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1. GENERAL

1.1 Introduction

FCC tariffs and corresponding intrastate tariffs filed by the Bell System provide for the electrical connection of customer-provided voice transmitting and receiving terminal equipment and communications systems to the Bell System telecommunications network by means of a voice connecting arrangement. The connecting arrangement includes circuit elements to provide network control signaling unit functions as well as certain other network protection functions and is furnished, installed, and maintained by the Telephone Company. In addition, the tariffs require compliance by the customer-provided equipment with certain network protection criteria specified therein.

This Technical Reference is being reissued to include the interface specification for Connecting Arrangement CBF. Additional text changes have been made to update the Technical Reference but since the basic specifications for Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH remain the same only significant changes are noted.

1.2 Application

Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH provides a means for automatically connecting a customer-provided communication system (typically, a PBX) to the telecommunications network via a ground start trunk to a local, foreign exchange or WATS central office (Fig. 1). This protective connecting arrangement provides two-way combination (inward to an attendant, outward from an attendant or switching machine) dial service using customer-provided dc dial pulse or tone address signaling.

Ground start trunks and the associated Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH are used for two-way combination dial service in order to minimize the "glare" condition which would otherwise exist on loop start trunks when a trunk that has been seized incoming to the PBX is also seized outgoing before the ringing signal is evident on the line. This would result in an incoming call being completed to a random PBX station rather than to the PBX attendant and could occur any time during the four second silent interval whenever this part of the ringing

cycle happened to be applied to the line before the ac ringing voltage. With ground start operation, the central office indicates seizure to the PBX at the same time the ringing machine is connected, independent of ringing cycle time.

Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH and the associated trunk is intended for voice and tone address signal transmission only and is not offered for the transmission of data signals. However, with the addition of Connecting Arrangement CBF to Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH, the customer is also permitted to transmit data as well as voice signals over that trunk from behind the customer-provided PBX. It should be noted that this does not constitute a data service offering, and, therefore, special conditioning of the trunk for data transmission is not provided. It is recommended that for optimal data transmission performance, direct central office lines bypassing the PBX and the appropriate Bell System data sets or data access arrangements be ordered by the customer.

1.3 Power Outage Provisions

Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH and Connecting Arrangement CBF are normally powered by one or more power supplies provided by the Telephone Company which operate from commercial power. Connecting arrangement power outage protection can be provided by a Telephone Company battery backup system, a customer-provided power supply and battery backup system using Connecting Arrangement VCP, or a Telephone Company-provided telephone transfer system. These options are described in detail in Technical Reference Notice PUB 42607.

1.4 Identification and Ordering

The protective connection services described in this Technical Reference are identified by the Bell System as Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH and Connecting Arrangement CBF. One Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH should be ordered for each ground start trunk which is to be connected to the customer-provided equipment. One Connecting Arrangement CBF is not sufficient for all trunks; one must be ordered for each Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH and its associated trunk to

which a customer-provided data terminal has access and which is intended to be used in addition for data transmission. The local Telephone Company business office or Marketing representative will provide information regarding availability and rates for these services. When ordering service, the customer should specify whether provision is to be made for any of the power outage protection methods described in Paragraph 1.3.

2. DESCRIPTION

2.1 Functions

(A) The major functions of Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH are:

- (1) To protect Telephone Company personnel and facilities from hazardous voltages which may be applied by the customer-provided equipment.
- (2) To provide isolation against longitudinal imbalance.
- (3) To provide speech transmission to and from the telecommunications network.
- (4) To provide network control signaling to the network, including dc dial pulses, on-hook, off-hook, etc.
- (5) To permit customer-provided tone address signals to be transmitted to the central office for translation into network addressing signals (optional service where Telephone Company facilities permit).
- (6) To limit abnormally high speech and tone address signal levels from the customer-provided equipment.
- (7) To provide for accepting call supervisory signals from customer-provided equipment.
- (8) To provide a trunk status supervisory signal to customer-provided equipment.
- (9) To provide ringing indication to customer-provided equipment for incoming calls.
- (10) To provide an indication to the customer-provided equipment that a

toll call has been dialed on the trunk (optional service where Telephone Company facilities permit).

- (B) The function of Connecting Arrangement CBF, when used in conjunction with Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH, is to permit data transmission and to limit excessive data signal levels from the customer-provided equipment.

2.2 Physical

Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH consists of one 8-inch printed wiring board per line equipped and a mounting arrangement (Fig. 2). Connecting Arrangement CBF consists of one of the six circuits mounted on a separate 8-inch printed wiring board. These boards are mounted in a panel which typically mounts in an apparatus cabinet or on a relay rack and accommodates up to 14 arrangements for voice-only application and 12 for voice/data applications. When power is supplied by the Telephone Company, the associated 24-volt rectifier power supply requires a grounded outlet connection to a nonswitched, customer-furnished, nominal 117 ± 12 volt, 60 ± 1 Hz source, fused at 15 amperes. The protective connecting arrangements will function satisfactorily within a temperature range of 0° to 55° C and a relative humidity range of 5 to 95 percent.

2.3 Interface Leads

Eight interface leads per circuit are normally provided from Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH to the Interface Connecting Block for the customer's use (Fig. 1). Two additional leads may be provided as an optional service. Technical information pertaining to these leads is discussed in Section 3.

The leads and their functions are as follows:

| <u>Lead</u> | <u>Functions</u> |
|--------------------|---|
| <u>Designation</u> | |
| CT } CR } | Voice transmission and tone address signaling (data transmission available only in conjunction with Connecting Arrangement CBF) |
| CS } CG } | Service request, answer/disconnect, and dc dial pulsing |

- C1 } Incoming ringing
- C2 }
- CBS1 } Trunk status indicator
- CBS2 }
- CRV1 } Toll call indicator (optional where
- CRV2 } such service is available)

Leads from this protective connecting arrangement will be terminated on a Telephone Company-provided Interface Connecting Block conveniently located to permit testing, maintenance, trouble isolation, and ease of connection to the customer-provided equipment. The customer must provide and install the conductors and make the necessary connections of his equipment to the voice connecting arrangement at this block.

A typical Interface Connecting Block is shown in Fig. 3. This "quick connect" type "66" connecting block utilizes tin-plated spring clip terminal strips which accommodate unstripped, insulated conductors of 20 to 26 gauge. A Reliable Electric R714B Tool or equivalent is used to press the insulated wire down into the slot. The spring pressure of the clip cuts away the insulation and makes the electrical connection. The Telephone Company will provide bridging clips between the second and third terminals of the block to interconnect the leads. The clips should be removed by the customer's representative when it is necessary to test toward the customer-provided equipment and then be replaced to restore the circuit to service.

The customer-provided equipment must be located so that the maximum external loop resistance, including contact resistance, across the CS and CG leads measured at the block shall not exceed 100 ohms* when indicating a closure.

3. OPERATION

3.1 Incoming Call From the Central Office

On an incoming call from the central office, the central office ground start trunk circuit seizes the trunk associated with Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH by placing a ground on the tip side of the line. The central

office ringing supply and ringing trip circuit are also connected to the trunk at this time. The protective connecting arrangement detects the ground and transmits a contact closure to the customer-provided equipment over the CBS1 and CBS2 leads (Fig. 4). The closure remains as long as the central office end of the trunk is seized. The operation of the customer-provided equipment should be such that the closure on these leads blocks the PBX from seizing the connecting arrangement for an outgoing call. However, since line faults or other conditions may cause momentary closures on these leads, the customer-provided equipment should not respond to the closure unless a ringing indication is also received as described below.

Incoming ringing voltage is detected by the connecting arrangement which provides a contact closure over the C1 and C2 leads to the customer-provided equipment. The closure is held during the ringing interval of the ringing cycle and is released during the silent interval of the ringing cycle. Since line signal transients, noise, and other conditions can cause false operation of the ring detection circuitry, the customer-provided equipment should be designed to ignore closures on the C1 and C2 leads of less than 100 milliseconds.* When the call is answered at the attendant's position of the customer-provided system, the customer-provided equipment shall provide a contact closure across the CS and CG leads. The arrangement responds by signaling the central office to trip the ringing and cuts through the transmission path over the CT and CR leads.

3.2 Outgoing Call to the Central Office

On an outgoing call to the central office from either the attendant's position or the switching system, the customer-provided equipment selects an idle trunk and associated Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH (leads CBS1 and CBS2 open) and shall provide an off-hook indication by closing a contact across the CS and CG leads. This closure sends a network control signal (a ground on the ring side of the line) to the central office which acknowledges the service request by a signal (a ground on the tip side of the line). This latter signal is

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transmitted to the customer-provided equipment as a contact closure over the CBS1 and CBS2 leads. When the central office is ready to receive dc dial pulses or tone address signals, dial tone will be returned to customer-provided equipment over the CT and CR leads. Upon receipt of dial tone the customer can transmit dc dial pulse information over the CS and CG leads which is repeated to the central office by the network control circuitry in the connecting arrangement. If the customer subscribes to TOUCH-TONE® service from the serving central office, the customer may optionally transmit tone address signals over the CT and CR leads or utilize the CS and CG leads for dc dial pulse address signals.

As an optional service, when available in the serving central office, a contact closure will be provided over the CRV1 and CRV2 leads when a toll call has been dialed. The closure may be momentary (at least 50* milliseconds duration) or continuous depending upon the central office. Closures of a duration less than 50 milliseconds should be ignored. With this service, the customer-provided equipment may disconnect from the arrangement and divert the call to the customer-provided announcement equipment or to the switchboard attendant to prevent call completion.

3.3 Disconnect

If the customer-provided equipment disconnects first by removing the closure on the CS and CG leads, the connecting arrangement will open the loop to the central office. The central office will open the tip side of the line and begin to restore to the idle condition. The protective connecting arrangement will detect the open, and within 0.5 second will remove the closure on the CBS1 and CBS2 leads and become idle. To assure complete disconnect of the central office switching equipment and the connecting arrangement, the open condition should be maintained on the CS and CG leads for at least 1.5 seconds before reseizure for another call. It is also possible for the trunk to be seized by the central office before the CBS1 and CBS2 leads have opened. In this case, the closure on the CBS1 and CBS2 leads will be maintained but ringing indication will appear on the C1 and C2 leads and the call can be answered.

Should the connecting arrangement detect an open on the central office line, the arrangement will, within 0.5 second, remove the closure on the CBS1 and CBS2 leads even though the closure on the CS and CG leads is maintained by the customer-provided equipment. The open on the CBS1 and CBS2 leads is an indication that the serving central office has dropped the switched connection, and, therefore, the distant party is no longer connected to the line. The customer-provided equipment shall immediately open the contact closure on the CS and CG leads in order to release the connecting arrangement. With certain central offices, the line will appear idle whether the customer-provided equipment has disconnected or not. This may result in a seizure by the central office for a new incoming call to the line. If this is the case, either the incoming ringing will be tripped by the connecting arrangement and the call will be connected to the terminal holding the connection or the ringing indication will appear as a contact closure on the C1 and C2 leads but without the accompanying closure on the CBS1 and CBS2 leads until the terminal disconnects. In either event, it is recommended that the customer-provided equipment be designed to disconnect promptly after detecting the open on the CBS1 and CBS2 leads so as to ready it to accept subsequent incoming traffic.

4. S P E C I F I C D E S I G N C O N S I D E R A T I O N S

4.1 Transmission Path (Leads CT and CR)

4.1.1 Insertion Loss and Signal Limiting

The insertion loss of Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH is a nominal 1 dB over the voice-frequency range of 300 to 3000 Hz. No voice signal amplification is provided. A voice signal limiter is incorporated in the transmission path of Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH to protect the telecommunications network from applications of abnormally high signal levels. This has no effect on normal voice or normal tone address signal levels.

Connecting Arrangement CBF provides a special data limiter circuit which continuously monitors the data (or speech) signal level passing through the associated Voice

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Connecting Arrangement CDH. In the event this level becomes large enough to exceed the preset threshold for power averaged over a 3-second interval, the limiter circuit activates and linearly attenuates the signals in both directions so as to limit the signals to the threshold value. This value is set so as to provide adequate enforcement of the specified signal power protection criteria. When the signal power level is reduced to below the threshold, Connecting Arrangement CBF returns to the passive monitor mode in which condition it adds approximately 0.1 dB insertion loss. Although loud talkers may invoke the limiter causing a noticeable signal loss at the distant end, subjective tests have shown that this limiting does not degrade voice quality for most talkers.

These limiters do not abrogate the customer's responsibility to meet the network protection criteria, as prescribed in the tariffs and as outlined in Paragraph 4.15.

4.12 Impedance

Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH is transformer-coupled to the line and, while the impedance of the CT and CR leads is a function of the impedance of the line to the central office, for design purposes, the input impedance of this arrangement should be considered to be 600 ohms. Therefore, the impedance of the customer-provided equipment likewise should be 600 ohms for optimum speech or data transmission performance.

The data limiter circuit in Connecting Arrangement CBF controls excessive signal power by shunting the line with an impedance which varies inversely as the power in excess of the threshold level.

4.13 Bandwidth

The nominal voice-frequency bandwidth of the telecommunications network extends from about 300 to about 3000 Hz. In general, an end-to-end connection may be expected to have a loss characteristic which increases on either side of this band. The connecting arrangements do not limit this bandwidth.

4.14 Envelope Delay Distortion

The combination of Voice Connecting

Arrangement CDH and Connecting Arrangement CBF introduces a delay distortion over the frequency band from 500 to 3000 Hz of less than 75 microseconds which is small with respect to that encountered in the telecommunications network.

4.15 Signal Power Levels

The tariffs state that the average power (in any 3-second interval) delivered at the central office should not exceed -12 dBm in order to prevent excessive noise and crosstalk from interfering with other services. To meet this specification for voice-only applications using Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH alone, the maximum available power from a customer-provided source when averaged over any 3-second interval (measured at the CT and CR leads with a 600-ohm load substituted for the connecting arrangement) should not exceed -9 dBm. This limit has been set so that when the average loss of PBX trunks in the Bell System is considered (including the insertion loss of the voice connecting arrangement), the limit of -12 dBm will be met.

When Connecting Arrangement CBF is used with Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH, the maximum permissible speech and data signal power from the customer-provided equipment will be set by the Telephone Company and will range between -5 dBm and -11 dBm depending on the loss of the line between the connecting arrangement and the central office. The maximum input signal power level to the arrangement will be posted at the Interface Connecting Block for the customer's information.

Using measuring Method A (see Paragraph 4.16), the power averaged over any 3-second interval, can, in almost all cases, be found for speech by subtracting 93 dB from the maximum meter swing and for data by subtracting 90 dB. With the additional damping of measuring Method B, the power averaged over any 3-second interval can be found by using a 91 dB correction for speech and 90 dB for data.

4.16 Measuring Maximum Available Inband Power

The measuring methods described below are satisfactory for estimating the maximum power

averaged over a 3-second interval to determine that the inband signal power criteria specified in Paragraph 4.15 is being met.

Method A

Operate the customer-provided equipment into a 600-ohm load (this assumes that the customer-provided equipment has a 600-ohm source impedance), bridged by a Hewlett-Packard Transmission and Noise Measuring Set — Model 3555B, or a Western Electric 3-Type Noise Measuring Set, or the equivalent.* To ensure a proper measurement technique, the control settings on these meters should be as shown below.

Western Electric 3-Type Noise Measuring Set

| <u>Control</u> | <u>Setting</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| FUNCTION (Switch) | BRDG |
| NORM/DAMP (Switch) | DAMP |
| WTG (Plug-in Network) | 3Kc FLAT |

Hewlett-Packard Transmission and Noise Measuring Set Model 3555B

| <u>Control</u> | <u>Setting</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| INPUT (Switch) | NOISE/BRDG |
| FUNCTION (Pushbutton) | VF/Nm-600 BAL |
| NOISE WTG (Switch) | 3k Hz FLAT |
| NORM/DAMP (Switch) | DAMP |

Method B

The accuracy of Method A can be somewhat improved by increasing the size of the damping

*These meters do not have a 3-second averaging time but, when used to measure speech or data signals, they give a reliable estimate of a 3-second average. The use of meters with shorter time constants, such as VU meters or standard voltmeters, is not recommended.

capacitance in the Western Electric 3-Type Noise Meter by 150 microfarads. To do this, connect the negative lead of a 150 microfarad capacitor to either terminal of the NORM/DAMP switch and connect the positive lead to ground. This allows the meter to more nearly approximate a 3-second averaging meter. (NOTE: This modification does not necessarily hold for the Model 3555B or noise meters other than the Western Electric 3-Type.)

4.17 Signal Power Distribution

The telecommunications network incorporates tone signaling devices that are used for interoffice network control functions. These devices, which are connected at all times to the telephone circuit, are designed to detect a single-frequency tone at 2600 Hz. They are, however, relatively insensitive to energy at this frequency if sufficient energy is present at the same time at other frequencies in the voiceband.

In order to prevent the interruption or disconnection of a call, or interference with network control signaling, it is necessary that the signal applied by the customer-provided equipment to the voice connecting arrangement at no time have energy solely in the 2450 to 2750 Hz band. If signal power is in the 2450 to 2750 Hz band, it must not exceed the power present at the same time in the 800 to 2450 Hz band.

4.18 Out-of-Band Signal Power Limits

To protect other services, it is necessary that the signal which is applied by the customer-provided equipment to the Telephone Company interface, located on the customer's premises, meet the following limits:

- (a) The power in the band from 3995 Hz to 4005 Hz shall be at least 18 dB below the signal level specified in Paragraph 4.15.
- (b) The power in the band from 4000 Hz to 10,000 Hz shall not exceed 16 dB below one milliwatt.
- (c) The power in the band from 10,000 Hz to 25,000 Hz shall not exceed 24 dB below one milliwatt.

- (d) The power in the band from 25,000 Hz to 40,000 Hz shall not exceed 36 dB below one milliwatt.
- (e) The power in the band above 40,000 Hz shall not exceed 50 dB below one milliwatt.

4.19 Tone Address Signaling

When TOUCH-TONE service has been ordered by the customer, Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH permits customer-provided tone address signals to be transmitted to a central office TOUCH-TONE receiver for the purpose of network address signaling. The signaling code for the Bell System TOUCH-TONE calling system provides for 16 distinct signals. Each signal is composed of two voiceband frequencies, one from each of two mutually exclusive frequency groups of four frequencies each. The signal frequencies are spaced and selected on the basis that the two frequencies of any valid signal combination are not harmonically related. The frequency pairs assigned for the signaling are as follows:

| | Nominal | Nominal High Group Frequencies (Hz) | | | | Spare |
|-------------|---------|-------------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| | | 1209 | 1336 | 1477 | 1633 | |
| Nominal | 697 | 1 | 2 | 3 | Spare | |
| Low Group | 770 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Spare | |
| Frequencies | 852 | 7 | 8 | 9 | Spare | |
| (Hz) | 941 | * | 0 | # | Spare | |

In order for the central office receiver to properly register the digits, the tone address signals shall meet the following requirements (measured by the customer into a 600-ohm test termination on the CT and CR leads at the interface):

1. Signal Levels

Nominal level per frequency: -6 to -4 dBm
 Minimum Level per frequency:
 Low Group: -10 dBm
 High Group: -8 dBm

Max. difference in levels between frequencies: 4 dB
 Max. level per frequency pair: +2 dBm

2. Frequency Deviation

Tone frequencies should be within ± 1.5 percent of their nominal values.

3. Extraneous Frequency Components

The total power of all extraneous frequencies accompanying the signal should be at least 20 dB below the signal power, in the voiceband above 500 Hz.

4. Voice Suppression

Voice energy from the telephone transmitter or other source should be suppressed (eg, the transmitter should be muted) at least 45 dB during tone signal transmission. In the case of automatic dialing the suppression should be maintained continuously until pulsing is completed.

5. Rise Time

Each of the two frequencies of the signal should attain at least 90 percent of full amplitude within 5 ms, and preferably within 3 ms for automatic dialers, from the time that the first frequency begins.

6. Pulsing Rate

Minimum duration of two-frequency tone signal: 50 ms
 Minimum interdigital time: 45 ms
 Minimum cycle time (period): 100 ms

7. Tone Leak

Tone leak during signal off time should be less than -55 dBm.

8. Transient Voltages

Peak transient voltages generated during tone signaling should be no greater than 12 dB above the zero-to-peak voltage of the composite two-frequency tone signal.

4.2 DC Signaling Paths

4.21 Service Request Path

The CS and CG leads will provide a means of answering an incoming call, initiating an outgoing call, and transmitting dc dial pulse information to the voice connecting arrangement from the customer-provided equipment which should provide a dry contact closure, eg, dc isolation from foreign potentials. The CS lead has a maximum potential of 26 volts dc through 5830* ohms. The CG lead is grounded at the voice connecting arrangement but cannot be used by the customer to ground his equipment.

The CS-CG leads will offer the customer-provided equipment a maximum noninductive load of 5* milliamperes. The minimum open circuit insulation resistance of the customer-provided equipment between the CS and CG lead, and from either lead to ground, should be 100,000 ohms. When indicating a closure, the maximum external loop resistance including contact resistance across the CS and CG leads measured at the Interface Connecting Block toward the customer-provided equipment shall not exceed 100* ohms.

The dc dial pulses should be generated on the CS and CG leads at a nominal rate of 10 pulses-per-second, with a minimum of 8 pulses-per-second and a maximum of 11 pulses-per-second (see Fig. 5). The percent break should be a minimum of 50 percent and a maximum of 64 percent. The minimum interdigital time must be 600 milliseconds.

4.22 Supervisory Path

The CBS1 and CBS2 leads provide a contact closure to the customer-provided equipment when the voice connecting arrangement is seized on an incoming or outgoing call. However, momentary closures may occasionally result from transient pulses or other causes and, therefore, on incoming calls these leads should be used only in combination with the C1 and C2 (signal alert) leads. The customer's equipment

* These figures are changes from the previous values as a result of improved equipment design.

load on the CBS1 and CBS2 leads shall not exceed 250 milliamperes, noninductive. The maximum voltage which may be applied by the customer-provided equipment is 50 volts RMS. The customer's equipment should provide appropriate contact protection.

4.23 Signal Alerting Path

The C1 and C2 leads provide a contact closure to the customer's equipment during the ringing interval of the central office ringing cycle on an incoming call. The closure is opened during the silent interval. However, line signal transients, noise, or other conditions can cause false operation of the ring detection circuitry. Therefore, the customer-provided equipment should be designed to ignore closures on these leads of less than 100 milliseconds. The customer's equipment load on the C1 and C2 leads shall not exceed 250 milliamperes, noninductive. The maximum voltage which may be applied by the customer-provided equipment is 50 volts RMS. The customer's equipment should provide appropriate contact protection.

4.24 Toll Call Indicator Path (Optional)

The CRV1 and CRV2 leads provide a momentary (minimum 50 milliseconds duration) or continuous contact closure, depending on the type of central office, to the customer-provided equipment when the central office has determined that a toll call (as defined by the Telephone Company) has been dialed. Closures of shorter duration should be ignored. This is an optional service which is available from certain Telephone Company central offices and, where available, the requirement for this service must be specified by the customer. Because availability cannot be guaranteed, it is recommended that the customer-provided communications system be equipped to provide internal toll call indication. The customer's equipment load on the CRV1 and CRV2 leads shall not exceed 250 milliamperes, noninductive. The maximum voltage which may be applied by the customer-provided equipment is 50 volts RMS. The customer's equipment should provide appropriate contact protection.

4.3 Grounding

Voice Connecting Arrangement CDH is

provided with a common signal ground (a metallic cold water pipe or other approved ground) which is always bonded to the electric power ground and telephone protector ground, where present. Although the CG lead of the service request path is grounded at the protective connecting arrangement, it is not permitted to use this lead to derive the main ground for the customer's equipment. The general grounding requirements for the customer-provided equipment are covered in Paragraph 5.2.

5. GENERAL DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 Foreign and Surge Voltage Protection

Where telephone lines are exposed to foreign voltages by direct contact or induction (eg, power line crosses or lightning), protective devices are installed at the central office and on the customer's premises. Typically, these devices will provide a path to ground for foreign voltages that exceed about 600 volts peak. Since the customer's equipment is connected to the telephone line through the voice connecting arrangement, the customer's equipment is protected from any resulting longitudinal surges. Residual metallic surges on the transmission leads due to foreign potentials will be limited by the protective connecting arrangement to no greater than 30 volts.

The customer is responsible for providing protection, internal to his equipment and facilities, against foreign and hazardous voltages from his equipment and facilities being applied to the voice connecting arrangement.

5.2 Grounding

It is expected that the customer's equipment, if powered from commercial power, will be grounded in accordance with applicable electrical codes, eg, National Electrical Code (NEC), and should be bonded to the ground electrode to which the telephone protector is grounded but not using the telephone ground clamp. Self-powered or passive customer's equipment need not be grounded. Provisions should be made within the customer's equipment for connecting together all internal signal grounds. This connection shall be isolated

from both the grounding (green) conductor run with the power supply primary conductors and the chassis or frame of the customer-provided equipment.

The customer's signal ground may be obtained with a proper connection to a metallic cold water pipe, using a single No. 14 AWG, or larger copper conductor. The other end should be connected to the ground return terminal of the customer's equipment. The run should be short, straight, and a continuous piece of wire. Proper attention should be given to providing the lowest possible resistance connection at each end of the circuit. It is imperative that this ground be connected at the same location to the water piping system or ground electrode as the telephone protector or signal ground lead but not using the Telephone Company ground clamp. This lead shall not be fused.

5.3 Telecommunications Network Characteristics

5.31 End-to-End Electrical Loss

The end-to-end electrical loss of a connection is a function of the impedances of both end terminations, and the losses of the interoffice trunks, the serving central offices, and the facilities to the serving offices. The information found in the REFERENCES in Appendix B may be used to determine statistical loss distributions for different types of calling patterns on the telephone network.

5.32 Nonlinearities

Nonlinearities such as compression, clipping, phase shift, and harmonic distortion can exist on the telecommunications network. Normally, these are insignificant for speech transmission. It is expected that harmonic distortions will result in single tones which are no greater than about 5% of the fundamental.

6. SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Responsibility of the Customer

The tariffs regulating the connection to the telecommunications network by means of connecting arrangements of customer-provided terminal equipment or communications systems

state that where long distance message telecommunications service is available under these tariffs for use in connection with customer-provided terminal equipment or communications systems, the operating characteristics of such equipment or systems shall be such as not to interfere with any of the services offered by the Telephone Company. Such use is subject to the further provisions that the equipment or systems provided by a customer do not endanger the safety of Telephone Company employees or the public; damage, require change in or alteration of, the equipment or systems or other facilities of the Telephone Company; interfere with the proper functioning of such equipment or systems or facilities; impair the operation of the telecommunications network or otherwise injure the public in its use of the Telephone Company's services. Upon notice from the Telephone Company that the equipment or system provided by a customer is causing or is likely to cause such hazard or interference, the customer shall take such steps or make such change as shall be necessary to remove or prevent such hazard or interference.

6.2 Responsibility of the Telephone Company

The tariffs regulating the connection to the telecommunications network by means of connecting arrangements of customer-provided terminal equipment and communications systems state that the Telephone Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation or maintenance of said terminal equipment or communications systems. Long distance message telecommunications service is not represented as adapted to the use of customer-provided equipment or systems and where such equipment or systems are connected to Telephone Company facilities, the responsibility of the Telephone Company shall be limited to the furnishing of facilities, including the protective connecting arrangements and network control signaling units, suitable for long distance message telecommunications service and to the maintenance and operation of such facilities in a manner proper for such services. Subject to this

responsibility the Telephone Company shall not be responsible for (i) the through transmission of signals generated by the customer-provided equipment or systems or for the quality of, or defects in, such transmission, (ii) the reception of signals by customer-provided equipment or systems, or (iii) address signaling where such signaling is performed by customer-provided tone-type signaling equipment. The Telephone Company shall not be responsible to the customer if changes in minimum network protection criteria contained in the tariffs (and in this Technical Reference) or in any of the facilities, operations or procedures of the Telephone Company render any customer-provided facilities obsolete or require modification or alteration of such equipment or systems or otherwise affect its use or performance.

6.3 Trouble Reporting Procedure

When trouble is experienced with this service, the customer should perform the necessary testing at the interface to sectionalize the difficulty, ie, determine whether the service impairment is located in the customer-provided equipment or in the equipment provided by the Telephone Company. If the tests indicate that the trouble is in the Telephone Company-provided equipment, it should be promptly reported to the Telephone Company. Trouble reports should be called into the listed "Repair Service" number which can be found in the front of the telephone directory. The repair attendant should be given:

- (a) Customer's name
- (b) Customer's address
- (c) Listed telephone number
- (d) Uniform Service Order Code (USOC) if known (eg, CDH, CBF)
- (e) Description of the trouble
- (f) Customer's contact for additional information

If a Telephone Company service call results in the location of the trouble in the customer-provided equipment, the customer will be charged for the service call.

APPENDIX A

GLOSSARY

ADDRESS SIGNALS — denotes dc dial pulses or appropriate pairs of tone signals transmitted to a central office that represent the telephone number of the distant party.

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM — denotes channels and other facilities which are capable, when not connected to the Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service, of communications between customer-provided terminal equipment or Telephone Company stations.

CONNECTING ARRANGEMENT — protective equipment provided by the Telephone Company to accomplish the electrical connection of customer-provided equipment with the telecommunications network.

CUSTOMER — The term "Customer" denotes the person, firm or corporation which orders service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with Telephone Company regulations.

CUSTOMER-PROVIDED TERMINAL EQUIPMENT — denotes devices or apparatus and their associated wiring, provided by a customer, which do not constitute a communications system and which, when connected to the communications path of the telecommunications network, are so connected either electrically, acoustically, or inductively.

DIAL PULSE RATE — repetition of pulses for switching purposes, usually expressed in pulses-per-second.

INTERDIGITAL TIMING — the minimum time required between digits for the switching equipment to respond to the last digit received and ready itself for receiving the next digit.

INTERFACE CONNECTING BLOCK — the Telephone Company-provided connecting point to which the customer brings and connects the leads of his equipment and to which the Telephone Company brings and connects leads from the protective voice connecting arrangement.

NETWORK CONTROL SIGNALING — denotes the transmission of signals used in the telecommunications system which perform functions such as supervision (control, status, and charging signals), address signaling (dialing), calling and called number identification, 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 network.

NETWORK CONTROL SIGNALING UNIT — denotes the terminal equipment furnished, installed, and maintained by the Telephone Company for the performance of network control signaling. (see Note)

OFF-HOOK SUPERVISION — the conditioning of the SERVICE REQUEST leads by the customer-provided equipment which indicates a customer's telephone is answering or originating a call.

ON-HOOK SUPERVISION — the conditioning of the SERVICE REQUEST leads by the customer-provided equipment which indicates that the customer's telephone has disconnected or that the equipment is idle.

PERCENT BREAK — the period of time of an open interval in a dial pulse sequence compared to the total time of an open and closed interval, expressed as a percentage.

SUPERVISORY SIGNALS — signals used to initiate a request for service by the calling party (off-hook); to notify the called party that he is being called (ringing or rering); to indicate an answered call (off-hook); to indicate a disconnect (on-hook); and to recall an operator or distant party to a connection (switchhook flash).

TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK — the central office switching equipment, associated interoffice and intraoffice facilities, and terminal equipment which provide Long Distance Message Telecommunication Service or private line service.

TELEPHONE COMPANY — denotes the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the Long Lines Department, its concurring carriers, and its connecting carriers, either individually or collectively.

VOICE CONNECTING ARRANGEMENT — a protective connecting arrangement designed primarily to transmit speech signals as contrasted to one designed primarily to transmit data signals.

NOTE: Under the tariff regulations, the terms "connecting arrangement" and "network control signaling unit" are separate and distinct from each other, however, the term "connecting arrangement" is generally used to include the functions of network control signaling.

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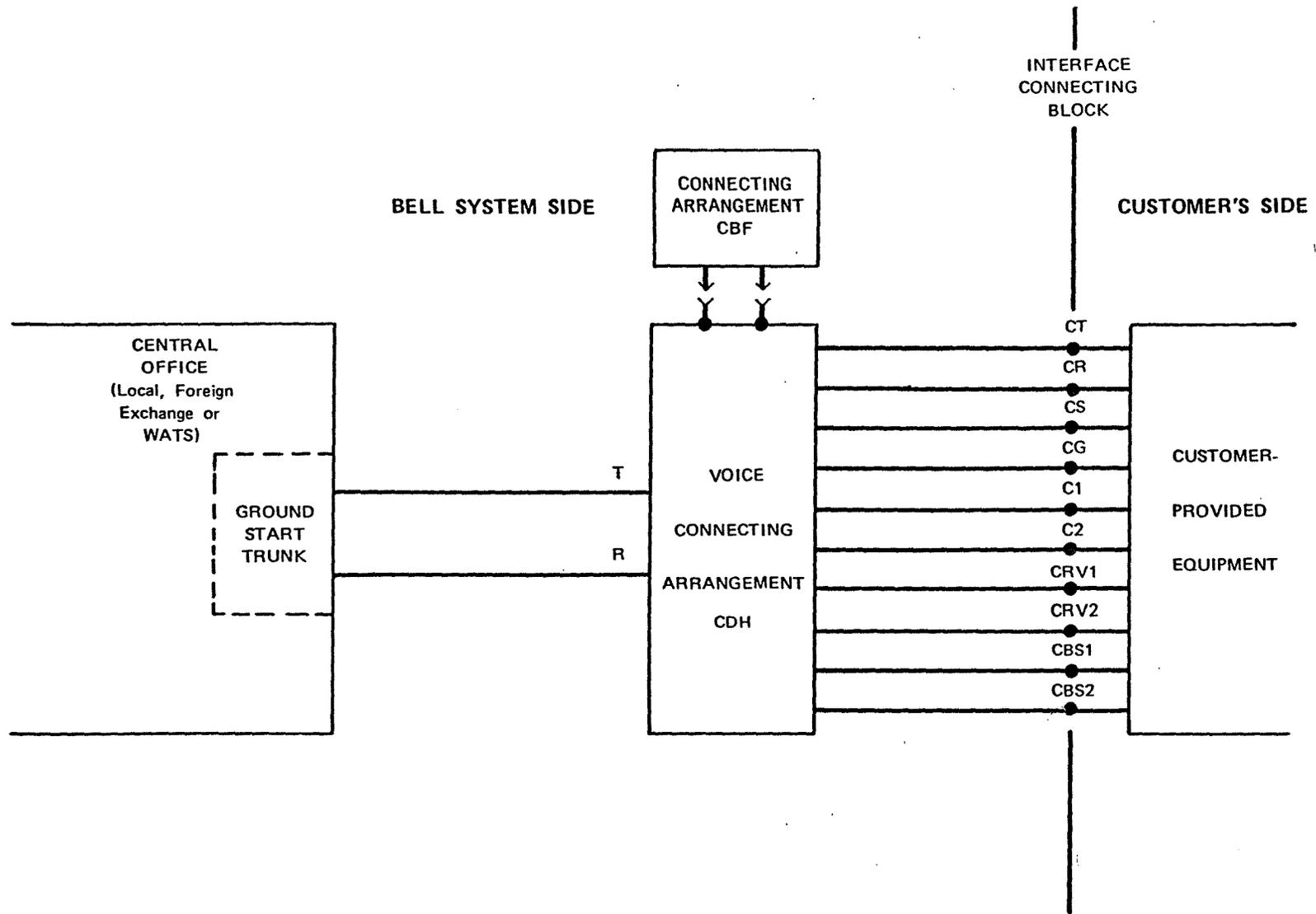
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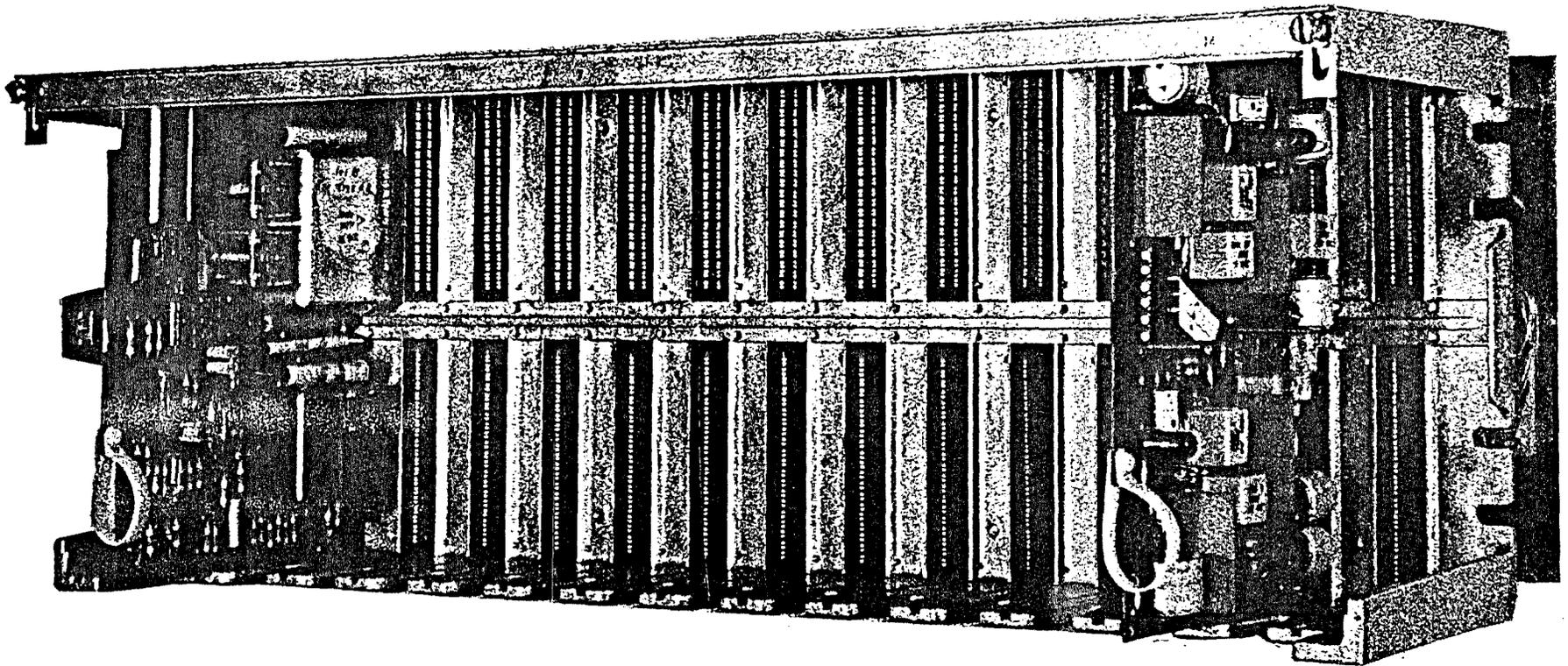
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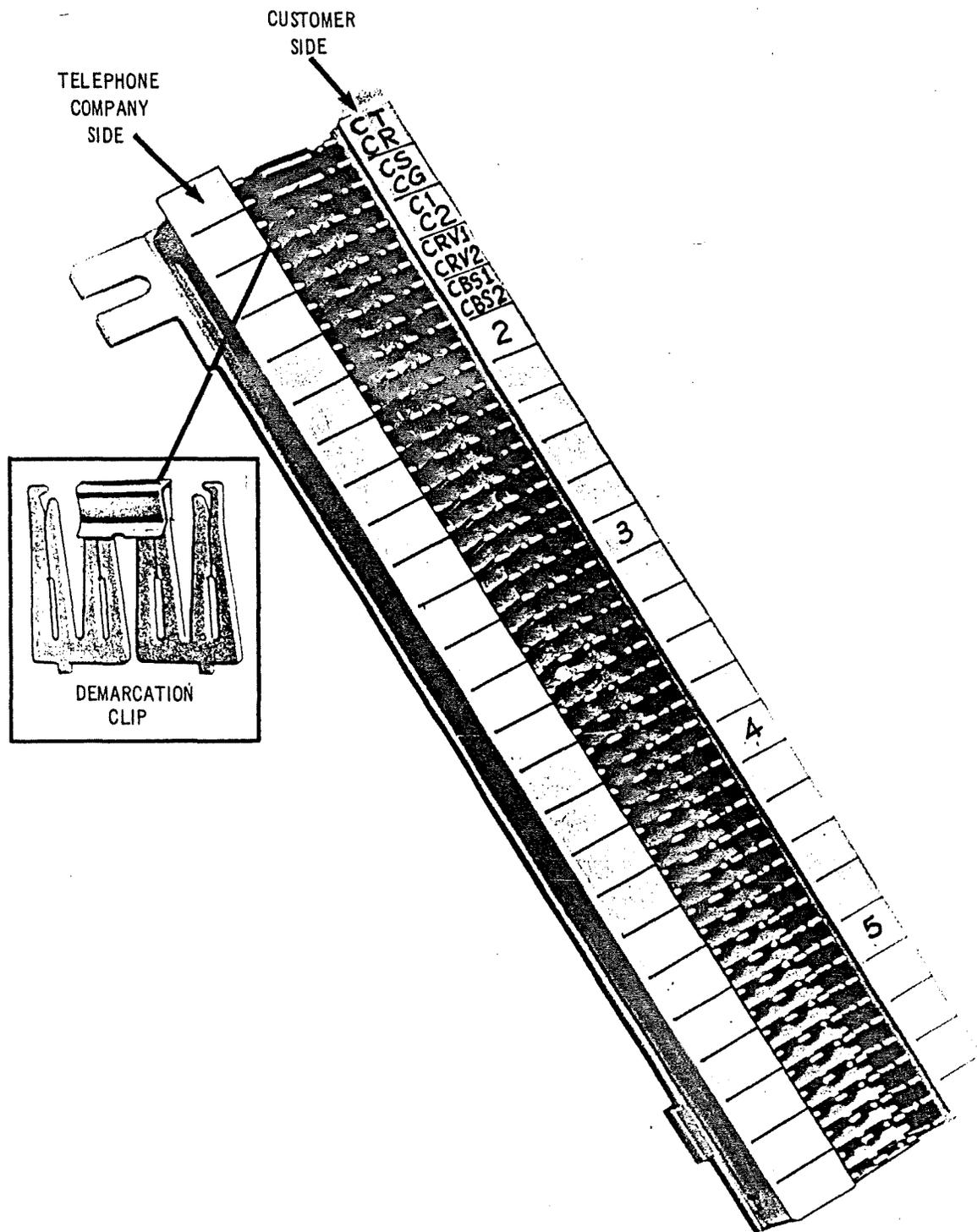
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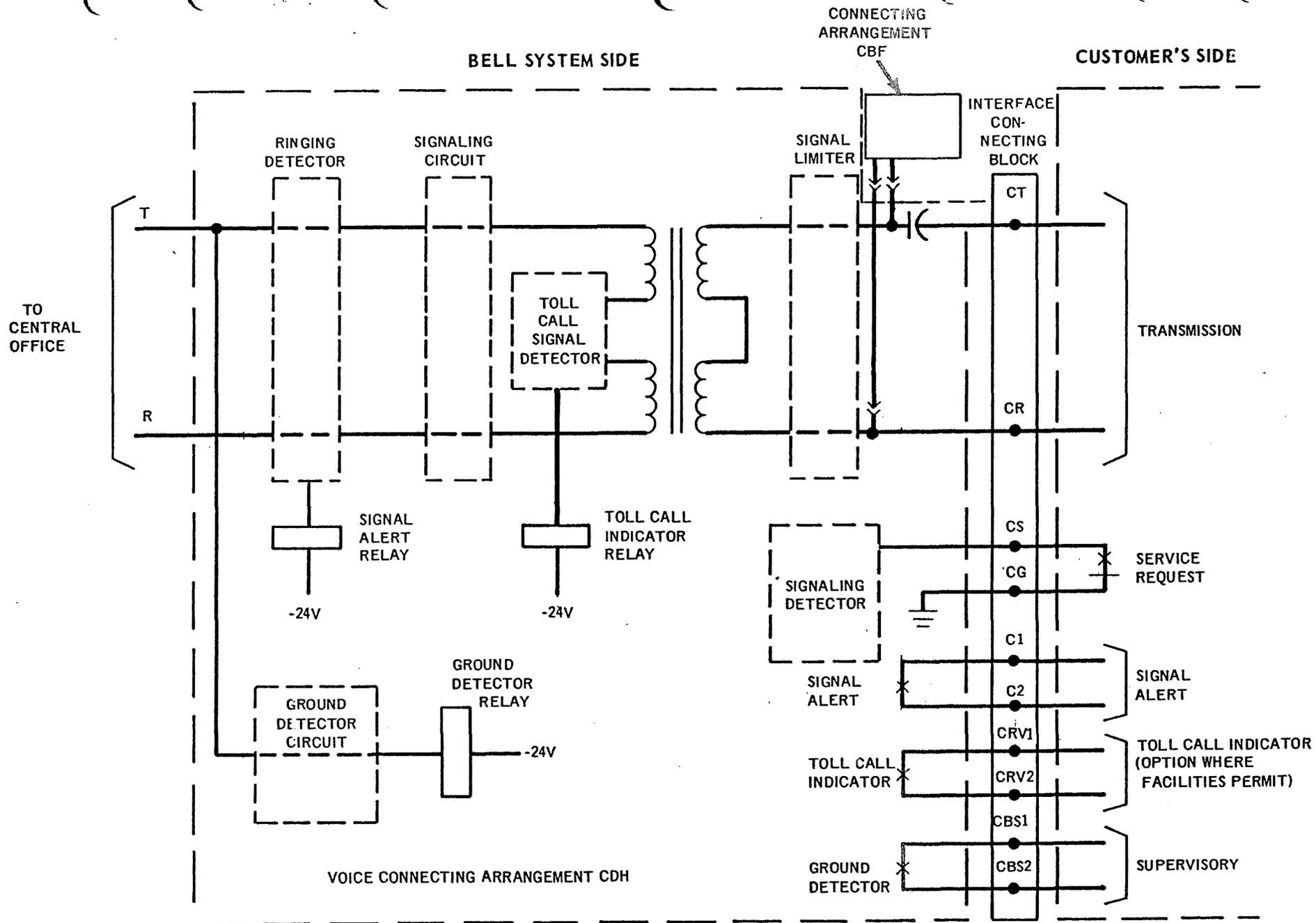
**BLOCK DIAGRAM
VOICE CONNECTING ARRANGEMENT CDH
AND CONNECTING ARRANGEMENT CBF
FIG. 1**



TYPICAL MOUNTING ARRANGEMENT FOR VOICE
CONNECTING ARRANGEMENT CDH AND
CONNECTING ARRANGEMENT CBF
FIG. 2



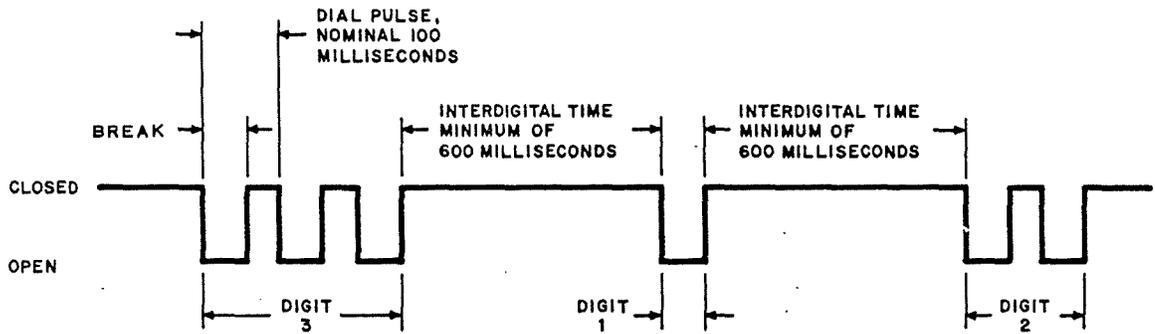
TYPICAL INTERFACE CONNECTING BLOCK
FIG. 3



**SIMPLIFIED SCHEMATIC
VOICE CONNECTING ARRANGEMENT CDH
AND CONNECTING ARRANGEMENT CBF**

FIG. 4

TYPICAL PATTERN OF DIAL PULSES EXPECTED
FROM CUSTOMER-PROVIDED EQUIPMENT
OVER LEADS CS AND CG (DIALING NUMBER 312)



DIAL PULSE RATE-NOMINAL 10 PULSES PER SECOND (8 MIN - 11 MAX.)
PERCENT BREAK- 50 MIN - 64 MAX.
INTERDIGITAL TIME - MINIMUM OF 600 MILLISECONDS

DIAL PULSE CHARACTERISTICS
FIG. 5