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CONNECTION WITH CUSTOMER-PROVIDED EQUIPMENT

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. Customer-provided circuitry and terminal equipment may be connected at the customer's premises to facilities furnished by the Company for use with individual line exchange service in compliance with Part 68, Subpart B of the Federal Communication Commission Rules and Regulations.
- 1.2. The Rules and Regulations section of this tariff, as well as the Rules adopted by the Commission, also apply when the customer elects to provide his own equipment.

2. RESPONSIBILITY OF CUSTOMER

- 2.1. An access-line customer must subscribe to, and be capable of providing operation for, sufficient quantities of access lines to provide adequate access to his customer-provided equipment in accordance with accepted communications industry standards.
- 2.2. Upon notification from the Company that the customer-provided equipment is causing or is likely to cause harm to any person or the system, or that such equipment is causing or likely to cause interference with the system, the customer shall make such change as is necessary to remove such harm or interference. Failure to make such change will result in suspension of service in accordance with Rules 6.01 and 6.04 of the Commission's General Service Rules until such change is completed to the satisfaction of the Company. Any connection of equipment by a customer to the facilities of the Company that is not made in accordance with the standards set forth in the most current issue of the American National Standard Institute's National Electrical Safety Code and/or the National Electrical Code shall be deemed likely to cause harm.

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3. CUSTOMER-INSTALLED PREMISE WIRE

- 3.1. Premise inside wire and jacks associated with residence and business line exchange access service will be provided by the customer.
- 3.2. Premises inside wire provided by the customer is connected to exchange access service at the protector or the standard network interface as such devices are commonly known within the industry.
- 3.3. The protector or standard network interface is provided as part of the exchange access service provided by the Company at no additional monthly rate and will be installed at a location determined by the Company which is accessible to the customer.
- 3.4. The customer assumes the risk of loss of service, damage to property or death to or injury to the customer or anyone acting on behalf of the customer when the customer provides, maintains, or attempts to provide or maintain inside wire.
- 3.5. The Company will promptly notify the customer when the service difficulty or trouble results from customer-provided inside wire or jacks.

4. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMPANY

- 4.1. The Company is responsible for providing telecommunication service that complies with standards of service set forth in the Commission's Special Rules-Telecommunications and the Commission's General Service Rules. The Company is not required, and does not warrant or guarantee, that any or all types of customer-provided equipment is compatible and/or will operate or properly function on the Company's facilities. It shall be the sole responsibility of the customer to ensure that customer-provided equipment is compatible with the Company's facilities that provide service to the customer, and the utility shall not be responsible for any loss or damage due to or caused by the failure of customer-provided equipment to function on the Company's facilities.

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- 4.2. The Company shall not be responsible to the customer for changes in the technical criteria or in any of the facilities, operations or procedures initiated by the Company or appropriate regulatory agencies which might render any customer-provided equipment obsolete or otherwise affect its use or performance.
- 4.3. The Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation or maintenance of any customer-provided communications systems or equipment.
5. CONNECTION TO COMPANY FACILITIES VIA PROTECTIVE CIRCUITRY
 - 5.1. Customer-Provided terminal equipment not conforming with Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission Rules and Regulations may be connected to Company facilities for telecommunication service via protective circuitry provided by the Company. The charges for such protective circuitry will be based upon costs, including a return, and will be subject to approval by the Arkansas Public Service Commission.
 - 5.2. The utility shall not be responsible for the through transmission of signals by customer-provided equipment or systems or for the quality of, or defects in such transmission, or the reception of signals by customer-provided equipment or systems.

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