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ACCESS LINE

The serving central office equipment and all Company plant facilities up to and including the Company-provided Standard Network Interface. These facilities are Company-provided and maintained and provide access to and from the telecommunications network for message toll service and for local calling. Also called a Central Office Line.

ACCESSORIES

Devices which are mechanically attached to, or used with, the facilities furnished by the Company and which are independent of, and not electrically, acoustically or inductively connected to the communications path of the telecommunications systems.

ADDITIONAL LISTING

Any listing of a name or other authorized information in connection with a customer's telephone number in addition to that to which he is entitled in connection with his regular service.

APPLICANT

Any person, firm partnership, corporation, cooperative organization, governmental agency, etc., or any combination thereof requesting service or action from the Company.

AUTHORIZED PROTECTIVE CONNECTING MODULE

A protective unit approved by the Company which is manufactured in accordance with the design set forth in Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations.

AUTHORIZED USER

A person, firm or corporation (other than the customer) who has been authorized by the Company to communicate over a private line or channel according to the terms of the Tariff and (1) on whose Premises a station of the Private Line Service is located or (2) who receives from or sends to the customer over such private line or channel communications relating solely to the business of the customer.

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AUXILIARY LINE

An additional individual line main station used for one-way (inward to the subscriber) service.

BASIC TERMINATION CHARGE

See "Termination Charge."

BUILDING

A structure under one roof, or two or more structures under separate roofs but connected by passageways, in which the Company's wires or cables can be safely run provided the plant facility requirements are not appreciably greater than would normally be required if all structures were under one roof. In those cases where there are several structures under separate roofs but connected by passageways and the plant facility requirements for furnishing telephone service are appreciably greater than would normally be required if all the structures were under one roof, the term "Same Building" applies individually to each of the separate structures. Pipes and conduits are not considered enclosed passageways.

BUSINESS SERVICE

Telecommunications service furnished to customers where the primary or obvious use is of a business, professional, institutional or otherwise occupational nature.

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CALL

An attempted communication, whether completed or not.

CALLING AREA

See "Local Service Area."

CANCELLATION CHARGE

A charge applicable under certain conditions when the application for service and/or facilities is canceled in whole or in part prior to the completion of the work involved or before the contract period is completed.

CENTRAL OFFICE

A switching unit in a telecommunications system which provides service to the general public, having the necessary equipment and operating arrangements for the terminating and interconnecting of exchange lines and trunks or trunks only. There may be more than one central office in a building or exchange.

CENTRAL OFFICE LINE

See "Access Line."

CENTREX

A service offered by the Company that provides all the telephone system features and functions from the Company's Central Office rather than from equipment installed at customer's location.

CERTIFICATE

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the Commission to telephone utilities.

CHANNEL

A path, or combination of paths, for communication between two or more stations or Company offices and furnished in such a manner as the Company may elect, whether by wire, radio or a combination thereof and whether or not by means of a single physical facility or route.

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CIC

Carrier Identification Code, 4 digit code used to identify long distance carriers.

CIRCUIT

A channel used for the transmission of energy in the furnishing of telephone and other communication services further described as:

- (a) Two-wire circuit: A circuit using one transmission path, which may be one carrier pair or one pair (two wires) of metallic conductors.
- (b) Four-wire circuit: A circuit using two one-way transmission paths, which may be two carrier paths or two pairs (four wires) of metallic conductors

CIRCUIT MEASUREMENT

See "Route Measurement" under MILEAGE CHARGES.

CLASS OF SERVICE

A description of telecommunications service furnished a customer which denotes such characteristics such as nature of use (business or residence) or type of rate (flat or message rate). Classes of service are usually subdivided in grades, such as individual or multi-party line.

COMMISSION

The Georgia Public Service Commission.

COMPANY

Wherever used in this tariff, "Company" refers to Darien Telephone Company unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

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CONDUIT

A tubular runway for cable facilities.

CONNECTING ARRANGEMENT

The equipment provided by the Company to accomplish the direct electrical connection of customer-provided facilities with the facilities of the Company, or of facilities of the Company with other facilities of the Company.

CONNECTING COMPANY

A corporation, association, firm or individual owning and operating a toll line or one or more central offices and with whom traffic is interchanged.

CONSTRUCTION CHARGE

A separate initial charge made for construction of pole lines, circuits, facilities, etc., in excess of that contemplated under the rates quoted in the Tariff.

CONTINUOUS PROPERTY

The plot of ground, together with any building thereon, occupied by the customer, which is not divided by public highways or separated by property occupied by others. Where a customer occupies property on both sides of a street, alley, highway, body of water, railroad right-of-way, etc., and the properties would otherwise be continuous, such properties are treated as continuous property, provided local wire or cable facilities are used and the customer furnishes all local distribution pole line facilities or underground conduit required in connection therewith.

CONTRACT

The service agreement between a customer and the Company under which service and facilities for communication between specified locations for designated periods and for the use of the customer and its specifically named authorized users are furnished in accordance with the provisions of this Tariff.

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CONTRACT PERIOD

The length of time for which a customer is responsible for the charges associated with the services, facilities, and equipment under contract.

CUSTOM LOCAL AREA SIGNALING SERVICES (CLASS)

Custom Local Area Signaling Services (CLASS) are enhanced services associated with Signal System Seven (SS7) technology. CLASS is furnished in connection with individual line service (private line).

CUSTOMER

Any person, firm, partnership, corporation, municipality, Company organization or governmental agency furnished communication service by the Company under the provisions and regulations of this Tariff. The customer is responsible for compliance with the rules and regulations of the Company, and is responsible for ensuring payment of the charges.

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DATA ACCESS ARRANGEMENT

A protective connecting arrangement for use with the network control signaling unit, or in lieu of the connective arrangement an arrangement to identify a central office line and protective facilities and procedures to assure proper operation and protection of the telecommunications network.

DEMARCATION POINT

The point of interconnection between the Company's communications facilities and the terminal equipment, protective apparatus or inside wiring at a customer's premises. The demarcation point is located on the customer's side of the Company's protector or equivalent Network Interface.

DIAL SWITCHING EQUIPMENT

A unit of electro-mechanical or electronic switching equipment used in a central office or in connection with a private branch exchange system.

DIRECT ELECTRICAL CONNECTION

A physical connection of the electrical conductors in the communications path.

DIRECTORY

A book which is published and typically lists each telephone customer alphabetically, with his/her service location and telephone number.

DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE CHARGE

A charge made for placing requests for telephone numbers from the Directory Assistance Operators.

DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE SERVICE

Directory assistance service is furnished to supplement the information available in the Company directory, and to furnish telephone numbers to users who are not able to find the listing in their directory.

DIRECTORY LISTINGS

The publication of the Company's directory and/or directory assistance records of information relative to a customer's telephone number, by which telephone users are able to ascertain the telephone number of a desired party.

DROP WIRE

Wires used to connect the aerial, buried or underground distribution facilities to the point where connection is made with a customer's premises.

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EXCHANGE

The area established by the Company for the administration of telecommunications service for which a separate local rate schedule is provided. The area usually embraces a city, town, or village and its environs, and consists of one or more central offices, together with associated plant facilities used in furnishing telecommunications services in that area.

EXCHANGE ACCESS LINE

The serving central office line equipment and all Company plant facilities up to and including the Company-provided Standard Network interface. These facilities are Company-provided and maintained and provide access to and from the telecommunications network for message toll service and for local calling appropriate to the tariffed use offering selected by the customer.

EXCHANGE AREA

The area within which the Company furnishes complete telephone service from one specific exchange at the exchange rates applicable within that area.

EXCHANGE SERVICE

Exchange service is a general term describing, as a whole, the facilities for local intercommunications, together with the capability to send and receive a specified or an unlimited number of local messages at charges in accordance with the provisions of the local exchange Tariff.

- (a) Flat rate service: A classification of exchange service furnished a customer for which a stipulated charge is made regardless of the amount of use.

EXCHANGE SERVICE AREA

The territory, including the base rate, suburban and rural areas served by an exchange, within which local telephone service is furnished at the exchange rates applicable within that area.

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EXTENDED AREA SERVICE

A type of telephone service furnished under tariff provisions whereby customers of a given exchange may complete calls to and, where provided by the Tariff, receive messages from one or more exchanges without the application of long distance message telecommunications charges.

FACILITIES

All the plant and equipment of the Company and all instrumentalities owned, licensed, used, controlled, furnished, or supplied for or by the Company, including any construction work in progress.

FLAT RATE SERVICE

A classification of exchange service furnished a customer for which a stipulated charge is made regardless of the amount of use.

GENERAL EXCHANGE SERVICES

Services furnished by the Company connected to or associated with primary local exchange service.

GRADE OF SERVICE

The term used in describing exchange service with respect to the number of main stations which may be connected to a central office line (One-Party, Two-Party, Four-Party, Multi-Party).

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HARM

Electrical hazards to Company personnel, damage to Company equipment, malfunctions of Company billing equipment, and degradation of service to persons other than the user as well as the calling or called party.

HIGH CAPACITY CIRCUIT (HI CAP)

Digital-data transmission service equal to, or in excess of T1 data rates (1.544 Mbits).

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

An identifying number of a particular model of "Conforming Device" attested by a manufacturer or supplier to comply with the standards and procedures set forth in the Federal Communications Commission's Part 68.

INDIVIDUAL LINE SERVICE

A classification of exchange service furnished under Tariff provisions which provides that only one exchange access line shall be served by the circuit connected.

INITIAL SERVICE PERIOD

The minimum period of time for which service is provided, which is typically one month unless otherwise specified in the Tariff

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INSTALLATION CHARGE

A nonrecurring charge associated with optional service features and may sometimes be called an "initial" charge, and may apply in addition to service connection charges.

INTERCEPTING SERVICE

A service arrangement whereby a person calling a disconnected or discontinued telephone number is informed that the called telephone number has been discontinued, or disconnected, or changed to another number, or that calls are received by another telephone.

INTERFACE (also called NETWORK INTERFACE)

- (a) The junction or point of interconnection between two systems or equipment having different characteristics which may differ with respect to voltage, frequency, speed of operation, type of signal and/or type of information coding including the connection of other than Company-provided facilities to exchange facilities provided by the Company.
- (b) The point of interconnection between Company equipment and communications facilities on the premises of the customer. Also referred to as the demarcation point.

INTERFACE EQUIPMENT

Equipment provided by the Company at the interface location to accomplish the direct connection of facilities provided by the Company with facilities provided by other than the Company.

INTERLATA

Long distance message telecommunications service where point locations are in a different local access and transport area (LATA).

INTRALATA

Long distance message telecommunications service where service point locations are within the same local access and transport area (LATA).

JACK

A fixed socket designed to permit the establishment of a connection between the local exchange facilities and terminal equipment equipped with cords ending in plugs.

JOINT USER SERVICE

A classification of exchange service furnished to a joint user, in connection with customers' exchange service. A joint user is a person, firm, or corporation sharing the customer's exchange service in accordance with tariff provisions, but who would not otherwise be entitled to the use of the service.

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LEFT-IN-STATION

A station left on the premises after discontinuance of service. Also referred to as “instrumentalities-in-place.”

LOCAL ACCESS AND TRANSPORT AREA (LATA)

Denotes a geographic area established for the administration of telecommunications service. It encompasses designated local operating Company exchanges which are grouped to serve common social, economic, and miscellaneous purposes.

LOCAL CALLING AREA

See “Local Service Area.”

LOCAL CHANNEL

Applies to that portion of a channel which connects a station to the interexchange channel or to a channel connecting two or more exchange access lines within an exchange area.

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

Telecommunications service provided within an exchange for the purpose of establishing connections between customer premises within the exchange, including connections between a customer premises and a long distance service provider serving the exchange. Local exchange service may also be referred to as local exchange telephone service.

LOCAL MESSAGE

A communication between two or more exchange access lines within the local service area of the calling telephone.

LOCAL SERVICE AREA

The area within which telephone service is furnished customers under a specific schedule of exchange rates (flat or measured) and without toll charges. A local service area may include one or more exchange areas under an extended area service arrangement.

LONG DISTANCE MESSAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE

Facilities furnished by means of wire, radio or a combination thereof for telecommunications between service points in different local service areas in accordance with the regulations and system of charges specified by the Company.

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MESSAGE

A communication between two or more exchange access lines. Messages may be classified as local or toll.

MILEAGE (CHARGES)

The measurement (airline, route, etc.) upon which a charge for the use of part or all of a circuit furnished by the Company is based.

MINIMUM CONTRACT PERIOD

The minimum length of time for which a customer is obligated to pay for service, facilities and equipment, whether or not retained by the customer for such minimum length of time.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMON CARRIERS

Communications common carriers which are not engaged in the business of providing either a public landline message telephone service or a public message telegraph service.

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT

Equipment furnished at additional charges associated with the various classes of subscriber service.

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NETWORK ACCESS CHARGE

The recurring monthly charge for residential or business network services up to and including the station protector.

NETWORK CONTROL SIGNALING

The transmission of signals used in the telecommunications system which perform functions such as supervision (control, status, and charging signals), address signaling (e.g., dialing), calling and called number identification and audible tone signals (call progress signals indicating reorder or busy conditions, alerting coin denominations, coin collect and coin return tones) to control the operation of switching machines in the telecommunications system.

NETWORK CONTROL SIGNALING UNIT

The terminal equipment furnished, installed and maintained by the Company for the provisions of network control signaling.

NETWORK INTERFACE

See "Interface."

NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Applicants having no basic monthly service or those subscribers changing service premises.

NON-LISTED TELEPHONE NUMBER

A telephone number associated with an exchange station which, at the request of the subscriber, has the listing omitted from the telephone directory but is on records available to the general public upon request.

NON-POWERED CONFERENCING EQUIPMENT

Denotes a portable plug-ended device, without active elements, consisting of a multiwinding transformer and manual line switches designed to bridge two or more, but not to exceed five, of the lines appearing on six-button telephone stations equipped with both hold and illumination features.

NON-PUBLISHED TELEPHONE NUMBER

A telephone number associated with an exchange access line which, at the request of the customer, is not listed in the telephone directory and is not made available to the general public by the Company.

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PAYPHONE SERVICE PROVIDERS (PSPs)

A customer-owned coin/coinless operated telephone. Previously known as a COCOT.

PBX TRUNK

See Private Branch Exchange Service.

PERSON

Includes individuals, partnerships, corporations, governmental bodies, associations and any other such entity.

PLANT

Property which is necessary to provide service to the public as set forth in the various fixed capital accounts of the Uniform System of Accounts for telephone companies.

PORTABLE TELEPHONE

A desk or hand set equipped with a cord terminating in plug for use in connection with a circuit terminating in jacks.

PREMISES

The same premises (except in connection with inside moves) consists of:

- (a) The building or buildings, together with the surrounding land occupied as, or used in the conduct of one establishment, business, residence, or a combination thereof, and not intersected by a public road or by property occupied by others.
- (b) The portion of the building occupied by the customer, either in the conduct of his business or residence, or a combination thereof, and not intersected by a public thoroughfare or by space occupied by others.
- (c) The continuous property operated as a single farm whether or not intersected by a public road.
- (d) In connection with inside moves, the term "same premises" is to be interpreted to mean the building or portion of a building occupied as a unit by the customer in the conduct of his business or as a residence, or a combination thereof, and not intersected by a public road, corridor, or space occupied by others.

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PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE

An arrangement of equipment situated on a customer's premises consisting of a switching apparatus with an attendant's telephone, telephones connected with the switchboard, and trunks connecting it with a central office. The Private Branch Exchange provides for intercommunications between these telephones, for communication with the general exchange network, and for long distance message telecommunications service.

PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE LINE

A channel connecting the Private Branch Exchange (PBX) station or other terminal equipment with the PBX switching equipment.

PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE TRUNKS

Trunks connecting a private branch exchange system with a central office for communication with the general exchange network and for long distance message telecommunications service.

RESIDENCE EXCHANGE ACCESS LINE

An exchange access line used to provide exchange telephone service to a residence customer.

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

Telecommunications service furnished to customers when the actual or obvious use is for domestic purposes.

ROTARY SERVICE

An arrangement whereby two or more lines furnished to a customer are assigned numbers in sequence and equipped so that calls to the first number are automatically completed to the first non-busy line in the sequence. Lines beyond the first line are referred to as "auxiliary lines."

SAME BUILDING

See "Building."

SERVICE

The classification of Telephone Company Service is applied to Company-owned or leased facilities which provide customer access to various regulated classes and grades of service related to the switched network. Entry to the switched network is obtained through access lines.

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SERVICE CHARGE

A nonrecurring nonrefundable charge for work required to establish initial service or to make subsequent additions to, moves, or changes in that service.

SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE

A non-recurring charge applying to the establishment of basic telephone service for a subscriber and certain subsequent additions to that service.

SERVICE LINE

A two-way business individual line, a dial PBX main station, a Centrex Main Station, or an extension of any of the before mentioned, which is required for testing of certain services provided by the Company and which is to be billed at the existing tariff rate.

SINGLE ENDED TERMINAL DEVICE

A terminal device which terminates only one line or channel at a given time (e.g., headsets).

STANDARD NETWORK INTERFACE

- a. The Standard Network Interface is a standard Registration Program jack or equivalent provided by the Company as part of exchange access, WATS, or Private Line services.
- b. The Standard Network Interface will be located inside the subscriber premises.
- c. All premises services will connect to the telecommunications network through the Standard Network Interface. For existing installations, the protector or point where facilities enter a customer's premises is to be established as the end of such service. Going forward, a Company-provided standard Registration Program jack is to be used as the point of connection to the telecommunications network. All newly constructed customer premises will be provided with a Standard Network Interface.

STATION EQUIPMENT

Customer-owned or leased equipment connected to a channel to transmit and/or receive voice communications and/or data signals.

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SUBSCRIBER

A person, firm, partnership, corporation, municipality, Company organization or governmental agency furnished communication service by the Company under the provisions of its Tariff.

SUSPENSION OF SERVICE

An arrangement made at the request of the customer, or initiated by the Company, for temporarily interrupting service without terminating the service agreement or removing the telephone equipment from the customer's premises.

SWITCH

A unit of dial switching equipment which provides interconnection between stations, lines or trunks.

TARIFF

The schedule of the Company containing all rules and regulations, rates, and charges, stated separately by type or kind of service and the customer class filed with and approved by the Georgia Public Service Commission.

TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE FOR THE DEAF (TDD)

A generic term describing keyboard devices designed or modified for the purpose of assisting deaf people in communicating over the telephone network. These include such devices as teleprinters or other keyboard units which use cathode ray tubes or light emitting diodes to display messages. TDDs may also be used by persons with other disabilities who require a keyboard and visual display to communicate over the telephone network.

TELEPHONE COMPANY

See "Company."

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TELEPHONE NUMBER

A numerical designation assigned to a customer for convenience in operation and identification. The telephone numbers include the number prefix of a central office, which is termed "central office designation."

TELEPHONE STATION

A unit of service complete with all instrumentalities (e.g., telephone set, connecting block, inside wiring, protection apparatus, drop or block, inside wiring, protection apparatus, drop or block wiring) and line (circuits), so arranged as to permit sending and receiving messages through the exchange and long distance network.

TEMPORARY DISCONNECTION

See "Suspension of Service."

TERMINATION CHARGE

A charge made to liquidate a customer's obligations for termination of service prior to the expiration of the initial contract period.

TOLL CENTER

A telephone switching center at which the operations (manual or dial) function (message timing, switching, and recording) takes place in connection with the provision of toll message service.

TOLL LINE

For the purpose of distinguishing between certificates for exchange areas and for toll lines, a toll line is a "line" as herein defined used in the transmission of communication between any two or more exchanges as distinguished from inter-office trunks between individual central offices within a single exchange area.

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TRUNK LINE

A telephone communication channel between a central office and a Private Branch Exchange, or a Key System for the common use of all calls or one class between its two terminals.

UNDERGROUND SERVICE CONNECTION

A drop wire or cable which is run underground in conduit from a pole line or an underground distributing cable.

UTILITY TELEPHONE

Any person, firm, partnership or corporation engaged in the business of furnishing telecommunications services to the public under the jurisdiction of the Georgia Public Service Commission.

WIRE CENTER

A central office location where telephone feeder and distribution cables are terminated.

WIRING PLAN

An arrangement of wiring for connecting primary and extension stations, PBX stations and intercommunicating stations.

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Symbols For Tariff Changes

General

The following symbols will be utilized for all changes of material within the General Exchange Tariff:

- C** - Change in Regulation
- D** - Discontinued Rate, Regulation or Text
- E** - Correction of an error made prior to current revision of Tariff
- I** - Increase in Rate
- L** - Material relocated from or to another part of the tariff, with no change in Text, Regulation, Rate or Condition
- N** - New Rate, Regulation or Text
- O** - Obsoleted Rate, Regulation or Text
- R** - Reduction in Rate
- T** - Text Change, but no change in Rate or Regulation