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RE: US LEC of Pennsylvania, A-310814; A-310814F0002; A310814F0003

Dear Secretary McNulty:

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Enclosed please find the Non-Facilities Based and Facilities Based Competitive Local Exchange Tariff of US LEC of Pennsylvania Inc. in compliance with the Commission's order entered August 17, 1999. A copy is also being forwarded to the Bureau of Fixed Utilities Services.

This tariff includes a provision for Lifeline. It is my understanding that the obligation to provide Lifeline service is not a settled question and may be limited to those who are universal service eligible carriers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. US LEC specifically reserves its right to withdraw the Lifeline tariff if the Commission changes its position on that policy.

US LEC of Pennsylvania will be filing tariffs for Switched Access, Facilities Based Interexchange Service, Non-Facilities Based Interexchange Service tomorrow, one day past its earlier request. Please accept this letter as a request to file those tariffs on February 1, 2000.

Very truly yours,

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Non Facilities-Based and Facilities-Based Competitive Local Exchange Carrier Tariff

This Tariff applies to the Non Facilities-Based and Facilities-Based Competitive Local Exchange services furnished by US LEC of Pennsylvania Inc. between one or more points in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This tariff is in concurrence with Chapters 63 and 64 of 52 Pa. Code. any provisions contained in this tariff which are inconsistent with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code (66 Pa. C.S. A § 101 et seq.), 52 Pa. Code, the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and the Commission's Regulations and Orders will be deemed inoperative and superseded.

This tariff is on file with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and copies may be inspected during normal business hours at US LEC of Pennsylvania's principal place of business. Copies may also be inspected at the office of Dilworth Paxson, LLP at 305 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101-1236 or at 1735 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

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SYMBOLS AND TARIFF FORMAT

SYMBOLS

The following symbols shall be used in this tariff for the purpose indicated below:

- C To signify changed regulation or condition.
- D To signify a decrease in rates.
- I To signify an increased rate.

TARIFF FORMAT

- A. Sheet Numbering - Sheet numbers appear in the upper right corner of the page. Sheets are numbered sequentially. However, new sheets are occasionally added to the tariff. When a new sheet is added between sheets already in effect, a decimal is added. For example, a new sheet added between sheets 14 and 15 would be 14.1.
- B. Sheet Revision Numbers - Revision numbers also appear in the upper right corner of each page. These numbers are used to determine the most current sheet version on file with the Commission. For example, the 4th revised Sheet 14 cancels the 3rd revised Sheet 14. Because of various suspension periods, deferrals, etc. the Commission follows in their tariff approval process, the most current sheet number on file with the Commission is not always the tariff page in effect.

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- 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 sheets 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 the check sheet if these are the only changes made to it (*i.e.*, the format, etc. remains the same, just revised revision levels on some pages). The tariff user should refer to the latest check sheet to find out if a particular sheet is the most current on file with the Commission.

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APPLICATION OF TARIFF

This tariff sets forth the service offerings, rates, terms and conditions applicable to the furnishing of intrastate end-user communications services by US LEC of Pennsylvania Inc., to customers within the local exchange service area in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania defined herein.

This tariff is in concurrence with Chapters 63 and 64 of 52 Pa. Code. Any provisions contained herein which are inconsistent with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code (66 Pa. C.S.), 52 Pa. Code, the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and the Commission's Regulations and Orders will be deemed inoperative and superseded.

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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS

Certain terms used generally throughout this tariff are defined below.

Account Codes: Permits Centrex Stations and attendants to dial an account code number of up to eight digits. For use when placing calls over facilities arranged for Automatic Message Accounting (AMA) recording. The account or project number must be input prior to dialing the called number.

Advance Payment: Part or all of a payment required before the start of service.

Automatic Number Identification (ANI): Allows the automatic transmission of a caller's billing account telephone number to a local exchange company, interexchange carrier or a third party subscriber. The primary purpose of ANI is to allow for billing of toll calls.

Bit: The smallest unit of information in the binary system of notation.

Call Back/Camp On: Permits a station line encountering an all-trunk-busy condition the option of being notified when a trunk becomes idle.

Call Forwarding:

Call Forwarding Station: Allows calls directed to a station line to be routed to a user defined line inside or outside the customer's telephone system.

Call Forwarding System: Permits calls attempting to terminate to a busy station line to be re-directed to a predetermined line inside or outside the customer's telephone system.

Call Forwarding Remote: This optional feature allows a user to activate/deactivate the Call Forwarding - All Calls feature or change the forwarded to telephone number from a remote location.

Call Forwarding Busy: Allows incoming calls to a busy station to be routed to a preselected station line or attendant within the same system or outside the system. Intercom calls can be arranged to be forwarded to a number different from DID calls.

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Call Forwarding Variable Limited: When this feature is activated by a station line user or the attendant, incoming calls to the activated station line or attendant position will be automatically routed to any other selected station line, within the same Centrex system, or to the attendant position. The attendant may also activate this feature for a station line user.

Call Forwarding Variable Unlimited: The same as Call Forwarding Variable Limited except that incoming calls may be automatically routed to a telephone number outside the Centrex system or to station lines within the same Centrex system. The attendant may not activate this feature to a telephone number outside the Centrex system for a station line use. Calls forwarded outside the Centrex system are subject to the appropriate charges for local and toll messages.

Call Hold: Allows the user to hold one call for any length of time provided that neither party goes on-hook.

Call Park: Allows a station line to park a call against its own line number. The parked call can be retrieved from any station line by dialing a feature code and the line number against which the call is parked.

Call Pickup: Allows a station line to answer incoming calls to another station line within a defined call pickup group. Call pickup is provided on individual station lines within a customer group.

Call Transfer: Allows a station line user to transfer any established call to another station inside or outside the customer group without the assistance of the attendant.

Call Waiting: Permits a line in the talking state to be alerted by a tone when another call is attempting to complete to the line. Audible ringing is returned to the originating line. The Service also provides a hold feature that is activated by a switchhook flash.

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Communications Services: The Company's intrastate toll and local exchange switched telephone services offered for both limited intraLATA and interLATA use.

Company: US LEC of Pennsylvania Inc., the issuer of this tariff.

Customer or Subscriber: The person, firm or corporation which orders service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the Company's regulations.

Dial Pulse (or "DP"): The pulse type employed by rotary dial station sets.

Direct Inward Dial (or "DID"): A service attribute that routes incoming calls directly to stations, by-passing a central answering point.

Direct Outward Dial (or "DOD"): A service attribute that allows individual station users to access and dial outside numbers directly.

Do Not Disturb: Permits the attendant to cut off a single station line and selected groups of station lines from receiving incoming and station-to-station calls.

DSX-1 Panel: Distribution equipment used to terminate and administer DS1 (1.544 Mbps) circuits.

Dual Tone Multi-Frequency (or "DTMF"): The pulse type employed by tone dial station sets.

Duplex Service: Service which provides for simultaneous transmission in both directions.

Federal Communications Commission (or "FCC"): Independent government agency that develops and implements policy concerning interstate and international communications.

Fiber Optic Cable: A thin filament of glass with a protective outer coating through which a light beam carrying communications signals may be transmitted by means of multiple internal reflections to a receiver, which translates the message.

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Hunting: Routes a call to an idle station line in a prearranged group when the called station line is busy.

In-Only: A service attribute that restricts outward dial access and routes incoming calls to a designated answer point.

Joint User: A person, firm or corporation which is designated by the Customer as a user of services furnished to the Customer by the Company and to whom a portion of the charges for the service will be billed under a joint user arrangement as specified herein.

Kbps: Kilobits per second, denotes thousands of bits per second.

Last Number Redial: Enables a station line user to redial the last called number by use of an access code rather than dialing the entire number.

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.

Local Exchange Carrier or ("LEC"): Denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust or corporation engaged in providing switched communication within an exchange.

Mbps: Megabits, denotes millions of bits per second.

Multi-Frequency or ("MF"): An inter-machine pulse-type used for signaling between telephone switches, or between telephone switches and PBX/key systems.

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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Service Commencement Date: The first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the requested service or facility is available for use, unless extended by the Customer's refusal to accept service which does not conform to standards set forth in the Service Order or this tariff, in which case the Service Commencement Date is the date of the Customer's acceptance. The Company and Customer may mutually agree on a substitute Service Commencement Date.

Service Order: The written request for Network Services executed by the Customer and the Company in the format devised by the Company. The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company initiates the respective obligations of the parties as set forth therein and pursuant to this tariff, but the duration of the service is calculated from the Service Commencement Date.

Shared: A facility or equipment system or subsystem that can be used simultaneously by several Customers.

Speed Calling: Permits a station line user to dial selected numbers by using fewer digits than normally required. This is accomplished through the assignment of abbreviated codes to frequently called numbers. The speed calling list is customer changeable.

System: Allows shared use of speed calling list. A control station will add, change or delete telephone numbers from the list for the group.

Station: Allows a station line user to add, change or delete telephone numbers from a speed calling list. The list is dedicated to the individual station line user.

Three-Way Calling: Allows a station line user to add a third party to an existing conversation.

Two Way: A service attribute that includes outward dial capabilities for outbound calls and can also be used to carry inbound calls to a central point for further processing

User or End 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 - REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of the Company

2.1.1 Scope

The Company undertakes to furnish intrastate communications service pursuant to the terms of this tariff in connection with one-way and/or two-way information transmission between points within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Customers and users may use services 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.

2.1.2 Shortage of Equipment or Facilities

- A) The Company reserves the right to limit or to allocate the use of existing facilities, or of additional facilities offered by the Company, when necessary because of lack of facilities, or due to some other cause beyond the Company's control.
- B) The furnishing of service under this tariff is subject to the availability on a continuing basis of all the necessary facilities and is limited to the capacity of the Company's facilities as well as facilities the Company may obtain from other carriers to furnish service from time to time as required at the sole discretion of the Company.

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2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.3 Terms and Conditions

- A) Service is provided on the basis of a minimum period of at least one month, 24-hours per day. For the purpose of computing charges in this tariff, a month is considered to have 30 days.
- B) Customers may be required to enter into written service orders which shall contain or reference a specific description of the service ordered, the rates to be charged, the duration of the services, and the terms and conditions in this tariff. Customer will also be required to execute any other documents as may be reasonably requested by the Company.
- C) 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 upon 30 days written notice. Any termination shall not relieve the Customer of its obligation to pay any charges incurred under the service order and this tariff prior to termination. The rights and obligations which by their nature extend beyond the termination of the term of the service order shall survive such termination.
- D) Service may be terminated upon written notice to the Customer if:
  - 1) the Customer is using the service in violation of this tariff;
  - 2) or, the Customer is using the service in violation of the law.
- E) This tariff shall be interpreted and governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania without regard for its choice of laws provision.

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2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.4 Liability of the Company

- A) The liability of the Company for damages arising out of the *furnishing of its Services, including but not limited to mistakes, omissions, interruptions, delays, or errors, or other defects, representations, or use of these services or arising out of the failure to furnish the service, whether caused by acts or omission, shall be limited to the extension of allowances for interruption as set forth in 2.6. The extension of such allowances for interruption shall be the sole remedy of the Customer and the sole liability of the Company. The Company will not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, consequential, exemplary or punitive damages to Customer as a result of any Company service, equipment or facilities, or the acts or omissions or negligence of the Company's employees or agents.*
- B) The Company shall not be liable for any delay or failure of performance or equipment due to causes beyond its control, including but not limited to: acts of God, fire, flood, explosion or other catastrophes; any law, order, regulation, direction, action, or request of the United States Government, or of any other government, including state and local governments having or claiming jurisdiction over the Company, or of any department, agency, commission, bureau, corporation, or other instrumentality of any one or more of these federal, state, or local governments, or of any civil or military authority; national emergencies; insurrections; riots; wars; unavailability of rights-of-way or materials; or strikes, work stoppages, or other labor difficulties.

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2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.4 Liability of the Company (Cont'd)

- C) The Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any entity furnishing to the Company or to the Company's Customers facilities or equipment used for or with the services the Company offers.
- D) The Company shall not be liable for any damages or losses due to the fault or negligence of the Customer or due to the failure or malfunction of Customer-provided equipment or facilities.
- E) The Company does not guarantee nor make any warranty with respect to installations it provides for use in an explosive atmosphere. The Customer indemnifies and holds the Company harmless from any and all loss, claims, demands, suits, or other action, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any other party or person(s), and for any loss, damage, or destruction of any property, whether owned by the Customer or others, caused or claimed to have been caused directly or indirectly by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal presence, condition, location, or use of any installation so provided. The Company reserves the right to require each Customer to sign an agreement acknowledging acceptance of the provisions of this section 2.1.4(E) as a condition precedent to such installations.

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2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.4 Liability of the Company (Cont'd)

- F) The Company is not liable for any 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 such defacement or damage is caused by negligence or willful misconduct of the Company's agents or employees.
- G) The Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the Customer against any claim, loss or damage arising from Customer's use of services, involving claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of copyright arising from the Customer's own communications.
- H) THE COMPANY MAKES NO WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED EITHER IN FACT OR BY OPERATION OF LAW, STATUTORY OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE, EXCEPT THOSE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN.

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2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.5 Notification of Service-Affecting Activities

The Company will provide the Customer reasonable notification of service-affecting activities that may occur in normal operation of its business. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, equipment or facilities additions, removals or rearrangements and routine preventative maintenance. Generally, such activities are not specific to an individual Customer but affect many Customers' services. No specific advance notification period is applicable to all service activities. The Company will work cooperatively with the Customer to determine the reasonable notification requirements. With some emergency or unplanned service-affecting conditions, such as an outage resulting from cable damage, notification to the Customer may not be possible.

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2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.6 Provision of Equipment and Facilities

- A) The Company shall use reasonable efforts to make available services to a Customer on or before a particular date, subject to the provisions of and compliance by the Customer with, the regulations contained in this tariff. The Company does not guarantee availability by any such date and shall not be liable for any delays in commencing service to any Customer.
- B) The Company shall use reasonable efforts to maintain only the facilities and equipment that it furnishes to the Customer. The Customer may not, nor may the Customer permit others to, rearrange, disconnect, remove, attempt to repair, or otherwise interfere with any of the facilities or equipment installed by the Company, except upon the written consent of the Company.
- C) The Company may substitute, change or rearrange any equipment or facility at any time and from time to time, but shall not thereby alter the technical parameters of the service provided the Customer.
- D) Equipment the Company provides or installs at the Customer Premises for use in connection with the services the Company offers shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which the Company provided it.
- E) The Customer shall be responsible for the payment of service charges as set forth herein for visits by the Company's agents or employees to the Premises of the Customer when the service difficulty or trouble report results from the use of equipment or facilities provided by any party other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer.

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2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.6 Provision of Equipment and Facilities (cont'd)

G) The Company shall not be responsible for the installation, operation, or maintenance of any Customer provided communications equipment. Where such equipment is connected to the facilities furnished pursuant to this tariff, the responsibility of the Company shall be limited to the furnishing of facilities offered under this tariff and to the maintenance and operation of such facilities. Subject to this responsibility, the Company shall not be responsible for:

- 1) the transmission of signals by Customer provided equipment or for the quality of, or defects in, such transmission; or
- 2) the reception of signals by Customer-provided equipment.

2.1.7 Non-Routine Installation

At the Customer's request, installation and/or maintenance may be performed outside the Company's regular business hours or in hazardous locations. In such cases, charges based on cost of the actual labor, material, or other costs incurred by or charged to the Company will apply. If installation is started during regular business hours but, at the Customer's request, extends beyond regular business hours into time periods including, but not limited to, weekends, holidays, and/or night hours, additional charges may apply.

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2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)

2.1.8 Special Construction

Subject to the agreement of the Company and to all of the regulations contained in this tariff, special construction of facilities may be undertaken on a reasonable efforts basis at the request of the Customer. Special construction is that construction undertaken:

- A) where facilities are not presently available, and there is no other requirement for the facilities so constructed;
- B) of a type other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
- C) over a route other than that which the Company would normally utilize in the furnishing of its services;
- D) in a quantity greater than that which the Company would normally construct;
- E) on an expedited basis;
- F) on a temporary basis until permanent facilities are available;
- G) involving abnormal costs; or
- H) in advance of its normal construction.

2.1.9 Ownership of Facilities

Title to all facilities, other than inside wiring on the Customer's side of the demarcation point, provided in accordance with this tariff remains in the Company, its agents or contractors.

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2.2 Prohibited Uses

- A) The services the Company offers shall not be used for any unlawful purpose or for any use as to which the Customer has not obtained all required governmental approvals, authorizations, licenses, consents and permits.
- B) The Company may require applicants for service who intend to use the Company's offerings for resale and/or for shared use to file a letter with the Company confirming that their use of the Company's offerings complies with relevant laws and Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission regulations, policies, orders, and decisions.
- C) The Company may require a Customer to immediately shut down its transmission of signals if said transmission is causing interference to others.
- D) A customer, joint user, or authorized user may not assign, or transfer in any manner, the service or any rights associated with the service without the written consent of the Company. The Company will permit a Customer to transfer its existing service to another entity if the existing Customer has paid all charges owed to the Company for regulated communications services. Such a transfer will be treated as a disconnection of existing service and installation of new service, and non-recurring installation charges as stated in this tariff will apply.

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2.3 Obligations of the Customer

2.3.1 General

The Customer shall be responsible for:

- A) the payment of all applicable charges pursuant to this tariff;
- B) damage to or loss of the Company's facilities or equipment caused by the acts or omissions of the Customer; or the noncompliance by the Customer, with these regulations; or by fire or theft or other casualty on the Customer Premises, unless caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the employees or agents of the Company;
- C) providing at no charge, as specified from time to time by the Company, any needed personnel, equipment space and power to operate Company facilities and equipment installed on the premises of the Customer, and the level of heating and air conditioning necessary to maintain the proper operating environment on such premises;
- D) obtaining, maintaining, and otherwise having full responsibility for all rights-of-way and conduit necessary for installation of fiber optic cable and associated equipment used to provide Communications Services to the Customer from the cable building entrance or property line to the location of the equipment space described in 2.3.1(C). Any and all costs associated with the obtaining and maintaining the rights-of-way described herein, including the costs of altering the structure to permit installation of the Company-provided facilities, shall be borne entirely by, or may be charged by the Company to, the Customer. The Company may require the Customer to demonstrate its compliance with this section prior to accepting an order for service;

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2.3.1 General (Cont'd)

- E) providing a safe place to work and complying with all laws and regulations regarding the working conditions on the premises at which Company employees and agents shall be installing or maintaining the Company's facilities and equipment. The Customer may be required to install and maintain Company facilities and equipment within a hazardous area if, in the Company's opinion, injury or damage to the Company employees or property might result from installation or maintenance by the Company. The Customer shall be responsible for identifying, monitoring, removing and disposing of any hazardous material (e.g. friable asbestos) prior to any construction or installation work;
- F) complying with all laws and regulations applicable to, and obtaining all consents, approvals, licenses and permits as may be required with respect to, the location of Company facilities and equipment in any Customer premises or the rights-of-way for which Customer is responsible under Section 2.3.1(D); and granting or obtaining permission for Company agents or employees to enter the premises of the Customer at any reasonable time for the purpose of installing, inspecting, maintaining, repairing, or upon termination of service as stated herein, removing the facilities or equipment of the Company;
- G) not creating or allowing to be placed any liens or other encumbrances on the Company's equipment or facilities; and
- H) making Company facilities and equipment available periodically for maintenance purposes at a time agreeable to both the Company and the Customer. No allowance will be made for the period during which service is interrupted for such purposes.

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2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.2 Claims

With respect to any service or facility provided by the Company, Customer shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from and against all claims, actions, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees for:

- A) any loss, destruction or damage to property of the Company or any third party, or the death or injury to persons, including, but not limited to, employees or invitees of either party, to the extent caused by or resulting from the negligent or intentional act or omission of the Customer, its employees, agents, representatives or invitees; or
- B) any claim, loss, damage, expense or liability for infringement of any copyright, patent, trade secret, or any proprietary or intellectual property right of any third party, arising from any act or omission by the Customer, including, without limitation, use of the Company's services and facilities in a manner not contemplated by the agreement between the Customer and the Company.

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2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels

2.4.1 General

A User may transmit or receive information or signals via the facilities of the Company. The Company's services are designed primarily for the transmission of voice-grade telephonic signals, except as otherwise stated in this tariff. A User may transmit any form of signal that is compatible with the Company's equipment, but the Company does not guarantee that its services will be suitable for purposes other than voice-grade telephonic communication except as specifically stated in this tariff.

2.4.2 Station Equipment

- A) Terminal equipment on the User's Premises and the electric power consumed by such equipment shall be provided by and maintained at the expense of the User. The User is responsible for the provision of wiring or cable to connect its terminal equipment to the Company Point of Connection.
  
- B) The Customer is responsible for ensuring that Customer-provided equipment connected to Company equipment and facilities is compatible with such equipment and facilities. The magnitude and character of the voltages and currents impressed on Company-provided equipment and wiring by the connection, operation, or maintenance of such equipment and wiring shall be such as not to cause damage to the Company-provided equipment and wiring or injury to the Company's employees or to other persons. Any additional protective equipment required to prevent such damage or injury shall be provided by the Company at the Customer's expense.

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2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels (Cont'd)

2.4.3 Interconnection of Facilities

- A) Any special interface equipment necessary to achieve compatibility between the facilities and equipment of the Company used for furnishing Communications Services and the channels, facilities, or equipment of others shall be provided at the Customer's expense.
- B) Communications Services may be connected to the services or facilities of other communications carriers only when authorized by, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions of the tariffs of the other communications carriers which are applicable to such connections.
- C) Facilities furnished under this tariff may be connected to customer provided terminal equipment in accordance with the provisions of this tariff. All such terminal equipment shall be registered by the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to Part 68 of Title 47, Code of Federal Regulations; and all User-provided wiring shall be installed and maintained in compliance with those regulations.
- C) Users may interconnect communications facilities that are used in whole or in part for interstate communications to services provided under this tariff only to the extent that the user is an "end user" as defined in Section 69.2(m), Title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (1992 edition).

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2.4 Customer Equipment and Channels (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Inspections

- A) Upon suitable notification to the Customer, and at a reasonable time, the Company may make such tests and inspections as may be necessary to determine that the Customer is complying with the requirements set forth in Section 2.4.2(B) for the installation, operation, and maintenance of Customer-provided facilities, equipment, and wiring in the connection of Customer-provided facilities and equipment to Company-owned facilities and equipment.
  
- B) If the protective requirements for Customer-provided equipment are not being complied with, the Company may take such action as it deems necessary to protect its facilities, equipment, and personnel. The Company will notify the Customer promptly if there is any need for further corrective action. Within ten days of receiving this notice, the Customer must take this corrective action and notify the Company of the action taken. If the Customer fails to do this, the Company may take whatever additional action is deemed necessary, including the suspension of service, to protect its facilities, equipment and personnel from harm.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements

2.5.1 Payment for Service

The Customer is responsible for the payment of all charges for facilities and services furnished by the Company to the Customer and to all Users authorized by the Customer, regardless of whether those services are used by the Customer itself or are resold to or shared with other persons.

A) Taxes

The Customer is responsible for payment of any sales, use, gross receipts, excise, access or other local, state and federal taxes, charges or surcharges (however, designated) (excluding taxes on Company's net income) imposed on or based upon the provision, sale or use of Network Services.

2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges

- A) Non-recurring charges are due and payable from the customer upon receipt of the invoice.
- B) The Company shall present invoices for Recurring Charges monthly to the Customer, in advance of the month in which service is provided, and Recurring Charges shall be due upon receipt of the invoice. When billing is based on customer usage, charges will be billed monthly for the preceding billing periods.
- C) When service does not begin on the first day of the month, or end on the last day of the month, the charge for the fraction of the month in which service was furnished will be calculated on a pro rate basis. For this purpose, every month is considered to have 30 days.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges (Cont'd)

- D) Billing of the Customer by the Company will begin on the Service Commencement Date, which is the first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the service or facility is available for use, except that the Service Commencement Date may be postponed by mutual agreement of the parties, or if the service or facility does not conform to standards set forth in this tariff or the Service Order. Billing accrues through and includes the day that the service, circuit, arrangement or component is discontinued.
- E) A late payment penalty will be due to the Company upon any unpaid amount commencing 28 days after the date of the invoice. The late payment penalty shall be the portion of the payment not received by the 28th day after the date of the invoice, multiplied by a late factor of 1.25% per month for residential customers and 1.5% for business customers.
- F) The Customer will be assessed a charge of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each check submitted by the Customer to the Company which a financial institution refused to honor.
- G) Customers have up to 45 days (commencing 5 days after remittance of the bill) to initiate a dispute over regulated charges.
- H) If service is disconnected by the Company in accordance with section 2.5.5 following and later restored, restoration of service will be subject to all applicable installation charges.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.3 Advance Payments

To safeguard its interests, the Company may require a Business Customer to make an advance payment before services and facilities are furnished. The advance payment will not exceed an amount equal to the non-recurring charge(s) and one month's charges for the service or facility. In addition, where special construction is involved, the advance payment may also include an amount equal to the estimated non-recurring charges for the special construction and recurring charges (if any) for a period to be set between the Company and the Customer. The advance payment will be credited to the Customer's initial bill. An advance payment may be required in addition to a deposit.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.4 Deposits

- A) To safeguard its interests, the Company may require a Customer to make a deposit to be held as a guarantee for the payment of charges. A deposit does not relieve the Customer of the responsibility for the prompt payment of bills on presentation. The deposit will not exceed an amount equal to:
  - 1) two month's charges for a service or facility which has a minimum payment period of one month; or
  - 2) the charges that would apply for the minimum payment period for a service or facility which has a minimum payment period of more than one month; except that the deposit may include an additional amount in the event that a termination charge is applicable.
- B) A deposit may be required in addition to an advance payment for Business Customers.
- C) When a service or facility is discontinued, the amount of a deposit, if any, will be applied to the Customer's account and any credit balance remaining will be refunded. Before the service or facility is discontinued, the Company may, at its option, return the deposit or credit it to the Customer's account.
- D) Deposits held will accrue interest at the rate specified by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Interest will not accrue on any deposit after the date on which reasonable effort has been made to return it to the Customer.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.5 Discontinuance of Service

- A) Upon nonpayment of any amounts owing to the Company, the Company may, by giving 10 days prior written notice to the Business Customer, discontinue or suspend service without incurring any liability. Residential customers will be subject to discontinuance of service in accordance with the regulations of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at 52 Pa. Code §§ 64.61; 64.71 et seq. and 64.121 et seq.
  
- B) Upon violation of any of the other material terms or conditions for furnishing service the Company may, by giving 10 days' prior notice in writing to the Customer, discontinue or suspend service without incurring any liability if such violation continues during that period.
  
- D) Upon condemnation of any material portion of the facilities used by the Company to provide service to a Customer or if a casualty renders all or any material portion of such facilities inoperable beyond feasible repair, the Company, by notice to the Customer, may discontinue or suspend service without incurring any liability.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.5 Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd)

- D) Upon any governmental prohibition or required alteration of the services to be provided or any violation of an applicable law or regulation, the Company may immediately discontinue service without incurring any liability.
  
- E) In the event of fraudulent use of the Company's network, the Company will discontinue service without notice and/or seek legal recourse to recover all costs involved in enforcement of this provision.
  
- E) Upon the Company's discontinuance of service to the Customer under Section 2.5.5(A) or 2.5.5(B), the Company, in addition to all other remedies that may be available to the Company at law or in equity or under any other provision of this tariff, may declare all future monthly and other charges which would have been payable by the Customer during the remainder of the term for which such services would have otherwise been provided to the Customer to be immediately due and payable (discounted to present value at six percent). For good cause shown, the Commission may exempt a Customer from the penalties provided in this sub-section.

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2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd)

2.5.6 Cancellation of Application for Service

- A) Where, prior to cancellation by the Customer, the Company incurs any expenses in installing the service or in preparing to install the service that it otherwise would not have incurred, a charge equal to the costs the Company incurred, less net salvage, shall apply, but in no case shall this charge exceed the sum of the charge for the minimum period of services ordered, including installation charges, and all charges others levy against the Company that would have been chargeable to the Customer had service begun (all discounted to present value at six percent).
- B) Where the Company incurs any expense in connection with special construction, or where special arrangements of facilities or equipment have begun, before the Company receives a cancellation notice, a charge equal to the costs incurred, less net salvage, applies. In such cases, the charge will be based on such elements as the cost of the equipment, facilities, and material, the cost of installation, engineering, labor, and supervision, general and administrative expense, other disbursements, depreciation, maintenance, taxes, provision for return on investment, and any other costs associated with the special construction or arrangements.
- C) The special charges described in 2.5.6(A) through 2.5.6(B) will be calculated and applied on a case-by-case basis.

2.5.7 Changes in Service Requested

If the Customer makes or requests material changes in circuit engineering, equipment specifications, service parameters, premises locations, or otherwise materially modifies any provision of the application for service, the Customer's installation fee shall be adjusted accordingly.

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### 2.6 Allowances for Interruptions in Service

Interruptions in service, which are not due to the negligence of, or noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff by, the Customer or the operation or malfunction of the facilities, power or equipment provided by the Customer, will be credited to the Customer as set forth in 2.6.1 for the part of the service that the interruption affects.

#### 2.6.1 Credit for Interruptions

A). When service is interrupted for a period of at least 24 hours after notice by the Customer to the Company, an allowance equal to 1/30 of fixed billing cycle charges for services and facilities furnished by the Company rendered useless or substantially impaired shall apply to each 24 hours during which the interruption continues after notice by the customer to the Company. Credit in any billing period shall not exceed the total non-usage charges for that period for the services and facilities furnished by the Company rendered useless or substantially impaired.

(i) The word "interruption" shall mean the inability to complete calls due to equipment malfunctions or human errors. "Interruption" does not include, and no allowance shall be given for, service difficulties such as slow dial tone, circuits, busy or other network and/or switching capacity shortages. Nor shall "interruption" include the failure of any service or facilities provided by a common carrier or other entity other than the Company. Nor shall the interruption allowance apply where service is interrupted by the negligence or willful act of the customer, or where the Company, pursuant to the terms of this tariff, terminates service because of non-payment of bills or deposits due to the Company, unlawful or improper use of the Company's facilities or service, or any other reason covered by this tariff or by applicable law.

(ii) No allowance shall apply to any non-recurring or usage charges.

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2.6 Allowances for Interruptions in Service (Cont'd)

2.6.2 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 any 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; and
- G) interruption of service due to circumstances or causes beyond the control of Company.

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2.6 Allowances for Interruptions in Service (Cont'd)

2.6.3 Cancellation For Service Interruption

Cancellation or termination for service interruption is permitted only if any circuit experiences a single continuous outage of 8 hours or more or cumulative service credits equaling 16 hours in a continuous 12-month period. The right to cancel service under this provision applies only to the single circuit which has been subject to the outage or cumulative service credits.

2.7 Use of Customer's Service by Others

2.7.1 Resale and Sharing

Any service provided under this tariff may be resold to or shared with other persons at the option of Customer, subject to compliance with any applicable laws or Pennsylvania State Corporation Commission regulations governing such resale or sharing. Customer remains solely responsible for all use of services ordered by it or billed to its telephone number(s) pursuant to this tariff, for determining who is authorized to use its services, and for notifying the Company of any unauthorized use.

2.7.2 Joint Use Arrangements

Joint use arrangements will be permitted for all services provided under this tariff. From each joint use arrangement, one member will be designated as the Customer responsible for the manner in which the joint use of the service will be allocated. The Company will accept orders to start, rearrange, relocate, or discontinue service only from the Customer. Without affecting the Customer's ultimate responsibility for payment of all charges for the service, each joint user shall be responsible for the payment of the charges billed to it.

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2.8 Cancellation of Service

If a Customer cancels a Service Order or terminates services before the completion of the term for any reason whatsoever other than a service interruption (as defined in 2.6.1 above), the Customer agrees to pay to the Company termination liability charges, which are defined below. These charges shall become due and owing as of the effective date of the cancellation or termination and be payable within the period, set forth in 2.5.2.

The Customer's termination liability for cancellation of service shall be equal to:

- A) all unpaid Non-Recurring charges reasonably expended by the Company to establish service to the Customer, plus;
- B) any disconnection, early cancellation or termination charges reasonably incurred and paid to third parties by the Company on behalf of the Customer, plus;
- C) all Recurring Charges specified in the applicable Service Order Tariff for the balance of the then current term.

2.9 Transfers and Assignments

Neither the Company nor the Customer may assign or transfer its rights or duties in connection with the services and facilities provided by the Company without the written consent of the other party, except that the Company may assign its rights and duties (a) to any subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Company, (b) pursuant to any sale or transfer of substantially all the assets of the Company; or (c) pursuant to any financing, merger or reorganization of the Company.

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2.10 Notices and Communications

- A) The Customer shall designate on the Service Order an address to which the Company shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that Customer may also designate a separate address to which the Company's bills for service shall be mailed.
- B) The Company shall designate on the Service Order an address to which the Customer shall mail or deliver all notices and other communications, except that Company may designate a separate address on each bill for service to which the Customer shall mail payment on that bill.
- C) All notices or other communications required to be given pursuant to this tariff are requested to be in writing. At the Company's request, notices or other communications given pursuant to this tariff by the Customer to the Company in a telephone call, may be required to be confirmed in writing. 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 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, whichever occurs first.
- D) 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 procedures for giving notice set forth herein.

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SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS

2.11 Operator Services Rules

A) The Company will enforce the following operator service rules.

A provider of intrastate operator assisted communications services must:

- 1) identify itself at the time the end-user accesses its services;
- 2) upon request, quote all rates and charges for its services to the end-user accessing its system;
- 3) arrange to have posted in plain view at each telephone location which automatically accesses the operator service provider's network and where its services are made available to the public or transient end-users:
  - (a) the operator service provider's name and address;
  - (b) bill and service dispute calling information including the operator service provider's dispute resolution phone number;
  - (c) clear and specific instructions informing the end-user how to access a local exchange telephone company operator as an alternative available to the end-user; and
  - (d) notice concerning any and all amounts to be billed by the operator services provider on behalf of any host location or third party which will appear on the operator service provider's bill for services rendered.

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2.11 Operator Services Rules (Cont'd.)

A) (cont'd)

- 4) in instances when the provider is unable to complete the call and it requires transfer to another telephone corporation which may affect the rates and charges applicable to the telephone bill, inform the caller of the transfer and its possible effect on the applicable rates and charges, before any charges are incurred; and
- 5) in the case of such transfer, the telephone corporation or provider to which the call is transferred shall identify itself and inform the caller of the transfer's effect on the applicable rates and charges, before any charges are incurred.

B) The Company will comply with the following provisions:

- 1) Providers of intrastate operator assisted communications services shall not take any action or enter into any arrangement which restricts end-user selection among competing interexchange telephone corporations or end users-access to competing providers of intrastate operator assisted communications services, or pay any commissions or other compensation to any entity engaged in such action or arrangement.

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SECTION 3 - APPLICATION OF RATES

3.1 Introduction

The regulations set forth in this section govern the application of rates for services contained in other sections of this tariff.

3.2 Charges Based on Duration of Use

Where charges for a service are specified based on the duration of use, such as the duration of a telephone call, the following rules apply:

- A) Calls are measured in durational increments identified for each service. All calls which are fractions of a measurement increment are rounded-up to the next whole unit.
- B) Timing on completed calls begins when the call is answered by the called party. Answering is determined by hardware answer supervision in all cases where this signaling is provided by the terminating local carrier and any intermediate carrier(s). Timing for operator service person-to-person calls start with completion of the connection to the person called or an acceptable substitute, or to the PBX station called.
- C) Timing terminates on all calls when the calling party hangs up or the Company's network receives an off-hook signal from the terminating carrier.
- D) Calls originating in one time period and terminating in another will be billed in proportion to the rates in effect during different segments of the call.
- E) All times refer to local time.

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3.3 Rates Based Upon Distance

Where charges for a service are specified based upon distance, the following rules:

- A) Distance between two points is measured as airline distance between the rate centers of the originating and terminating telephone lines. The rate center is a set of geographic coordinates, as referenced in the Local Exchange Routing Guide issued by Bellcore, associated with each NPA-NXX combination (where NPA is the area code and NXX is the first three digits of a seven-digit telephone number). Where there is no telephone number associated with an access line on the Company's network (such as a dedicated 800 or WATS access line), the Company will apply the rate center of the Customer's main billing telephone number.

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3.3 Rates Based Upon Distance (Cont'd)

B) The airline distance between any two rate centers is determined as follows:

- 1) Obtain the "V" (vertical) and "H" (horizontal) coordinates for each rate center from the above-referenced Bellcore document.
- 2) Compute the difference between the "V" coordinates of the two rate centers; and the difference between the two "H" coordinates.
- 3) Square each difference obtained in step (2) above.
- 4) Add the square of the "V" difference and the square of the "H" difference obtained in step (3) above.
- 5) Divide the sum of the squares by 10. Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction is obtained.
- 6) Obtain the square root of the whole number result obtained above. Round to the next higher whole number if any fraction is obtained. This is the airline mileage.

7) FORMULA =

$$\sqrt{\frac{(V1 - V2)^2 + (H1 - H2)^2}{10}}$$

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3.4 Time Periods Defined

Unless otherwise indicated herein:

3.4.1 All rate plans:

- a. Day: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Mon-Fri
- b. Evening: 5:00 - 11:00 p.m. - Sun-Fri
- c. Night/Weekend:      11:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. - All days  
                                    8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Saturday  
                                    8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Sunday
- d. Holiday: For the following Holidays, the Evening Time Period rates are used, unless a lower rate would normally apply:

- |                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Christmas Day**         | New Year's Day** |
| Martin Luther King Day* | Presidents Day*  |
| Memorial Day*           | Columbus Day*    |
| Veterans Day**          | Thanksgiving Day |
| Independence Day**      | Labor Day        |

\* Applies to Federally observed day only.

\*\* When this Holiday falls on a Sunday, the Holiday calling rate applies to calls placed on the following Monday. When this Holiday falls on a Saturday, the Holiday calling rate applies to calls placed on the preceding Friday.

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SECTION 4 – EXCHANGE ACCESS SERVICE

4.1 General:

The Company's Local Telephone Service provides a Customer with the ability to connect to the company's switching network which enables the Customer to:

- place or receive calls to any calling Station in the local calling area, as defined herein;
- access basic 911 Emergency Service;
- access the interexchange carrier selected by the Customer for interLATA, intraLATA, interstate or international calling;
- access Operator Services;
- access Directory Assistance;
- place or receive calls to 800 telephone numbers;
- access Telephone Relay Service.

The Company's service can not be used to originate calls to other telephone companies caller-paid information services (e.g., 900, 976). Calls to those numbers and other numbers used for caller-paid information services will be blocked by the Company's switch.

Company's local exchange service allows the Customer unlimited access to stations on the public switched network within the Customer's basic local calling area, i.e., the local calling area as specified in the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier's tariff in effect and as amended from time to time in the future.

Each Exchange Access Service is available on a "Full" service basis, whereby service is delivered to a demarcation/connection block at the customer's premises.

The following Exchange Access Service Options are offered:

Flat Rate Service  
Measured Rate Service

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4.2 Explanation of Rate Schedules :

Three rate schedules are presented for each Exchange Access Service offered. Except for the central office exceptions listed below, a customer's rate schedule is dependent on the distance between the customer's dominant serving wire center and a US LEC switch.

Each rate schedule is airline mileage based as follows:

Schedule 1: Customers whose serving wire centers are 0 – 10 miles from a US LEC switch.

Schedule 2: Customers whose serving wire centers are 10 – 16 miles from a US LEC switch.

Schedule 3: Customers whose serving wire centers are greater than 16 miles from a US LEC switch.

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SECTION 5 – SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS

5.1 Flat Rate Exchange Service

Flat Rate Exchange Service offers unlimited calling within the local calling area for one monthly recurring charge.

5.2 Measured Rate Exchange Service

Measured Rate Exchange Service offers unlimited calling within the local calling area for a monthly recurring charge, plus a per minute charge for each minute of local calling service used.

5.3 Exchange Service Optional Services

Services described in this section may be subscribed to in addition to either Flat Rate or Measured Rate Exchange Service for additional charges as specified in this tariff.

5.3.1 Basic Line Service

Basic Line Service provides a Customer with a single, voice-grade telephonic communications channel which can be used to place or receive one call at a time. Basic Lines are provided for connection of Customer-provided single station sets, Customer-provided key systems or facsimile machines to the public switched telecommunications network. Each Basic Line is provided with touch tone signaling and hunting. Flat or measured rate service is available for Basic Line Service, and must be specified at the time of ordering. An analog or digital gateway service, based on the respective service provided (1 gateway per 24 lines), is also required.

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8.3 Busy Line Verify and Line Interrupt Service (cont'd.)

8.3.2 Regulations (cont'd.)

- B) No charge will apply:
  - 1) When the calling party advises that the call is to or from an official public emergency agency.
  - 2) Under conditions other than those specified in 8.2.2(a) preceding.
- C) Busy Verification and Interrupt Service is furnished where and to the extent that facilities permit.
- D) The Customer shall identify and save the Company harmless against all claims that may arise from either party to the interrupted call or any person.

8.3.3 Rates

	<u>Per Request</u>
Busy Line Verify Service	\$0.75
Busy Line Verify and Busy Line Interrupt Service	\$1.55

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8.4 Directory Assistance

8.4.1 Description

A Customer may obtain Directory Assistance in determining telephone numbers within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by calling the Directory Assistance operator.

Directory Assistance charges apply for all requests for which the Company's facilities are used. Each number requested is charged as shown below. Requests for information other than telephone numbers will be charged the same rate as shown for the applicable request for telephone numbers.

A credit will be given for calls to Directory Assistance when:

- the Customer experiences poor transmission or is cut-off during the call,
- the Customer is given an incorrect telephone number, or
- the Customer inadvertently misdials an incorrect Directory Assistance NPA.

To receive a credit, the customer must notify the Company operator or Business Office of the problem experienced.

8.4.2 Rates

Per Number Requested                      \$0.57

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8.5 Service Implementation

8.5.1 Description

Absent a promotional offering, service implementation charges will apply to new service orders or to orders to change existing service.

8.5.2 Rates

Non-Recurring

Per Service Order                      \$25.00

8.6 Restoration of Service

8.6.1 Description

A restoral charge applies to the re-establishment of service and facilities suspended because of nonpayment of bills and is payable at the time that the re-establishment of the service and facilities suspended is arranged for.

8.6.2 Rates

Non-Recurring

Per Occasion                              \$25.00

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8.7 Maintenance Visit Charge:

- 8.7.1 A maintenance visit charge applies if a maintenance visit is required to complete any requested maintenance work on the subscriber's premises.

Where a NID exists, if the Company is able to test for dial tone and the problem proves to be beyond the NID (within Customer premises), a maintenance charge is applicable. In the event there is no NID and/or the Company is unable to test for dial tone, then no maintenance charge will be assessed. In those cases where the Customer has bought an inside wire maintenance warranty/plan (a non-regulated service) from the Company, no maintenance charge will be applicable regardless of the dial tone test results or whether a NID exists or not.

8.7.2 Rates	<u>Non-Recurring</u>
Per Visit	\$13.00

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8.8 Emergency Services

Allows Customers to reach appropriate emergency services including police, fire and hospital medical services. Enhanced 911 has the ability to selectively route an emergency call to the primary 911 provider so that it reaches the correct emergency service located closest to the caller. In addition, the Customer's address and telephone information will be displayed to the person handling the 911 call. The company will impose a surcharge to all customers at a level determined by each respective county.

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8.8 Emergency Services (cont'd)

8.8.1 Regulations Governing 9-1-1 Service for City of Philadelphia

- 1) When requested by local government authorities, the Company will provide 9-1-1 Telecommunications Service ("9-1-1 Service") for the purpose of voice reporting emergencies by the public.
- 2) A Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") is the answering point for a 9-1-1 call. A PSAP may be designated as Primary or Secondary, which refers to the order in which calls are directed for answering. Primary PSAPs answer first; Secondary PSAPs receive calls on a transfer basis only.
- 3) Any person dialing "9-1-1" from a telephone which is usable for local exchange telephone network access and arranged to provide 9-1-1 Service will be automatically connected to the appropriate PSAP for that telephone.
- 4) For the purposes of this tariff, a Responding Agency is an agency that is prepared to provide one or more specific emergency services via calls received from a PSAP.
- 5) 9-1-1 calls originated from the Company's Local Exchange Service access facilities shall be completed to the appropriate PSAP without a charge being assessed to the calling party by the Company.

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8.8 Emergency Services (cont'd)

8.8.1 Regulations Governing 9-1-1 Service for City of Philadelphia

- 6) 9-1-1 Service may be classified as one of two types: Basic Service and Enhanced Service.
  - a. Basic 9-1-1 Service provides for routing all 9-1-1 calls originated by telephones having telephone numbers beginning with a central office prefix code or codes, to a single PSAP which is prepared to receive those calls. Basic 9-1-1 Service has certain inherent features and optional features which may or may not be available with Enhanced 9-1-1 Service.
  - b. Enhanced 9-1-1 Service provides certain features such as selective routing of 9-1-1 calls to a specific PSAP which is selected from the various PSAPs serving Customers within that central office area. Enhanced 9-1-1 Service has certain other inherent and optional features which may or may not be available with Basic 9-1-1 Service.
- 7) The Company's 9-1-1 Service is provided consistent with the county/municipal 9-1-1 protocols and the Pennsylvania Emergency Services Act. Future revisions or additions made to the Protocols by a county/municipality will be handled by the Company as described in the Protocols, and any tariff changes will be made accordingly.
- 8) The Company will not use the county's/municipality's Master Street Address Guide for any purpose that is not directly related to, and required for, the provision of 9-1-1 Service. The Company's liability and indemnification for 9-1-1 Service is described in this section.

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8.8 Emergency Services (cont'd)

8.8.1 Regulations Governing 9-1-1 Service for City of Philadelphia

- 9) The Company has contracted with a national vendor to manage and handle electronically the MSAG database.
  
- 10) The Company will in no way directly or indirectly sell, lease, license, rent, loan, provide, or transfer the county's/municipality's MSAG to any other person(s) or entity(s), without the expressed written authorization of the county's/municipalities' 911 coordinator, or his/her designee, and the Company shall not modify or create any derivative of the county's/municipality's MSAG, or copy the county's/municipality's MSAG, except that one (1) copy may be made for archival purposes.

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8.8 Emergency Services (cont'd)

8.8.2 Liability and Indemnification (Applicable to Both Basic and Enhanced Service, As Appropriate)

- 1) This offering is limited to the provision and use of the digits "9-1-1" as the Universal Emergency Telephone Number (Code).
- 2) 9-1-1 Service is one way service only.
- 3) The Company shall not incur any liability, direct or indirect, to any person who dials, or attempts to dial, the digits "9-1-1," or to any other person who may be affected by the dialing of the digits "9-1-1." The Company's entire liability arising out of the provision of 9-1-1 Service under this tariff shall be limited as set forth in this section and in the rules.
- 4) The Company does not undertake to answer and forward 9-1-1 calls to responding agencies but furnishes the use of its facilities to enable the customer to access the PSAP for their region and enables emergency personnel to respond to such calls on the customer's premises.
- 5) 9-1-1 Service is provided solely for the benefit of the customer. The provision of 9-1-1 service by the Company shall not be interpreted, construed or regarded as being for the benefit of, or creating any Company obligation toward, any third person or legal entity other than the customer.
- 6) Each customer agrees to release, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Company from any and all loss, claims, demands, suits, or any liability whatsoever, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by the customer or by any other party or person, for any loss, damage, or destruction of any property, whether owned by the customers or others.

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8.8 Emergency Services (cont'd)

8.8.2 Liability and Indemnification (Applicable to Both Basic and Enhanced Service. As Appropriate) (cont'd)

- 7) The customer also agrees to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Company for any infringement or invasion of the right of privacy of any person or persons, caused or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by the installation, operation, failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, occasion, or use of the 9-1-1 Service and the equipment associated therewith including, but not limited to, the identification of the telephone number used by the party or parties accessing 9-1-1 Service hereunder, and which arise out of negligence or other wrongful act of the Company, the customer, its user agencies or municipalities, or the employees or agents of any one of them.
- 8) By calling 9-1-1 Service, the 9-1-1 calling party gives the Company consent to provide 9-1-1 information, consisting of the name, address, and telephone number of the customer at the location from which the call was made, to law enforcement agencies and other emergency service providers on a call-by-call basis to enable those agencies and service providers to respond to emergency calls for assistance.
- 9) The Company maintains insurance coverage for liability related to or arising out of the provision of 911 service.

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8.8 Emergency Services (cont'd)

8.8.3 E-9-1-1 Trunk Group Failure or 9-1-1 Tandem Failure in the City of Philadelphia

In the event of a failure of all the trunk groups between the US LEC switch and the 9-1-1 tandem, or a failure of the 9-1-1 tandem switch, the following procedure will be followed:

The local 10 digit telephone number of the default 9-1-1 PSAP has been programmed into the US LEC central office switch. In those PSAPs where 10 digit telephone number access to the default 9-1-1 PSAP is not available, the Customer must dial 0 to reach the operator platform. In the event of a trunking failure, calls usually routed to the 9-1-1 trunks will be routed to the ten digit telephone number of the default PSAP. If the US LEC personnel via local alarm observe the trunking failure, the alternate routing plan will be invoked along with immediate attempts to isolate and restore the failure. Notification will be made to the local 9-1-1 agency designated notification point. If US LEC is notified of the failure by the 9-1-1 tandem or local 9-1-1 agency, the US LEC operations center will immediately invoke the alternate routing plan and assist as needed to isolate and restore service.

In the event of a failure of all of the trunk groups between US LEC's switch and the 9-1-1 tandem, or a failure of the 9-1-1 tandem switch, the following procedures will be followed in the City of Philadelphia. The US LEC switch is programmed to play the following announcement, which has been approved by the City of Philadelphia 9-1-1 authorities: "US LEC - 9-1-1—All circuits are busy now. Please hang up, then dial your operator."

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8.8 Emergency Services (cont'd)

8.8.4 Switch Isolation

In the event of a complete switch failure and isolation from the 9-1-1 and public switched telephone networks, the following procedure will be followed:

- 1) Upon determination of a switch failure and isolation, US LEC personnel will invoke the Lucent Emergency Recovery process in an effort to restore the switch to service as soon as possible.
- 2) Notification of the failure condition and restoration status will be made to the local 9-1-1 agency designated notification point.
- 3) All efforts will be made to restore the failure quickly and return all service to normal.

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8.9 IntraLATA Toll Presubscription

(A) Presubscription is a procedure whereby an end user may select and designate an IntraLATA Toll Provider (ITP) to access for intra LATA toll calls without dialing an access code. This ITP must have a Feature Group D Trunk in place (or ordered) between its points of presence and the incumbent LEC Access Tandem(s). The end user or agent may designate an ITP for intraLATA toll, a different carrier for interLATA toll, or the same carrier for both. This ITP is referred to as the end user's, or agent's preferred intraLATA toll provider.

Each carrier will have one or more access codes assigned to it for various types of service. When an end user selects a carrier as its preferred intraLATA toll provider, only one access code of that carrier by the end user without dialing an access code. Should the same end user wish to use other services of the same carrier, it will be necessary for the end user to dial the necessary access code(s) to reach that carrier's other service(s).

An ITP must use Feature Group D (FGD) Switched Access Service to qualify as an intraLATA toll provider. A carrier authorized to handle intraLATA toll calls may request two-PIC capability provided that it interconnects its network either with the US LEC network or the subtending LEC tandem. Carriers wishing to participate must submit Access Service Requests and Translation Questionnaires to the Access Tandem owner and to US LEC.

Selection of an intraLATA toll provider by an end user is subject to the terms and conditions following.

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8.9 IntraLATA Toll Presubscription (cont'd)

8.9.1 Presubscription Charge Application

- A. Existing end users may exercise an initial free presubscription choice, either by contacting US LEC or by contacting the ITP directly. The initial selection must be made at the time the Customer signs up for local service with US LEC, or within 30 days thereafter. If the Customer is unable to make an ITP selection at that time, a "No-Pic" designation will be applied to their account, and the Customer will have to dial a 10XXX code to access an ITP.

Following an existing end user's initial free selection, any subsequent selection is subject to a nonrecurring charge as set forth at the the end of this section.

- B. If an ITP elects to discontinue Feature Group D service after implementation of the intraLATA toll presubscription option, the ITP is obligate to contact, in writing, all end users who have selected the canceling ITP will pay the PIC change charge as provided at the end of this section. The ITP must provide written notification to US LEC, that this activity has taken place.
- C. An unauthorized PIC change is a change in the presubscribed intraLATA toll provider that the end user denies authorizing. PIC disputes for end user are resolved through an investigative process.

If an end user disputes a PIC change, the end user will be changed to the carrier of record prior to the PIC change. If the dispute is legitimate, the end user will be credited an amount equal to the PIC change charge provided at the end of this section and the carrier that submitted the PIC change will be assessed two PIC change charges-one for the invalid PIC change, and one for the change back to the prior carrier of record.

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8.9 IntraLATA Toll Presubscription (cont'd)

8.9.2 Presubscription Charge Application

D. When a discrepancy is determined regarding an end user's designation of a preferred intraLATA toll carrier, the following applies depending upon the situation described:

-A signed letter of authorization takes precedence over any order other than subsequent, direct customer contact with US LEC.

-When two or more orders are received for an end user line generated by telemarketing, the date field on the mechanized record used to transmit PIC change information will be used as the PIC authorization date. The order with the latest application date/time determines customer choice.

-If an end user denies requesting a change in intraLATA toll presubscription as submitted by an ITP, and the ITP is unable to produce a letter of authorization, signed by the end user, the ITP will also be assessed the intraLATA toll presubscription change charges. The nonrecurring change charges are provided herein. The ITP will also be assessed the intraLATA toll presubscription change charge as specified herein, which was previously billed to the end user.

Neither the ITP or US LEC shall submit a PIC change order generated by outbound telemarketing unless and until the order has first been confirmed in accordance with the F.C.C.'s current anti-slamming practices and procedures.

	<u>Per Line/Trunk</u> <u>Per Occurrence</u>
InterLATA PIC Change	\$5.00
IntraLATA PIC Change (When available)	\$5.00
Both PIC selections changed simultaneously	\$5.00

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8.10 Calling Card Calls:

Calling Cards are available for customers who may want to make calls on their US LEC account from differing locations. Calling card calls will incur the following charges:

Payphone Compensation Surcharge	\$0.24 per payphone originated call
Rate per minute	\$0.25

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SECTION 8 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES8.11 Accounting Codes

Accounting Codes provide customers with a means of restricting calls or itemizing calls, according to specific digits that must be dialed at the end of a long distance telephone number. The length of Accounting Codes may vary from 2 to 6 digits, however, the length must be consistent for each customer location.

Offered are packages of codes that are verified against a specific list of valid numbers, for call restriction, or offers unverified packages of 2-6 digits in length for cataloging by code, the calls made.

<u>Charge Per</u>		
<u>Customer Location</u>	<u>Non-Recurring</u>	<u>Monthly Recurring</u>
Verified Packages	\$30.00	\$10.00
Unverified Packages	\$30.00	\$5.00

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8.12 Foreign Exchange (FX) Service

8.12.1 Description

*FX Service enables a Customer to receive a Company-provided Exchange Access Service at a point outside the Exchange Access Service Area corresponding to the NPA-NXX designation (as set forth in Section 4.1) of such Exchange Access Service.*

The Local Calling Area and all Usage Service rates which apply to an FX Exchange Access Service are the same as those which regularly apply to other Company-provided Exchange Access Services bearing the same NPA-NXX designation.

8.12.2 Rates

	<u>Non-Recurring</u>	<u>Monthly Recurring</u>
Foreign Exchange Service	\$500.00	\$1000.00

8.13 Hospitality Rates

Hospitality rates will have no local usage charges associated with them. Hotels and motels that supply guest rooms and route local and long distance guest traffic over Company digital facilities will qualify for Hospitality Rates.

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8.14 Directory Listings

For each Customer of Company-provided Exchange Access Service(s), the Company shall arrange for the listing of the Customer's main billing telephone number in the directory(ies) published by the dominant Local Exchange Carrier in the area at no additional charge. At a Customer's option, the Company will arrange for additional listings at the following rates:

	<u>Non-Recurring</u>	<u>Monthly Recurring</u>
Each Additional Listing	\$6.30	\$1.20

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8.15 Custom Calling Features

8.15.1 Descriptions

-CALL WAITING– With this service, a subscriber using the phone will be alerted to another incoming call and will be able to switch between the two calls. A deactivation feature allows Call Waiting subscribers to deactivate Call Waiting by dialing a special code. The Call Waiting will automatically be reactivated when the call or call attempt is terminated. There is no additional charge for the deactivation feature.

-THREE WAY CALLING – With this service, a three-way conversation can be arranged by simply dialing the numbers. In addition, Three Way Calling may be used by a customer who has Call Waiting to deactivate Call Waiting during a call.

-CALL FORWARD BUSY LINE – This service forwards incoming calls to a predesignated directory number when the called line is busy. With Call Forward Busy Line, the subscribers have the flexibility of changing the forward-to number at their discretion, without a service order.

-TOLL DENIAL – With this service, the end user can block all outgoing direct dial toll calls on a telephone line or trunk which is not authorized for such toll calls. The toll call is not completed when dialed, and cannot be disabled by the end user. Toll calls may still be made, however, by utilization of a dial around 1010XXXX code.

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-CALL FORWARD DON'T ANSWER – This service forwards all incoming calls to a predesignated directory number if the called number is not answered after a specified number of rings. With Call Forward Don't Answer, the subscriber has the flexibility of changing the forward-to number without contacting the telephone company for a new service order.

-CALLER ID SERVICE – Caller ID Service is an optional feature which allows a subscriber to see the telephone number of an incoming call displayed on the customer provided display unit. The telephone number of an incoming call will display between the first and second rings. Caller ID Service works only on calls that originate from and terminated in central offices that are equipped to provide this service or between central offices that are equipped to provide this service or between central offices that are equipped and have SS7 connectivity. Caller ID is available to customers by monthly subscription only, which provides unlimited use of this service.

-PER-CALL BLOCKING – Per Call Blocking is automatically available to all customers served by the Company. This blocking option allows the calling party to block the passage of their telephone number and name on outgoing calls. To activate Per-Call Blocking, a special code (\*67) is dialed prior to placing each call. Per Call Blocking does not prevent the delivery of the telephone number to 911 emergency service providers, 800 number providers, or 900 number providers.

-PER --LINE BLOCKING – Per Line Blocking allows a customer to block the display of their telephone number and name on a permanent basis, unless the feature is deactivated. To deactivate Per-line blocking, \*82 must be dialed. This may be necessary when a call is being placed to someone with anonymous call rejection because a blocked number will not allow a call to go through to a customer using anonymous call rejection.

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After the call is completed, the line automatically reverts back to the Per-Line Blocking features. The Per-Line Blocking option can only be added or removed from a customer's line by placing a service order with the company. Without this service, the customer will have Per-call blocking capability only. Caller ID Per-Line Blocking does not prevent the delivery of the telephone number to 911 emergency service providers, 800 number providers, or 900 number providers. Initial per line blocking is provided at no charge upon customer request. The nonrecurring charge applies for subsequent requests for Per Line blocking for the same customer at the same address.

-SPEED CALLING – Thirty frequently called numbers can be programmed into a phone to call these numbers by simply dialing a one or two-digit number.

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	Per Service Order <u>Non-Recurring</u>	Per Feature Per Line/Trunk <u>Monthly Recurring</u>
Call Waiting	\$25.00	\$2.75
Three Way Calling	\$25.00	\$2.75
Call Forward Busy Line	\$25.00	\$2.75
Call Forward Don't Answer	\$25.00	\$2.75
Speed Calling	\$25.00	\$2.75
Toll Denial	\$25.00	\$2.75
Caller ID Service	\$25.00	\$7.50
Per Call Blocking	No charge	No charge
Per Line Blocking	\$10.00	No charge

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SECTION 9 -SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

9.1 Special Construction

9.1.1 Basis for Charges

Where the Company furnishes a facility or service for which a rate or charge is not specified in the Company's tariffs, charges will be based on the costs incurred by the Company and may include:

- A) non-recurring type charges;
- B) recurring type charges;
- C) termination liabilities; or
- D) combinations thereof.

9.1.2 Basis for Cost Computation

The costs referred to in 9.1.1 preceding may include one or more of the following items to the extent they are applicable:

- A) cost installed of the facilities to be provided including estimated costs for the rearrangements of existing facilities. Cost installed includes the cost of:
  - 1) equipment and materials provided or used,
  - 2) engineering, labor and supervision,
  - 3) transportation, and
  - 4) rights of way;
- B) cost of maintenance;
- C) depreciation on the estimated cost installed of any facilities provided, based on the anticipated useful service life of the facilities with an appropriate allowance for the estimated net salvage;

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9.1.2 Basis for Computation (Cont'd.)

- D) administration, taxes and uncollectible revenue on the basis of reasonable average costs for these items;
- E) license preparation, processing and related fees;
- F) tariff preparation, processing and related fees;
- G) any other identifiable costs related to the facilities provided; or
- H) an amount for return and contingencies.

9.1.3 Termination Liability

To the extent that there is no other requirement for use by the Company, a termination liability may apply for facilities specially constructed at the request of the customer.

- A) The termination liability period is the estimated service live of the facilities provided.
- B) Unless previously paid pursuant to 9.1.1 and 9.1.2, the amount of the maximum termination liability is equal to the estimated amounts for:

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9.1 Special Construction (Cont'd.)

9.1.3 Termination Liability (Cont'd)

B) (Cont'd.)

1) Cost installed of the facilities provided including estimated costs for rearrangements of existing facilities and/or construction of new facilities as appropriate, less net salvage. Cost installed includes the cost of:

- (a) equipment and materials provided or used,
- (b) engineering, labor and supervision,
- (c) transportation, and
- (d) rights of way;

- 2) license preparation, processing, and related fees;
- 3) tariff preparation, processing, and related fees;
- 4) cost of removal and restoration, where appropriate; and
- 5) any other identifiable costs related to the specially constructed or rearranged facilities.

C) The applicable termination liability method for calculating the unpaid balance of a term obligation. The amount of such charge is obtained by multiplying the sum of the amounts determined as set forth in Section 9.1.3(B) preceding by a factor related to the unexpired period of liability and the discount rate for return and contingencies. The amount determined in section 9.1.3(B) preceding shall be adjusted to reflect the redetermined estimate net salvage, including any reuse of the facilities provided. This product is adjusted to reflect applicable taxes.

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9.2 Individual Case Basis (ICB) Arrangements

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. Rates quoted in response to such competitive requests may be different than those specified for such services in this tariff. ICB rates will be offered to the Customer in writing and on a non-discriminatory basis.

9.3 Temporary Promotional Programs

The Company may establish temporary promotional programs wherein it may waive or reduce non-recurring or recurring charges, to introduce present or potential Customers to a service not previously received by the Customers.

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9.4 Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS):

9.4.1 Description

The Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) is a relay telecommunications service for the deaf, hearing and/or speech disabled population of the Commonwealth. The service permits telephone communications between individuals with hearing and/or speech disabilities who must use a Text Telephone and individuals with normal hearing and speech as provided in the tariff filed by AT&T Communications of Pennsylvania, Inc.

9.4.2 Regulations

In addition to the charges provided in this tariff and the Company's other intrastate tariffs, a surcharge will apply to all residence and business access lines served by this Company. This surcharge applies regardless of whether or not the access line uses the Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service.

This surcharge serves as the funding vehicle for the operation of the Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service, and shall be calculated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (the Commission). The Commission shall compute the Pennsylvania Relay Service Surcharge each year and notify local exchange carriers of the surcharge amount to be applied for the twelve month period commencing with July 1, of each year.

The Commission may revise the surcharge more frequently than annually at its discretion.

Tariff revisions will be filed whenever the Commission calculates a new surcharge amount and notifies the Company.

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9.4 Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS):

9.4.2 Regulations (cont'd)

The following surcharge rates apply to all bills:

Per residence access line, per month	\$0.08
Per business access line, per month	\$0.16

Centrex lines will be charged on an equivalency basis as determined by the Commission.

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9.4 Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS):

9.4.3 Rates

Local calls will be charged at the applicable local flat rate or local measured service rate. All intraLATA toll calls, placed through the Pennsylvania Relay Service, will be rated according to the following table of rates:

Rate	DAY		EVENING		NIGHT & WEEKEND	
	Initial	Add'l	Initial	Add'l	Initial	Add'l
Mileage	Minute	Minute	Minute	Minute	Minute	Minute
1-10	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.02
11-16	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.03
17-22	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.03
23-30	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.04
31-40	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.05
41-55	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.06
56-70	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.06
71-124	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.07
125-196	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.08
197-292	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.09
293-354	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.10

Rate Application Periods

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
8AM to *5PM	DAY RATE PERIOD						
5PM to *11PM	EVENING RATE PERIOD						EVENING
11PM to *8AM	NIGHT & WEEKEND RATE PERIOD						

\*To, but not including

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9.5 Lifeline Service

9.5.1 Description

Lifeline Service is a residential offering for low-income customers who qualify for this service in accordance with the following Regulations.

9.5.2 Regulations

- A. Lifeline Service is available to qualified residence customers and is provided via a residence individual Dial Tone Line. Lifeline Service is limited to only one Service per qualified customer or household. A potential Lifeline customer who has an outstanding final bill for telephone service which is less than (4) years old must pay the entire balance of any Basic Service final bill before being eligible for Lifeline Service.

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9.5 Lifeline Service (cont'd)

9.5.2 Regulations (cont'd)

B. Residence Lifeline Service consists of the following tariffed standard features and optional customer elected services at the applicable rates, charges and regulations for each feature and service provided.

1. One-Party Residence Unlimited Service and Local Measured Service, if available
2. Directory Listing (standard only)
3. Non-Published or Non-Listed Telephone Number Service
4. Access to Directory Assistance Service
5. Touch-Tone Calling Service
6. Access to Message Toll Telephone Service and Optional Dial Station-To-Station Calling Plan Services. However, the Residence Lifeline Dial Tone Line will be blocked from dial station access to 976/556/900 and any other type of Audiotex Service.
7. Access to Operator Services.
8. Voluntary Toll Restriction Option.
9. Link Up America (if eligible).
10. Access to 800/888 Services.
11. Access to Call Trace.

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9.5 Lifeline Service (cont'd)

9.5.2 Regulations (cont'd)

12. Access to Alerting and Reporting Systems (911 dialing).
13. Access to the Pennsylvania Telecommunications Relay Service.
14. Caller ID Per-call and Per-Line Blocking
15. One optional vertical
16. A second optional vertical service, only if the first optional vertical service is voice mail from the Company.

- C. An applicant for Lifeline Service must be a current participant in one of the following Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW) programs, federal public housing, and be able to provide proof of income which is at or below 150% of the annual United States Census Bureau Poverty Level Guidelines For All States (Except Alaska and Hawaii) and the District of Columbia.. Recertification of Lifeline Service participants will be conducted *biennially* by the Company.

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare Lifeline Service Programs:

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- General Assistance (GA)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

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- D. The DPW Programs listed above must be certified by DPW. Such certification by DPW will be provided only when a DPW client requests Lifeline Service based on the client's status as a participant in any of the above eligibility programs. Certification by DPW will be limited to confirmation of the client's program status (i.e., participation or non-participation). Participation by DPW is subject to execution of an agreement with DPW and Company Name.
- E. Lifeline Service will be provided to a customer only so long as such customer continues to meet the participation and certification guidelines in B-3 above. At the time of initial establishment of Lifeline Service, the customer agrees to have his or her eligibility recertified as determined by Company Name. When Company Name is notified by the customer or determines through recertification that the Lifeline Service customer is no longer a participant in the DPW programs in B.3. above or otherwise low-income eligible, the customer will be notified (by telephone or letter) that the Lifeline Service rate is no longer applicable. Within the stated customer notification periods (10 working days from the date of the notification), the customer can contact the Company to negotiate new Dial Tone Service arrangements at applicable tariff rates (no connection charges will apply for existing services or options retained). If the customer does not contact the Company by the end of the notification period, the Lifeline Service will be changed to applicable Exchange Area Dial Tone Line service at existing tariff rates (no connection charges will apply to existing services or options retained). Upon contacting the Company, the customer will have ten (10) working days to complete the low-income certification or recertification process in order to retain Lifeline Service.

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9.5 Lifeline Service (cont'd)

9.5.2 Regulations (cont'd)

- F. A Lifeline Service customer may not subscribe to any other type of residence Local Exchange Service at the same or other premises. Lifeline Service will not be provided via Foreign Exchange or Foreign Central Office Service arrangements.
- G. Only services listed in B (2) above will be provided to Lifeline customers. All other premium services offered by the Company will not be available.
- H. Lifeline Service customers are required to apply for the Link Up American benefit when applicable.
- I. Customer requested temporary suspension of Lifeline Service is not permitted.
- J. Lifeline Service does not apply to applicants who are full time students living in university or college controlled housing.
- K. The applicant must not be a dependent for Federal Income Tax purposes, unless he or she is 60 years of age or older.
- L. Lifeline customers are subject to all Residence service regulations in this and other tariffs of Company Name.
- M. Residence Lifeline Service cannot be resold by the Lifeline customer or the Lifeline customer's agent(s).
- N. Resale of Lifeline Service cannot be resold by the Lifeline customer or the Lifeline customer's agent(s).
- O. All outstanding charges, account balances and service restrictions apply to existing customers who qualify for Lifeline Service. Service restrictions will remain until the arrearage(s) have been paid in full.

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9.5 Lifeline Service (cont'd)

9.5.2 Regulations (cont'd)

- P. Any Lifeline customer who has a past due balance of Toll Charges will be treated with the appropriate Chapter 64 regulations. The Residence Toll Restoral Charge applies to Lifeline Customers who are suspended for non-payment and who subsequently pay their outstanding toll charges and request toll restoral. If a Lifeline customer is toll restricted for a second occurrence the Company may at its discretion, place the Lifeline customer on permanent toll restriction.
- Q. Toll-Blocking and Toll-Control services will be provided at no charge to Lifeline Service subscribers, to the extent that they are offered.

9.5.3. Lifeline Service Dial Tone Line Monthly Rate.

Applicable Residence Dial Tone monthly rate minus \$1.75<sup>1</sup>

- A. Lifeline Service customers will pay the applicable Subscriber Line Charge monthly rate minus \$3.50<sup>1</sup>
- B. Lifeline Service is subject to all applicable state, local and federal taxes, and Surcharges, and to all applicable tariff rates, charges, surcharges and regulations.

<sup>1</sup>The Dial Tone Line and Subscriber Line Charge monthly rate discounts will be reduced to the extent that application of the full discount would not result in rates that are less than zero.

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9.6 Link Up America Service

9.6.1 Description

Link Up America is a program designed to promote universal service by providing a discount on service connection charges for qualified low-income customers. NOTE: Customers who qualify for Link Up America Service may also qualify for Lifeline Service.

9.6.2 Regulations

Link Up America is available to residence customers who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- A. The applicant must not be a dependent for federal income tax purposes, unless he or she is 60 years of age or older. This must be self-certified by the applicant.
- B. An applicant for Link Up America Service must be a current participant in one of the following Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW) programs, federal public housing, and be able to provide proof of income which is at or below 150% of the annual United States Census Bureau Poverty Level Guidelines For All States (Except Alaska and Hawaii) and the District of Columbia. Recertification of Lifeline Service participants may be conducted biennially by US LEC of Pennsylvania Inc.

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare Link Up America Service Programs:

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)  
General Assistance (GA)  
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)  
Medicaid  
Food Stamps  
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

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9.6 Link Up America Service (cont'd)

9.6.2 Regulations (cont'd)

B. (cont'd)

The DPW Programs listed above must be certified by DPW. Such certification by DPW will be provided only when a DPW client requests Link Up America Service based on the client's status as a participant in any of the above eligibility programs. Certification by DPW will be limited to confirmation of the client's program status (i.e. participation or non-participation). Participation by DPW is subject to execution of an agreement with DPW and US LEC of Pennsylvania Inc.

- C. The Link Up America discount is applicable to one access line (dial tone line) when applies to the installation or relocation of main service at a customer's principal residence.
- D. Link Up America applicants are not exempt from Telephone Company Deposit Requirements.
- E. Service will not be established at discounted rates prior to receipt of certification. Service will be established at full service connection charges. If certification is received within 60 days of original application, credit will be applied to provide the Link Up America discount.
- F. The Link Up America discount does not apply to applicants who are full-time students living in university or college controlled housing.

9.6.3 Rates

The Link Up America Program provides for a 50% discount on the Service Connection Charge associated with the connection of a new residence exchange access line (dial tone line) as specified in the Telephone Company's tariffs. The total amount of the discount may not exceed \$30.00 and the remaining charges will be billed to the Link Up America customer in monthly installments as specified in the Telephone Company's tariffs.

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SECTION 10 - SERVICE AREAS10.1 Service Area:

US LEC of Pennsylvania includes all non-rural exchanges in Pennsylvania as the potential areas where alternative local exchange service is planned, where facilities are available and pending appropriate interconnection agreements. Below are the exchanges that are within a single local calling area are grouped together. The company will initially offer services under this tariff to customers in the following areas:

Philadelphia Zone 1:

Zone 1	Zone 21	Zone 33
Zone 2	Zone 22	Zone 34
Zone 3	Zone 23	Zone 37
Zone 4	Zone 24	Zone 38
Zone 10	Zone 25	Zone 39
Zone 11	Zone 26	Zone 40
Zone 12	Zone 28	Zone 41
Zone 13	Zone 29	Zone 42
Zone 14	Zone 30	Zone 43
Zone 17	Zone 31	Zone 44
	Zone 32	Zone 45

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10.1 Service Area (cont'd)

Philadelphia Zone 2:

Zone 1	Zone 22	Zone 33
Zone 2	Zone 23	Zone 34
Zone 3	Zone 24	Zone 37
Zone 4	Zone 25	Zone 38
Zone 10	Zone 26	Zone 39
Zone 11	Zone 28	Zone 40
Zone 12	Zone 29	Zone 41
Zone 13	Zone 30	Zone 42
Zone 14	Zone 31	Zone 43
Zone 17	Zone 32	Zone 44
Zone 21		Zone 45

Philadelphia Zone 3:

Zone 1	Zone 22	Zone 34
Zone 2	Zone 23	Zone 37
Zone 3	Zone 24	Zone 38
Zone 4	Zone 25	Zone 39
Zone 10	Zone 26	Zone 40
Zone 11	Zone 28	Zone 41
Zone 12	Zone 29	Zone 42
Zone 13	Zone 30	Zone 43
Zone 14	Zone 31	Zone 44
Zone 17	Zone 32	Zone 45
Zone 21	Zone 33	

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Philadelphia Zone 4:

Zone 1	Zone 21	Zone 32
Zone 2	Zone 22	Zone 33
Zone 3	Zone 23	Zone 34
Zone 4	Zone 24	Zone 37
Zone 10	Zone 25	Zone 38
Zone 11	Zone 26	Zone 39
Zone 12	Zone 28	Zone 40
Zone 13	Zone 29	Zone 41
Zone 14	Zone 30	Zone 42
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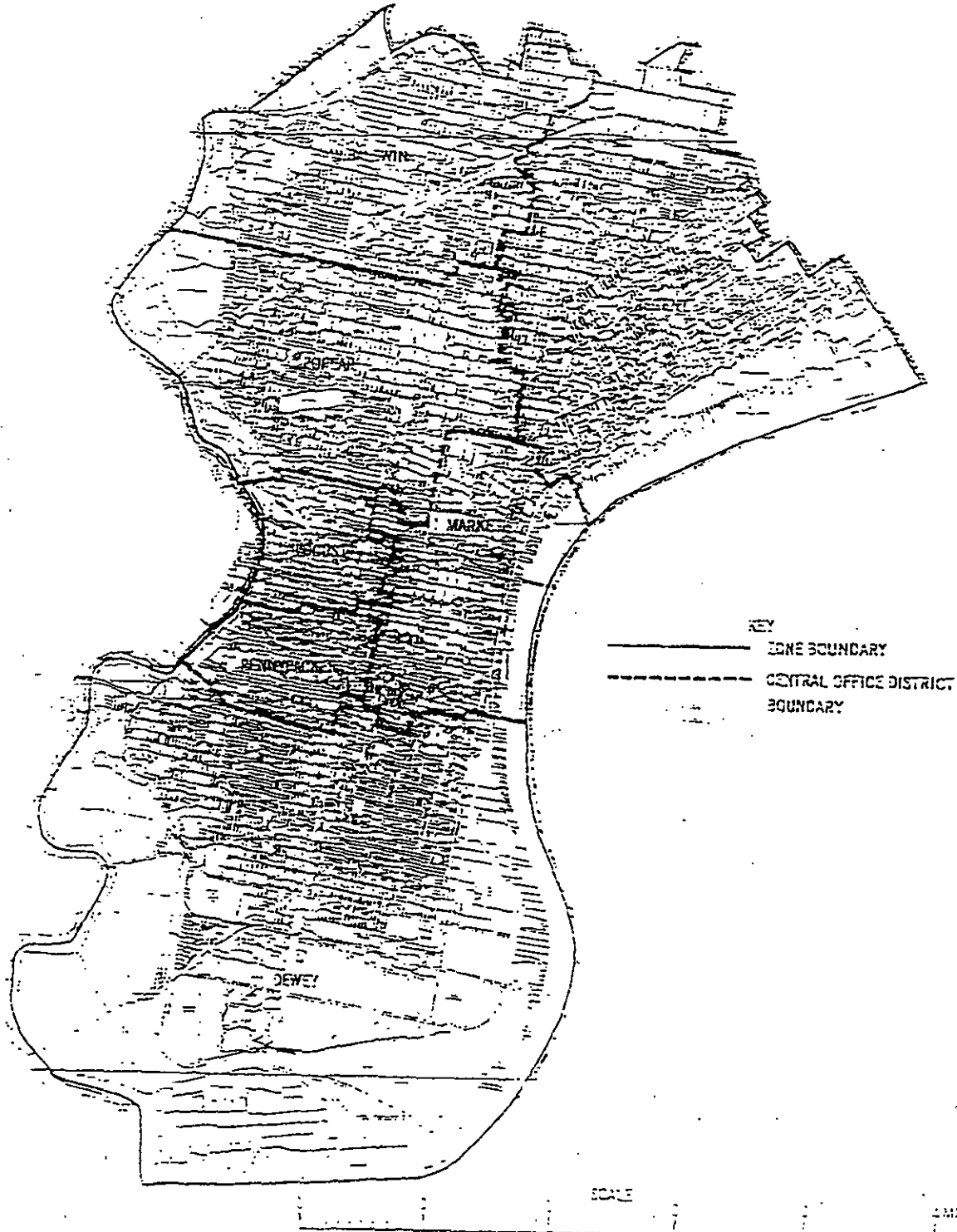
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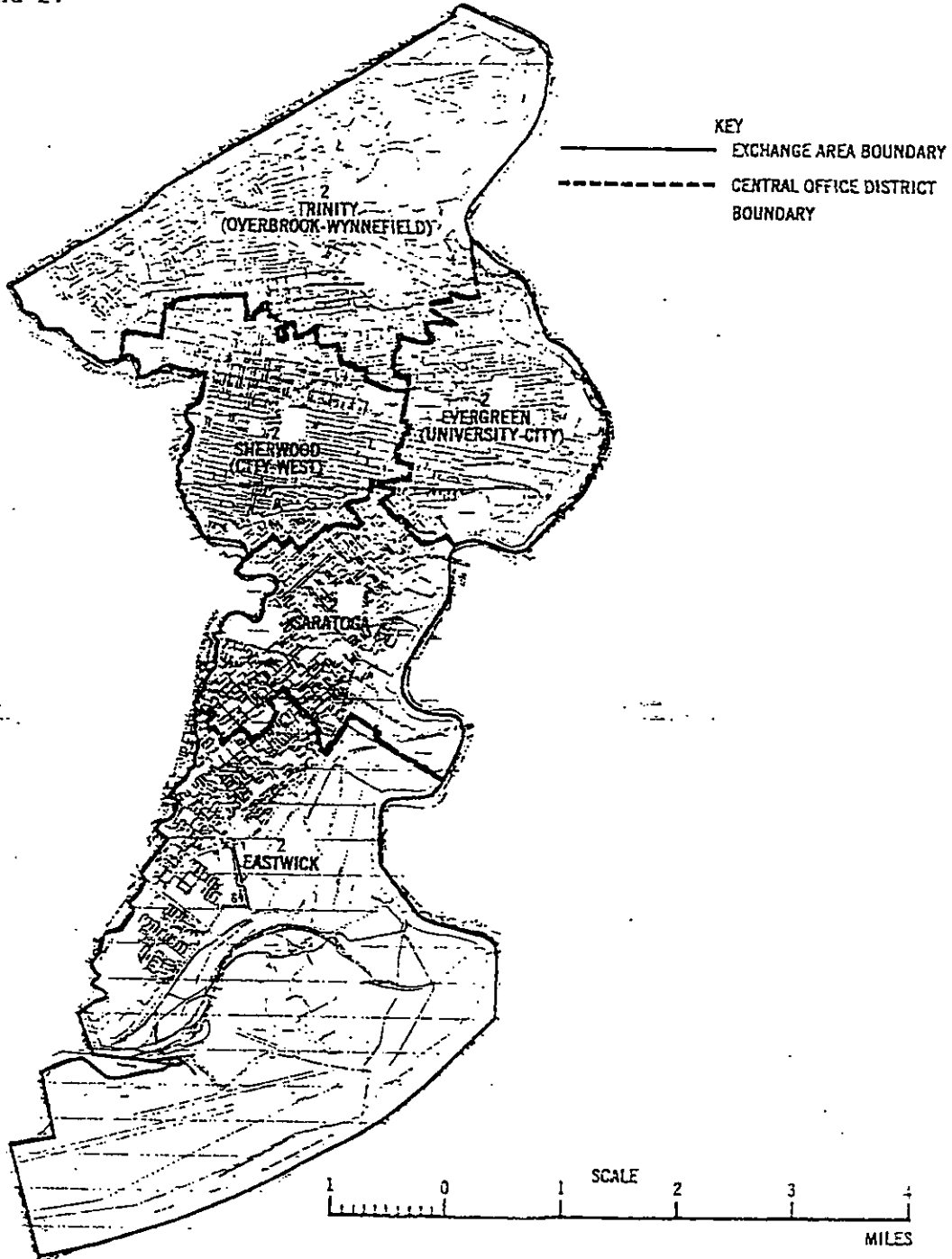


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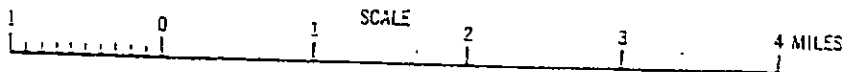
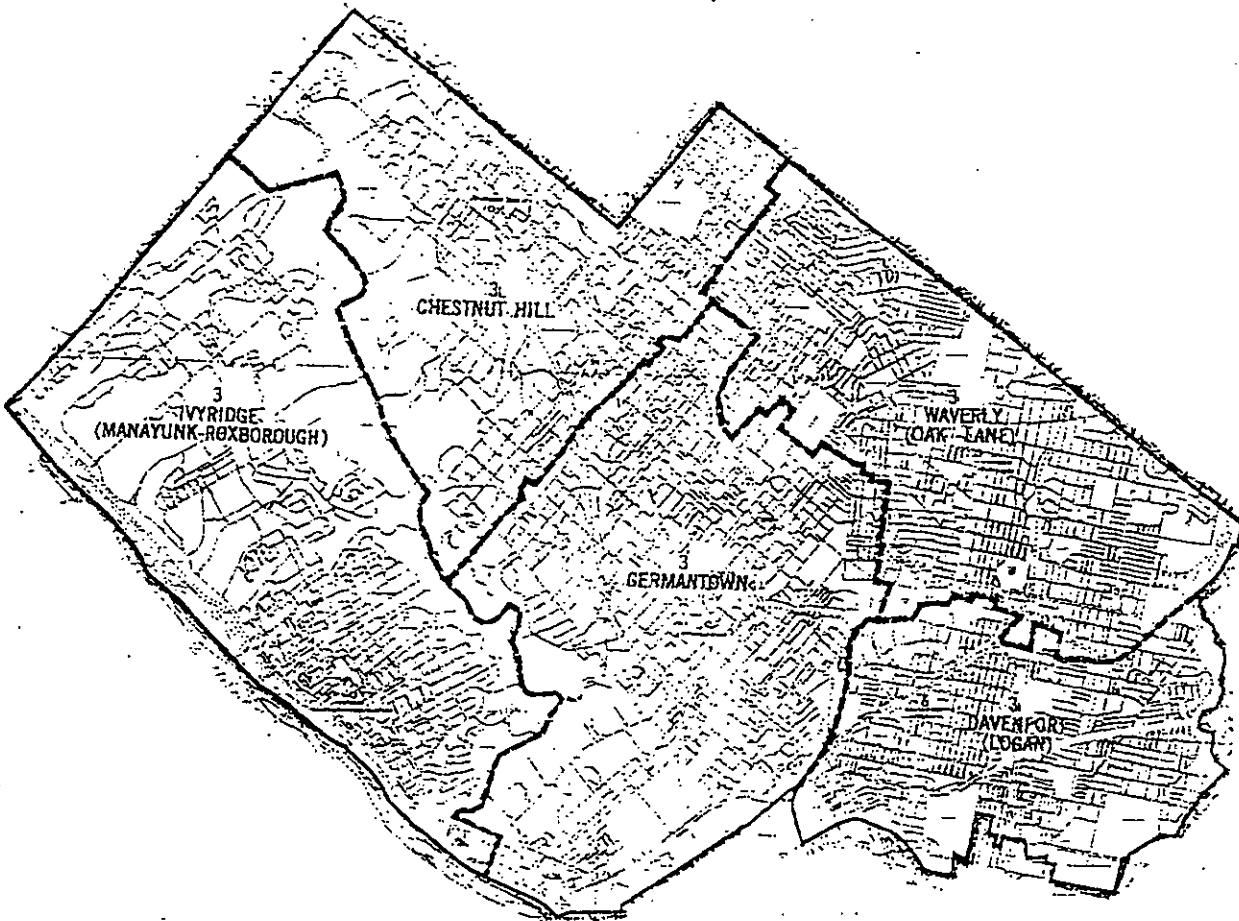
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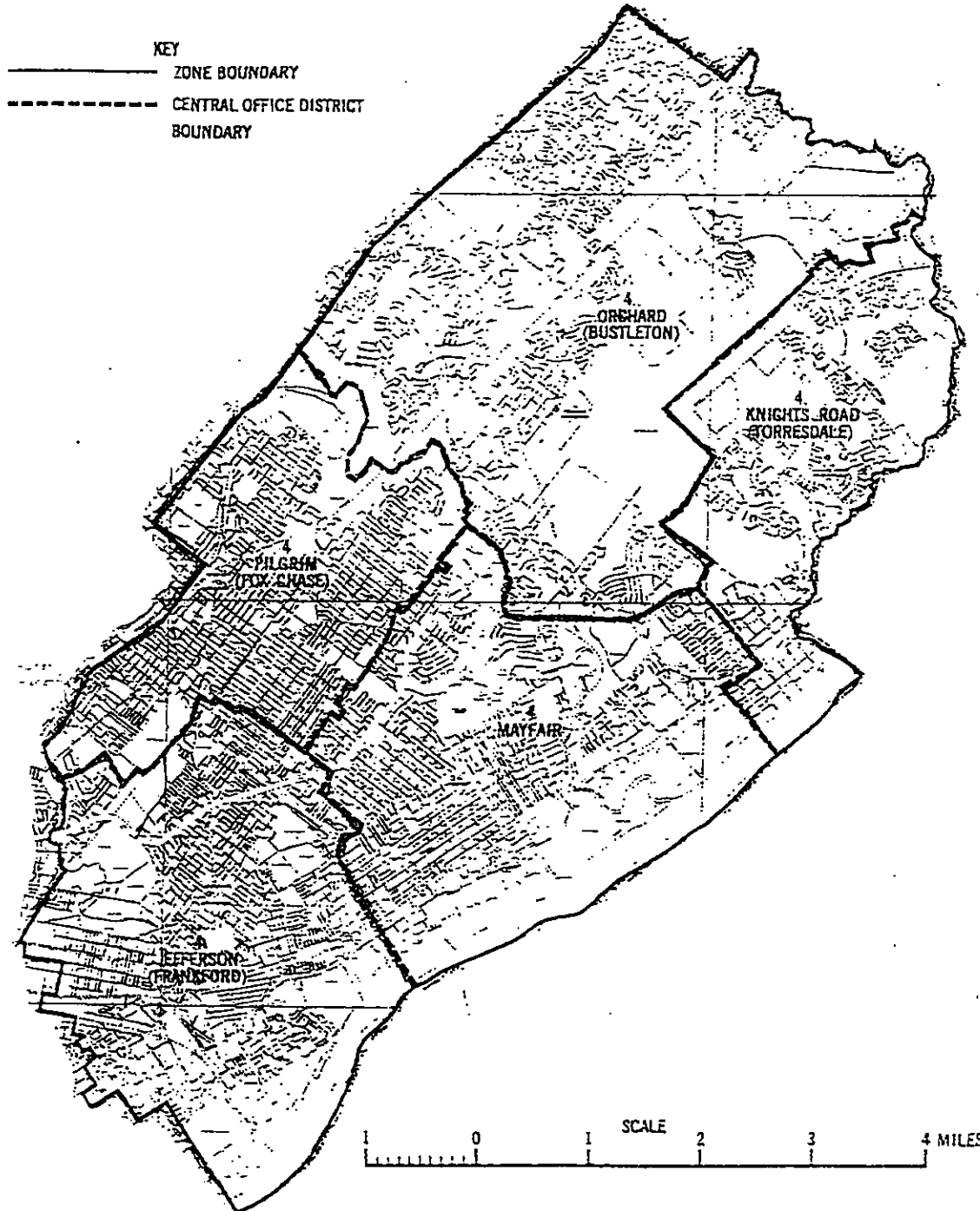


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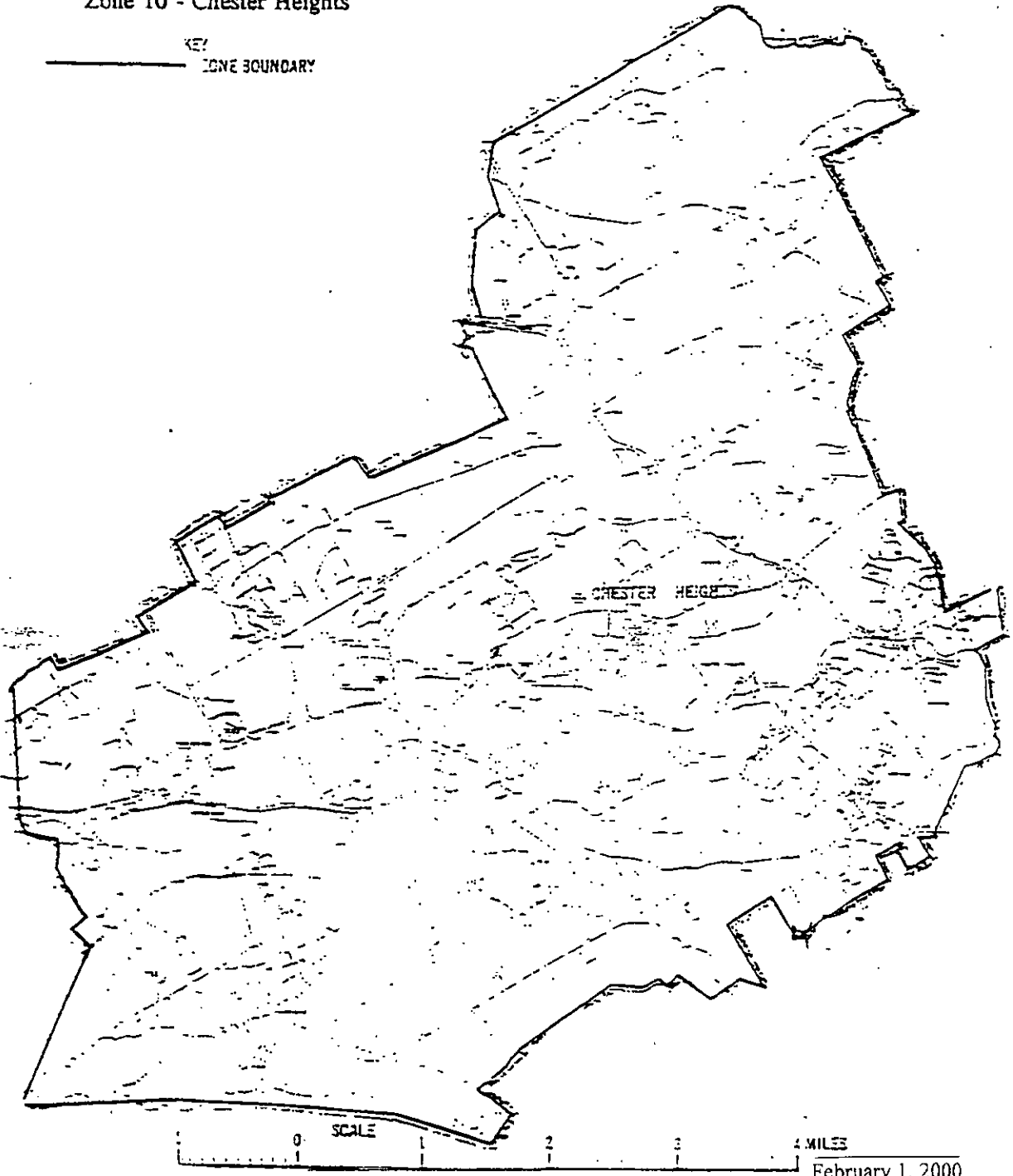
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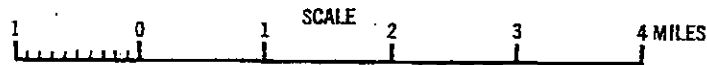
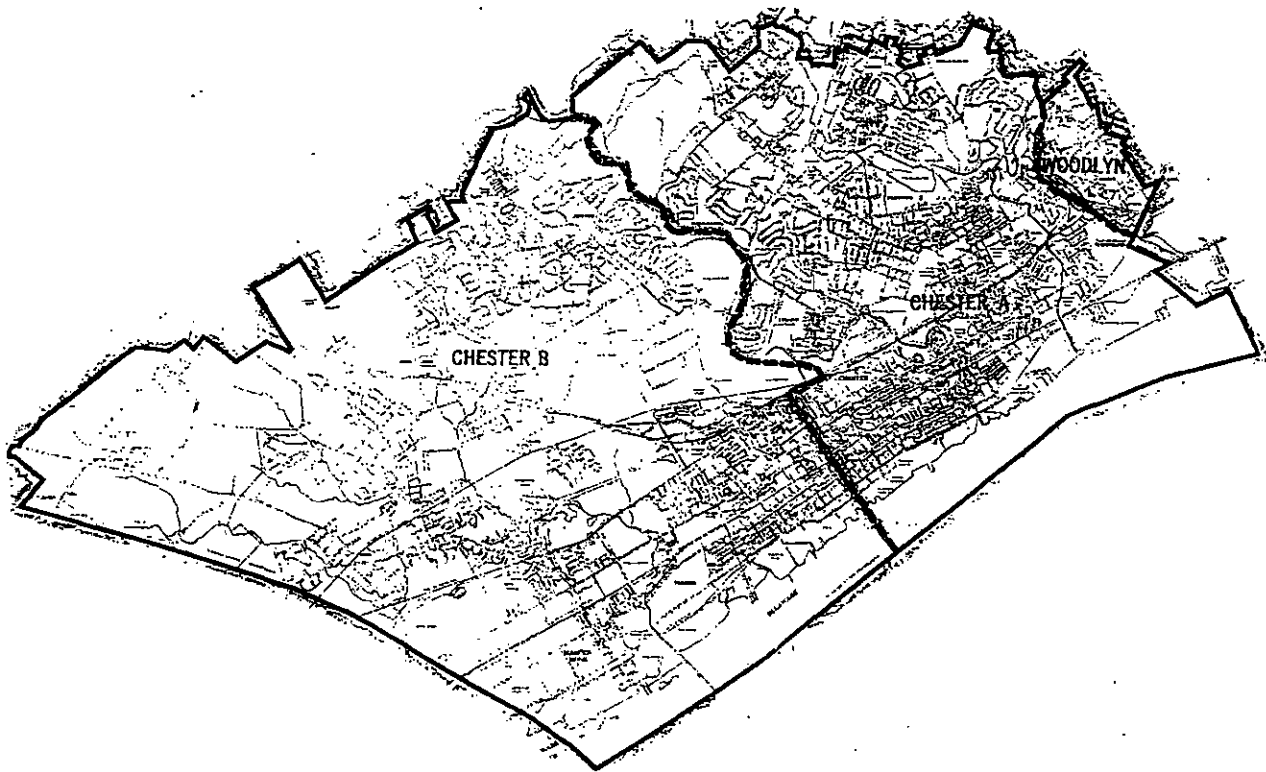


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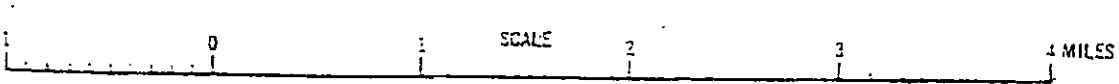
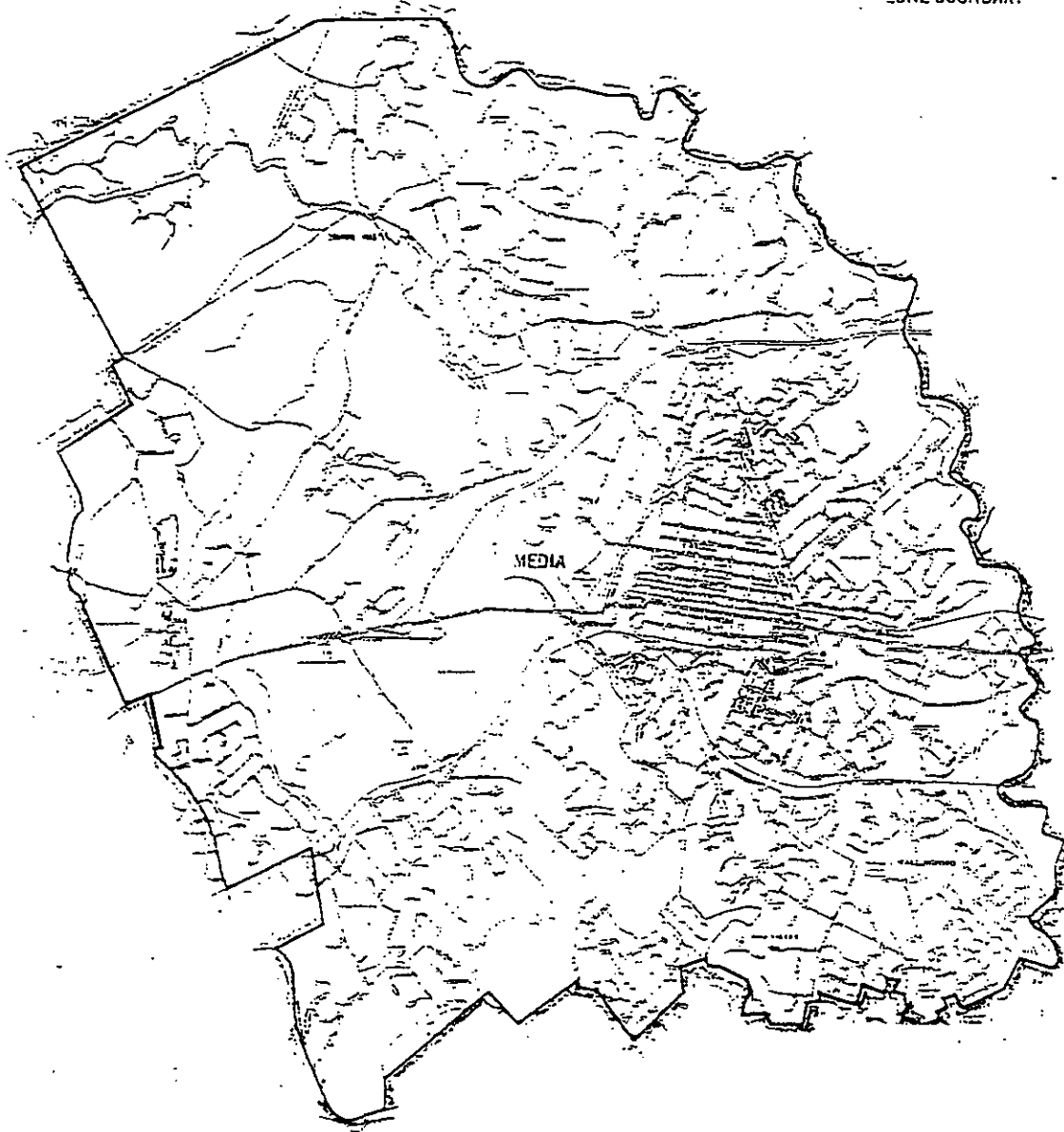


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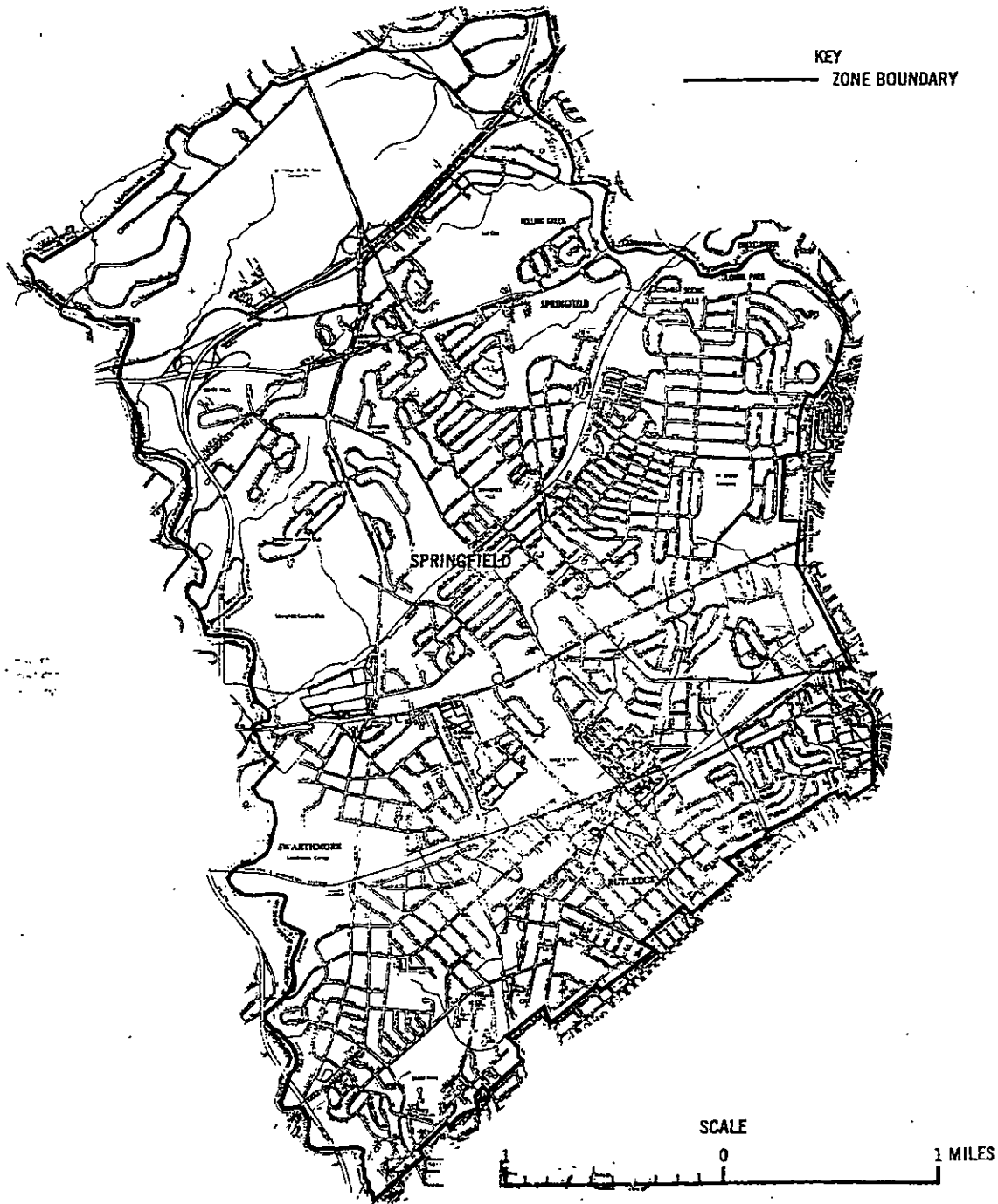


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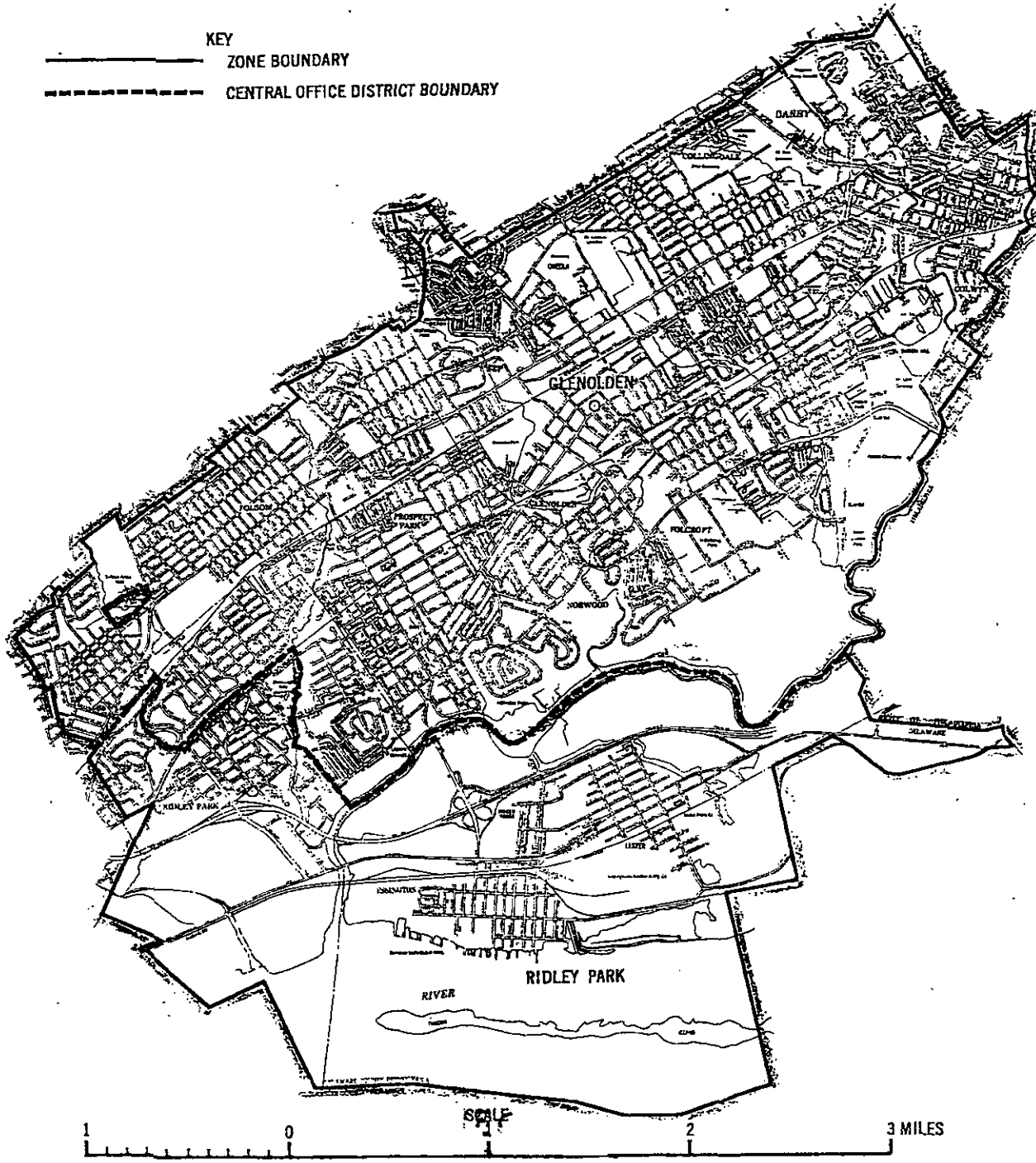
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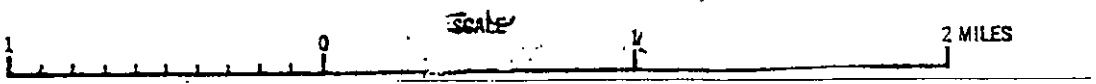
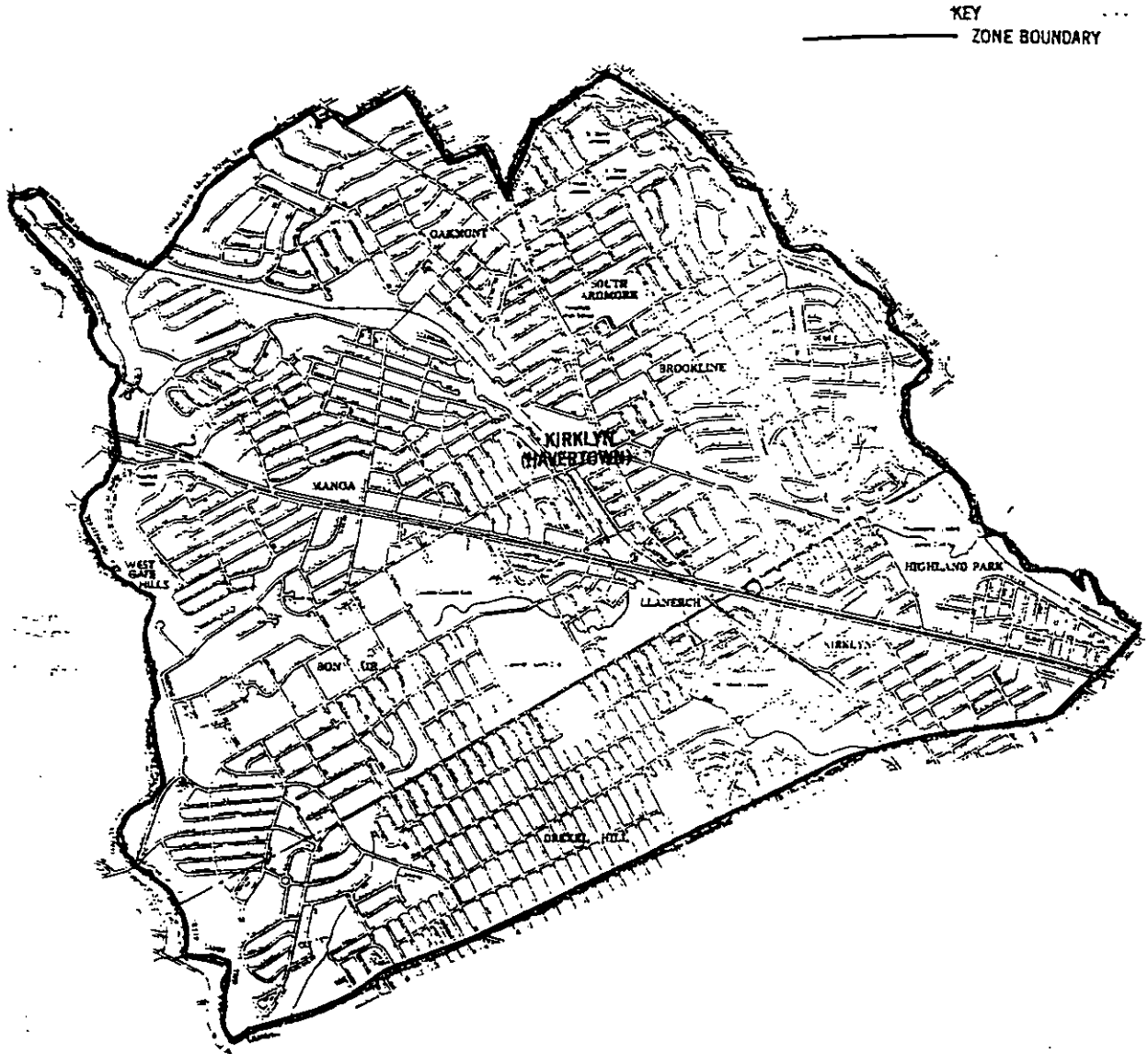


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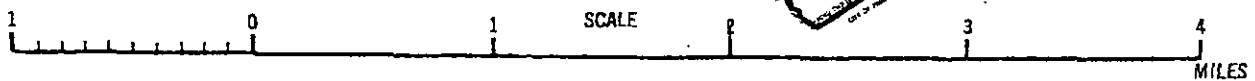
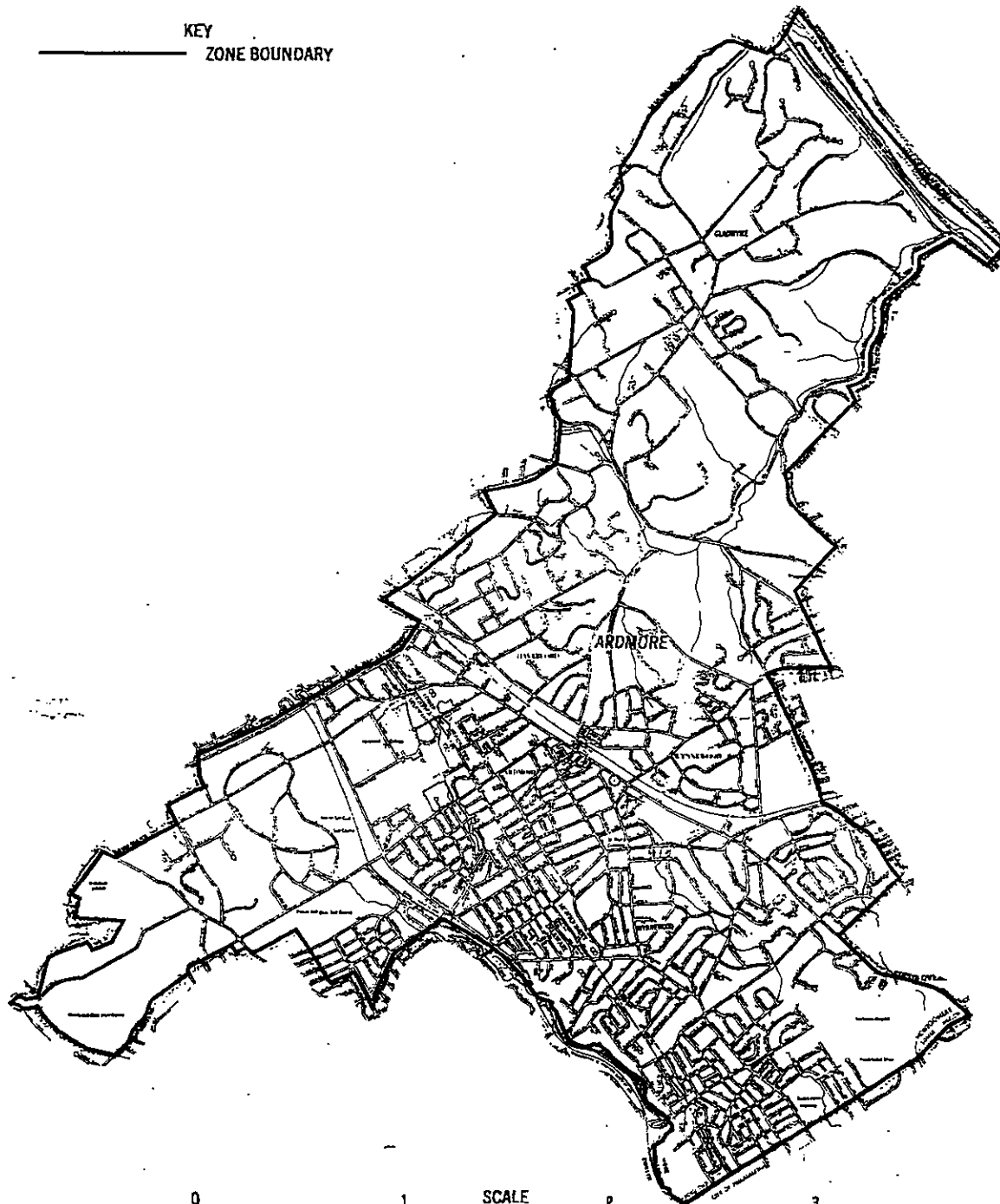
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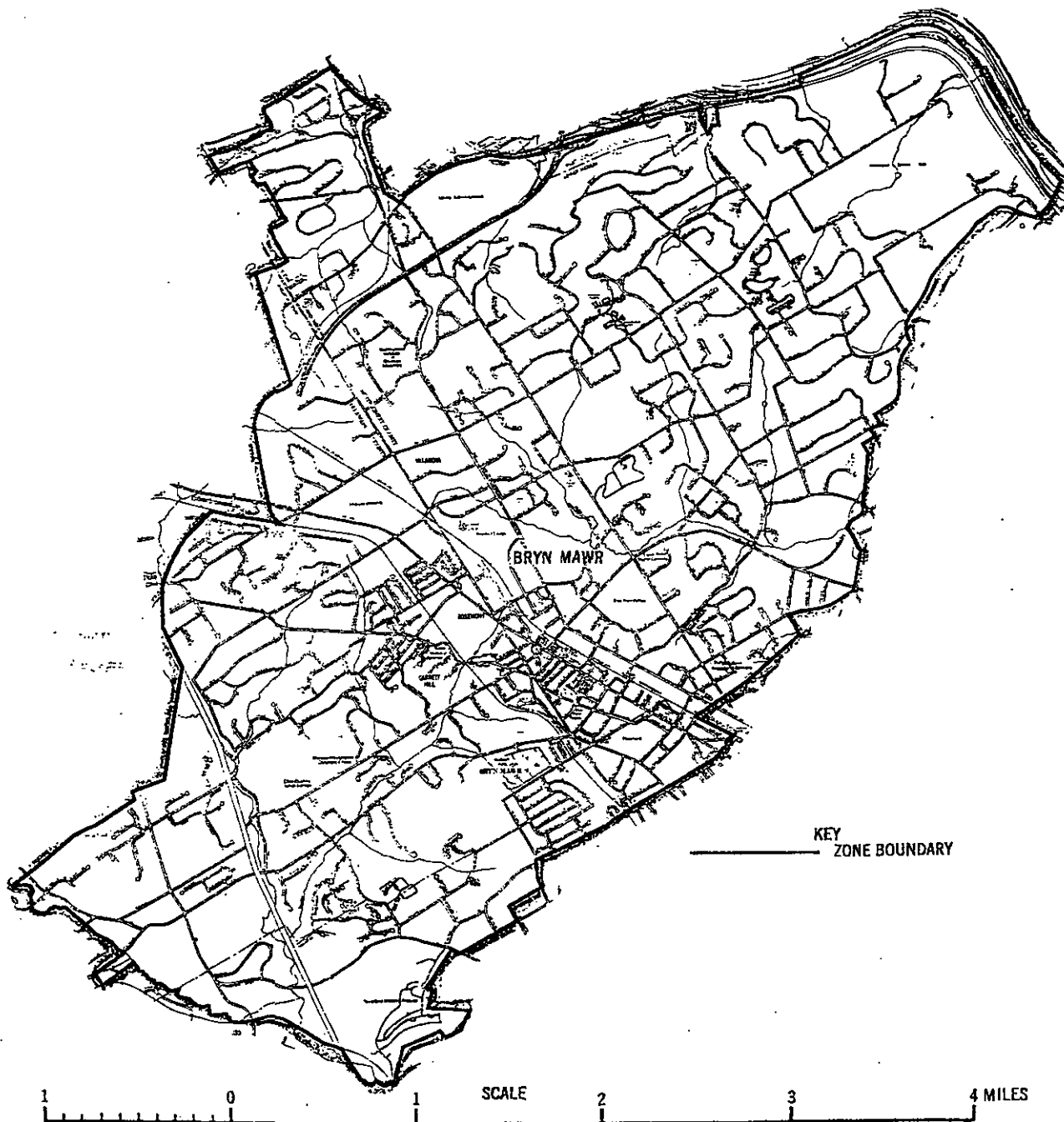


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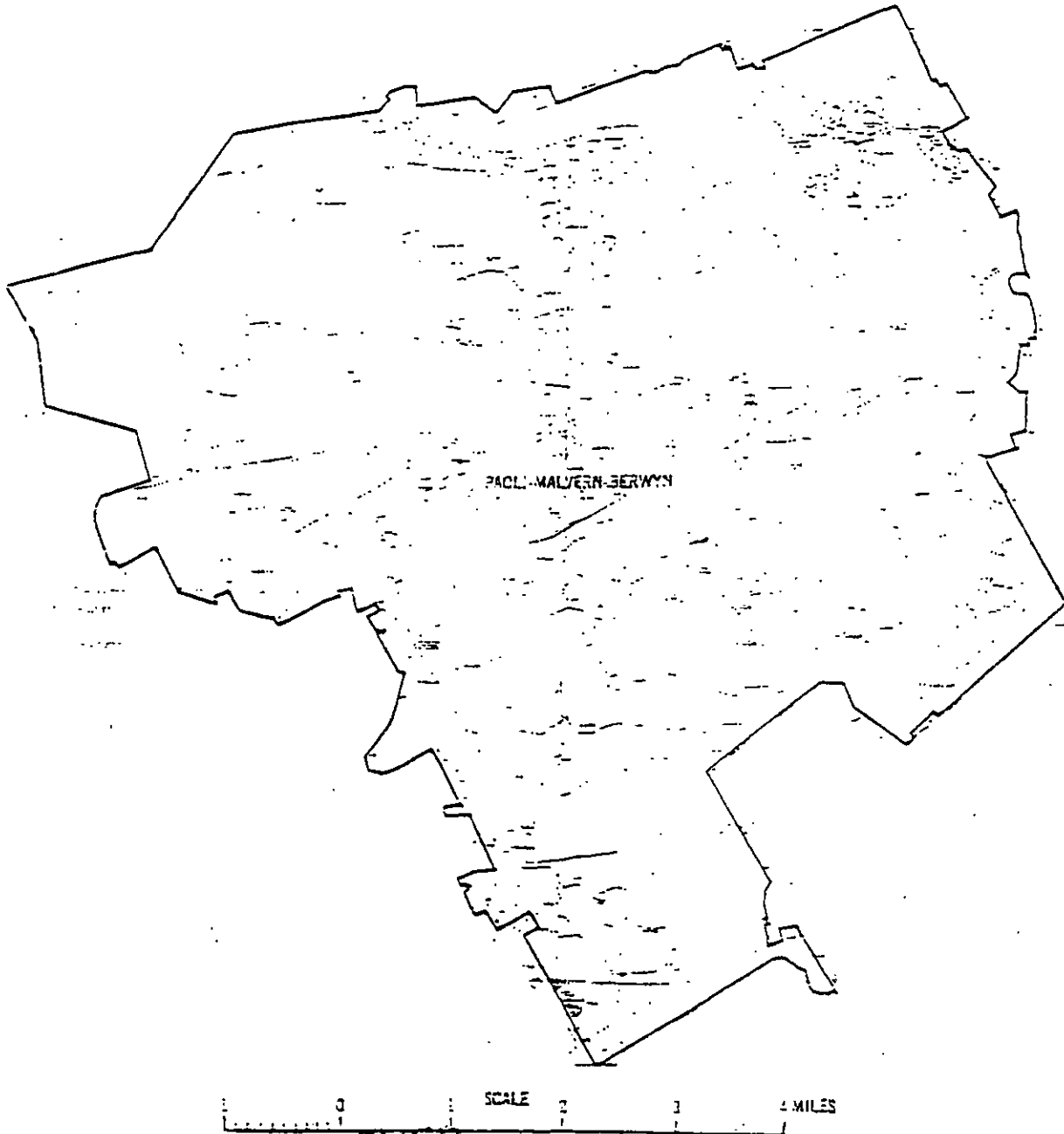


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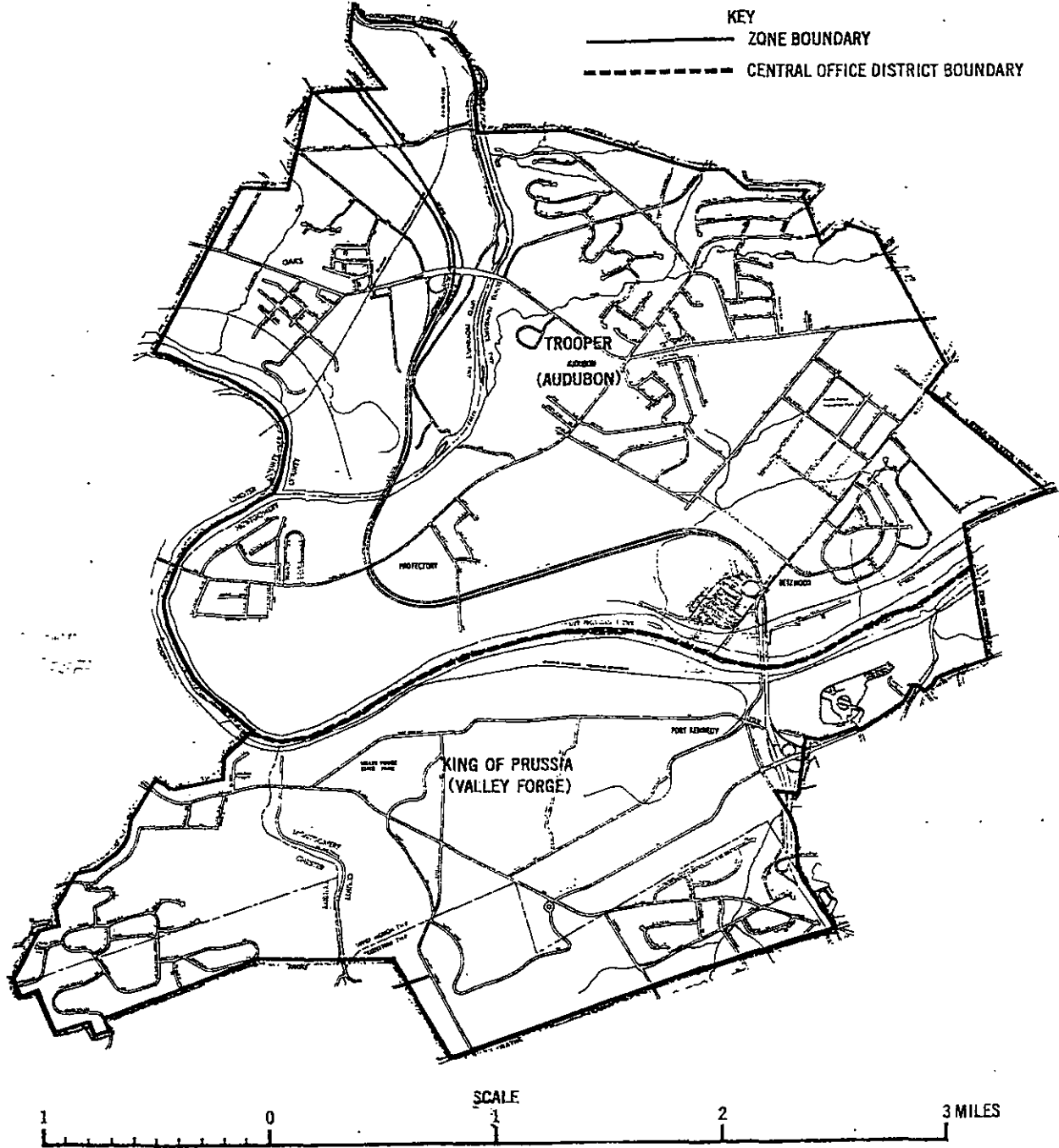


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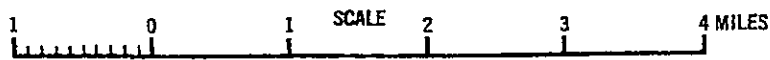
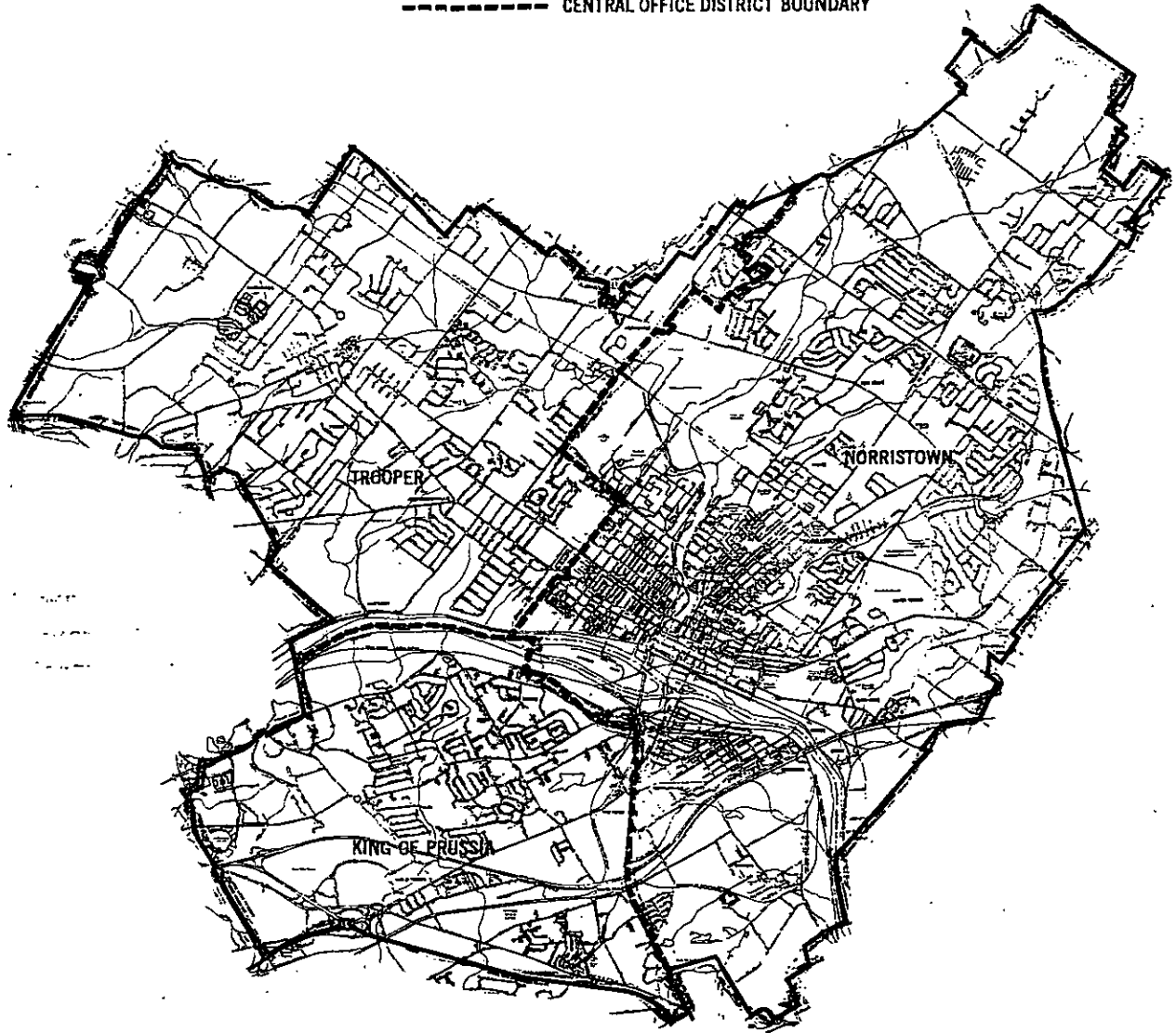


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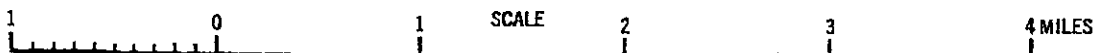
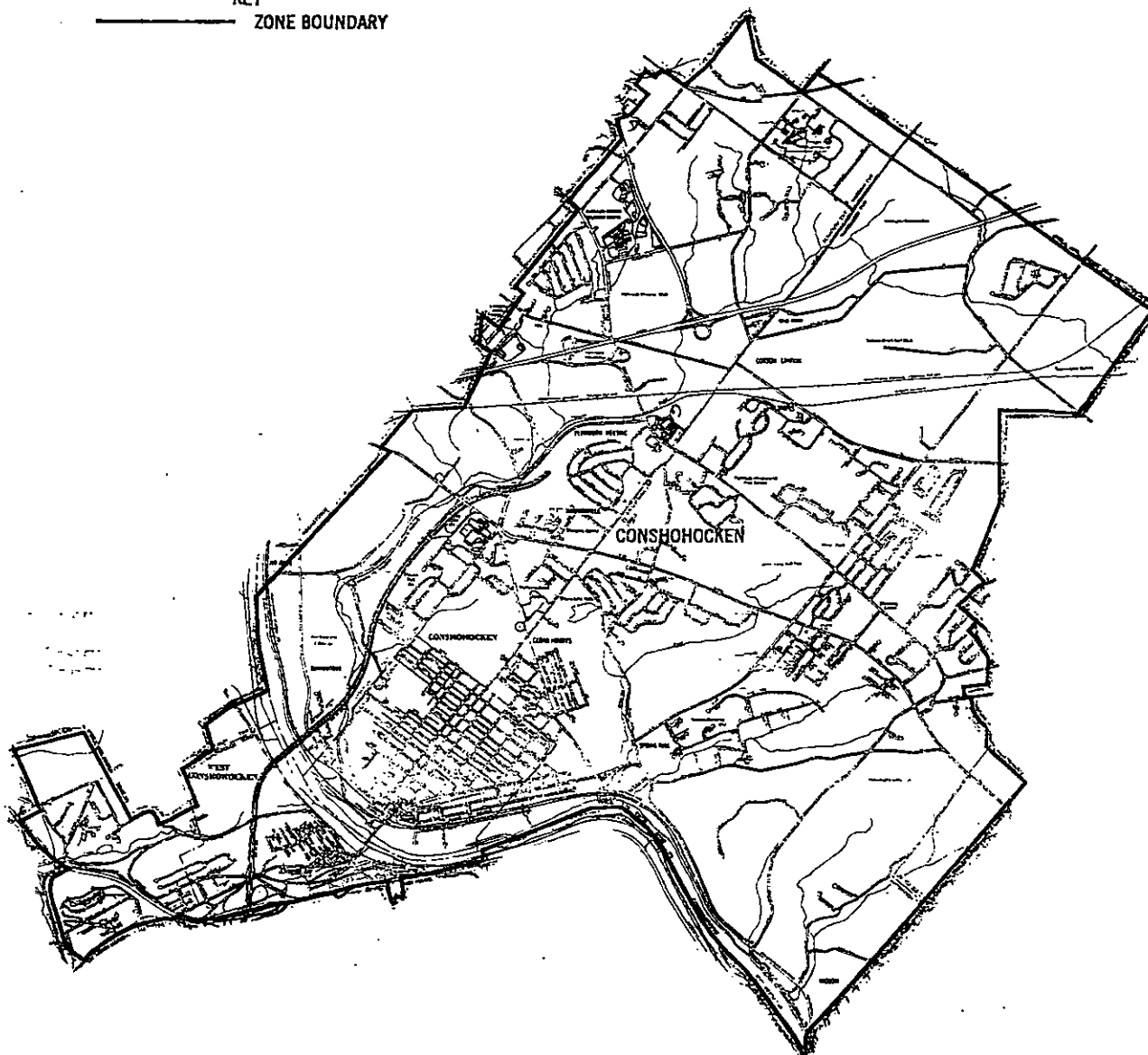
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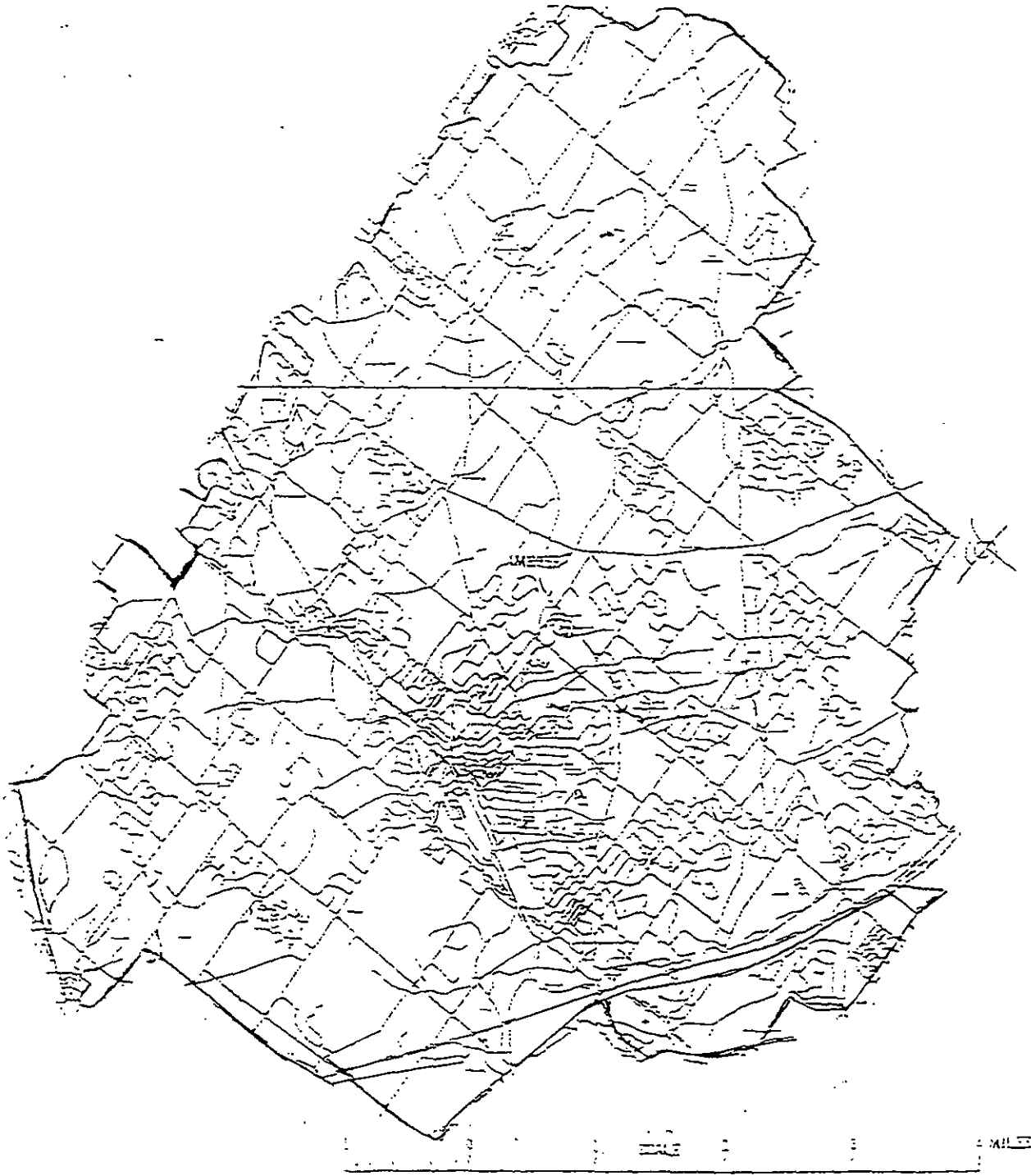


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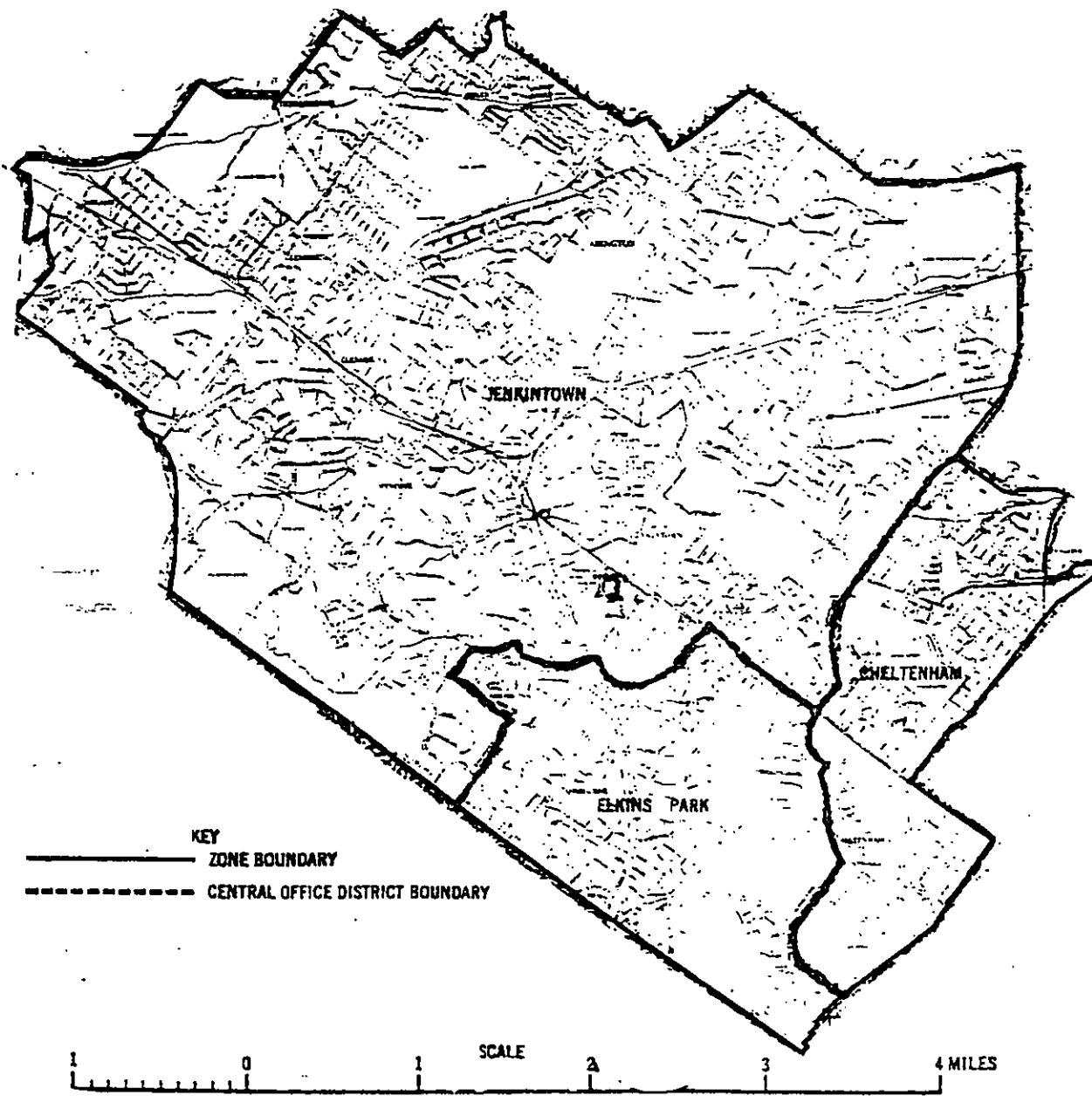


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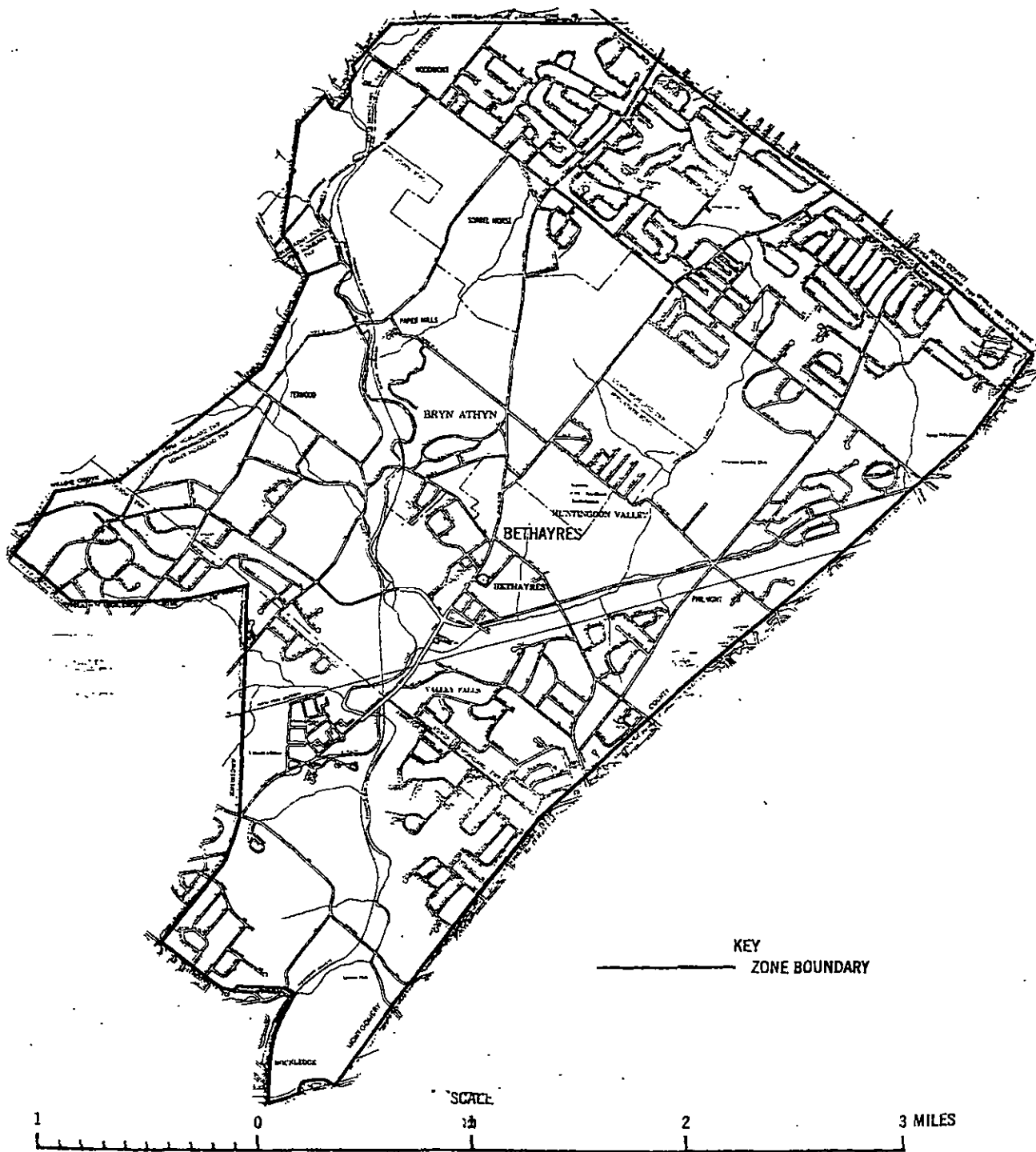


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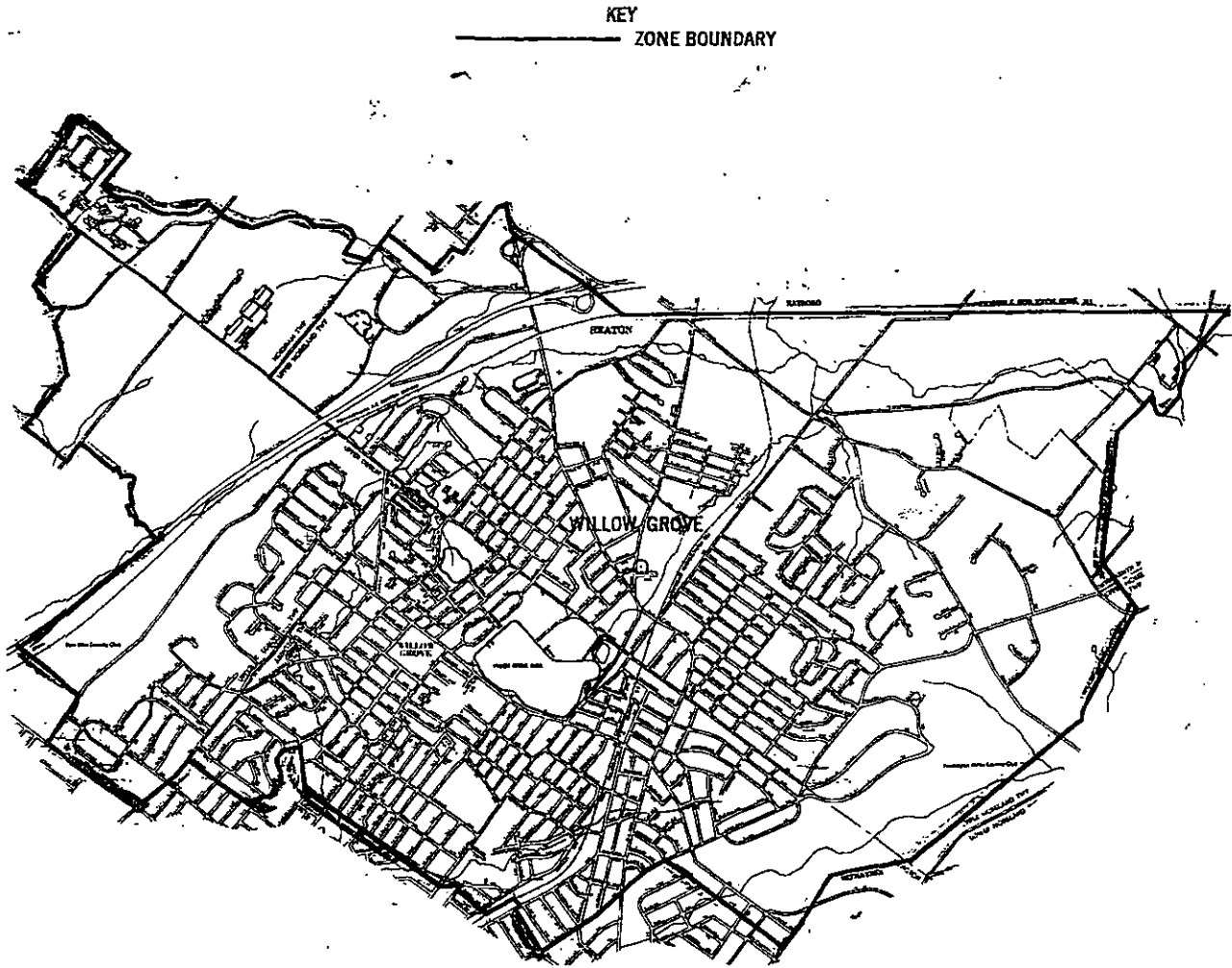


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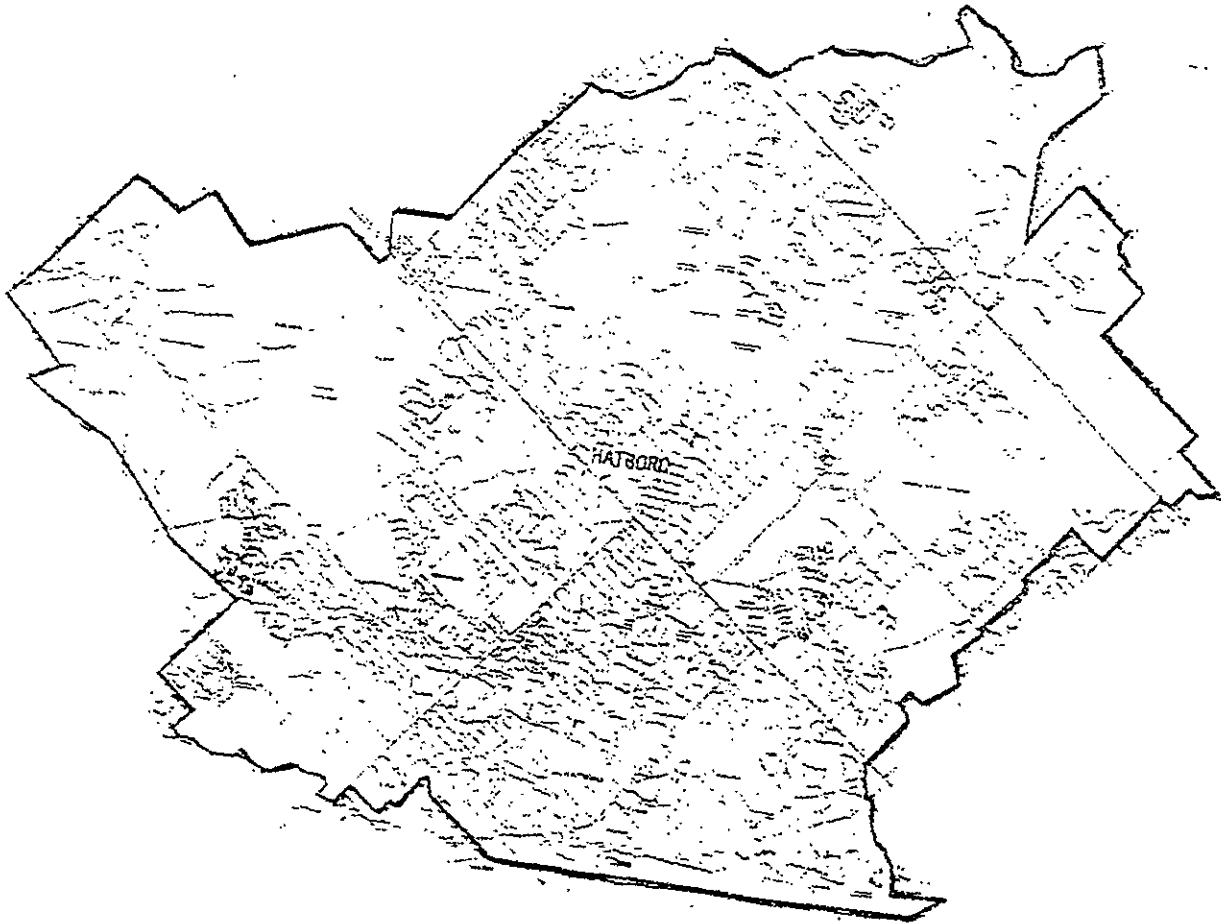


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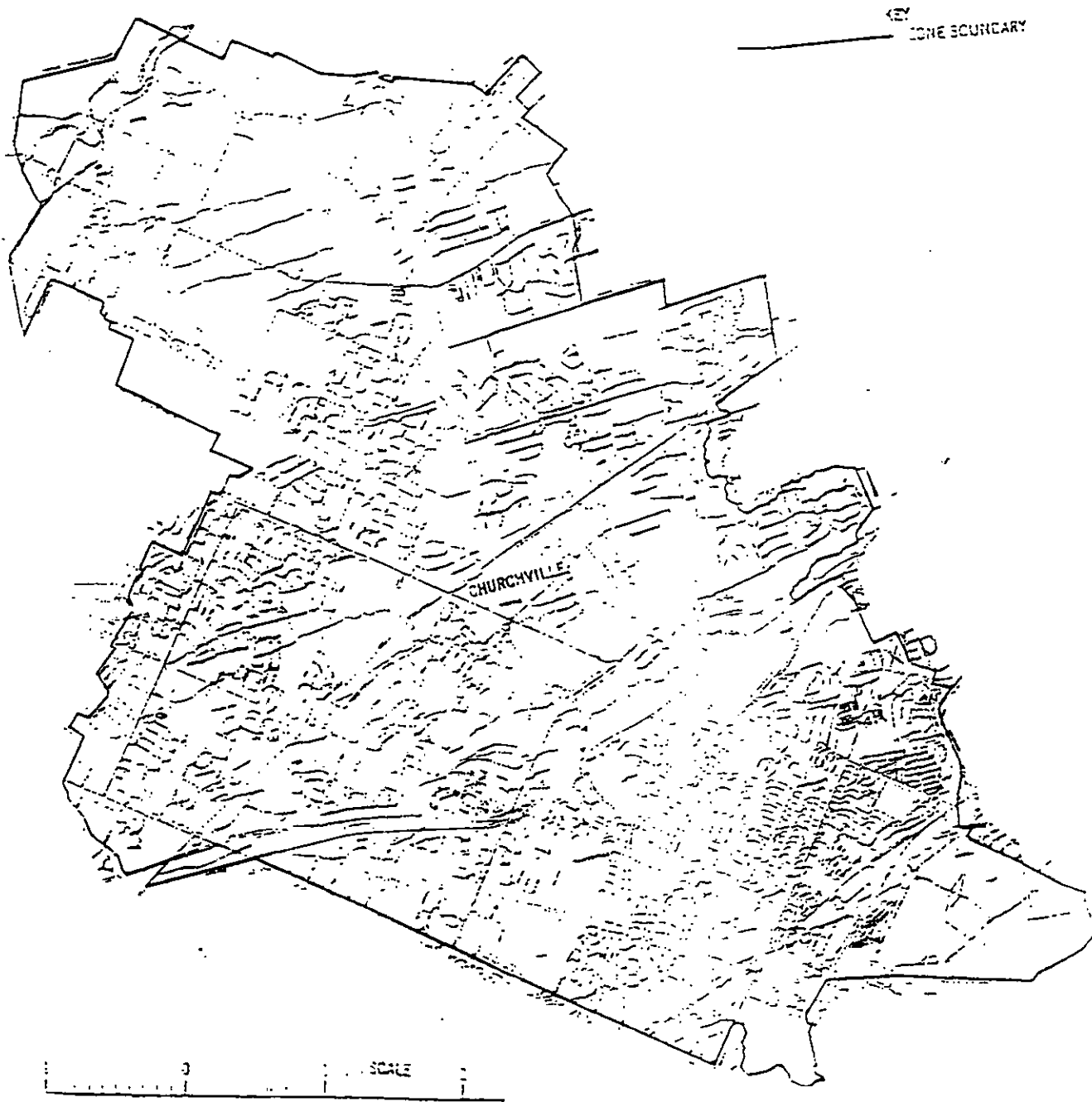
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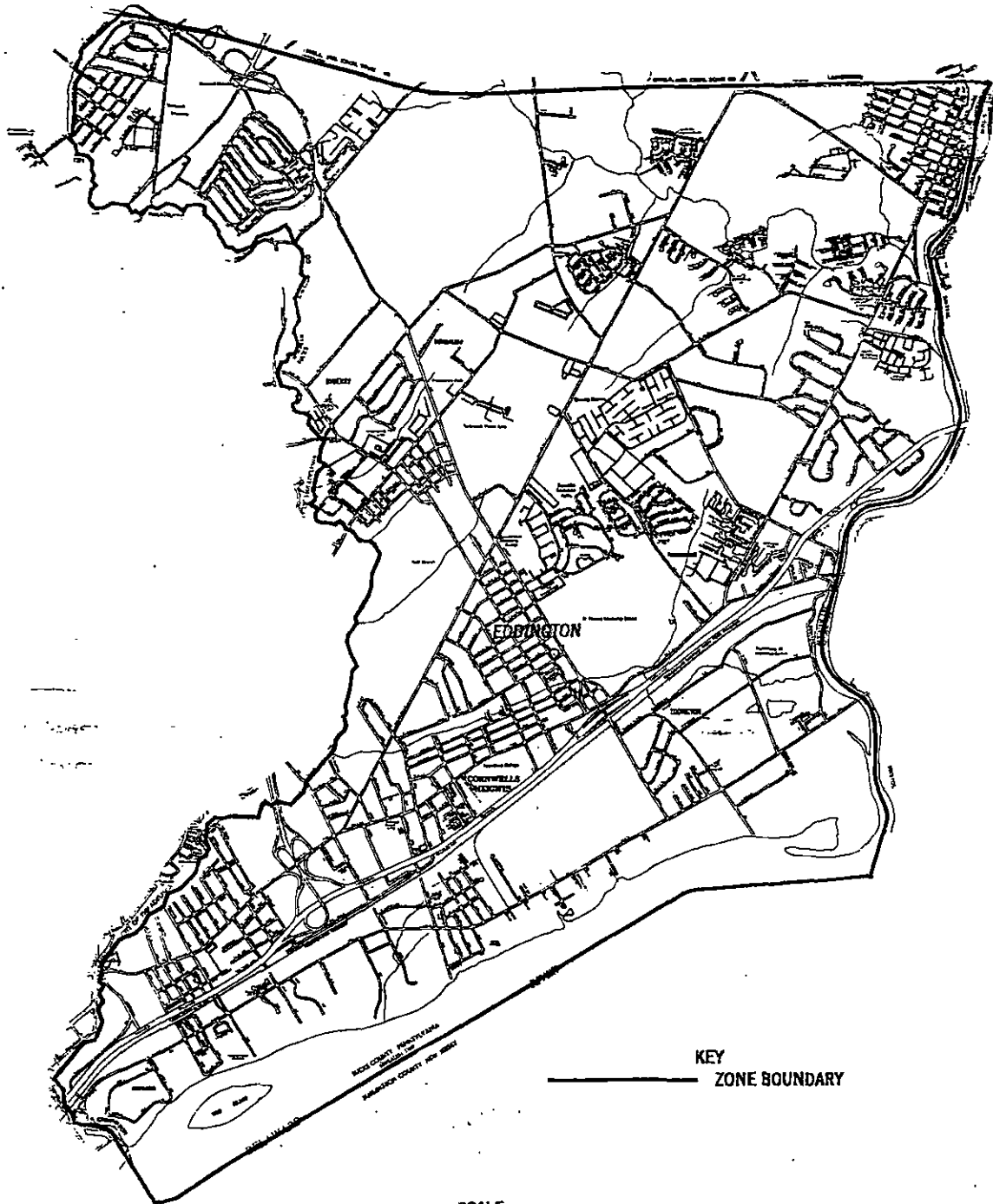


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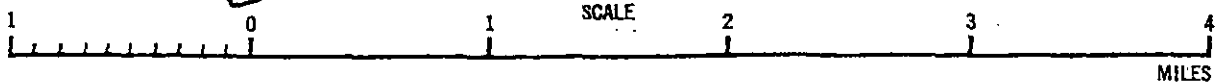
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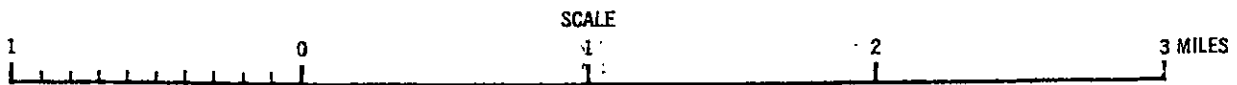
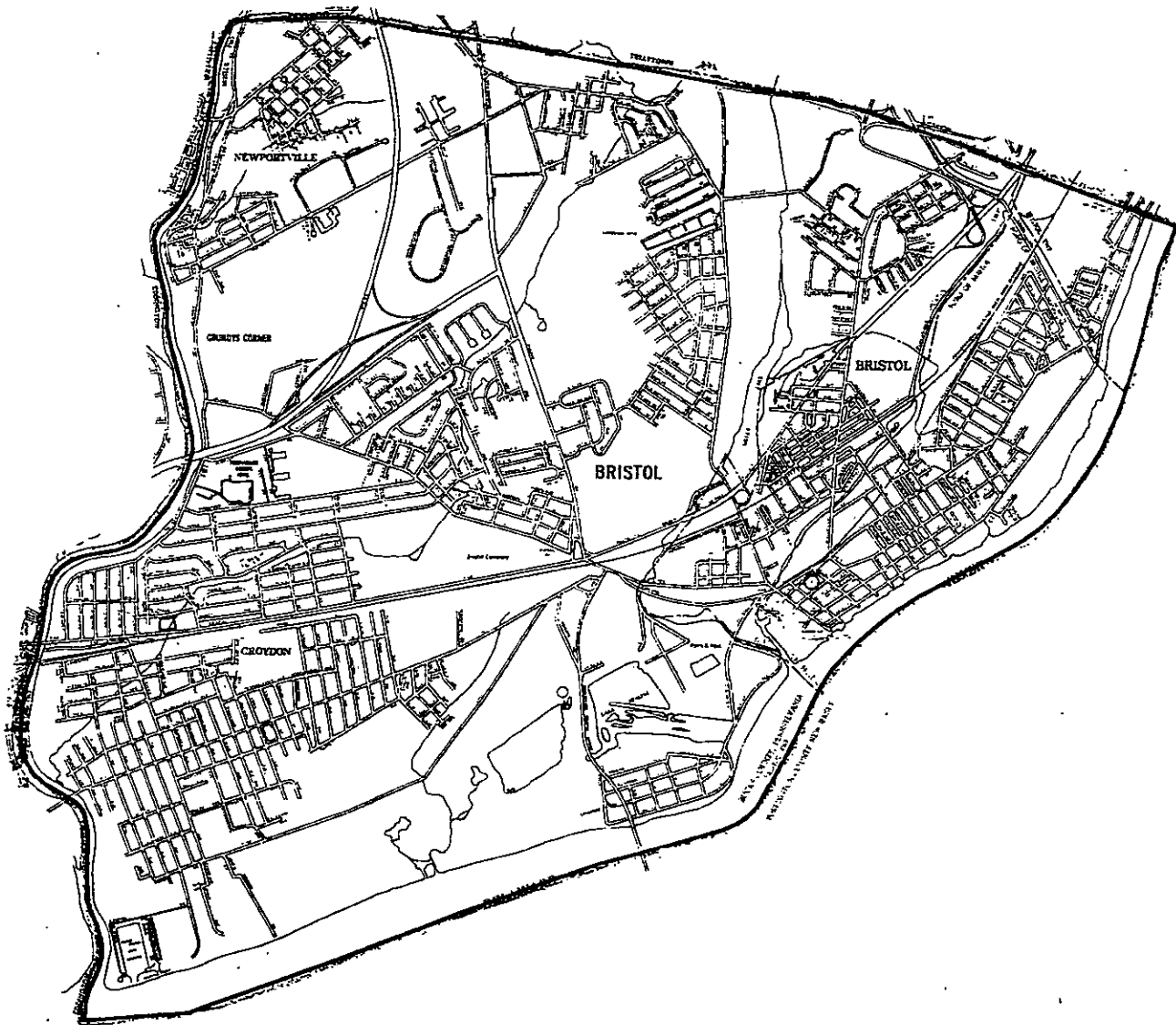
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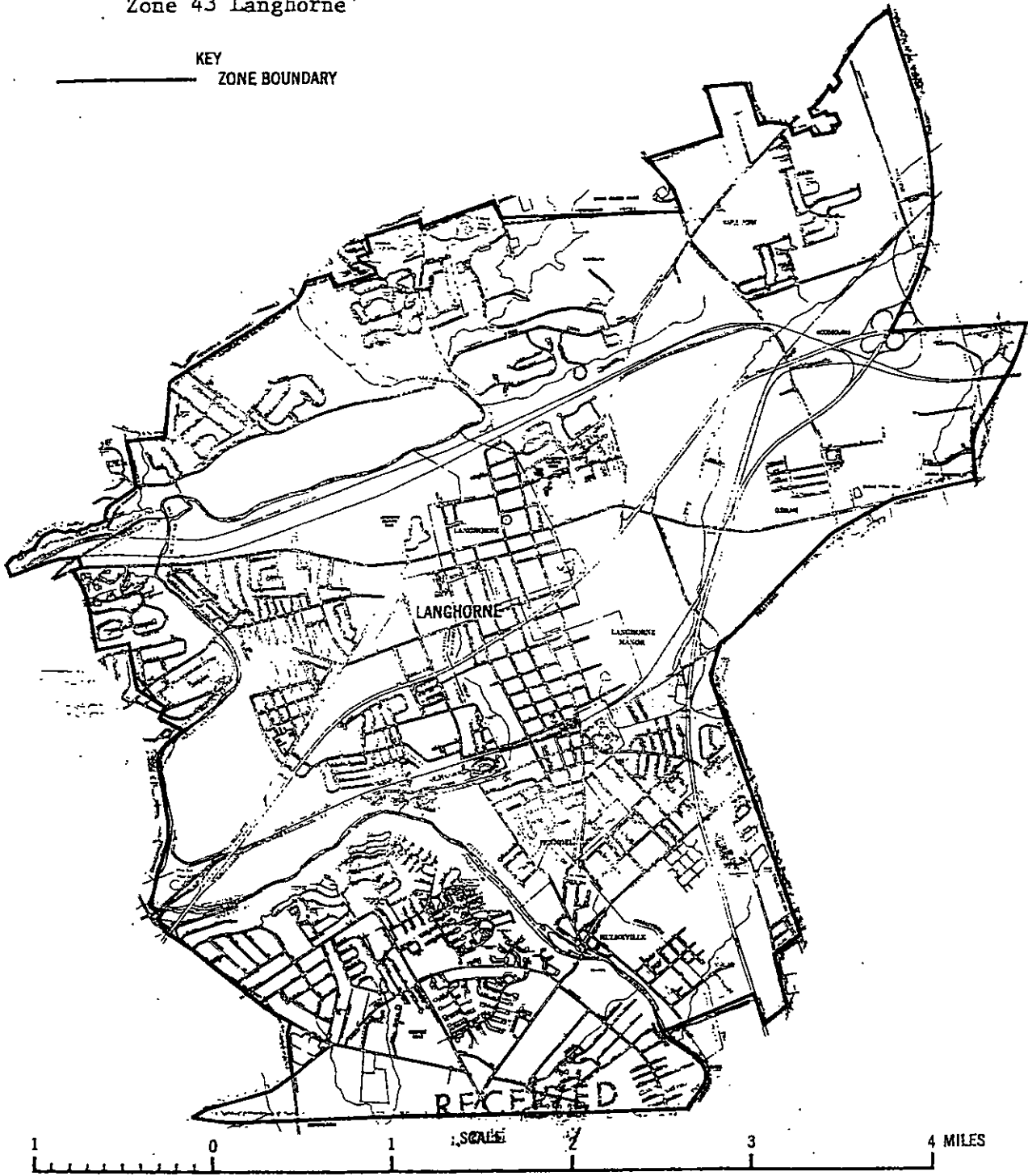
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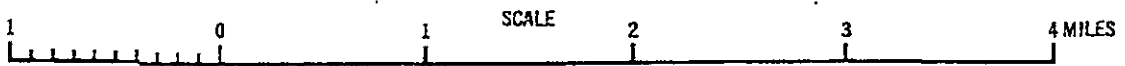
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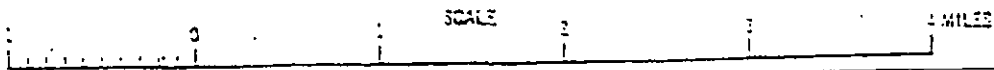
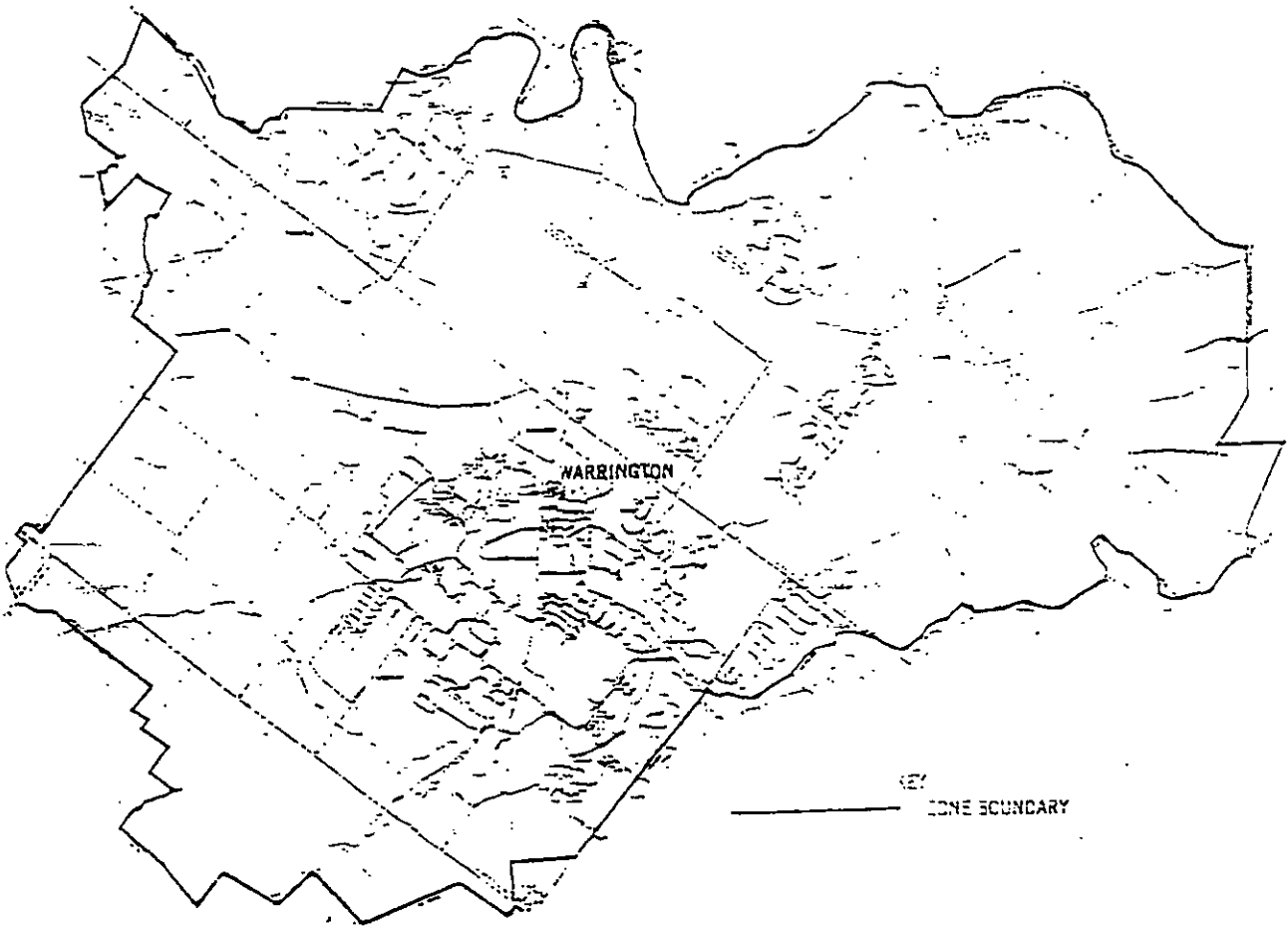


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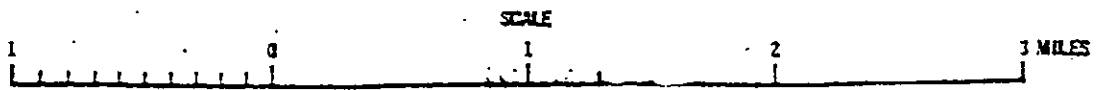
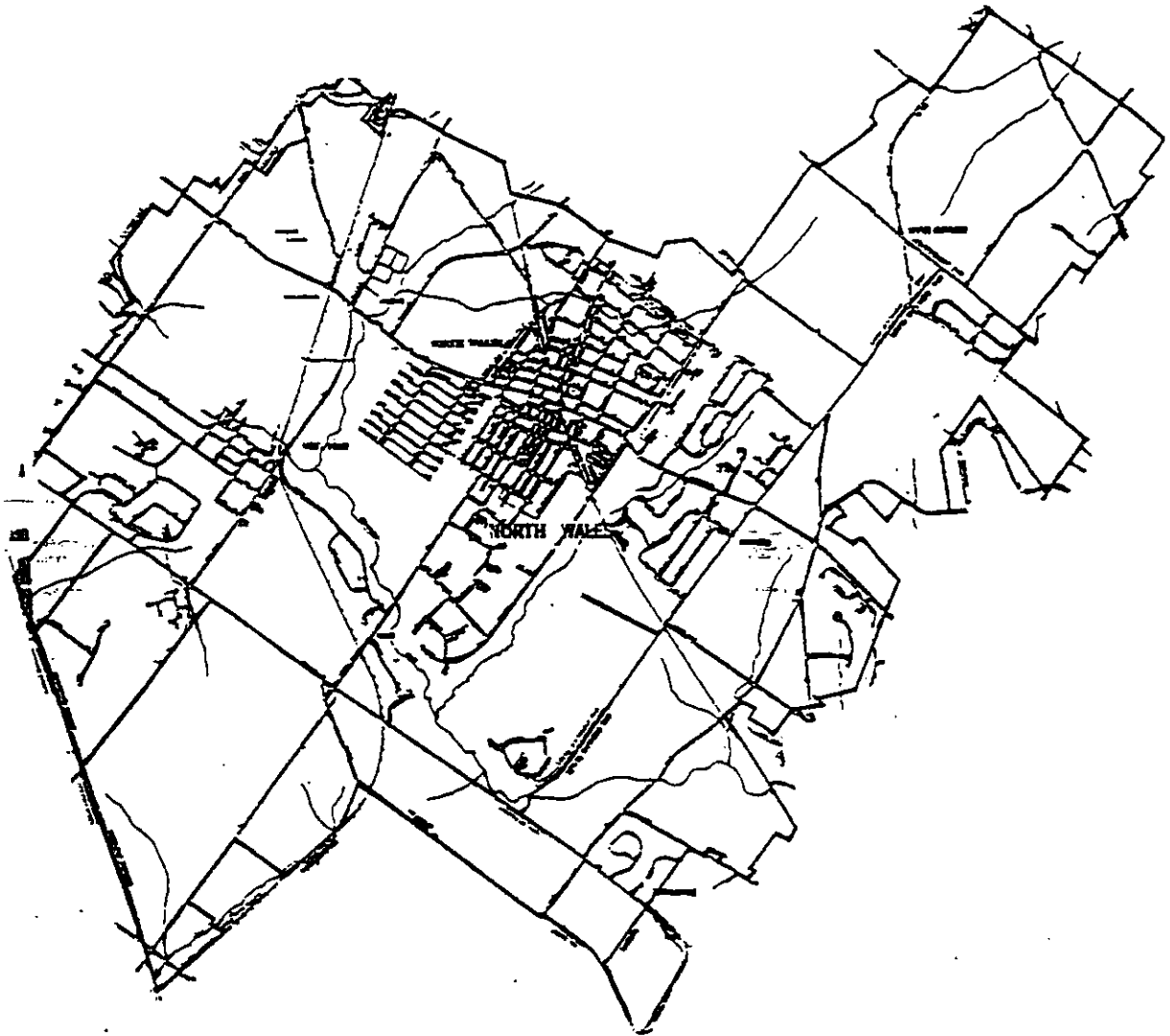
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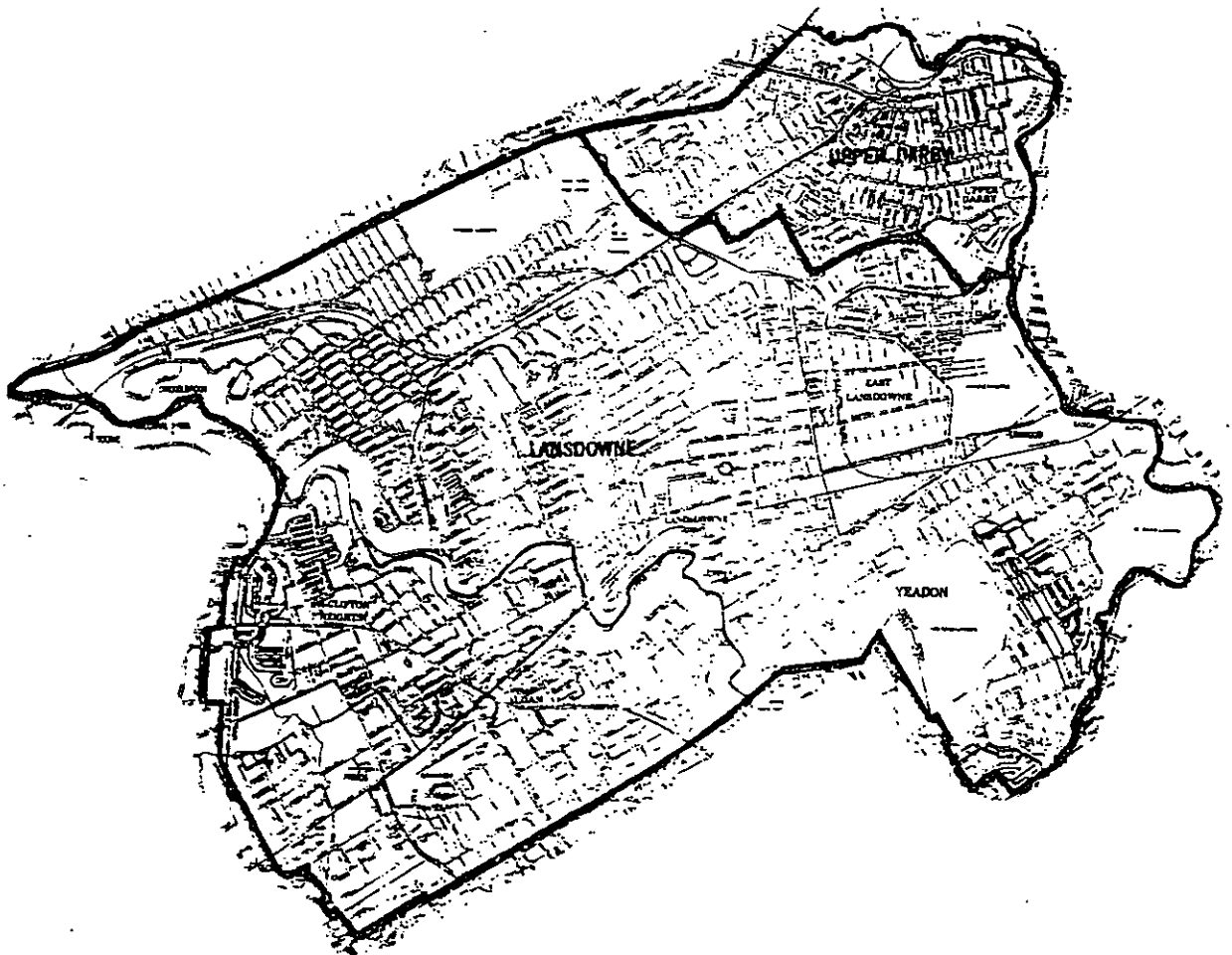
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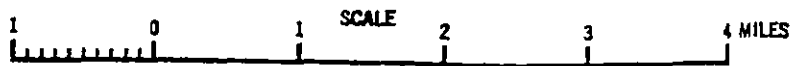
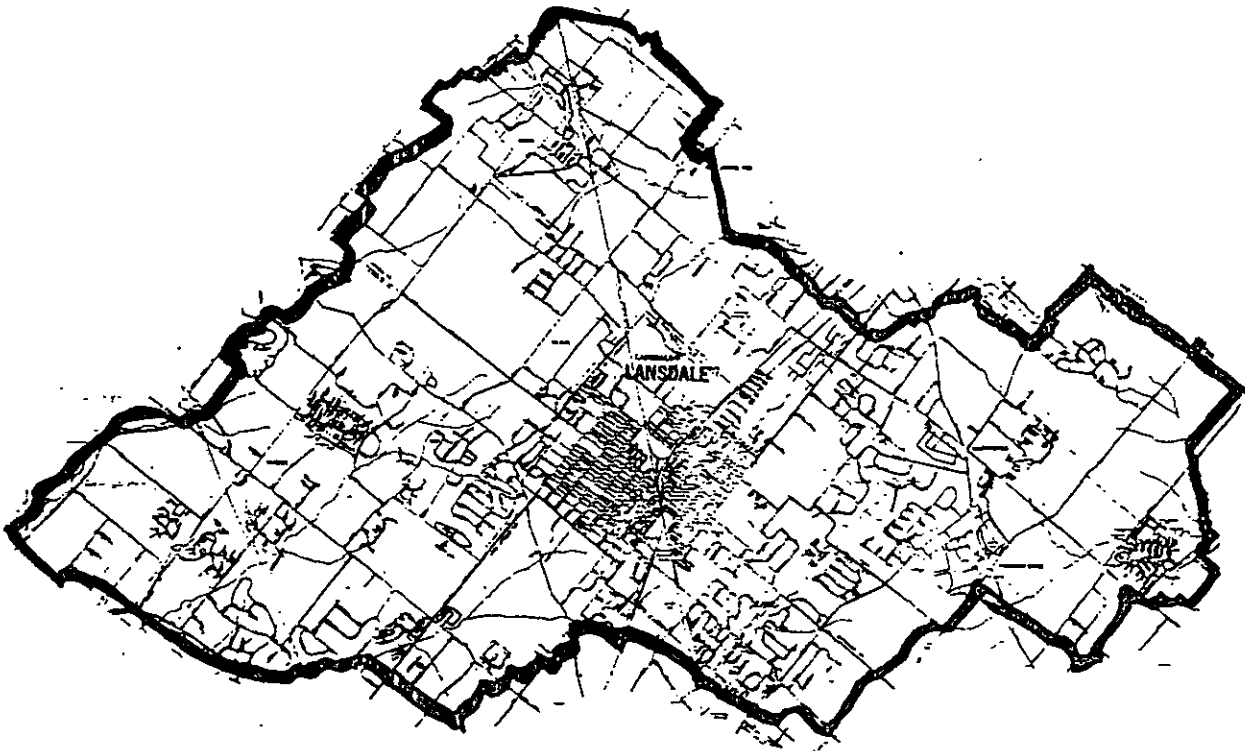
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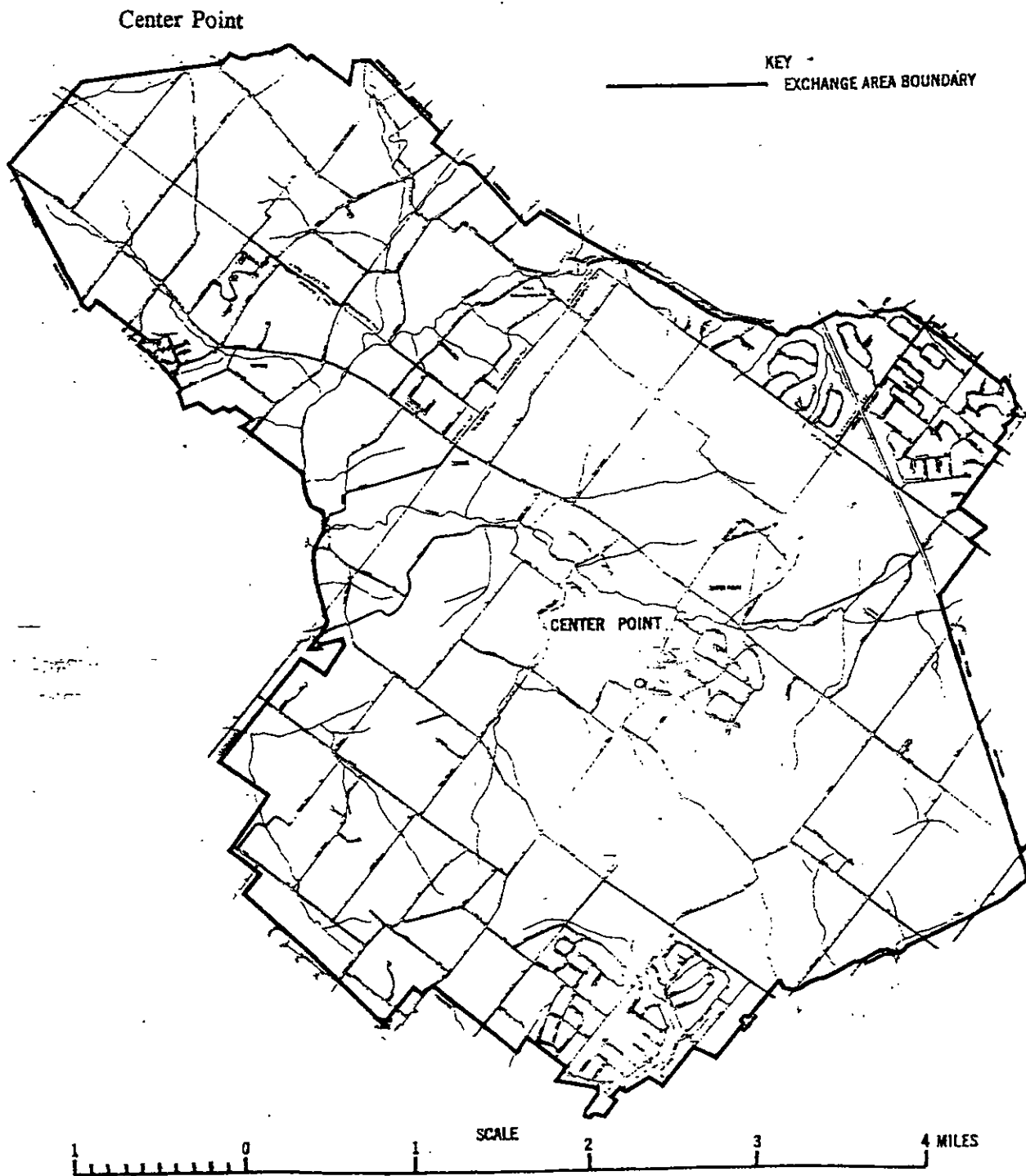
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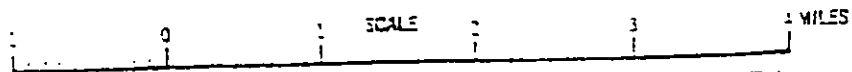
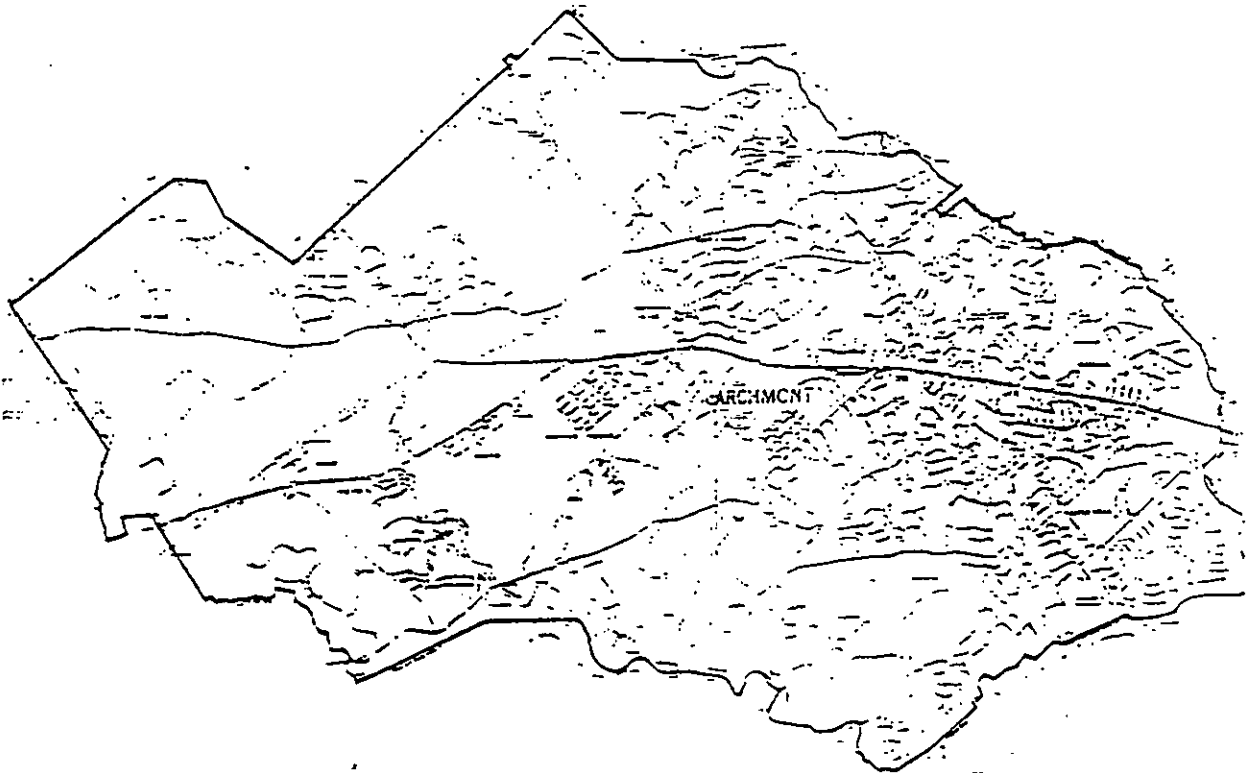


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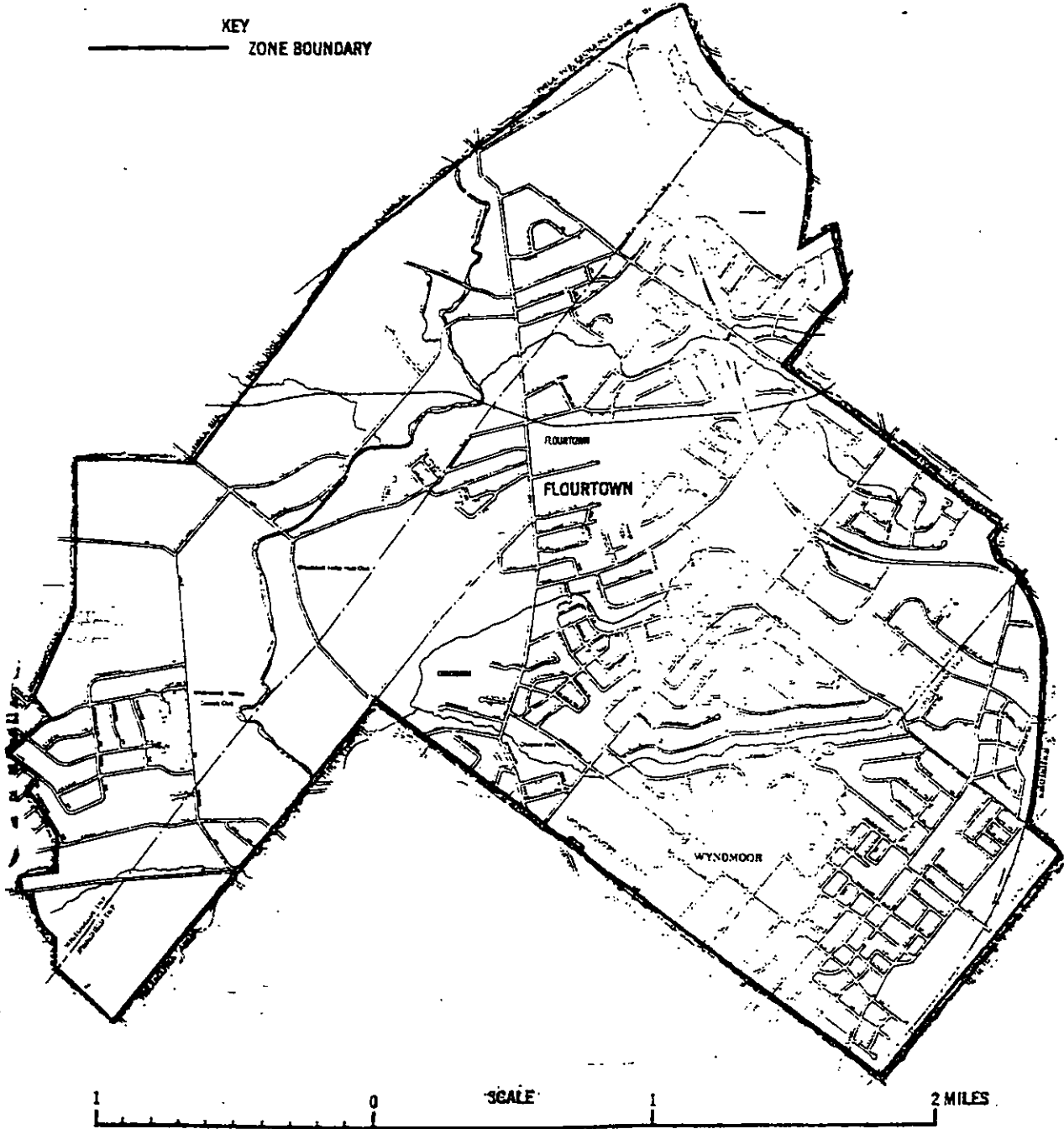
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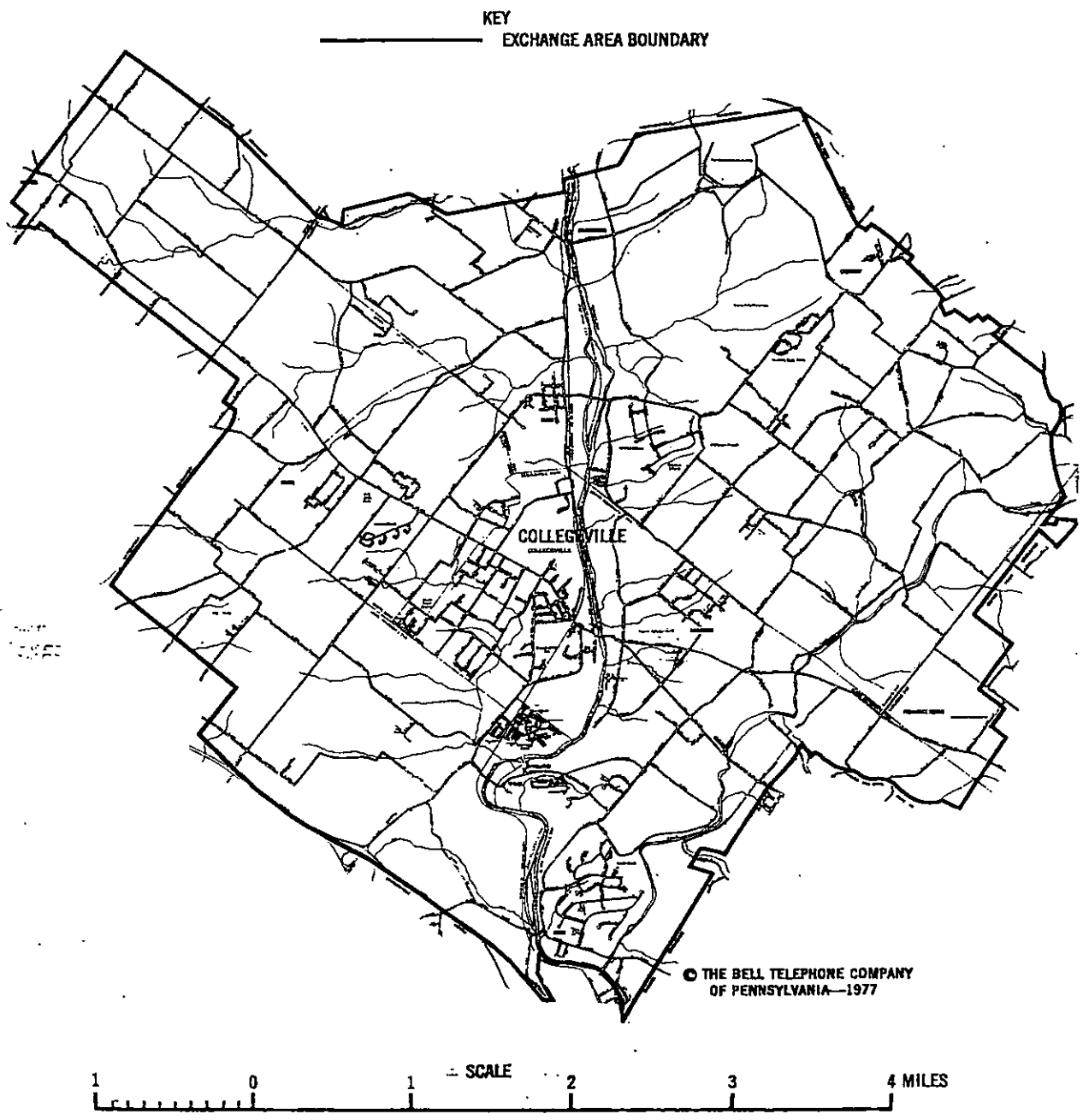
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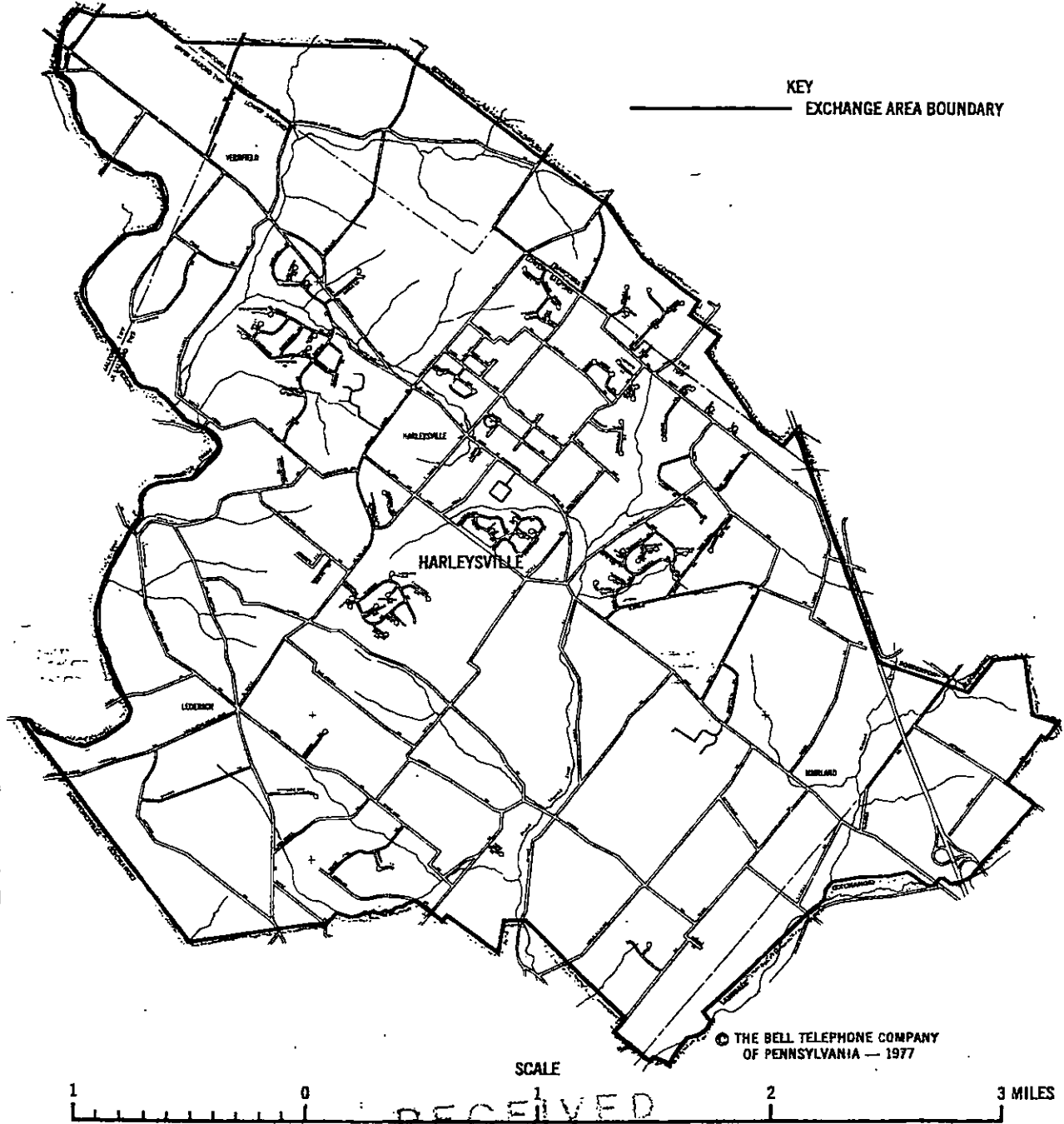


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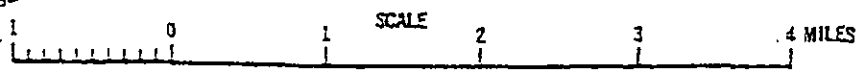


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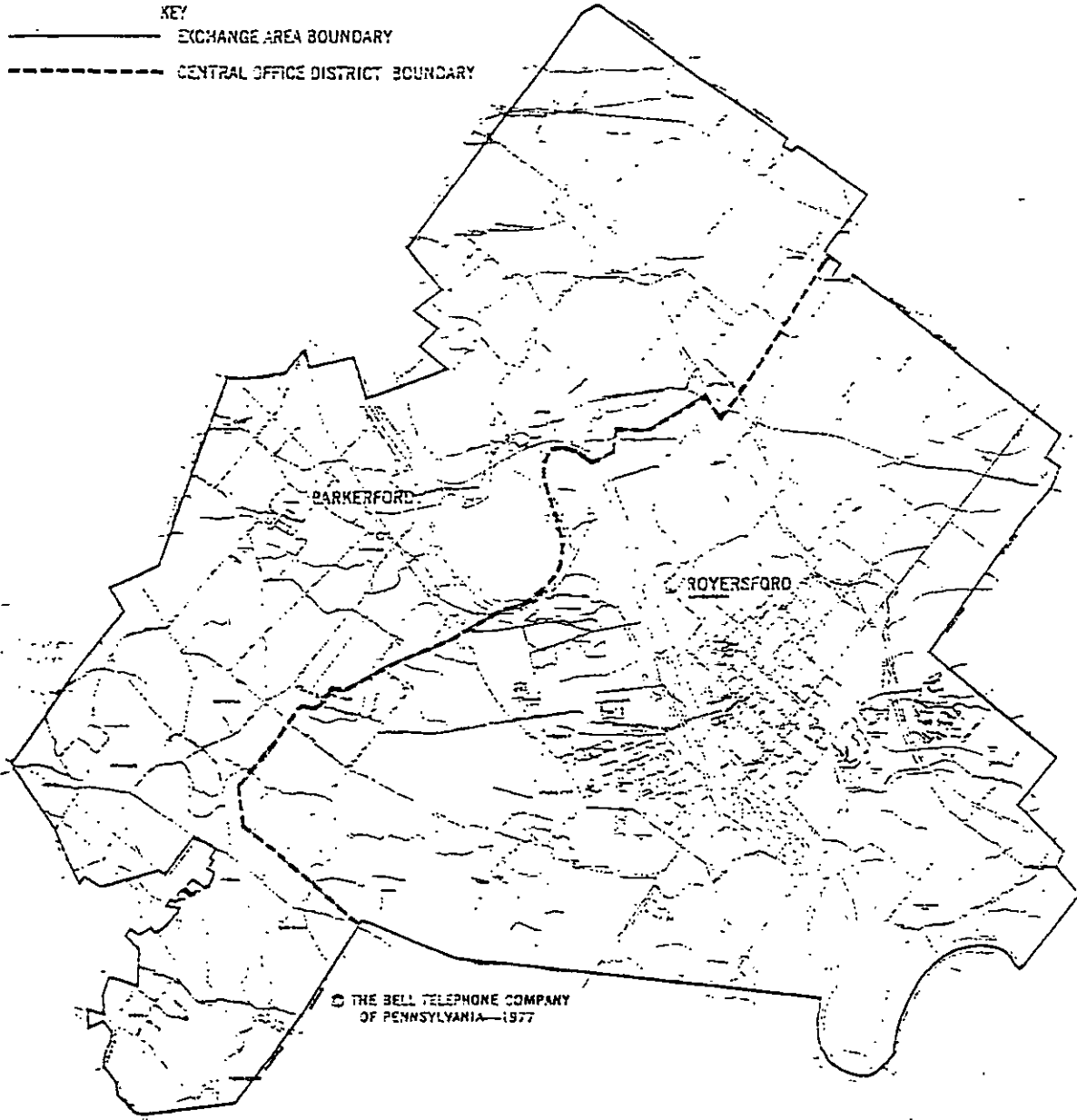


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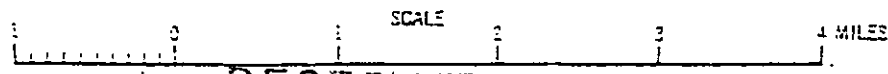


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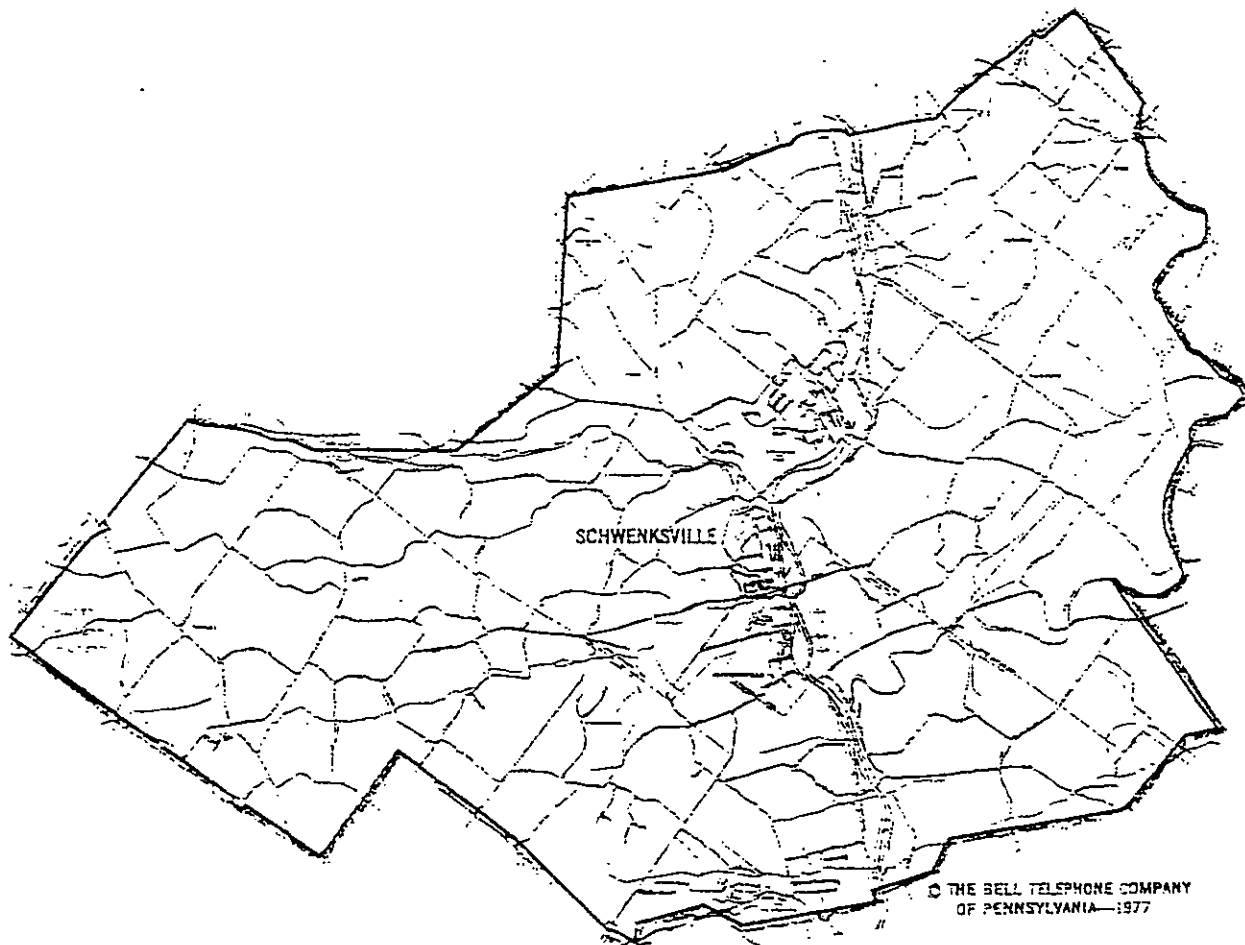
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RE: Application of US LEC of Pennsylvania, Inc. for approval to offer, render, furnish or supply telecommunications services as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier to the public in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, et al; Docket No. A-310814F0002 et al.

Dear Secretary McNulty:

By order entered August 17, 1999 in the above referenced docket, the compliance tariff of US LEC of Pennsylvania Inc. was due on or about October 17, 1999. The memo of deficiencies was not served upon counsel for US LEC until October 25, 1999. A request for a sixty day extension was requested by letter dated October 7, 1999 in light of the fact that Commission staff was still reviewing the proposed tariff. The extension was granted and the due date for the compliance filing was moved to December 17, 1999. US LEC of Pennsylvania Inc. hereby requests an additional extension of time for forty five days, making the compliance filing due on or about January 31, 2000. This is US LEC's second request for an extension.

US LEC of Pennsylvania has good cause to request the extension. Certain required tariffs, such as Lifeline, are currently being reviewed by this Commission as a template. It is US LEC's intention to use the model Lifeline tariff submitted by PTA to revise its Lifeline tariff from the proposed language. However, this Commission has granted an extension of time until January 10, 2000 for the filing of exceptions to the Lifeline Compliance tariff. It is anticipated that any changes to the template may yet be forthcoming. Other tariffs require substantial revisions such as E-911 tariff language in accordance with the agreement between the Commission, Bell Atlantic and the City of Philadelphia which was identified separately from the memo on deficiencies Commission staff.

Further, the staff served their notice of required changes for compliance on October 25, 1999. The new due date for the compliance tariff will be January 31, 2000.

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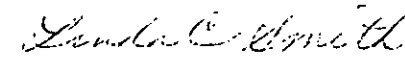
Dear Secretary McNulty:

By order entered August 17, 1999 in the above referenced docket, the compliance tariff of US LEC of Pennsylvania Inc. is due on or about October 17, 1999. US LEC of Pennsylvania Inc. hereby requests an extension of time for sixty days making the compliance filing due on or about December 17, 1999.

US LEC of Pennsylvania has good cause to request the extension. Changes were made to the initial tariff as of September 7, 1999. Staff has incorporated those new initial tariffs into their review. Staff has advised me that they will be ready with their comments on US LEC's initial tariff on or about October 15, 1999. At that point, US LEC will be able to begin to prepare a compliance tariff. Until US LEC receives the comments from Staff, we are not able to prepare a compliance tariff.

Your attention in regard to this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Tim Smoak

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RE: Joint Petition of Bell Atlantic - Pennsylvania, Inc. and US LEC of Pennsylvania, Inc. for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement.  
Dkt. No. A-310814F0002

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Pursuant to the Public Utility Commission's Order entered January 28, 2000, the parties in the above-referenced matter were directed to file a true and correct copy of their Agreement. Please be advised that the true and correct copy of the Agreement is the Agreement which the parties filed on November 5, 1999.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

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RE: US LEC of Pennsylvania, A-310814; A-310814F0002; A-310814F0003.

Dear Secretary McNulty:

Enclosed please find Section 6, Section 7 and the first four pages of Section 8 that were inadvertently omitted from US LEC of Pennsylvania Inc.'s Non-Facilities Based and Facilities Based Competitive Local Exchange Tariff filed on January 31, 2000. A copy of these pages is being provided to the Bureau of Fixed Utility Services.

Also enclosed is a corrected Facilities-Based Interexchange Carrier Tariff. This tariff is identical to the tariff filed on February 1 with one small exception. The tariff number located in the header has been changed to number 4 from number 3. This was done because the Non-Facilities Based Interexchange Carrier Tariff was identified as number 3.

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SECTION 6 - SERVICE RATES

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6.1 Flat Rate Exchange Service

**T-1 Access Digital Facility**

(Includes 15 lines or Trunks)

Monthly Recurring Charges

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>
Schedule 1	\$825.00	\$800.00	\$775.00
Schedule 2	\$825.00	\$800.00	\$775.00
Schedule 3	\$825.00	\$800.00	\$775.00

**DID Numbers:**

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>
Group of 20 Numbers	\$5.60	\$5.25	\$5.00

**Digital Termination**

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>
DOD Trunks	\$50.00	\$47.50	\$45.00
Basic Trunk Service (each, 2 way)	\$50.00	\$47.50	\$45.00
DID Trunk Service	\$50.00	\$47.50	\$45.00
Trunk Terminations	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00

**Digital Termination**

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>
Basic Line Service (each, w/Hunting)	\$50.00	\$47.50	\$45.00
PBX Trunk (GroundStart)	\$50.00	\$47.50	\$45.00
Analog Gateway	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$100.00
Group of 20 DID Numbers	\$5.60	\$5.25	\$5.00

**Non-Recurring Charges**

Per T1 Access Facility Installation	\$1250.00
Per Analog Gateway Facility Installation	\$300.00
Per Later Access Line Connection	\$40.00
Per Premise Visit	\$13.00
Per 20 Number DID Block Initialization	20.00

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SECTION 6 – SERVICE RATES6.2 Measured Rate Exchange ServiceT-1 Access Digital Facility

(Includes 15 lines or Trunks)

Monthly Recurring Charges

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>
Schedule 1	\$400.00	\$350.00	\$300.00
Schedule 2	\$400.00	\$350.00	\$300.00
Schedule 3	\$400.00	\$350.00	\$300.00

DID Numbers:

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>
Group of 20 DID Numbers	\$5.60	\$5.25	\$5.00

Digital Termination

	<u>Schedule 1</u>	<u>Schedule 2</u>	<u>Schedule 3</u>
DOD Trunks	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$18.00
Basic Trunk Service (each, 2 way)	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$18.00
DID Trunks	\$50.00	\$47.50	\$45.00
Trunk Terminations	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$20.00

Analog Termination

	<u>Schedule 1</u>	<u>Schedule 2</u>	<u>Schedule 3</u>
Basic Line Service (each, w/Hunting)	\$12.00	\$17.00	\$20.00
PBX Trunk (GroundStart)	\$12.00	\$17.00	\$20.00
Analog Gateway	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$100.00

## Usage Based Charges:

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>
MEASURED RATE (per minute per call)	\$0.02	\$0.015	\$0.010

Non-Recurring Charges

Per T1 Access Facility Installation	\$1250.00
Per Analog Gateway Facility Installation	\$300.00
Per Later Access Line Connection	\$40.00
Per Premise Visit	\$13.00
Per 20 Number DID Block Initialization	20.00

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SECTION 6 – SERVICE RATES6.3 ISDN PRI Flat Rate Service

<u>T-1 Access Digital Facility</u> (Includes 14 B-channels and 1 D-channel)	<u>Monthly Recurring Charges</u>		
	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>
	\$400.00	\$350.00	\$300.00
<u>Digital Termination</u>	<u>Schedule 1</u>	<u>Schedule 2</u>	<u>Schedule 3</u>
B-channels	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$10.00
DID-only B-channel	\$5.00	\$7.50	\$10.00
Trunk Terminations	\$50.00	\$47.50	\$45.00
ANI Delivery	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$100.00
 <u>Non-Recurring Charges</u>			
Per T1 Access Facility Installation			\$1250.00
Per Analog Gateway Facility Installation			\$300.00
Per Later Access Line Connection			\$40.00
Per Premise Visit			\$13.00
Per 20 Number DID Block Initialization			20.00

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SECTION 6 – SERVICE RATES6.4 Digital Data ServiceT-1 Access Digital FacilityMonthly Recurring Charges

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>
Schedule 1	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$300.00
Schedule 2	\$600.00	\$450.00	\$400.00
Schedule 3	\$700.00	\$550.00	\$500.00

Data Port – requires one per endpoint of 512K

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>
56K	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
128K	\$80.00	\$60.00	\$50.00
256K	\$160.00	\$120.00	\$100.00
384K	\$240.00	\$180.00	\$150.00
512K	\$320.00	\$240.00	\$200.00

<b>Cross Connect</b>	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00
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<b>Interoffice Channel</b>	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$100.00
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Mileage Charges – mileage between endpoints on a data circuit

Fractional DS1 Mileage - per mile	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
DS1 Mileage – per mile	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$2.00

Non-Recurring Charges:

Per T-1 Access Facility Installation			\$1250.00
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SECTION 6 – SERVICE RATES6.5 Frame Relay ServiceT-1 Access Digital FacilityMonthly Recurring Charges

(Data Only)	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>
Schedule 1	\$500.00	\$350.00	\$300.00
Schedule 2	\$600.00	\$450.00	\$400.00
Schedule 3	\$700.00	\$550.00	\$500.00
Remote	\$1150.00	\$1000.00	\$900.00

Data Port – one per circuit endpoint

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>
56K	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
128K	\$80.00	\$60.00	\$50.00
256K	\$160.00	\$120.00	\$100.00
384K	\$240.00	\$180.00	\$150.00
512K	\$320.00	\$240.00	\$200.00

**Cross Connect** – one per circuit endpoint      \$100.00      \$75.00      \$50.00

Committed Information Rate<sup>1</sup>

	<u>Zone A</u>	<u>Zone B</u>	<u>Zone C</u>
32K	\$25.00	\$125.00	\$175.00
56K	\$50.00	\$250.00	\$350.00
128K	\$50.00	\$300.00	\$400.00
256K	\$50.00	\$300.00	\$500.00
384K	\$100.00	\$400.00	\$750.00
512K	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$950.00
1024K	\$300.00	\$1000.00	\$1800.00

Non-Recurring Charges:

Per T-1 Access Facility Installation      \$1250.00

<sup>1</sup>Zone A is IntraLATA, Zone B is InterLATA and terminating on the US LEC Network, Zone C is interLATA and terminating off the US LEC network.

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SECTION 7 - OTHER SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

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SECTION 8 – MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

8.1 Remote Call Forwarding On-Net

8.1.1 Description

Remote Call Forwarding On-Net is a service that utilizes a US LEC switch to automatically forward all incoming calls dialed to the remote call forwarding on-net number to another US LEC service number.

8.1.2 Rates

<u>Remote Call Forwarding</u>	<u>Non-Recurring</u>	<u>Monthly Recurring</u>
On-Net (per number)	\$100.00	\$25.00

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## SECTION 8 -- MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

### 8.2 Operator Services

#### 8.2.1 Description

Operator Handled Calling Services are provided to Customers and Users of Company-provided Local Exchange Services, and to Customers and Users of exchange access lines which the Customer has pre-subscribed to the Company's Pre-Subscribed MTS.

#### 8.2.2 Definitions

Person-to-Person: Calls completed with the assistance of a Company operator to a particular person, station, department, or PBX extension specified by the calling party. Charges may be billed to the Customer's commercial credit card and/or LEC calling card, calling station, called station, or a designated third-party station. Calls may be dialed with or without the assistance of a Company operator.

Collect Call: Calls completed with the assistance of a Company Operator for which charges are billed -- not to the originating telephone number, but to the destination or terminating number.

Operator Dialed Charge: The end user places the call without dialing the destination number, although the capability to do it himself exists. The end user will dial "0" for local calls and "00" for long distance calls and then requests the operator to dial the called station.

Billed to Non-Proprietary Calling Card: Refers to calls that are dialed by the customer in accordance with standard dialing instructions and billed to a non-proprietary calling card issued by another carrier.

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SECTION 8 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES8.2 Operator Services (cont'd)8.2.3 Rates

Local exchange, IntraLATA, and Long Distance calls may be placed on an Operator Assisted basis. For Operator Assisted calls to Busy Line Verification and Interrupt, or Directory Assistance, additional surcharges specified in this tariff will apply in addition to any applicable Operator charges.

In addition to the usage charges identified above, the following operator-assisted charges will apply:

	<u>Per Call Charges</u>
Person-to-Person	\$3.50
Collect Calling	\$1.75
Third Number Billing	\$1.75
Calling Card	\$0.75

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SECTION 8 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

8.3 Busy Line Verify and Line Interrupt Service

8.3.1 Description

Upon request of a calling party the Company will verify a busy condition on a called line.

- A) The operator will determine if the line is clear or in use and report to the calling party.
- B) The operator will interrupt the call on the called line only if the calling party indicates an emergency and requests interruption.

8.3.2 Regulations

- A) A charge will apply when:
  - 1) The operator verifies that the line is busy with a call in progress.
  - 2) The operator verifies that the line is available for incoming calls.
  - 3) The operator verifies that the called number is busy with a call in progress and the customer requests interruption. The operator will then interrupt the call, advising the called party the name of the calling party. One charge will apply for both verification and interruption.

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# MEMO

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**Subject:** A-310814F0002; Joint Petition of Bell Atlantic and US LEC of Pennsylvania, Inc. for approval of an Interconnection Agreement

**To:** James J. McNulty  
Secretary

**From:** Cheryl Walker Davis, Director  
Office of Special Assistants

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On November 5, 1999, the above-captioned Petition was filed with the Commission and on January 28, 2000, an Opinion and Order was entered approving the Interconnection Agreement. Please be advised that on February 7, 2000, Bell filed a letter indicating that a true and correct copy of the Agreement was filed with the original Petition and it is not necessary to file another copy. Accordingly, please mark this proceeding as closed with respect to the Interconnection Agreement.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please feel free to contact me.

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