

What you must know before buying your own phone.

Now that the new Federal Communications Commission Rules and Regulations, Part 68, are in effect, you and all telephone customers will be affected in several important ways:

Because there are actions you can take, and actions you must take, under these new FCC rules, we urge you to read the following carefully.

What you can do:

If you have a one-party line, you can have your own telephone equipment directly connected to the telephone network, provided your equipment complies with Federal regulations.

This includes telephones, automatic dialers, answering devices and other compatible terminal equipment.

It does not include PBX's, key systems, coin telephones and centrex systems.

What you must do:

If you are going to connect your own equipment, you must comply with FCC regulations which establish these requirements.

FCC Requirement: You must have equipment of a type directly connected to the network by telephone companies prior to May 1, 1976.

FCC Requirement: You must have FCC registered terminal equipment after May 1, 1976, if it differs at all from that directly connected to the network prior to May 1.

FCC Requirement: You must have your terminal equipment connected through FCC registered protective circuitry if your equipment is not registered and was not a type connected to the network prior to May 1, 1976.

FCC Requirement: You must notify the local telephone company that you are going to connect your own equipment, identify the type of equipment, ringer equivalency and type of ringer, if any.

FCC Requirement: You must also give the same notification of any non-telephone company equipment already connected to your telephone line.

FCC Requirement: You must connect your equipment through a standard telephone company-provided jack, one which the FCC has standardized for the entire industry.

FCC Requirement: You must have any maintenance, modification or repair of your equipment made by the manufacturer or its authorized agent. Any charges will be your responsibility.

FCC Requirement: If the terminal equipment you connect interferes with the proper operation of the telephone network, the telephone company may temporarily disconnect your service upon giving notice.

Standard Tariff Requirement: You must pay, as specified by rate schedules, the telephone company service connection charges for installing the standard jacks for connecting your equipment and for any other services that may be required to enable you to connect equipment you own to the telephone network. Normal basic service and extension service charges apply even when you provide your own terminal equipment. Subject to state regulatory commission approval, you will be given a credit of about 55 cents per month for each telephone you provide for these services.

Some Important Closing Thoughts:

As your telephone company, we feel an obligation to encourage you to evaluate carefully the benefits (if any) and the obligations you will assume from connecting equipment you own, as opposed to that provided by the telephone company.

Frankly, we believe the benefits of owning your own telephone equipment are being greatly exaggerated.

We believe our customers will be served best, at the lowest overall cost, when the telephone company has complete responsibility for telephone service.

It's important to bear in mind that telephone companies have the obligation to maintain, repair or replace, at no additional charge, telephone instruments they now lease to you in order to assure complete working telephone service. However, telephone companies have no obligation to maintain, repair or replace telephone instruments you obtain from others.

But whatever your telephone preferences, we want you—our customer—to be satisfied. And we want to assure you we will do all we can to serve you as effectively, as efficiently, and as economically as possible.

To serve those of our customers who wish to purchase their own equipment, we will be selling telephone equipment, too.

We strongly recommend that you continue your present service arrangement and that you continue to rely on the telephone company for your telephone needs.

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Rudolf

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer will be shown at 2:00 PM on the 24th in the Penn Museum, Harrisburg.

It's free. The climax of the animated film (narrated by Burl Ives) comes when Rudolph, after a series of adventures, redeems his deerhood by bravely leading Santa's sleigh through a blizzard.

Scouts

Western District boy scouts will hike the Ben Franklin Historical Trail through downtown Philly on January 14th. The 8-mile route features 37 historical sites.

The scouts will leave from the Lancaster Railroad station at 8:15 AM the day of the hike. Return train is 6:30 PM. Registrations must be sent to the office by December 14th. [Note: we got the release since the 14th, -ed.]



A Merry Christmas

Thanks to our many kind and thoughtful friends. May your holiday overflow with happy surprises!

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