a personal check or credit card if a Customer's check or credit card for payment of Service has been dishonored, excepting bank error, within the last twelve months. There is a charge for restoration of Service after disconnection; if, however, the equipment necessary for Service has been removed, a complete activation fee will apply.

### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

# 2.9 Request for Old Bill

The Company reserves the right to charge a processing fee to a Customer who requests a copy of a bill that has already been issued to such Customer, unless the Customer informs the Company within 15 days of the issuance of the bill that the original bill was not received. If a Customer or the Customer's representative thereafter requests additional copies of bills the following fees will apply:

Bills dated within 90 days prior to receipt of request

\$1.00 per bill, plus \$0.25 per telephone number on the bill in excess of 5 numbers

Bills dated more than 90 days but less than 12 months

\$5.00 per bill, plus \$0.25 per telephone number on the bill in excess of 5 numbers

Bills dated more than 12 months; less than 48 months

\$20.00 per bill, plus \$0.25 per telephone number on the bill in excess of 5 numbers

Billed dated more than 48 months

The Company will not provide a second copy of a bill that is more than 48 months old.

The Company shall charge a processing fee to any party that subpoenas or otherwise lawfully seeks to compel the provision of a copy or copies of a bill(s) in connection with any lawful investigation or lawsuit. The processing fee for any requested bill(s) is \$1.00 per bill if the invoice date is less than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the request, \$5.00 per bill if the invoice date is more than ninety (90) days and less than twelve (12) months prior to the date of the request and \$20.00 per bill if the invoice date is more than twelve (12) months prior to the date of the request.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

### 2.10 Continuity of Service

# 2.10.1 Allowances for Interruptions in Service

Credit allowance for Interruptions of Service which are not due to the Company's testing or adjusting, to the negligence of the Customer, or to the failure of channels, equipment or communications system provided by Customer, are subject to the general liability provisions set forth in Rule 18, herein. It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify the Company of any Interruptions in Service. Before giving such notice, Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not being caused by any action or omission of Customer, not within his control, or is not in wiring or equipment connected to the terminal of the Company.

# 2.10.2 Credit for Interruptions

- A. A credit allowance will be made when an Interruption occurs because of a failure of any component furnished by the Company under this tariff. An Interruption period begins when the Company becomes aware of the Interruption. An Interruption period ends when the Service, facility or circuit is operative. If the Customer reports a Service, facility or circuit to be inoperative but declines to release it for testing and repair, it is considered to be impaired, but not interrupted.
- B. For calculating credit allowances, every month is considered to have 30 days. A credit allowance is applied on a pro rata basis against the applicable rates and is dependent upon the length of the Interruption. Only those facilities on the interrupted portion of the circuit will receive a credit.

### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

### 2.10 Continuity of Service (Cont'd.)

# 2.10.2 Credit for Interruptions (Cont'd.)

C. A credit allowance will be given for Interruptions of 30 minutes or more. Credit allowances shall be calculated as follows:

	Amount of Service
<u>Length of Interruption</u>	To Be Credited
Less than 30 minutes	None
30 minutes up to but not including 3 hours	1/10 Day
3 hours up to but not including 6 hours	1/5 Day
6 hours up to but not including 9 hours	2/5 Day
9 hours up to but not including 12 hours	3/5 Day
12 hours up to but not including 15 hours	4/5 Day
15 hours up to but not including 24 hours	One Day

Two or more Interruptions of 15 minutes or more during any one 24-hour period shall be considered as one Interruption.

# <u>Interruption over 24 hours and less than 72 hours:</u>

Interruptions over 24 hours and less than 72 hours will be credited 1/5 day for each 3-hour period or fraction thereof. No more than one full day's credit will be allowed for any 24 hour period.

### Interruption over 72 hours:

Interruptions over 72 hours will be credited 2 days for each full 24 hour period. No more than 30 days credit will be allowed for any one month period.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

### 2.10 Continuity of Service (Cont'd.)

#### 2.10.3 Limitations on Allowances

No credit allowance will be made for:

- A. Interruptions due to the negligence of, or noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff by the Customer, Authorized User, Joint User, or other Common Carrier providing Service connected to the Service of the Company;
- B. Interruptions due to the negligence of any person other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer or other Common Carriers connected to the Company's facilities;
- C. Interruptions due to the failure or malfunction of non-Company equipment;
- D. Interruptions of Service during a period in which the Company is not given full and free access to its facilities and equipment for the purpose of investigating and correcting Interruptions;
- E. Interruptions of Service during a period in which the Customer continues to use the Service on an impaired basis;
- F. Interruptions of Service during any period when the Customer has released Service to the Company for maintenance purposes or for implementation of a Customer order for a change in Service arrangements; or
- G. Interruption of Service due to circumstances or causes beyond the control of the Company.

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#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

### 2.10 Continuity of Service (Cont'd.)

# 2.10.4 Temporary Suspension for Repairs

The Company shall have the right to make necessary repairs or changes in its facilities at any time and will have the right to suspend or interrupt Service temporarily for the purpose of making the necessary repairs or changes in its system. When such suspension or Interruption of Service for any appreciable period is necessary, the Company will give the Customers who may be affected as reasonable notice thereof as circumstances will permit, and will prosecute the work with reasonable diligence, and if practicable at times that will cause the least inconvenience.

When the Company is repairing or changing its facilities, it shall take appropriate precautions to avoid unnecessary Interruptions of conversations or Customers' Service.

The use and restoration of Service in emergencies shall be in accordance with Part 64, Subpart D of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations, which specifies the priority system for such activities.

#### 2.11 Extensions

Extension line Service is not offered by the Company.

### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

- 2.12 Service Connections and Facilities on Customer Premises
  - 2.12.1 Service furnished by the Company may be interconnected with Services or facilities of other authorized communications Common Carriers and with private systems, subject to the technical limitations established by the carrier. Service furnished by the Company is not part of a joint undertaking with such carriers.
  - 2.12.2 Interconnection with the facilities or services of other carriers shall be under the applicable terms and conditions of the other carrier's tariffs. Customer is responsible for taking all necessary legal steps for interconnecting his or her Customer-provided Terminal Equipment or communications systems with carrier's facilities. Customer shall secure all licenses, permits, right-of-way, and other arrangements necessary for such interconnection.
  - 2.12.3 Company's Service may be used with or terminated in Customer-provided Terminal Equipment or communications systems. Such Terminal Equipment shall be furnished and maintained at the expense of Customer, except as otherwise provided. Customer is responsible for all costs at his or her Premises, including personnel, wiring, electrical power, and the like, incurred in the use of carrier's Service. When such Terminal Equipment is used, the equipment shall comply with the generally accepted minimum protective criteria standards of the telecommunications industry.

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### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

### 2.13 Telephone Number Changes

When a business Customer requests a telephone number change, the referral period for the disconnected number is 180 days.

The Company reserves all rights to the telephone numbers assigned to any Customer. The Customer may order a Customized Number where facilities permit for an additional charge.

When Service in an existing location is continued for a new Customer, the existing telephone number may be retained by the new Customer only if the former Customer consents in writing, and if all charges against the account are paid or assumed by the new Customer.

The Customer has no property right in the assigned telephone number and none can be acquired by usage or otherwise. The Company reserves the right to assign, designate, or change such numbers when reasonably necessary in the conduct of its business. Telephone numbers of Customers who discontinue Service may be reassigned 30 days from the date of discontinuance of Service.

A Customer who wishes to retain his or her existing telephone number when that Customer changes his or her local Service provider from the Company to the incumbent local exchange carrier or to a Competitive Local Carrier and chooses to disconnect the Company's Service associated with the telephone number, may negotiate with the new carrier to obtain Number Call Forwarding. See the Company's tariff.

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#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

### 2.14 Limitation of Liability

- 2.14.1 The provisions of this section of this rule do not apply to errors and omissions caused by willful misconduct, fraudulent conduct or violations of laws by the Company.
- 2.14.2 In the event an error or omission is caused by the gross negligence of the Company, the liability of the Company shall be limited to and in no event exceed the sum of \$10,000.
- 2.14.3 Except as provided in Paragraphs (A) and (B) of this Rule, the liability of the Company for damages arising out of mistakes, omissions, Interruptions, delays, errors or defects in any of the Services or private line, alphabetical directory listings (excluding the use of bold type), and all other Services shall in no event exceed an amount equal to the pro rata charges to the Customer for the periods during which the Services or facilities area affected by the mistake, omission, Interruption, delay, error or defect, provided, however, that where any mistake, omission, Interruption, delay, error or defect of any one Service or facility affects or diminishes the value of any other Service, said liability shall include such diminution, but in no event shall exceed the total amount of the charges to the Customer for all Services or facilities for the period affected by the mistake, omission, Interruption, delay, error or defect.
- 2.14.4 The Company shall not be liable for errors in transmitting, receiving or delivering oral messages by telephone over the lines of the Company and connecting utilities.
- 2.14.5 The Company shall not be liable for errors in translating, transmitting, receiving or delivering messages by telephone or telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDDs) over the facilities of the Company, connecting utilities or through the California Relay Service.
- 2.14.6 The Company shall have the right to make necessary repairs or changes in its facilities at any time and will have the right to suspend or interrupt Service temporarily for the purpose of making the necessary repairs or changes in its system. When such suspension or Interruption of Service for any appreciable period is necessary, the Utility will give the Customers who may be affected as reasonable notice thereof as circumstances will permit, and will prosecute the work with reasonable diligence, and, if practicable, at times that will cause the least inconvenience.
- 2.14.7 The liability of the Company for errors in billing that result in overpayment by the Customer shall be limited to a credit equal to the dollar amount erroneously billed or, in the event that payment has been made and Service has been discontinued, to a refund of the amount erroneously billed.

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#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

- 2.14 Limitation of Liability (Cont'd.)
  - 2.14.8 The Company shall not be liable for any claims for loss or damages involving:
    - A. Any act or omission of: (1) the Customer, (2) any other entity furnishing Service, equipment or facilities for use in conjunction with Services or facilities provided by the Company; or (3) Common Carriers or warehousemen;
    - B. Any delay or failure of performance or equipment due to causes beyond the Company's control, including but not limited to, acts of God, fires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, or other catastrophes; national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars or other civil commotions; strikes, lockouts, work stoppages or other labor difficulties; criminal actions taken against the Company; unavailability, failure or malfunction of equipment or facilities provided by the Customer or third parties; and any law, order, regulation or other action of any governing authority or agency thereof;
    - C. Any unlawful or unauthorized use of the Company's facilities and Services;
    - D. Libel, slander, invasion of privacy or infringement of patents, trade secrets, or copyrights arising from or in connection with the transmission of communications by means of Company-provided facilities or Services; or by means of the combination of Company-provided facilities or Services with Customer-provided facilities or Services:
    - E. Breach in the privacy or security of communications transmitted over the Company's facilities;

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

### 2.14 Limitation of Liability (Cont'd.)

# 2.14.8 (Cont'd.)

- F. Changes in any of the facilities, operations or procedures of the Company that render any equipment, facilities or Services provided by the Customer obsolete, or require modification or alteration of such equipment, facilities or Services, or otherwise affect their use or performance, except where reasonable notice is required by the Company and is not provided to the Customer, in which event the Company's liability is limited as set forth in this tariff;
- G. Defacement of or damage to Customer Premises resulting from the furnishing of Services or equipment on such Premises or the installation or removal thereof, unless the damage is caused by the Company's negligence.
- H. Injury to property or injury or death to persons, including claims for payments made under Workers' Compensation law or under any plan for employee disability or death benefits, arising out of, or caused by, any act or omission of the Customer, or the construction, installation, maintenance, presence, use or removal of the Customer's facilities or equipment connected, or to be connected to the Company's facilities;
- I. Any calls not actually attempted to be completed during any period that Service is unavailable.
- 2.14.9 The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to its services when used in an explosive atmosphere. The Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the Customer or Authorized User from any and all claims, loss, demands, suits, or other action, by any person relating to the services so provided.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

## 2.14 Limitation of Liability (Cont'd.)

# 2.14.10 Directory Errors

- A. The Company shall allow for errors or omissions in alphabetical telephone directories (excluding the use of bold-face type) an amount within the following limits:
  - 1. For listings in alphabetical telephone directories furnished without additional charge, an amount not in excess of the minimum monthly charge to the Customer for exchange Service during the effective life of the directory in which the error or omission occurred.
  - For listings and lines of information in alphabetical telephone directories furnished at additional charge set forth in the Rate Schedules of this tariff, an amount not in excess of the charge for that listing or line of information during the effective life of the directory in which the error or omission occurred.
  - 3. For listings in information records furnished without additional charge, an amount not in excess of the minimum monthly charge to the Customer for exchange Service during the period the error or omission occurred.
  - 4. For listings in information records furnished at additional charge, an amount no in excess of the charge for the listing during the period the error or omission continued.
  - 5. For listings in telephone directories furnished in connection with mobile telephone Service, an amount not in excess of the guarantee and fixed charges for the Service during the effective life of the directory in which the error or omission occurred.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

#### 2.15 Limitations of Service

- 2.15.1 Service is offered subject to the availability of the necessary facilities and/or equipment and subject to the provisions of this tariff. The Company may decline applications for Service to or from a location where the necessary facilities or equipment are not available. The Company may discontinue furnishing Service in accordance with the terms of this tariff.
- 2.15.2 The Company reserves the right to discontinue or limit Service when necessitated by conditions beyond its control (examples of these conditions are more fully set forth elsewhere in this tariff), or when Service is used in violation of provisions of this tariff or the law.
- 2.15.3 The Company does not undertake to transmit messages, but offers the use of its Service when available, and, as more fully set forth elsewhere in this tariff, shall not be liable for errors in transmission or for failure to establish connections.
- 2.15.4 The Company reserves the right to discontinue Service, limit Service, or to impose requirements as required to meet changing regulatory or statutory rules and standards.
- 2.15.5 The Company reserves the right to refuse an application for Service made by a present or former Customer who is indebted to the Company for Service previously rendered pursuant to this tariff until the indebtedness is satisfied.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

#### 2.16 Use of Service

- 2.16.1 Service may be used by the Customer for any lawful purpose for which the Service is technically suited.
- 2.16.2 The Customer obtains no property right or interest in the use of any specific type of facility, Service, equipment, number, process, or code. All right, title and interest to such items remain, at all times, solely with the Company.
- 2.16.3 Recording of telephone conversations of Service provided by the Company under this tariff is prohibited except as authorized by applicable federal, state and local laws.
- 2.16.4 Any Service provided under this tariff may be facilities to or shared (jointly used) with other persons at the Customer's option. Service may only be facilities or shared in accordance with the provisions of the specific Service. The Customer remains solely responsible for all use of Service ordered by it or billed to its telephone number(s) pursuant to this tariff, for determining who is authorized to use its Service, and for promptly notifying the Company of any unauthorized use. The Customer may advise its Customers that a portion of its Service is provided by the Company, but the Customer shall not represent that the Company jointly participates with the Customer in the provision of the Service.
- 2.16.5 Any individual or company who uses or receives Service from the Company, other than the provisions of an accepted application for Service and a current Customer relationship, shall be liable for the tariffed cost of the Services received and may be liable for reasonable court costs and attorney fees as determined by the CPUC or the court.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

# 2.16 Use of Service (Cont'd.)

# 2.16.6 Use and Ownership of Equipment

The Company's equipment, apparatus, channels and lines shall be carefully used. Equipment furnished by the Company shall remain its property and shall be returned to the Company whenever requested, within a reasonable period following the request, in good condition (subject to reasonable wear and tear). The Customer is required to reimburse the Company for any loss of, or damage to, the facilities or equipment on the Customer's Premises, including loss or damage caused by agents, employees or independent contractors of the Customer through any negligence.

#### 2.16.7 Unauthorized Use

- A. Service shall not be used to make unlawful expressions, to impersonate another person with fraudulent or malicious intent, or to call another so frequently or at such times of day or in any other manner so as to annoy, abuse, threaten, or harass.
- B. Service shall not be used for any purpose in violation of law.
- C. Service shall not be used in such a manner as to interfere unreasonably with the use of the Service by one or more other Customers, or interfere with the Company's reasonable ability to provide the Service to others.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

## 2.17 Responsibilities of the Customer

- 2.17.1 The Customer is responsible for: 1) placing any necessary orders; 2) complying with tariff regulations; 3) for assuring that Users comply with tariff regulations; 4) payment of charges for calls originated from the Customer's telephone lines.
- 2.17.2 The Customer is responsible for arranging access to its Premises at times mutually agreeable to Company and the Customer when required for installation, repair, maintenance, inspection or removal of equipment associated with the provision of Company Services.
- 2.17.3 The Customer is responsible for maintaining its Terminal Equipment and facilities in good operating condition. The Customer is liable for any loss, including loss through theft, of any Company equipment installed at Customer's Premises.
- 2.17.4 The Customer shall be responsible for all calls placed by or through Customer's equipment by any person. In particular and without limitation to the foregoing, the Customer is responsible for any calls placed by or through the Customer's equipment via any remote access features. The Customer is responsible for all calls placed via their Authorization Code as a result of the Customer's intentional or negligent disclosure of the Authorization Code.
- 2.17.5 The Customer and any authorized or Joint Users, jointly and serially, shall indemnify and hold the Company harmless from claims, loss, damage, expense (including reasonable court costs and attorneys' fees as determined by the CPUC or the court), or liability for patent infringement arising from (1) combining with, or using in connection with facilities the Company furnished, facilities the Customer, Authorized User, or Joint User furnished or (2) use of facilities the Company furnished in a manner the Company did not contemplate and over which the Company exercises no control and from all other claims, loss, damage, expense (including the reasonable court costs and attorneys' fees as determined by the CPUC or the court), or liability arising out of any commission or omission by the Customer, Authorized User, or Joint User in connection with the Service. In the event that any such infringing use is enjoined, the Customer, Authorized User, or Joint User, at its option and expense, shall obtain immediately a dismissal or stay of such injunction, obtain a license or other agreement so as to extinguish the claim of infringement, terminate the claimed infringing use, or modify such combination so as to avoid any such infringement.

In addition and without limitation, the Customer, Authorized User, or Joint User shall defend, on behalf of the Company and upon request by the Company, any suit brought or claim asserted against the Company for any such claims, including but not limited to slander, libel, or infringement.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

#### 2.18 Services for the Deaf and Disabled

The Company will provide telecommunications relay access to a telephone relay center for California Relay Service. In addition, the Company will participate in the Deaf and Disabled Equipment Program. Both of these services will be provided by AT&T California in AT&T exchanges.

The Relay Service permits telephone communications between hearing and/or speech impaired individuals who must use a TDD or a Teletypewriter (TTY) and individuals with normal hearing and speech. The Relay Service can be reached by dialing an 800 number. Specific 800 numbers have been designated for both impaired and non-impaired Customers to use.

- 2.18.1 Only intrastate calls can be completed using the California Relay Service under the terms and conditions of this tariff.
- 2.18.2 The following calls may not be placed through the Relay Service:
  - A. calls to informational recordings and group bridging service:
  - B. calls to time or weather recorded messages;
  - C. station sent paid calls from coin telephones; and
  - D. operator-handled conference service and other teleconference calls.

#### 2.18.3 Liability

The Company contracts with an outside provider for the provision of Relay Service and equipment for the Deaf and Disabled Equipment Program. The outside provider(s) has complete control over the provision of these services except for the facilities provided directly by the Company. In addition to other provisions of this tariff dealing with liability, in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Company, the Company shall not be liable for and the Customer, by using the service, agrees to release, defend and hold harmless for all damages, whether direct, incidental or consequential, whether suffered, made, instituted or asserted by the Customer or by any other person, for any loss or destruction of any property, whatsoever whether covered by the Customer or others, or for any personal injury to or death of, any person. Not withstanding any provision to the contrary, in no event shall the Company be liable for any special, incidental, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages of any nature whatsoever.

Custom Teleconnect, Inc. 6242 W. Desert Inn Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89146 U-6017-C

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## SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

# 2.19 Emergency Telephone Number Service (911 Service)

Emergency Telephone Number Service (911 Service) is an arrangement of Company central office and trunking facilities whereby any telephone User who dials the number 911 will reach the emergency report center for the telephone from which the number is dialed or will be routed to an operator if all lines to an emergency report center are busy. If no emergency report center exists for a central office entity, a telephone User who dials the number 911 will be routed to an operator. The telephone User who dials the 911 number will not be charged for the call.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

## 2.20 Change of Service Providers

#### 2.20.1 Solicitation of Customer Authorization for Service Termination and Transfer

Solicitations by the Company, or its agents, for Customer authorization for termination of service with an existing carrier and the subsequent transfer to the Company must include current rate information on the Company and information regarding the terms and conditions of Service with the Company. Such solicitation must conform with California Public Utilities Code Section 2889.5, and be legibly printed in at least 10 point type. A penalty or fine of up to \$500 may apply for each violation of this Rule.

#### 2.20.2 Unauthorized Service Termination and Transfer

The Company shall restore the Customer's Service to the original carrier without charge to the Customer where that Service has been changed on an unauthorized basis. The Company will comply with General Order 168, Part 5 of the Public Utilities Commission with respect to the resolution of an unauthorized change in a Customer's carrier, its liability for payment of charges associated with such an unauthorized change, and absolution and/or reimbursement of charges to the Customer.

## SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

# 2.21 Privacy

The Company shall not make available to any other person or corporation Customer information that is not public without first obtaining the Customer's consent in accordance with Public Utilities Code Sections 2891, 2891.1 and 2893. The Company will provide each new Customer, and on an annual basis for existing Customers, a description of how the Company handles the Customer's private information and a disclosure of ways in which such information might be used or transferred that would not be obvious to the Customer.

Notwithstanding the above, there are instances where the Company may be required to release certain non-public Customer information without first notifying the Customer and obtaining written consent. Consistent with the California Public Utilities Code, the Company will provide required Customer information to an emergency agency responding to a 911 call, or other call communicating an imminent threat to life or property, to a law enforcement agency in response to lawful process, to a collection agency for the purpose of collecting unpaid debts, to the CPUC pursuant to its jurisdiction, to other telephone companies, including local and long distance carriers, as necessary to provide telephone Service within or between service areas, to the Federal Communications Commission or the CPUC in response to orders regarding the provision of Services over the Company's facilities by parties other than the Company. In addition, except for Customers subscribing to nonpublished numbers, the Company will release information that is customarily provided in a subscriber directory or through directory assistance services. Finally, the Company may provide the names and addresses of Customers subscribing to LifeLine Service to other certificated California utilities for use in outreach programs directed towards low-income subscribers.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

## 2.21 Privacy (Cont'd.)

#### 2.21.1 Section 2891

The following section shall apply if, and when the Company offers Service to residential consumers.

- A. The Company shall not make available to any other person or corporation, without first obtaining the residential subscriber's consent, in writing, any of the following information:
  - 1. The Customer's personal calling patterns, including any listing of the telephone or other access numbers called by the Customer, but excluding the identification of the person called, of the person calling and the telephone number from which the call was placed, subject to the restrictions in Section 2893, and also excluding billing information concerning the person calling which federal law or regulation requires the Company to provide to the person called.
  - 2. The residential Customer's credit or other personal financial information, except when the Company is ordered by the CPUC to provide this information to any electrical, gas, heat, telephone, telegraph, or water corporation, or centralized credit check system, for the purpose of determining the credit worthiness of new utility subscribers.
  - 3. The Services which the residential Customer purchases from the Company or from independent suppliers of information services who use the Company's telephone or telegraph line to provide Service to the residential Customer.
  - 4. Demographic information about individual residential Customers, or aggregate information from which individual identities and characteristics have not been removed.

## SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

## 2.21 Privacy, (Cont'd.)

# 2.21.1 Section 2891, (Cont'd.)

- B. Any residential Customer who gives his or her written consent for the release of one or more of the categories of personal information specified in subdivision (A) shall be informed by the Company regarding the identity of each person or corporation to whom the information has been released, upon written request. The Company shall notify every residential Customer of the provisions of this paragraph whenever consent is requested pursuant to this paragraph.
- C. Any residential Customer who has, pursuant to Paragraph (B) above, given written consent for the release of one or more of the categories of personal information specified in Paragraph (A) may rescind this consent upon submission of a written notice to the Company. The Company shall cease to make available any personal information about the Customer within 30 days following receipt of notice given pursuant to this paragraph.
- D. Every violation of this Rule is grounds for civil suit by the aggrieved residential subscriber against the Company and its employees responsible for the violation.
- E. For the purposes of this section, "access number" means a telex, teletext, facsimile, computer modem, or any other code which is used by a residential Customers of a telephone or telegraph corporation to direct a communications to another Customer of the same or another telephone or telegraph corporation.
- F. The Company selling or licensing lists of residential Customers shall not include the telephone number of any Customer assigned an unlisted or nonpublished access number.
- G. A Customer may waive all or part of the protection provided by this section through written notice to the Company.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

## 2.21 Privacy, (Cont'd.)

#### 2.21.2 Section 2893

- A. Call Identification Service offered by the Company, shall allow a caller to withhold display of the caller's telephone number, on an individual basis, from the telephone instrument of the individual receiving the telephone call placed by the caller.
- B. There shall be no charge to the caller who requests that his or her telephone number be withheld from the recipient of any call placed by the caller.
- C. The Company will notify its Customers that their calls may be identified to the called party thirty or more days before the Company commences to participate in the offering of a call identification.
- D. Section 2893 does not apply to any of the following:
  - 1. An identification service that is used within the same limited system, including, but not limited to a Centrex or private branch exchange (PBX) system, as the recipient telephone.
  - 2. An identification service that is used on a public agency's emergency telephone line or on the line which receives the primary emergency telephone number (911).
  - 3. Any identification service provided in connection with legally sanctioned call tracing or tapping procedures.
  - 4. Any identification service provided in connection with any toll free (i.e. 800) or "900" access code telephone service until the Company develops the technical capability to comply with Paragraph (A) as determined by the CPUC.

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# 2.22 Directories

The Company will make printed directories available to Customers at no charge. Such directories may be supplied by the incumbent local exchange carrier or other third party. Directories shall not be provided for payphone class of Service. Customer may arrange for purchase of such directory from a private company.

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# 2.23 Nonpublished Service

Upon a Customer's request, the Company will omit a Customer name, address and telephone number from any telephone directory, street address directory, or in the directory assistance records available to the general public. This information, as well as call-forwarding information from such unlisted telephone number, shall be released by the Company in response to legal process or to an authorized governmental agency which complies with the rules set forth in Appendix A to CPUC Decision No. 92860 and 93361 established for the release of nonpublished information as set forth below.

# 2.23.1 Agencies Authorized to Receive Nonpublished Information

Any California public agency which employs persons who are peace offices pursuant to California Penal Code Section 830 and all subsections thereof.

An agency of the federal government which is lawfully authorized to:

- A. Conduct investigations or make arrests for violations of the criminal laws of the United States; or,
- B. Prosecute violations of the criminal laws of the United States; or,
- C. Enforce civil sanctions which are ancillary to criminal statutes; or,
- D. Conduct investigations into matters involving the national security of the United States; or,
- E. Protect federal or foreign officials; or,
- F. Protect public health and safety; or,
- G. Conduct emergency rescue operations.
- H. Any public health agency of the State of California or of a city, county, or other local government.
- I. County of city 911 projects.
- J. State Fire Marshall and Local Fire Departments or Fire Protection Agencies.
- K. Collection agencies, to the extent disclosures made by the agency are supervised by the Commission, exclusively for the collection of debts.
- L. California Public Utilities Commission pursuant to its jurisdiction and control over telephone and telegraph corporations.

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## SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

# 2.23 Nonpublished Service (Cont'd.)

# 2.23.2 Procedure for Release of Nonpublished Information to Authorized Agencies

A telephone company shall only provide nonpublished information to persons within agencies who are either:

- A. Peace officers pursuant to California Penal Code Section 830 and all subsections thereof who are lawfully engaged in a criminal investigation in their official capacity; or,
- B. Health officers who are acting in their official capacity and are lawfully investigating a matter involving a Service communicable disease or life threatening situation; or,
- C. Employees of an authorized federal agency acting in an official capacity pursuant to a responsibility enumerated in the preceding; or,
- D. Employees of a county or city 911 project when acting in an official capacity; or,
- E. Employees of an agency listing in the preceding when engaged in an investigation involving arson or when engaged in fire fighting duties in which there is immediate peril to life or property.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

# 2.23 Nonpublished Service (Cont'd.)

# 2.23.2 Procedure for Release of Nonpublished Information to Authorized Agencies (Cont'd.)

Nonpublished information shall be released by a telephone company to an authorized agency upon the agency's written request provided that the agency has previously furnished the Company with a statement, signed by the head of the agency, requesting that nonpublished information be provided to the agency upon its written request, and listing designated persons, by name and title, who are authorized to request, in writing, nonpublished information. The written request for the nonpublished information must be signed by the head of the agency or by a previously designated person and the request must state that the nonpublished information is necessary for a lawful investigation being conducted by the agency pursuant to its responsibilities.

Nonpublished information shall also be released by a telephone company to an authorized agency upon the agency's telephonic request, provided the agency has previously furnished the utility with a statement. It must be signed by the head of the agency, requesting that nonpublished information be provided to the agency upon telephonic request, and listing designated persons, by name, title and telephone number, who are authorized to request, by telephone, nonpublished information. The telephonic request for nonpublished information must be made by the head of the agency or by one of the previously designated persons.

The nonpublished information requested by telephone shall be provided by the Company only on a call back verification basis.

The requesting agency shall, within five working days after making the telephonic request, mail the Company a letter confirming the request.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

## 2.23 Nonpublished Service (Cont'd.)

#### 2.23.3 Notification to Customer

The telephone company shall not notify the Customer regarding the release of the Customer's nonpublished information unless the Customer contacts the Company and specifically requests to know whether their nonpublished information has been released.

When a Customer inquires of the Company whether their nonpublished information has been released, the Customer shall be informed that if information has been released they will be notified by mail about what information was released and which agency requested the information. If there was no release of nonpublished information, the Customer will receive no communication from the Company.

If the requesting agency certifies that disclosure to a Customer about the release of his or her nonpublished information to that agency could impede an ongoing criminal investigation, the telephone company shall withhold notice to the Customer for a period of one year from the date of release of the information to the agency.

The one year period of nondisclosure shall be extended for successive one year periods upon new written certification by the agency in each instance.

If no request has been made for nondisclosure to the Customer, the Customer who inquires shall be notified in writing as to the identity of the agency which requested the nonpublished information and the information released.

If there has been no request for nondisclosure within 25 working days after the expiration of any outstanding certification for nondisclosure, or any renewal of such certification, a Customer who has previously inquired, at any time during the period of nondisclosure, whether their nonpublished information was released, shall automatically be notified in writing by the Company that such information was released and which agency received the information.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

#### 2.23 Nonpublished Service (Cont'd.)

# 2.23.4 Exception for Health Officers

No notification shall ever be made to a Customer that nonpublished information was released to an authorized public health agency provided the chief health officer or designated health officer from the agency certifies that disclosure to the Customer could violate a client's or contact's right of privacy and confidentiality.

# 2.23.5 Release of Information to Interexchange Carriers

The Company will provide nonpublished information to an Interexchange Carrier who needs the information for allocation, billing or Service purposes.

#### 2.23.6 Retention of Records

All written documents pertaining to nonpublished Service shall be retained by telephone companies for at least one year. When an agency requests that notice to the Customer be withheld, the telephone company shall retain the records involved for a period of not less than one year from the date on which the period of nondisclosure expires.

#### 2.23.7 Unsolicited Telephone Efforts

The Company will not contact nonpublished residence Customers by telephone on an unlisted number(s) for unsolicited efforts.

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

2.24 Legal Requirements for Refusal or Discontinuance of Service

California Public Utilities Commission's Decision No. 91188 in Case No. 4930 requires that each communications utility operating under the jurisdiction of the CPUC include the provisions of the rule set forth in Appendix B of that Decision as a part of the rules in the utility's tariff schedules. Accordingly, Appendix B of Decision No. 91188, Case No. 4930, is quoted herein:

# "Appendix B"

- A. Any communications utility operating under the jurisdiction of this Commission shall refuse Service to a new applicant and shall disconnect existing Service to a Customer upon receipt from any authorized official of a law enforcement agency of a writing, signed by a magistrate, as defined by Penal Code sections 807 and 808, finding that probable cause exists to believe that the use made or to be made of the Service is prohibited by law, or that the Service is being or is to be used as an instrumentality, directly or indirectly, to violate or to assist in the violation of the law. Included in the magistrate's writing shall be a finding that there is probable cause to believe not only that the subject telephone facilities have been or are to be used in the commission or facilitation of illegal acts, but that the character of such acts is such that, absent immediate and summary action in the premises, significant dangers to public health, safety, or welfare will result.
- B. Any person aggrieved by any action taken or threatened to be taken pursuant to this rule shall have the right to file a complaint with the Commission and may include therein a request of interim relief. The Commission shall schedule a public hearing on the complaint to be held within 20 calendar days of the filing of the complaint. The remedy provided by this rule shall be exclusive. No other action at law or in equity shall accrue against any communications utility because of, or as a result of, any matter or thing done or threatened to be done pursuant to the provisions of this rule.
- C. If communications facilities have been physically disconnected by law enforcement officials at the premises where located, without central office disconnection, and if there is not presented to the utility the written finding of a magistrate, as specified in paragraph 1 of this rule, then upon written request of the subscriber, the utility shall promptly restore such Service.

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2.24 Legal Requirements for Refusal or Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd.)

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- D. Any concerned law enforcement agency shall have the right to Commission notice of any hearing held by the Commission pursuant to paragraph 2 of this rule, and shall have the right to participate therein, including the right to present evidence and argument and to present and cross-examine witnesses. Such law enforcement agency shall be entitled to receive copies of all notices and orders issued in such proceeding and shall have both (1) the burden of proving that the use made or to be made of the Service is prohibited by law, or that the Service is being or is to be used as an instrumentality, directly or indirectly, to violate or to assist in the violation of the law and that the character of such acts is such that, absent immediate and summary action in the premises, significant dangers to public health, safety, or welfare will result, and (2) the burden of persuading the Commission that the Service should be refused or should not be restored.
- E. The utility, immediately upon refusal or disconnection of Service in accordance with paragraph 1 of this rule, shall notify the applicant or subscriber in writing that such refusal or disconnection has been made pursuant to a request by a law enforcement agency, naming the agency, and shall include with said notice a copy of this rule together with a statement that the applicant or subscriber may request information and assistance from the Commission at its San Francisco or Los Angeles office concerning any provision of this rule.
- F. At the expiration of 15 days after refusal or disconnection of Service pursuant to paragraph 1 of this rule, the utility, upon written request of the applicant or subscriber, shall provide or restore such Service unless the law enforcement agency concerned shall have notified the utility in writing of its objection to such provision or restoration of Service, in which event Service may be provided or restored only in a complaint proceeding pursuant to paragraph 2 of this rule. At the time of giving any such notice of objection, the law enforcement agency shall mail or deliver a copy thereof to the applicant or subscriber. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to preclude the granting of interim relief in a proceeding initiated pursuant to paragraph 2 of this rule.

## SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

2.24 Legal Requirements for Refusal or Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd.)

"Appendix B" (Cont'd.)

- G. Each contract for communications service, by operation of law, shall be deemed to contain the provisions of this rule. Such provisions shall be deemed to be a part of any application for communications service. Applicants for Service shall be deemed to have consented to the provisions of this rule as a consideration for the furnishing of such Service.
- H. The term "person," as used herein, includes a subscriber to communications service, an applicant for such service, a corporation, a company, a co-partnership, an association, a political subdivision, a public officer, a governmental agency, and an individual.
- I. The term "communications utility," as used herein, includes a "telephone corporation" and a "telegraph corporation," as defined in Division 1 of the California Public Utilities Code.

# SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

# 2.25 Blocking Access to 900 and 976 Information Services

The Company automatically blocks calls to 900 and 976 pay-per-call telephone information services. There is no charge for such call blocking. The Company will inform the Customer of this blocking feature at the time Service is initially ordered.

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#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

#### 2.26 **Demarcation Points**

# 2.26.1 Responsibilities

The Company will provide facilities, equipment, and Services to its local loop demarcation point. The Company is responsible for the provisioning and maintenance of its facilities, equipment, and Services to the local loop demarcation point, including those located at that point.

The Customer is responsible for the completion of Services beyond the Company's local loop demarcation point.

Customer requested Services beyond the local loop demarcation point may be provided by the Company at the Customer's expense.

# 2.26.2 Local Loop Demarcation Point

A. The Company's Local Loop Demarcation Point separates the Company's network responsibility for its facilities, equipment and Services from that of the building owner or End User Customer. This demarcation point designates the end of the Company's network facilities (local loop) and the beginning of the intra building network cable (INC), if any, provided by the building owner.

Where a Local Loop Demarcation Point lacks sufficient power and/or space to support provisioning of new Service, such Service will be provisioned as close as practicable to the existing demarcation point.

- B. The Local Loop Demarcation Point may also be referred to as the Minimum Point of Entry (MPOE) or Minimum Point of Presence (MPOP) for the purpose of defining the end of the Company's network facilities.
- C. The Local Loop Demarcation Point is located at the MPOE/MPOP to any single or multi-story building, and includes the Company's entrance facility, except as set forth in Paragraph below. The Company will not be required to place its demarcation point on more than one floor of a multi-story building.

## SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

## 2.26 Demarcation Points (Cont'd.)

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# 2.26.2 Local Loop Demarcation Point (Cont'd.)

# D. Exceptions:

- 1. Emergency Reporting Services (E911/911) The demarcation point is at the Company-provided Terminal Equipment, including the equipment.
- 2. Disabled Services The demarcation point is at the Company-provided Terminal Equipment. The Company's responsibility includes the equipment where the equipment has been provided by the Company.
- 3. Company-Provided Semi-Public and Public Coin Services The demarcation point is at the equipment at the location requested by the Customer or building owner, and includes the equipment.
- 4. If a property owner desires an additional Local Loop Demarcation Point(s) at a specified location on a Customer's premises for purposes of providing Service assurance, safety, security and privacy of data communications over the cable (also known as Direct Feed), the owner will be required to pay for additional network cable and network facilities through special construction arrangements. In particular, additional Local Loop Demarcation Points cannot be used to extend any cable pairs served from any Local Loop Demarcation Point from location to another location.
- 5. Fiber Optic Cable The demarcation point is at the Company-provided Fiber Optic Terminal (FOT) equipment. The Company's responsibility includes the FOT equipment where the equipment has been provided by the Company.
- 6. Carrier Points of Presence (POP) Local Loop Demarcation Point guidelines are not applicable for access Services provided to interexchange carriers, local exchange carriers, and radio carriers (both private carriers and Common Carriers as defined by applicable Federal Communications Commission's regulations) Point of Presence location. However, the Local Loop Demarcation Point rules do apply to all Company-provided Service(s) provisioned to a Point of Presence when the Service(s) is used in the capacity of an End User of the Service(s).

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#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

## 2.26 Demarcation Points (Cont'd.)

#### 2.26.3 INC Demarcation Point

- A. The Intra building Network Cable (INC) demarcation point separates the building owner's responsibility to provide INC from the Customer's responsibility to provide inside wire, standard jacks, and Customer Premises equipment. This demarcation point designates the end of the INC provided by the building owner and the beginning of simple or complex inside wire provided by the Customer.
- B. The INC demarcation point is located at the distribution terminal(s) on each floor in a multi-story building, except as set forth in Paragraph 3 below and B4 preceding.
- C. Where there is no intra building network cable or it is in a single-story building, the INC demarcation is the Company's Local Loop Demarcation Point.

#### 2.26.4 Inside Wire Demarcation Point

- A. The Inside Wire Demarcation Point is located where Customer Premises equipment (CPE) is connected to the inside wire. This demarcation point designates the end of the inside wire and the beginning of the CPE facilities.
- B. The Inside Wire Demarcation Point separates the inside wire vendor's responsibility from that of the CPE vendor. This demarcation point, where the Company is the vendor of choice for inside wire repair and the CPE trouble isolation, begins where the Customer's inside wire connects to the INC. Where there is no INC, the Inside Wire Demarcation Point is the MPOE.

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## 2.26 Demarcation Points (Cont'd.)

# 2.26.5 Continuous Property

- A. Continuous Property is land which is
  - 1. wholly owned by a single individual or entity, regardless of whether the owner leases<sup>1</sup> all or a portion(s) of the property to another and
  - 2. which contains, or will contain, multiple buildings where all portions of the property may be served without crossing a public thoroughfare<sup>2</sup> or the property of another.
- B. There are three basic types of Continuous Properties:
  - 1. Single-tenant commercial in which one owner or tenant occupies all building.
  - 2. Mixed commercial and residential (e.g., building with both commercial and residential space or campus-type configurations such as colleges and military bases) in which a mixture of business and residential uses exists.
  - 3. Multi-tenant commercial and/or residential in which several tenants occupy a building individually on a per-floor or per-section basis.

Single family homes and properties within which a portion(s) of the land is owned by separate entities and portion(s) is owned by the entities in common<sup>3</sup> do not constitute Continuous Property.

The property retains its character as a Continuous Property regardless of whether the owner or a lessee (who wholly leases the property from the owner) sublets a portion(s) of the property to another, e.g., apartment buildings or complexes. Condominiums also are Continuous Property.

A "public thoroughfare" is a street, road, or other means of passage across a property which is not subject to restrictions on ingress, egress, or boundaries.

<sup>3</sup> Such as town homes and homes in gated communities

#### SECTION 2 - RULES (CONT'D.)

- 2.26 Demarcation Points, (Cont'd.)
  - 2.26.5 Continuous Property, (Cont'd.)
    - C. Continuous Property Point of Demarcation
      - 1. For Continuous Property, regardless of use, the Company's Local Loop Demarcation Point will be at the appropriate main distribution terminal as determined by negotiations between the property owner and the Company. Where an agreement cannot be reached, the Company will designate the Local Loop Demarcation Point location.
      - 2. It is the property owner's responsibility to provide and maintain INC within and between buildings on a continuous property. The Company may, at the Customer request and expense, provide INC.
    - D. Where an owner of Continuous Property requests additional Local Loop Demarcation Points or changes an existing local loop demarcation point, the owner will be required to pay for any additional network cable and facilities required through special construction agreements set forth in this tariff, except as provided in the preceding paragraph.
    - E. The INC and Inside Wire Demarcation Points are located as described above.
    - F. At the request of a property owner, a Company may waive the designation of a single Local Loop Demarcation Point for a Continuous Property if, due to the unique characteristics of the property, a hardship would be created for the property owner and/or the Company. Examples of such Continuous Property include (a) national, state and local parks, beaches, highways, harbors and similar publicly-owned property and (b) railroad rights-of-way and extensive, privately-owned tracts of land with developed communities (e.g., the City of Irvine) and similar privately-owned property. The Company will treat land within the boundaries of privately-owned property under (b) above as Continuous Property, provided that it had the characteristics of Continuous Property, e.g., (a) it is wholly leased by a single individual or entity and (b) it contains or will contain multiple buildings.

This paragraph is not intended in any way to waive the unbundling of INC in each building.

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#### 2.27 Taxes and Surcharges

2.27.1 Customer will be billed for and is liable for payment of all applicable federal, state and local taxes, surcharges or other assessments including such amounts as Global may be authorized to pass through to the customer.

Pursuant to Resolution T-16901, all telecommunications carriers are required to apply CPUC mandated Public Program Surcharge rates and the CPUC Reimbursement Fee rate to intrastate services. For a list of the Public program surcharges and Reimbursement Fee, and the amounts, please refer to the AT&T Communications of California, Inc. tariffs.

Exclusions to the CPUC mandated Public Program Surcharge rates are as follows:

- 1. Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) billings
- 2. Charges to other certificated carriers for services that are to be resold
- 3. Coin Sent paid telephone calls (coin in box) and debit card calls
- 4. Customer-specific contracts effective before September 15, 1994
- 5. Usage Charges for coin-operated pay telephones
- 6. Directory advertising
- 7. One-way radio paging

Exclusions to the CPUC Reimbursement Fee rate are as follows:

- 1. Directory advertising and sales
- 2. Terminal equipment sales
- 3. Inter-utility sales

#### **SECTION 3 -SERVICE AREA MAP**

The Company has been authorized by the CPUC to provide facilities competitive local exchange service within the areas of the State of California identified on the following map, which depicts the combined service areas of AT&T and Verizon California as shown on the CPUC Telephone Exchange Map revised 2/94.



#### **SECTION 4 - SPECIAL SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS**

## 4.1 Individual Case Basis (ICB) Arrangements

# 4.1.1 General Description

Arrangements will be developed on a case-by-case basis in response to a bona fide request from a Customer or prospective Customer to develop a competitive bid for a Service offered under this tariff. The facilities utilized to provide these Services are of a type normally used by the Telephone Company in furnishing its other Services and shall be comparable with other Telephone Company Services, and its engineering and maintenance practices. The requested Service or arrangement is subject to the availability of the necessary Telephone Company personnel and capital resources.

# A. Rate Regulations

Rates quoted in response to requests may be different than those specified for such Services in this tariff. The Customer has one-hundred and eighty (180) days after receiving the ICB rates to order the Service requested at the quoted rates.

#### 4.1.2 Contracts

The Company may provide any of the Services offered under this tariff, or combinations of Services, to Customers on a contractual basis. The terms and conditions of each contract offering are subject to the agreement of both the Customer and Company. Such contract offerings will be made available to similarly situated Customers in substantially similar circumstances. Rates in other sections of this tariff do not apply to Customers who agree to contract arrangements, with respect to Services within the scope of the contract.

Services provided under contract are not eligible for any promotional offerings which may be offered by the Company from time to time.