

## Chargeable Time

On all calls, other than Operator-Dialed Person-to-Person, chargeable time begins when connection is established between the calling station and the called station.

On Operator-Dialed Person-to-Person calls, chargeable time begins when connection is established between the calling person and a specified person, station, department, office, or agreed-upon alternate.

Chargeable time ends when the calling station “hangs up”. If the called station “hangs up” but the calling station does not, chargeable time ends when the connection is released either by automatic timing equipment in the telecommunications network or by the Company operator.

When Message Telecommunications Service (MTS) is directly connected to a customer-provided communications system at a customer’s or user’s premises, chargeable time for all classes of service begins when an MTS call terminates in, or passes through, the first customer equipment on the customer-provided communications system. It is the customer’s responsibility to furnish appropriate answer supervision to the point of interface with the MTS so that chargeable time may begin.