

2.2. National Telecommunications Services and Market Participants

The national telecommunications market is made up of various services groups which are offered by different companies. The development of the different service areas is the result of the incorporation of advanced technology in the national telecommunications market, which has been adapted to the needs of the country stimulated by the growing rate of economic growth of Chile, and its orientation towards the international market. It is possible to find within one same service different technological alternatives offered. In the case of international communications the various alternatives include satellite communications, microwave, and fiber optics.

In the national market the following services can be found, and grouped in three classifications:

- 2.2.1. National Urban Services
- 2.2.2. Interurban Services
- 2.2.3. International Services

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The companies participating in national urban services are the following:

- **Compañía de Teléfonos de Chile - CTC:**

This company renewed its concession in June 1982 for fifty years, which means the concession ends in the year 2032. The Telephone Company's concession covers from Arica in the North down to the XII Region in the South.

- **Compañía de Telefonía del Sur (X Region):**

This company has a sixty five year long concession which will be renewed for an indefinite time period. It covers only the X Region in the South.