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RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE INTERCONNECTION OF LOCAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGES AND PUBLIC CALLING OFFICES, WITH THE NATIONWIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK/S, THE SHARING OF REVENUE DERIVED THEREFROM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Pursuant to the powers vested upon the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) to encourage a larger and effective use of communications facilities and in line with the State's program to pursue and foster in an orderly and vigorous manner, the interconnection of all municipalities in the country, the following rules and regulations on the interconnection of telephone exchanges with the nationwide telecommunication network/s, including the sharing of revenue derived therefrom are hereby promulgated for the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.

SECTION 1. Definition of Terms

a. **Inter-connecting company (ICC).** A local exchange operator duly franchised and certified by the NTC or a government entity technically and financially capable to install, operate, and maintain telephone systems in designated service areas.

b. **Interconnection.** For the purpose of this Circular, interconnection shall refer to a situation where an inter-connecting company is interconnected to the nationwide telecommunications network/s.

c. **Public Calling Office.** A Telecommunication facility at which the public may, by the payment of appropriate fees, place as well as receive long distance telephone calls or be capable of voice and data transmission.

d. **National Telecommunication Development Plan.** A master plan which includes all plans related to the overall development of telecommunications facilities and services of both government and enfranchised telecommunications network operators. The plan shall include, among others, the following:

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| 1. Development Priorities | 5. Signalling |
| 2. System Development Plan | 6. Switching and Routing |
| 3. Numbering Plan | 7. Synchronization |
| 4. Transmission Plan | 8. Charging (rates and tariff) |