

WHEREAS, the Mortgagor now owns a telephone system and other facilities identified in the Property Schedule contained in the granting clause hereof (hereinafter called the "Existing Facilities"); and

WHEREAS, the Government and the Bank are authorized to enter into this Mortgage; and

WHEREAS, to the extent that any of the property described or referred to in this Mortgage is governed by the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code of any state (hereinafter called the "Uniform Commercial Code"), the parties hereto desire that this Mortgage be regarded as a "security agreement" and as a "financing statement" for said security agreement under the Uniform Commercial Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS MORTGAGE WITNESSETH that, in order to secure the payment of the principal of and interest on the notes, according to their tenor and effect, and further to secure the due performance of the covenants, agreements and provisions contained in this Mortgage and the Consolidated Loan Agreement and to declare the terms and conditions upon which the notes are to be secured, the Mortgagor, in consideration of the premises, has executed and delivered this Mortgage, and has granted, bargained, sold, conveyed, warranted, assigned, transferred, mortgaged, pledged and set over, and by these presents does hereby grant, bargain, sell, convey, warrant, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge and set over, unto the Mortgagees, and their respective assigns, all and singular the following-described property (hereinafter sometimes called the "Mortgaged Property"):

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All right, title and interest of the Mortgagor in and to the Existing Facilities and buildings, plants, works, improvements, structures, estates, grants, franchises, easements, rights, privileges and properties real, personal and mixed, tangible or intangible, of every kind or description, now owned by the Mortgagor or which may hereafter be owned, constructed or acquired by the Mortgagor, wherever located, and in and to all extensions and improvements thereof and additions thereto, including all buildings, plants, works, structures, improvements, fixtures, apparatus, materials, supplies, machinery, tools, implements, poles, posts, crossarms, conduits, ducts, lines, whether underground or overhead or otherwise, wires, cables, exchanges, switches, desks, testboards, frames, racks, motors, generators, batteries and other items of central office equipment, subscriber station equipment, including house wiring and protectors, instruments, connections and appliances, office furniture and equipment, work equipment and any and all other property of every kind, nature and description, used, useful or acquired for use by the Mortgagor in connection therewith and including, without limitation, the property described in the following property schedule: