

ACCESS SERVICE

Regulations, Rates and Charges applying to the provision of Access Service for connection to interstate communications facilities for Interstate Customers within the operating territory of the Issuing Carrier listed on Title Page 2.

GCI retains the option of provisioning services within the tariff in the most efficient manner, which meets the service requirement of the customer.

<p>As of August 1, 2020, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 61.203, the provisions of this tariff that relate to special access services shall be supplanted by the non-tariffed contract for special access services (aka “business data services”) posted on GCI’s web site at https://www.gci.com/about/terms-conditions with rates available at https://www.gci.com/regulatory, both of which shall be subject to modification from time to time.</p>	<p>(N)</p> <hr/> <p>(N)</p>
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CONCURRING, CONNECTING OR OTHER PARTICIPATING CARRIERS

Concurring Carriers

No Common Carriers

Connecting Carriers

No Connecting Carriers

Other Participating Carriers

No Other Participating Carriers

ACCESS SERVICEEXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- C - To signify changed regulation.
 D - To signify discontinued rate or regulation.
 I - To signify increase.
 M - To signify matter relocated without change.
 N - To signify new rate or regulation.
 R - To signify reduction.
 S - To signify reissued matter.
 T - To signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation.
 Z - To signify correction.

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

- AC - Alternating Current
 AML - Actual Measured Loss
 ANI - Automatic Number Identification
 AP - Program Audio
 AT&T - American Telephone & Telegraph Company
- CCS - Common Channel Signaling
 CDP - Customer Designated Premises
 CI - Channel Interface
 CNP - Charge Number Parameter
 CO - Central Office
 Cont'd - Continued
 CPE - Customer Premises Equipment
 CPN - Calling Party Number
 CSP - Carrier Selection Parameter
 DA - Directory Assistance
 dB - Decibel
 dBmC - Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting
 dBmCO - Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighted O
 dc - Direct current
 DDD - Direct Distance Dialing

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EAS	- Extended Area Service
EDD	- Envelope Delay Distortion
EML	- Expected Measured Loss
EPL	- Echo Path Loss
ERL	- Echo Return Loss
ESS	- Electronic Switching System
ESSX	- Electronic Switching System Exchange
f	- Frequency
FCC	- Federal Communications Commission
FX	- Foreign Exchange
HC	- High Capacity
Hz	- Hertz
IC	- Interexchange Carrier
ICB	- Individual Case Basis
ICL	- Inserted Connection Loss
kbps	- Kilobits per second
kHz	- Kilohertz
LATA	- Local Access and Transport Area
ma	- millamperes
Mbps	- Megabits per second
Mhz	- Megahertz
MRC	- Monthly Recurring Charge
MT	- Metallic
MTS	- Message Telephone Service
MTSO	- Mobile Telephone Switching Office
NPA	- Numbering Plan Area
NRC	- Non-recurring Charge
NTS	- Non-Traffic Sensitive
NXX	- Three-Digit Central Office Prefix
PBX	- Private Branch Exchange
PIC	- Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier
PCM	- Pulse Code Modulation
POT	- Point of Termination

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EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

- SAC - Service Access Code
- SNAL - Signaling Network Access Line
- SP - Signaling Point
- SPOI - Signaling Point of Interface
- SRL - Singing Return Loss
- SSP - Service Switching Point
- SS7 - Signaling System 7
- STP - Signal Transfer Point
- SWC - Serving Wire Center
- TG - Telegraph Grade
- TLP - Transmission Level Point
- TS - Traffic Sensitive
- TSPS - Traffic Service Position System
- TV - Television
- VG - Voice Grace
- V&H - Vertical & Horizontal
- WATS - Wide Area Telecommunications Service(s)
- WSO - WATS Serving Office

ACCESS SERVICE
REFERENCE TO OTHER TARIFFS

Whenever reference is made in this tariff to other tariffs of the Company, the reference is to the tariffs in force as of the effective date of this tariff, and to amendments thereto and successive issues thereof.

USE OF THE TARIFF

This tariff contains the regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of Access Service by the Issuing Carrier.

The regulations applicable to the provision of Access Service are contained in Sections 1 through 15. Rates and charges for all Access Services are shown in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16. T T

REFERENCE TO TECHNICAL PUBLICATION

The following technical publications are referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from Bell Communications Research, Inc., Customer Services, 60 New England Ave., Piscataway, NJ 08854-4196.

Technical Reference:

- Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (MECAB) Guidelines
Issued: December 1990
- Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design (MECOD) Guidelines
Issued: September 10, 1990
- PUB 41004 Data Communications Using Voiceband Private Line Channels
Issued: October 1973
- PUB 62411 High Capacity Digital Service Channel Interface Specification
Issued: October 1985
- TR-NPL-000258 Compatibility Information for Feature Group D Switched Access Service
Issued: October 1985
- TR-NWT-000334 Issue 2 Voice Grade Switched Access Service - Transmission Parameter Limits and Interface Combinations
Issued: September 1990

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Technical Reference:

- TR-TSY-000335 Issue 2 Voice Grade Special Access Service - Transmission Parameter Limits and Interface Combinations
Issued: May 1990
- TRN-NPL-000337 Program Audio Special Access Service Local Channel Services
Issued: July 1987
- TR-NPL-000341 Digital Data Special Access Service - Transmission Parameter and Interface Combinations
Issued: March 1989
- TR-NPL-000342 High Capacity Digital Special Access Service
Issued: February 1991
- SR-STIS-000307 Issue 2 NC/NCI Code Dictionary
Issued: December 1990
- TR-TSY-000506 LATA Switching Systems Generic Requirements (LSSGR) Section 6
Issued: October 1987, Revised December 1988, Revised June 1990
- TR-NPL-000054 High Capacity Digital Service (1.544 Mbps) Interface Generic Requirements for End Users
Issued: April 1989 Available: April 1989
- TR-TSV-000905 Common Channel Signaling Network Interface Specification Supplemental 1
Available: August 1989

The following technical publication is referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from the Bell Communications Technical Education Center, Room B02, 6200 Route 53, Lisle, IL 60532.

Telecommunications Transmission Engineering
Volume 3 - Networks and Services (Chapters 6 and 7)
Second Edition, 1980
Issued: June 1980

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The following technical publication is referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Executive Director - Tariff and Regulatory Matters, 100 So. Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981, and the Federal Communication Commission's commercial contractor.

PUB AS No. 1, Issue II Access Service

Issued: May 1984

Addendum: March 1987

The following publications are referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from the government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Document Control Branch, 941 N. Capital St., N.E., Washington, D.C., 20401.

Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System for National Security
Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Service Vendor Handbook, National
Communications System (NCSH 3-1-2).

Issued: July 1990 Available: August 1990

Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System for National Security
Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Service User Manual, National Communications
System (NCSH 3-1-1).

Issued: July 1990 Available: August 1990

The following publication is referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from Director-Sales Operations, Integrated Network Corporation, P.O. Box 6875, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

Integrated Network Corporation

Document CB-INC-100

Available: June 1990

The following publication is referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from AT&T, 26 Parsippany Road, Whippany, NJ 07981.

AT&T PUB 62310

(and its Addendum 2 and Addendum 3)

Available: October 1989

ACCESS SERVICE

1. APPLICATION OF TARIFF

This tariff contains rates and charges applicable to the provision of Switched Access and Special Access Services and other miscellaneous services, hereinafter referred to collectively as services, provided by GCI Communication Corp., hereinafter referred to as the Company, GCI, or GCICC, to customers. This tariff also contains Access Ordering charges that are applicable when these services are ordered or modified by the customer.

ACCESS SERVICE

2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.1 Undertaking of the Company

2.1.1 Scope

- (A) The Company does not undertake to transmit messages under this tariff.
- (B) The Company shall be responsible only for the installation, operation and maintenance of the services it provides.
- (C) The Company will, for maintenance purposes, test its service only to the extent necessary to detect and/or clear troubles.
- (D) Services are provided 24 hours daily, seven days per week, except as set forth in other applicable sections of this tariff.
- (E) The Company does not warrant that its facilities and services meet standards other than those set forth in this tariff.

2.1.2 Limitations

(A) Assignment or Transfer of Service

The customer may assign or transfer the use of services provided under this tariff only where there is no interruption of use or relocation of the services. Such assignment or transfer may be made to:

- (1) another customer, whether an individual, partnership, association or corporation provided the assignee or transferee assumes all outstanding indebtedness for such services, and the unexpired portion of the minimum period and the termination liability applicable to such services, if any; or
- (2) a court-appointed receiver, trustee or other person acting pursuant to law in bankruptcy, receivership, reorganization, insolvency, liquidation or other similar proceedings, provided the assignee or transferee assumes the unexpired portion of the minimum period and the termination liability applicable to such services, if any.

In all cases of assignment or transfer, the written acknowledgment of the Company is required prior to such assignment or transfer. This acknowledgment shall be made within 15 days from the receipt of notification. All regulations and conditions contained in this tariff shall apply to such assignee or transferee.

ACCESS SERVICE2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)2.1.2 Limitations (Cont'd)(A) Assignment or Transfer of Service (Cont'd)

The assignment or transfer of services does not relieve or discharge the assignor or transferor from remaining jointly or severally liable with the assignee or transferee for any obligations existing at the time of the assignment or transfer.

(B) Use and Restoration of Services

The use and restoration of services shall be in accordance with Part 64, Subpart D, Appendix A, of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations, which specifies the priority system for such activities.

(C) Sequence of Provisioning

Subject to compliance with the rules mentioned in (B) preceding, the services offered herein will be provided to customers on a first-come, first-served bases.

The first-come, first-served sequence shall be based upon the received time and date recorded, by stamp or other notation, by the Company on customer access orders. These orders must contain all the information as required for each respective service as delineated in other sections of this tariff. Customer orders shall not be deemed to have been received until such information is provided. Should questions arise which preclude order issuance due to missing information or the needed for clarification, the Company will attempt to seek such missing information or clarification on a verbal basis.

2.1.3 Liability(A) Limits of Liability

The Company's liability, if any, for its willful misconduct is not limited by the tariff. With respect to any other claim or suit, by a customer or by any others, for damages associated with the installation, provision, termination, maintenance, repair or restoration of service, and subject to the provisions of (B) through (G) following, the Company's liability, if any, shall not exceed an amount equal to the proportionate charge for the service for the period during which the service was affected. This liability for damages shall be in addition to any amounts that may otherwise be due the customer under this tariff as a Credit Allowance for a Service Interruption.

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- 2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)
- 2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)
- 2.1.3 Liability (Cont'd)

(B) Acts or Omissions

The Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any other carrier or customer providing a portion of a service, nor shall the Company for its own act or omission hold liable any other carrier or customer providing a portion of a service.

(C) Damages to Customer Premises

The Company is not liable for damages to the customer premises resulting from the furnishing of a service, including the installation and removal of equipment and associated wiring, unless the damage is caused by the Company's negligence.

(D) Indemnification of Company

(1) By the End User

The Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the end user against any claim, loss or damage arising from the end user's use of services offered under this tariff, involving:

- (a) Claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of copyright arising from the end user's own communications;
- (b) Claims for patent infringement arising from the end user's acts combining or using the service furnished by the Company in connection with facilities or equipment furnished by the end users or;
- (c) All other claims arising out of any act or omission of the end user in the course of using services provided pursuant to this tariff.

ACCESS SERVICE2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)2.1.3 Liability (Cont'd)(D) Indemnification of Company (Cont'd)(2) By the Customer

The Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the customer against any claim, loss or damage arising from the customer's use of services offered under this tariff, involving:

- (a) Claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of copyright arising from the customer's own communications;
- (b) Claims for patent infringement arising from the customer's acts combining or using the service furnished by the Company in connection with facilities or equipment furnished by the customer or;
- (c) All other claims arising out of any act or omission of the customer in the course of using services provided pursuant to this tariff.

(E) Explosive Atmospheres

The Company does not guarantee or make any warranty with respect to its services when used in an explosive atmosphere. The Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by the customer from any and all claims by any person relating such customer's use of services so provided.

(F) No License Granted

No license under patents (other than the limited license to use) is granted by the Company or shall be implied or arise by estoppel, with respect to any service offered under this tariff. The Company will defend the customer against claims of patent infringement arising solely from the use by the customer of services offered under this tariff and will indemnify such customer for any damages awarded based solely on such claims.

(G) Circumstances Beyond the Company's Control

The Company's failure to provide or maintain services under this tariff shall be excused by labor difficulties, governmental orders, civil commotions, criminal actions taken against the Company, acts of God and other circumstances beyond the Company's reasonable control, subject to the Credit Allowance for a Service Interruption as set for in 2.4.4 following.

ACCESS SERVICE2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)2.1.4 Provisions of Services

The Company will provide to the customer, upon reasonable notice, services offered in other applicable sections of this tariff at rates and charges specified therein. Services will be made available to the extent that such services are or can be made available with reasonable effort, and after provision has been made for the Company's telephone exchange services.

2.1.5 Facility Terminations

The services provided under this tariff will include any entrance cable or drop wiring and wire or intrabuilding cable to that point where provision is made for termination of the Company's outside distribution network facilities at a suitable location inside a customer-designated premises. Such wiring or cable will be installed by the Company to the Point of Termination. Moves of the Point of Termination at the customer designated premises will be as set forth in 6.4.4 and 7.2.3 following.

2.1.6 Service Maintenance

The services provided under this tariff shall be maintained by the Company. The customer or others may not rearrange, move, disconnect, remove or attempt to repair any facilities provided by the Company, other than by connection or disconnection to any interface means used, except with the written consent of the Company.

2.1.7 Changes and Substitutions

Except as provided for equipment and systems subject to FCC Part 68 Regulations at 47 C.F.R. Section 68.110(b), the Company may, where such action is reasonably required in the operation of its business, substitute, change or rearrange any facilities used in providing service under this tariff. Such actions may include, without limitation:

- Substitution of different metallic facilities,
- substitution of carrier or derived facilities for metallic facilities used to provide other than metallic facilities,
- change of minimum protection criteria,
- change of operating or maintenance characteristics of facilities, or
- change of operations or procedures of the Company.

ACCESS SERVICE2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)2.1.7 Changes and Substitutions (Cont'd)

In case of any such substitution, change or rearrangement, the transmission parameters will be within the range as set forth in Section 14 following. The Company shall not be responsible if any such substitution, change or rearrangement renders any customer furnished services obsolete or required modification or alteration thereof or otherwise affects their use or performance. If such substitution, change or rearrangement materially affects the operating characteristics of the facility, the Company will provide reasonable notification to the customer in writing. Reasonable time will be allowed for any redesign and implementation required by the change in operating characteristics. The Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine reasonable notification procedures.

2.1.8 Refusal and Discontinuance of Service

(A) If a customer fails to comply with 2.1.6 preceding (Service Maintenance) or 2.3.1, 2.3.4, 2.3.6, 2.4.1 or 2.5 following (respectively, Damages, Availability for Testing, Balance, Payment Arrangements, Connections) including any customers failure to make payments on the date and times therein specified, the Company may on fifteen days (15) written notice to the customer by Certified U.S. Mail, take the following actions:

- refuse additional applications for service and/or refuse to complete any pending orders for service, and/or
- discontinue the provision of service to the customer.

In the case of discontinuance, all applicable charges, including termination charges, shall become due.

(B) If a customer fails to comply with 2.2.2 following (Unlawful and Abusive Use), the Company may, upon written request from a customer, or another exchange carrier, terminate service to any subscriber or customer identified as having utilized service provided under this tariff in the completion of abusive or unlawful telephone calls. Service shall be terminated by the Company as provided for in its general and/or local exchange service tariffs.

In such instances when termination occurs, the Company shall be indemnified, defended and held harmless by any customer or Exchange Carrier requesting termination of service against any claim, loss or damage arising from the Company's actions in terminating such service, unless caused by the Company's negligence.

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ACCESS SERVICE2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.1 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)2.1.8 Refusal and Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd)

(C) Except as provided for equipment or systems subject to the FCC Part 68 Rules in 47 C.F.R. Section 68.108, if the customer fails to comply with 2.2.1 following (Interference or Impairment), the Company will, where practicable, notify the customer that temporary discontinuance of the use of a service may be required; however, where prior notice is not practicable, the Company may temporarily discontinue service forthwith if such action is reasonable in the circumstances. In case of such temporary discontinuance, the customer will be notified promptly and afforded the opportunity to correct the condition which gave rise to the temporary discontinuance. During such period of temporary discontinuance, credit allowance for service interruptions as set forth in 2.4.4 following is not applicable.

(D) When access service is provided by more than one telephone company, the companies involved in providing the joint service may individually or collectively deny service to a customer for nonpayment. Where the telephone company(s) affected by the nonpayment is incapable of effecting discontinuance of service without cooperation from the other joint providers of Switched Access Service, such other telephone company(s) will, if technically feasible, assist in denying the joint service to the customer. Service denial for such joint service will only include calls originating or terminating within, or transiting, the operating territory of the telephone companies initiating the service denial for nonpayment. When more than one of the joint providers must deny service to effectuate termination for nonpayment, in cases where a conflict exists in the applicable tariff provisions, the tariff regulations of the end office telephone company shall apply for joint service discontinuance.

(E) If the Company does not refuse additional applications for service and/or does not discontinue the provision of the services as specified for herein, and the customer's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude the Company's right to refuse additional applications for service and/or to discontinue the provision of the services to the non-complying customer without further notice.

2.1.9 Notification of Service-Affecting Activities

The Company will provide the customer reasonable notification of service-affecting activities that may occur in the normal operation of its business. Such activities may include, but are not limited to the following:

- equipment or facilities addition,
- removals or rearrangements,
- routine preventative maintenance, and
- major switching machine change-out.

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Generally, such activities are not individual customer service specific, but may affect many customer services. No specific advance notification period is applicable to all service activities. The Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine reasonable notification requirements.

2.1.10 Coordination with Respect to Network Contingencies

The Company intends to work cooperatively with the customer to develop network contingency plans in order to maintain maximum network capability following natural or man-made disasters which affect telecommunications services.

2.1.11 Provision and Ownership of Telephone Numbers

The Company reserves the reasonable right to assign, designate or change telephone numbers, any other call number designations associated with Access Services, or the Company serving central office prefixes associated with such number, when necessary in the conduct of its business. Should it become necessary to make a change in such number(s), the Company will furnish to the customer six (6) months notice, by Certified U.S. Mail, of the effective date and an explanation of the reason(s) for such change(s).

ACCESS SERVICE2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.2 Use2.2.1 Interference or Impairment

The characteristics and methods of operation of any circuits, facilities or equipment provided by other than the Company and associated with the facilities utilized to provide services under this tariff shall not:

- interfere with or impair service over any facilities of the Company, its affiliated companies, or its connecting and concurring carriers involved in its services,
- cause damage to their plant,
- impair the privacy of any communications carried over their facilities, or
- create hazards to the employees of any of them or the public.

2.2.2 Unlawful and Abusive Use

(A) The service provided under this tariff shall not be used for an unlawful purpose or used in an abusive manner.

Abusive use includes:

- (1) The use of the service of the Company for a call or calls, anonymous or otherwise, in a manner reasonably expected to frighten, abuse, torment, or harass another;
- (2) The use of the service in such a manner as to interfere unreasonably with the use of the service by one or more other customers.

2.3 Obligations of the Customer2.3.1 Damages

The Customer shall reimburse the Company for damages to Company facilities utilized to provide services under this tariff caused by the negligence or willful act of the customer or resulting from the customer's improper use of the Company facilities, or due to malfunction of any facilities or equipment provided by other than the Company. Nothing in the foregoing provision shall be interpreted to hold one customer liable for another customer's actions. The Company will, upon reimbursement for damages, cooperate with the customer in prosecuting a claim against the person causing such damage and the customer shall be subrogated to the right of recovery by the Company for the damages to the extent of such payment.

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ACCESS SERVICE2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.2 Ownership of Facilities and Theft

Facilities utilized by the Company to provide service under the provisions of this tariff shall remain the property of the Company. Such facilities shall be returned to the Company by the customer, whenever requested, within a reasonable period. The equipment shall be returned in as good condition as reasonable wear will permit.

2.3.3 Equipment Space and Power

The customer shall furnish or arrange to have furnished to the Company, at no charge, equipment space and electrical power required by the Company to provide services under this tariff at the points of termination of such services. The selection of ac or dc power shall be mutually agreed to by the customer and the Company. The customer shall also make necessary arrangements in order that the Company will have access to such spaces at reasonable times for installing, testing, repairing or removing Company facilities used to provide service.

2.3.4 Availability for Testing

Access to facilities used to provide services under this tariff shall be available to the Company at times mutually agreed upon in order to permit the Company to make tests and adjustments appropriate for maintaining the services in satisfactory operating condition. Such tests and adjustments shall be completed within a reasonable time. As set forth in 2.4.4 following, no credit will be allowed for any interruptions involved during such tests and adjustments.

2.3.5 Limitation of Use of Metallic Facilities

Signals applied to a metallic facility shall conform to the limitations set forth in Technical Reference Publication AS No. 1. In the case of application of dc telegraph signaling systems, the customer shall be responsible, at its expense, for the provision of current limiting devices to protect the Company facilities from excessive current due to abnormal conditions and for the provision of noise mitigation networks when required to reduce excessive noise.

2.3.6 Balance

All signals for transmission over the facilities used to provide services under this tariff shall be delivered by the customer balanced to ground except for ground start, duplex (DX) and McCulloch-Loop (Alarm System) type signaling and dc telegraph transmission at speeds of 75 baud or less.

ACCESS SERVICE2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.7 Design of Customer Services

Subject to the provisions of 2.1.7 preceding (Changes and Substitutions), the customer shall be solely responsible, at its own expense, for the overall design of its services and for any redesigning or rearrangement of its services which may be required because of changes in facilities, operations or procedures of the Company, minimum protection criteria or operating or maintenance characteristics of the facilities.

2.3.8 Reference to the Company

The customer may advise end users that certain services are provided by the Company in connection with the service the customer furnishes to end users; however, the customer shall not represent that the Company jointly participates in the customer's services.

2.3.9 Claims and Demands for Damages

(A) With respect to claims of patent infringement made by third persons, the customer shall defend, indemnify, protect and save harmless the Company from and against all claims arising out of the combining with, or use in connection with, the services provided under this tariff, any circuit, apparatus, system or method provided by the customer.

(B) The customer shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Company from and against any suits, claims, losses and damages, including punitive damages, attorney fees and court costs by third persons arising out of the construction, installation, operation, maintenance, or removal of the customer's circuits, facilities, or equipment connected to the Company's services provided under this tariff including, without limitation, Worker's Compensation claims, actions for infringement of copyright and/or unauthorized use of program material, libel and slander actions based on the content of communications transmitted over the customer's circuits, facilities or equipment, and proceedings to recover taxes, fines, or penalties for failure of the customer to obtain or maintain in effect any necessary certificates, permits, licenses, or other authority to acquire or operate the services provided under this tariff; provided, however, the foregoing indemnification shall not apply to suits, claims, and demands to recover damages for damage to property, death, or personal injury unless such suits, claims or demands are based on the tortious conduct of the customer, its officers, agents or employees.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.9 Claims and Demands for Damages (Cont'd)

(C) The customer shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Company from and against any suits, claims, losses or damages, including punitive damages, attorney fees and court costs by the customer or third parties arising out of any act of omission of the customer in the course of using services provided under this tariff.

2.3.10 Coordination with Respect to Network Contingencies

The customer shall, in cooperation with the Company, coordinate in planning the actions to be taken to maintain maximum network capability following natural or man-made disasters which affect telecommunications services.

2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements

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(B) Reserved for Future Use

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(C) Jurisdictional Reports - Switched Access

For Switched Access Service, the Company cannot in all cases determine the jurisdictional nature of customer traffic and its related access minutes. In such cases the customer may be called upon to provide a projected estimate of its traffic, split between the interstate and intrastate jurisdictions. The following regulations govern such estimates, their reporting by the customer and cases where the Company will develop jurisdictional percentages.

(D) Jurisdictional Reports – Local Number Portability (LNP)

LNP Query Service, as set forth in Section 13.8.1, and End User Charge, as set forth in Section 13.8.2, are considered to be 100% interstate and therefore are not subject to PIU requirements.

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Except where Company measured access minutes are used as set forth following, the customer shall report the percentage of interstate use as set forth in (2), (3), or (4) following and such report will be used for billing purposes until the customer reports a different projected interstate percentage for an in-service end office group. When the customer adds lines or trunks to an existing end office group, the customer shall furnish a revised projected interstate percentage that applies to the total lines or trunks.

When the customer discontinues lines or trunks from an existing group, the customer shall furnish a revised projected interstate percentage for the remaining lines or trunks in the end office group. The revised report will serve as the basis for future billing and will be effective on the next bill date. No prorating or back billing will be done based on the report.

Effective on the first of January, April, July and October of each year the customer shall update the interstate and intrastate jurisdictional report. The customer shall forward to the Company, to be received no later than fifteen (15) days after the first of each such month, a revised report showing the interstate and intrastate percentage of use for the past three months ending the last day of December, March, June and September, respectively, for each service arranged for interstate use.

Except where the Company is billing according to actuals by jurisdiction, the revised report will serve as the basis for the next three months billing and will be effective on the bill date for that service. No prorating or back billing will be done based on the report.

If the customer does not supply the reports, the Company will assume the percentages to be the same as those provided in the last quarterly report. For those cases in which a quarterly report has never been received from the customer, the Company will assume the percentages to be the same as those provided in the order for service as set forth in (2) following.

ACCESS SERVICE2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements (Cont'd)(C) Jurisdictional Reports - Switched Access (Cont'd)(2) Feature Group A and B

(a) Pursuant to Federal Communications Commission Order FCC 85-145, released April 16, 1985, interstate usage is to be developed as though every call that enters a customer network at a point within the same state as that in which the called station (as designated by the called station telephone number) is situated is an intrastate communication and every call for which the point of entry is a state other than that where the called station (as designated by the called station telephone number) is situated as an interstate communication.

The PIUs described in (2) through (4) following are applied to usage rated Carrier Common Line, Information Surcharge, Local Switching, Tandem Switched Transport and Residual Interconnection charges. Separate PIUs are required for flat rated Entrance Facilities, Direct Trunked Transport and Multiplexers.

(b) When a customer orders Feature Group A or Feature Group B Switched Access Service, the customer shall, in its order, state the projected interstate percentage for interstate usage for each Feature Group A or Feature Group B Switched Access Service group ordered. The term group shall be construed to mean single lines or trunks as well. If the customer discontinues some but not all of the Feature Group A or Feature Group B Switched Access Services in a group, it shall provide the projected interstate percentage for such services which are remaining.

(c) For multiline hunt group or trunk group arrangements where either the interstate or the intrastate charges are based on measured usage, the interstate Feature Group A or Feature Group B Switched Access Services information will be used to determine the charges.

For all groups the number of access minutes for a group will be multiplied by the projected interstate percentage to develop the interstate access minutes. The number of access minutes for the group minus the developed interstate access minutes for the group will be the developed intrastate access minutes.

ACCESS SERVICE2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements (Cont'd)(C) Jurisdictional Reports - Switched Access (Cont'd)(3) Feature Group D

When a customer orders Feature Group D Switched Access Services, the customer may provide the projected interstate usage for each end office in its order. Alternatively the Company, where the jurisdiction can be determined from the call detail, will determine the projected interstate percentage as follows:

- For originating access minutes, the projected interstate percentage will be developed on a monthly basis by end office where the Feature Group D Switched Access Service access minutes are measured by dividing the measured interstate originating access minutes (the access minutes where the calling number is in one state and the called number is in another state) by the total originating access minutes, when the call detail is adequate to determine the appropriate jurisdiction.
- For terminating access minutes, the data used by the Company to develop the projected interstate percentage for originating access minutes will be used to develop the projected interstate percentage for such terminating access minutes.

When originating call details are insufficient to determine the jurisdiction for the call, the customer shall supply the projected interstate percentage or authorize the Company to use the Company developed percentage. This percentage shall be used by the Company as the projected interstate percentage for originating and terminating access minutes. The projected intrastate percentage of use will be obtained by subtracting the projected interstate percentage for originating and terminating minutes from 100 (intrastate percentage = 100 - interstate percentage).

(4) Directory Assistance Service

When a customer orders Directory Assistance Service, the customer shall in its order, provide the projected interstate percentage for terminating use in a while number (a number of 0 through 100) for each Directory Access Service group ordered. (A method the customer may wish to adopt could be to use its terminating traffic from its premises to the involved Directory Assistance Location and calculate the projected interstate percentage as set forth in (3) preceding.) The projected intrastate percentage of use will be obtained by subtracting the projected interstate percentage furnished by the customer from 100 (intrastate percentage = 100 - customer percentage).

ACCESS SERVICE2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements (Cont'd)(D) Billing Disputes Involving Jurisdictional Reports - Switched Access

For Switched Access, if a billing dispute arises concerning the projected interstate percentage, the Company will ask the customer to provide the data the customer uses to determine the projected interstate percentage. The Company will not request such data more than once a year. The customer shall supply the data within thirty (30) days of the Company request.

2.3.12 Determination of Interstate Charges for Mixed Interstate and Intrastate Switched Access Service

When mixed interstate and intrastate Switched Access Service is provided, all charges (i.e., nonrecurring, monthly and/or usage) including optional features charges, will be prorated between interstate and intrastate. The percentage determined as set forth in 2.3.11 preceding will serve as the basis for prorating the charges unless the Company is billing according to actuals by jurisdiction. The percentage of an Access Service to be charged as interstate is applied in the following manner:

(A) Monthly and Nonrecurring Charges

For monthly and nonrecurring chargeable rate elements, multiply the percent interstate use times the quantity of chargeable elements times the stated tariff rate.

(B) Usage Sensitive Charges

For usage sensitive (i.e., access minutes and calls) chargeable rate elements, multiply the percent interstate use times actual use (i.e., measured or Company assumed average use) times the stated tariff rate.

The Interstate percentage may change as revised usage reports are submitted as set forth in 2.3.11 preceding.

ACCESS SERVICE2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowance2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits(A) Deposits

The Company will only require a customer which has a proven history of late payments to the Company or does not have established credit, to make a deposit prior to or at any time after the provision of a service to the customer. No such deposit will be required of a customer which is a successor of a company which has established credit and has no history of late payments to the Company. Such deposit will not exceed the actual or estimated rates and charges for the service for a two-month period. The fact that a deposit has been made in no way relieves the customer from complying with the Company's regulations as to the prompt payment of bills. At such time as the provision of the service to the customer is terminated, the amount of the deposit will be credited to the customer's account and any credit balance which may remain will be refunded.

Such a deposit will be refunded or credited to the account when the customer has established credit or, in any event, after the customer has established a one-year prompt payment record at any time prior to the termination of the provision of the service to the customer. In case of a cash deposit, for the period the deposit is held by the Company, the customer will receive interest at the same percentage rate as that set forth in (C)(2)(a) or in (C)(2)(b) following, whichever is lower.

The rate will be compounded daily for the number of days from the date the customer deposit is received by the Company to and including the date such deposit is credited to the customer's account or the date the deposit is refunded by the Company. Should a deposit be credited to the customer's account, as indicated above, no interest will accrue on the deposit from the date such deposit is credited to the customer's account.

(B) Bill Dates

The Company shall bill on a current basis all charges incurred by and credits due to the customer under this tariff attributable to services established or discontinued during the preceding billing period. In addition, the Company shall bill in advance charges for all services to be provided during the ensuing billing period except for charges associated with service usage and for the Federal Government which will be billed in arrears. The bill day (i.e., the billing date of a bill for a customer for Access Service under this tariff), the period of service each bill covers and the payment date will be as follows:

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For End User Access Service and Presubscription Service, the Company will establish a bill day each month for each end user account or advise the customer in writing of an alternate billing schedule. Alternate billing schedules shall not be established on less than 60 days notice or initiated by the Company more than twice in any consecutive 12-month period. The bill will cover End User Access Service charges for the ensuing billing period except for End User Access Service for the Federal Government which will be billed in arrears. Any applicable Presubscription Charges, any known unbilled charges for prior periods and any known unbilled adjustments for prior periods for End User Access Service and Presubscription Service will be applied to this bill. Such bills are due when rendered.

(2) Access Services Other Than End User and Presubscription

For Service other than End User Access Service and Presubscription Service, the Company will establish a bill day each month for each customer account or advise the customer in writing of an alternate billing schedule. Alternate billing schedules shall not be established on less than 60-day's notice or initiated by the Company more than twice in any consecutive 12-month period.

The bill will cover nonusage sensitive service charges for the ensuing billing period for which the bill is rendered, any known unbilled nonusage sensitive charges for prior periods and unbilled usage charges for the period after the last bill day through the current bill day. Any known unbilled usage charges for prior periods and any known unbilled adjustments will be applied to this bill. Payment for such bills is due in immediately available funds by the payment date, as set forth in (C) following. If payment is not received by the payment date, a late payment penalty will apply as set forth in (C) following.

(C) Payment Dates and Late Payment Penalties

(1) All bills dated as set forth in (B)(2) preceding for service, other than End User Service and Presubscription Service, provided to the customer by the Company are due 30 days (payment date) after the bill day or by the next bill date (i.e., same date in the following month as the bill date), whichever is the shortest

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interval, except as provided herein, and are payable in immediately available funds. If the customer does not receive a bill at least 20 days prior to the 30-day payment due date, then the bill shall be considered delayed. When the bill has been delayed, upon request of the customer, the due date will be extended by the number of days the bill was delayed. Such Request of the customer must be accompanied with proof of late bill receipt.

If such payment date would cause payment to be due on a Saturday, Sunday or Legal Holiday, payment for such bills will be due from the customer as follows:

- If the payment date falls on a Sunday or on a Legal Holiday which is observed on a Monday, the payment date shall be the first non-Holiday day following such Sunday or Legal Holiday.
- If the payment date falls on a Saturday or on a Legal Holiday which is observed on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, the payment date shall be the last non-Holiday preceding such Saturday or Legal Holiday.

(2) Further if no payment is received by the payment date or if a payment or any portion of a payment is received by the Company after the payment date as set for in (1) preceding, or if a payment or any portion of a payment is received by the Company in funds which are not immediately available to the Company, then a late payment penalty shall be due to the Company. The late payment penalty shall be the payment or the portion of the payment not received by the payment date times a late factor. The late factor shall be the lesser of:

- (a) the highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transactions, compounded daily for the number of days from the payment date to and including the date that the customer actually makes the payment to the Company, or
- (b) 0.000288 per day, compounded daily for the number of days from the payment date to and including the date that the customer actually makes the payment to the Company.

ACCESS SERVICE2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowance (Cont'd)2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)(D) Billing Disputes Resolved in Favor of the Company

Late payment charges will apply to amounts withheld pending settlement of the dispute. Late payment charges are calculated as set forth in (C)(2) preceding except that when the customer disputes the bill on or before the payment date and pays the undisputed amount on or before the payment date, the penalty interest period shall not begin until 10 days following the payment date.

(E) Billing Disputes Resolved in Favor of the Customer

If the customer pays the total billed amount and disputes all or part of the amount, the Company will refund any overpayment. In addition, the Company will pay to the customer penalty interest on the overpayment. When a claim is filed within 90 days of the due date, the penalty interest period shall begin on the payment date. When a claim is filed more than 90 days after the due date, the penalty interest period shall begin from the date of the claim or the date of overpayment, whichever is later.

The penalty interest period shall end on the date that the Company actually refunds the overpayment to the customer. The penalty interest rate shall be the lesser of:

- (1) the highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transactions, compounded daily for the number of days from the first date to and including the last date of the period involved, or
- (2) 0.000288 per day, compounded daily for the number of days from the first date to and including the last date of the period involved.

(F) Proration of Charges

Adjustments for the quantities of services established or discontinued in any billing period beyond the minimum period set forth for services in other sections of this tariff will be prorated to the number of days based on a 30-day month. The Company will, upon request, furnish within 30 days of a request and at no charge to the customer such detailed information as may reasonably be required for verification of any bill.

(G) Rounding of Charges

When a rate as set forth in this tariff is shown to more than two decimal places, the charges will be determined using the rate shown. The resulting amount will then be rounded to the nearest penny (i.e., rounded to two decimal places).

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowance (Cont'd)

2.4.2 Minimum Periods

The minimum period for which services are provided and for which rates and charges are applicable is one month except for those usage rate services set forth in Section 6 (Switched Access Service) and Section 9 (Directory Assistance Service)

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The minimum period for which service is provided and for which rates and charges are applicable for a Specialized Service or Arrangement provided on an individual case basis as set forth in Section 12, following, is one month unless a different minimum period is established with the individual case filing.

When a service is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable, whether the service is used or not, as follows:

(A) When a service with a one-month minimum period is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, a one-month charge will apply at the rate level in effect at the time service is discontinued.

(B) When a service with a minimum period greater than one month is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, the applicable charge will be the lesser of (1) the Company's total nonrecoverable costs less the net salvage value for the discontinued service or (2) the total monthly charges, at the rate level in effect at the time service is discontinued, for the remainder of the minimum period.

2.4.3 Cancellation of an Order for Service

Provisions for the cancellation of an order for service are set forth in other applicable sections of this tariff.

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions

(A) General

A service is interrupted when it becomes unusable to the customer because of a failure of a facility component used to furnish service under this tariff or in the event that the protective controls applied by the Company result in the complete loss of service to the customer as set forth in 6.2.1 following. An interruption period starts when an inoperative service is reported to the Company, and ends when the service is operative.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowance (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies

In case of an interruption to any service, allowance for the period of interruption, if not due to the negligence of the customer, shall be provided.

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Service interruptions for Specialized Service or Arrangements provided under Section 12 following shall be administered in the same manner as those set forth in this section (2.4.4) unless other regulations are specified with the individual case filing.

Credit allowances are computed as follows:

(1) Switched Access Service rate elements

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For flat rated Switched Access Service rate elements (i.e., Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport and Multiplexing), no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of less than 30 minutes. The customer shall be credited for an interruption of 30 minutes or more at the rate of 1/1440 of the monthly charges for the facility or service for each period of 30 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

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The monthly charges used to determine the credit shall be as follows:

(a) For two-point services, the monthly charge shall be the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with the service (i.e., two channel terminations, channel mileage and optional features and functions.

(b) For multipoint services, the monthly charge shall be only the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with that portion of the service that is inoperative (i.e., a channel termination per customer designated premises, channel mileage and optional features and functions.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowance (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)

(1) Switched Access Service rate elements (Cont'd)

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(c) For multiplexed services, the monthly charge shall be the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with that portion of the service that is inoperative. When the facility which is multiplexed or the multiplexer itself is inoperative, the monthly charge shall be the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with the service (i.e., the channel termination, channel mileage, Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport and optional features and functions, including the multiplexer on the facility to the hub, and the channel terminations, channel mileage and optional features and functions on the individual services from the hub). When the service which rides a channel of the multiplexed facility is inoperative, the monthly charge shall be the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with that portion of the service from the hub to a customer premises (i.e., channel termination, channel mileage, Direct Trunked Transport, and optional features and functions).

(d) For flat rated Switched Access Service rate elements, the monthly charge shall be the total of all the monthly rate element charges associated with the service (i.e., Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport and Multiplexing).

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(3) Switched Access and Directory Assistance Service Usage Rated Elements

For Switched Access Service and Directory Assistance Service Usage Rated Elements, no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of less than 24 hours. The customer shall be credited for an interruption of 24 hours or more at the rate of 1/30 of any applicable monthly rate or assumed minutes of use charge for each period of 24 hours or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

(4) Credit Allowances Cannot Exceed Monthly Rate

The credit allowance(s) for an interruption or for a series of interruptions shall not exceed any monthly rate for the service interrupted in any one monthly billing period.

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No Credit allowance will be made for:

- (1) Interruptions caused by the negligence of the customer.
- (2) Interruptions of a service due to the failure of equipment or systems provided by the customer or others.
- (3) Interruptions of a service during any period in which the Company is not afforded access to the premises where the service is terminated.
- (4) Interruptions of a service when the customer has released that service to the Company for maintenance purposes, to make rearrangements, or for the implementation of an order for a change in the service during the time that was negotiated with the customer prior to the release of that service. Thereafter, a credit allowance as set forth in (B) preceding applies.
- (5) Interruptions of a service which continues because of the failure of the customer to authorize replacement of any element of special construction, as set forth in Section 15. The period for which no credit allowance is made begins on the seventh day after the customer receives the Company's written notification of the need for such replacement and ends on the day after receipt by the Company of the customer's written authorization for such replacement.
- (6) Periods when the customer elects not to release the service for testing and/or repair and continues to use it on a impaired basis.
- (7) An interruption or a group of interruptions, resulting from a common cause, that would result in credit in an amount less than one dollar.

(D) Use of an Alternate Service Provided by the Company

Should the customer elect to use an alternative service provided by the Company during the period that a service is interrupted, the customer must pay the tariffed rates and charges for the alternative service used.

ACCESS SERVICE2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowance (Cont'd)2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)(E) Temporary Surrender of a Service

In certain instances, the customer may be requested by the Company to surrender a service for purposes other than maintenance, testing or activity relating to a service order. If the customer consents, a credit allowance will be granted. The credit allowance will be 1/1440 of the monthly rate for each period of 30 minutes or fraction thereof that the service is surrendered. In no case will the credit allowance exceed the monthly rate for the service surrendered in any one monthly billing period.

2.4.5 Re-establishment of Service Following Fire, Flood or Other Occurrence(A) Nonrecurring Charges Do Not Apply

Charges do not apply for the re-establishment of service following a fire, flood or other occurrence attributed to an Act of God provided that:

- (1) The service is of the same type as was provided prior to the fire, flood or other occurrence.
- (2) The service is for the same customer.
- (3) The service is at the same location on the same premises.
- (4) The re-establishment of service begins within 60 days after Company service is available. The 60-day period may be extended a reasonable period if the renovation of the original location on the premises affected is not practical within the allotted time period.

(B) Nonrecurring Charges Apply

Nonrecurring Charges apply for establishing service at a different location on the same premises or at a different premises pending re-establishment of service at the original location.

2.4.6 Title or Ownership Rights

The payment of rates and charges by customers for the services offered under the provisions of this tariff does not assign, confer or transfer title or ownership rights to proposals or facilities developed or utilized, respectively, by the Company in the provision of such services.

ACCESS SERVICE2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowance (Cont'd)2.4.7 Access Service Provided By More Than One Telephone Company

When an Access Service is provided by more than one telephone company, the companies involved will mutually agree upon one of the billing methods as set forth in (A)(1) and (2) following based upon the service being provided. The companies will notify the customer in writing of the billing method being used. The customer will place the order for the service as set forth in 5.3 following dependent upon the billing method.

(A) Meet Point Billing

Meet Point Billing is required when an Access Service is provided by multiple telephone companies for Special Access.

Each telephone company jointly providing the Access Service will receive an order or a copy of the order from the customer as specified in 5.3 following and arrange to provide the service.

There is one Meet Point Billing Option, Multiple Bill. This billing option is explained following.

Each telephone company must provide Meet Point Billing notification to the customer, in writing, when new service is ordered or thirty days prior to changing an existing Meet Point arrangement. The notification should include the following:

- The Meet Point Billing Option that will be used.
- The telephone company(s) that will render the bill(s).
- The telephone company(s) to whom payment(s) should be remitted, and
- The telephone company(s) that will provide the bill inquiry function.

A telephone company that renders a meet point bill, the Bill Rendering Company, will render the bill in accordance with the industry standards as described in the Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (MECAB) Guidelines and Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design (MECOD) Guidelines. The bill will include cross reference(s) to the other telephone company(s) providing service and common circuit identifiers.

(1) Multiple Bill Option

Under the Multiple Bill Option each company providing the access service will render an access bill to the customer for its portion of the service based on its access tariff rates and regulations. Each company will:

ACCESS SERVICE2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowance (Cont'd)2.4.7 Access Service Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)(A) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)(1) Multiple Bill Option (Cont'd)

- Prepare its own bill;
- determine its charge(s) for Channel Mileage as set forth in (3) following;
- determine and include all other recurring and nonrecurring rates and charges of its access tariff;
- reflect its Billing Account Reference (BAR) and all connecting company Billing Account Cross Reference (BACR) code(s);
- forward its bill to the customer.

The customer will remit payment directly to each Bill Rendering Company.

(2) Determination of Meet Point Billed Channel Mileage Charges

Each telephone company's portion of the Channel Mileage will be determined as follows:

- (a) Determine the appropriate Channel Mileage by computing the number of airline miles between the Telephone Company premises serving wire centers for Special Access using the V&H method.
- (b) Determine the billing percentage (BP), as set forth in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4, which represents the portion of the service provided by each telephone company.
- (c) For Special Access, multiply the number of airline miles, as set forth in (a) preceding, times the BP for each telephone company, as set forth in (b) preceding, times the Channel Mileage Facility rate and add the Channel Mileage Termination rate.

The Special Access Channel Mileage Termination rate and nonrecurring charges are applied as set forth in 7.2.1(B)(2) and 7.2.2(C) following. (Note: The BP is not applied to either the Channel Mileage Termination Recurring Rate or any Nonrecurring Charge).

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2. **GENERAL REGULATIONS** (Cont'd)

2.5 **Connections**

Equipment and Systems (i.e., terminal equipment, multiline terminating systems and communications systems) may be connected with Switched Access Service furnished by the Company where such connection is made in accordance with the provisions specified in Technical Reference Publication AS No. 1 and in Section 2.1 preceding. D

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)
2. Definitions

Certain terms used herein are defined as follows:

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800 Series

The term 800 series denotes the service access codes of 800, 888, 877, 866, 855, 844, 833, and 822.

Access Code

The term "Access Code" denotes a uniform five or seven digit access code assigned by the Company to an individual customer. The five digit access code has the form 10XXX, and the seven digit code has the form 950-1XXX or 950-0XXX.

Access Minutes

For the purpose of calculating chargeable usage, the term "Access Minutes" denotes customer usage of exchange facilities in the provision of interstate or foreign service. On the originating end of an interstate or foreign call, usage is measured from the time the originating end user's call is delivered by the Company to and acknowledged as received by the customer's facilities connected with the originating exchange. On the terminating end of an interstate or foreign call, usage is measured from the time the call is received by the end user in the terminating exchange. Timing of usage at both originating and terminating ends of an interstate or foreign call shall terminate when the calling or called party disconnects, whichever event is recognized first in the originating and terminating exchanges, as applicable.

Access Tandem

The term "Access Tandem" denotes a Company or centralized equal access provider switching system that provides a concentration and distribution function for originating or terminating traffic between end offices and a customer designated premises.

Actual Cost Special Construction

The term "Actual Cost" denotes all costs charged against a specific case of special construction, including any appropriate taxes.

Annual Underutilization Liability Special Construction

The term "Annual Underutilization Liability" denotes a per unit amount which may be billed annually if fewer services are in use utilizing specially constructed facilities at filed tariff rates than were originally constructed.

Answer/Disconnect Supervision

The term "Answer/Disconnect Supervision" denotes the transmission of the switch trunk equipment supervisory signal (off-hook or on-hook) to the customer's point of termination as an indication that the called party has answered or disconnected.

Attenuation Distortion

The term "Attenuation Distortion" denotes the difference in loss at specified frequencies relative to the loss at 1004 Hz, unless otherwise specified.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2. Definitions (Cont'd)

Balance (100 Type) Test Line

The term "Balance (100 Type) Test Line" denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides for balance and noise testing.

Bit

The term "Bit" denotes the smallest unit of information in the binary system of notation.

Business

The term "Business Day" denotes the times of day that a company is open for business. GCI's Business Day hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Call

The term "Call" denotes a customer attempt for which complete address information (e.g., 0-, 911, or 10 digits) is provided to the serving dial tone office.

Carrier or Common Carrier

See Interexchange Carrier.

CCS

The term "CCS" denotes a hundred call seconds, which is a standard unit of traffic load that is equal to 100 seconds of usage or capacity of a group of servers (e.g., trunks).

Central Office

See End Office.

Central Office Maintenance Technician

The term "Central Office Maintenance Technician" denotes a Company employee who performs installation and/or repair work, including testing and trouble isolation, within the Company Central Office.

Central Office Prefix

The term "Central Office Prefix" denotes the first three digits (NXX) of the seven digit telephone number assigned to a customer's Telephone Exchange Service when dialed on a local basis.

Channel(s)

The term "Channel(s)" denotes an electrical or photonic, in the case of fiber optic-based transmission systems, communications path between two or more points of termination.

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ACCESS SERVICE2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)
2. Definitions (Cont'd)Channel Service Unit

The term "Channel Service Unit" denotes equipment which performs one or more of the following functions: termination of a digital facility, regeneration of digital signals, detection and/or correction of signal format error, and remote loop back.

Channelize

The term "Channelize" denotes the process of multiplexing-demultiplexing wider bandwidth or higher speed channels into narrower band-width or lower speed channels.

C-Message Noise

The term "C-Message Noise" denotes the frequency weighted average noise within an idle voice channel. The frequency weighting, called C-message, is used to simulate the frequency characteristic of the 500-type telephone set and the hearing of the average subscriber.

C-Notched Noise

The term "C-Notched Noise" denotes the C-message frequency weighted noise on a voice channel with a holding tone, which is removed at the measuring end through a notch (very narrow band) filter.

Coin Station

See Pay Telephone.

Common Line

The term "Common Line" denotes a line, trunk, pay telephone line or other facility provided under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs of the Company, terminated on a central office switch. A common line-residence is a line or trunk provided under the residence regulations of the general and/or local exchange service tariffs. A common line-business is a line provided under the business regulations of the general and/or local exchange service tariffs.

Common Channel Signaling

The term "Common Channel Signaling" (CCS) denotes a high speed packet switched communications network which is separate (out of band) from the public packet switched and message networks. Its purpose is to carry addressed signaling messages for individual trunk circuits and/or database related services between signaling points in the CCS network.

Communications System

The term "Communications System" denotes channels and other facilities which are capable of communications between terminal equipment provided by other than the Company.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

2. Definitions (Cont'd)

Customer(s)

The term "Customer(s)" denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, corporation, or governmental entity or other entity which subscribes to the services offered under this tariff, including both Interexchange Carriers (ICs) and End Users.

Customer Designated Premises

The term "Customer Designated Premises" denotes the premises specified by the customer for the provision of Access Service.

Data Transmission (107 Type) Test Line

The term "Data Transmission (1 07 Type) Test Line" denotes an arrangement which provides for a connection to a signal source which provides test signals for one-way testing of data and voice transmission parameters.

Decibel

The term "Decibel" denotes a unit used to express relative difference in power, usually between acoustic or electric signals, equal to ten (10) times the common logarithm of the ratio of two signal powers.

Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting

The term "Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting" denotes noise power measurements with C-Message Weighting in decibels relative to a reference 1 000 Hz tone of 90 dB below 1 milliwatt.

Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Referenced to 0

The term "Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Referenced to 0" denotes noise power in "Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting" referred to or measured at a zero transmission level point.

Destination Point Code

The term "Destination Point Code" denotes a routing label that identifies where the CCS/SS7 signaling message should be sent.

Donor Switch

The term "Donor Switch" denotes the original switch source of a portable NXX code.

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- 2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)
- 2. Definitions (Cont'd)

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Detail Billing

The term "Detail Billing" denotes the listing of each message and/or rate element for which charges to a customer are due on a bill prepared by the Company.

Digital Switched 56 Service

A switched access optional feature available with Feature Group D Access, which provides for data transmission at up to 56 Kilobits or per second.

Direct-Trunked Transport

The term "Direct-Trunked Transport" denotes transport from the serving wire center to the end office or from the serving wire center to the *(S) access tandem on circuits dedicated to the use of a single customer. (S)

Directory Assistance (Interstate)

The term "Directory Assistance" denotes the provision of telephone numbers by a Company operator when the operator location is accessed by a customer by dialing NPA + 555-1212 or 555-1212.

Directory Assistance Location (interstate)

The term "Directory Assistance Location" denotes a Company office where Company equipment first receives the Directory Assistance -call from the customer's end user and selects the first operator position to respond to the Directory Assistance call.

Dual Tone Multifrequency Address Signaling

The term "Dual Tone Multifrequency Address Signaling" denotes a type of signaling that is an optional feature of Switched Access Feature Group A. It may be utilized when Feature Group A is being used in the terminating direction (from the point of termination with the customer to the local exchange end office). An office arranged for Dual Tone Multifrequency Address Signaling would expect to receive address signals from the customer in the form of Dual Tone Multifrequency signals.

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Echo Control

The term "Echo Control" denotes the control of reflected signals in a telephone transmission path.

Echo Path Loss

The term "Echo Path Loss" denotes the measure of reflected signal at a 4-wire point of interface without regard to the send and receive Transmission Level Point.

Echo Return Loss

The term "Echo Return Loss" denotes a frequency weighted measure of return loss over the middle of the voiceband (approximately 500 to 2500 Hz), where talker echo is most annoying.

Effective 2-Wire

The term "Effective 2-Wire" denotes a condition which permits the simultaneous transmission in both directions over a channel, but it is not possible to insure independent information transmission in both directions. Effective 2-wire channels may be terminated with 2-wire or 4-wire interfaces.

Effective 4-Wire

The term "Effective 4-Wire" denotes a condition which permits the simultaneous independent transmission of information in both directions over a channel. The method of implementing effective 4-wire transmission is at the discretion of the Company (physical, time domain, frequency-domain separation or echo cancellation techniques). Effective 4-wire channels may be terminated with a 2-wire interface at the customer's premises. However, when terminated 2-wire, simultaneous independent transmission cannot be supported because the two wire interface combines the transmission paths into a single path.

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End Office

The term "End Office" denotes a local Company switching system where Telephone Exchange Service customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks. This term includes Remote Switching Modules/Systems served by a Host Central Office in a different wire center.

End User

The term "End User" means any customer of an interstate or foreign telecommunications service that is not a carrier, except that a carrier other than a Company shall be deemed to be an "end user" when such carrier uses a telecommunications service for administrative purposes, and a person or entity that offers telecommunications service exclusively as a reseller shall be deemed to be an "end user" if all resale transmissions offered by such reseller originate on the premises of such reseller.

Enhanced Service

The term "Enhanced Service", as defined in Part 64 of the FCC's Rules and Regulations, are services "...offered over common carrier transmission facilities used in interstate communications, which employ computer processing applications that act on the format, content, code, protocol or similar aspects of the subscriber's transmitted information; provide the subscriber additional, different, or restructured information; or involve subscriber interaction with stored information."

Entrance Facility

The term "Entrance Facility" denotes a Switched Access Service dedicated Local Transport facility between the customer's serving wire center and the customer designated premises.

Entry Switch

See First Point of Switching.

Envelope Delay Distortion

The term "Envelope Delay Distortion" denotes a measure of the linearity of the phase versus frequency of a channel.

Equal Level Echo Path Loss

The term "Equal Level Echo Path Loss" (ELEPL) denotes the measure of Echo Path Loss (EPL) at a 4-wire interface which is corrected by the difference between the send and receive Transmission Level Point (TLP). [ELEPL = EPL - TLP (send) + TLP (receive)].

Estimated Cost Special Construction

The term "Estimated Cost" denotes all estimated costs that will be incurred in providing a specific case of special construction, including any appropriate taxes.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)
2. Definitions (Cont'd)

Exchange

The term "Exchange" denotes a unit established by the Company for the administration of communications service in a specified area which usually embraces a city, town or village and its environs. It consists of one or more central offices together with the associated facilities used in furnishing communications service within that area. The exchange includes any Extended Area Service area that is an enlargement of a Company's exchange area to include nearby exchanges.

Exit Message

The term "Exit Message" denotes an SS7 message sent to an end office by the Company's tandem switch to mark the Carrier Connect Time when the Company's tandem switch sends an Initial Address Message to an interexchange customer.

Expected Measured Loss

The term "Expected Measured Loss" denotes a calculated loss which specifies the end-to-end 1004-Hz loss on a terminated test connection between two readily accessible manual or remote test points. It is the sum of the inserted connection loss and test access loss including any test pads.

Extended Area Service

See Exchange.

Facilities Special Construction

The term "Facilities Special Construction" denotes any cable, poles, conduit, microwave or carrier equipment, wire center distribution frames, central office switching equipment etc., utilized to provide interstate services.

First Point of Switching

The term "First Point of Switching" denotes the first Company location at which switching occurs on the terminating path of a call proceeding from the customer designated premises to the terminating end office and, at the same time, the last Company location at which switching occurs on the originating path of a call proceeding from the originating end office to the customer designated premises.

Frequency Shift

The term "Frequency Shift" denotes the change in the frequency of a tone as it is transmitted over a channel.

Grandfathered

The term "Grandfathered" denotes Terminal Equipment, Multiline Terminating Systems and Protective Circuitry directly connected to the facilities utilized to provide services under the provisions of this tariff, and which are considered grandfathered under Part 68 of the FCC's Rules and Regulations.

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2. Definitions (Cont'd)

Host Central Office

The term "Host Central Office" denotes an electronic local Company End Office where Telephone Exchange Service customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks. Additionally, this type of End Office contains the central call processing functions which service itself and its Remote Switching Modules/Systems.

Hub

A wire center at which bridging or multiplexing functions are performed for customers served out of any wire center.

Immediately Available Funds

The term "Immediately Available Funds" denotes a corporate or personal check drawn on a bank account and funds which are available for use by the receiving party on the same day on which they are received and include U.S. Federal Reserve bank wire transfers, U.S. Federal Reserve notes (paper cash), U.S. coins, U.S. Postal Money Orders and New York Certificates of Deposit.

Impedance Balance

The term "Impedance Balance" denotes the method of expressing Echo Return Loss and Singing Return Loss at a 4-wire interface whereby the gains and/or loss of the 4 wire portion of the transmission path, including the hybrid, are not included in the specification.

Impulse Noise

The term "Impulse Noise" denotes any momentary occurrence of the noise on a channel over a specified level threshold. It is evaluated by counting the number of occurrences which exceed the threshold.

Individual Case Basis

The term "Individual Case Basis" denotes a condition in which the regulations, if applicable, rates and charges for an offering under the provisions of this tariff are developed based on the circumstances in each case.

Initial Address Message

The term "Initial Address Message" denotes an SS7 message sent in the forward direction to initiate trunk set up, reserve an outgoing trunk and process the information about that trunk along with other data relating to the routing and handling of the call to the next switch.

Initial Liability Period Special Construction

The term "Initial Liability Period" denotes the initial planning period during which the customer expects to place specially constructed facilities in service.

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)
2. Definitions (Cont'd)

Inserted Connection Loss

The term "Inserted Connection Loss" denotes the 1004 Hz power difference (in dB) between the maximum power available at the originating end and the actual power reaching the terminating end through the inserted connection.

Installation and Repair Technician

The term "Installation and Repair Technician" denotes a Company employee who performs installation and/or repair work, including testing and trouble isolation, outside of the Company Central Office and generally at the customer designated premises.

Inserted Connection Loss

The term "Inserted Connection Loss" denotes the 1004 Hz power difference (in dB) between the maximum power available at the originating end and the actual power reaching the terminating end through the inserted connection.

Installation and Repair Technician

The term "Installation and Repair Technician" denotes a Company employee who performs installation and/or repair work, including testing and trouble isolation, outside of the Company Central Office and generally at the customer designated premises.

Installed Cost Special Construction

The term "installed Cost" denotes the total investment (estimated or actual) required by the Company to provide specially constructed facilities in service.

Interexchange Carrier (IC) or Interexchange Common Carrier

The terms "Interexchange Carrier" (IC) or "Interexchange Common Carrier" denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, governmental entity or corporation engaged for hire in interstate or foreign communication by wire or radio, between two or more exchanges.

Intermodulation Distortion

The term "Intermodulation Distortion" denotes a measure of the nonlinearity of a channel. It is measured using four tones, and evaluating the ratios (in dB) of the transmitted composite four-tone signal power to the second-order products of the tones (R2), and the third-order products of the tones (R3).

Interstate Communications

The term "Interstate Communications" denotes both interstate and foreign communications.

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- 2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)
- 2. Definitions (Cont'd)

Intrastate Communications

The term "Intrastate Communications" denotes any communications within a state subject to oversight by a state regulatory commission as provided by the laws of the state involved.

Joint Tandem Switched Transport

The term "Joint Tandem Switched Transport" denotes the rate element assessible for the transmission of originating toll free minutes. The rate element includes both the transport between the end office and the tandem switch and the tandem switching. It does not include transport of traffic over dedicated transport facilities between the serving wire center and the tandem switching office

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Legal Holiday

The term "Legal Holiday" denotes days other than Saturday or Sunday for which the Company is normally closed. These include New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and a day when Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day or Columbus Day is legally observed and other locally observed holidays when the Company is closed.

Line Side Connection

The term "Line Side Connection" denotes a connection of a transmission path to the line side of a local exchange switching system.

Local Access and Transport Area (LATA)

The term "Local Access and Transport Area" denotes a geographic area established for the provision and administration of communications service. It encompasses one or more designated exchanges, which are grouped to serve common social, economic and other purposes.

Location Routing Number

The term "Location Routing Number" denotes a ten-digit number used to uniquely identify a switch that has ported numbers.

Loss Deviation

The term "Loss Deviation" denotes the variation of the actual loss from the designed value.

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Major Fraction Thereof

The term "Major Fraction Thereof" denotes any period of time in excess of 1/2 of the stated amount of time. As an example, in considering a period of 24 hours, a major fraction thereof would be any period of time in excess of 12 hours exactly. Therefore, if a given service is interrupted for a period of thirty-six hours and fifteen minutes, the customer would be given a credit allowance for two twenty-four hour periods for a total of forty-eight hours.

Maximum Termination Liability Special Construction

The term "Maximum Termination Liability" denotes the maximum amount which may be billed if all services using specially constructed facilities are terminated prior to the expiration of the Maximum Termination Liability Period.

Maximum Termination Liability Period Special Construction

The term "Maximum Termination Liability Period" denotes the length of time for which a termination charge may apply if all services using specially constructed facilities are terminated.

Message

The term "Message" denotes a "call" as defined preceding.

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Milliwatt (102 Type) Test Line

The term "Milliwatt (102 Type) Test Line" denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides a 1004 Hz tone at 0 dBm0 for one-way transmission measurements towards the customer's premises from the Company end office.

Mobile Telephone Switching Office (MTSO)

The term "Mobile Telephone Switching Office (MTSO)" denotes a Cellular Mobile Carrier (CMC) switching system that is used to terminate mobile stations for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks interfacing with the public switched network.

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When more than one network is involved in completing a call, the network prior to the termination is responsible for querying a LNP database to secure the appropriate call routing. The N-1 carrier for a local call is usually the Local Exchange Carrier of the calling party, but may also be a wireless provider. The N-1 Carrier for an interexchange call is usually the calling customers interexchange carrier

Net Salvage Special Construction

The term "Net Salvage" denotes the estimated scrap, sale, or trade-in value, less the estimated cost of removal. Costs of removal includes the costs of demolishing, tearing down, or otherwise disposing of the material and any other applicable costs. Since the cost of removal may exceed salvage value, net salvage value may be negative.

Network Control Signaling

The term "Network Control Signaling" denotes the transmission of signals used in the telecommunications system which perform functions such as supervision (control, status, and charge signals), address signaling (e.g., dialing), calling and called number identifications, rate of flow, service selection error control and audible tone signals (call progress signals indicating re-order or busy conditions, alerting, coin denominations, coin collect and coin return tones) to control the operation of the telecommunications system.

Nonrecoverable Cost Special Construction

The term "Nonrecoverable Cost Special Construction" denotes the cost of specially constructed facilities for which the Company has no foreseeable use should the service be terminated.

Normal Construction

The term "Normal Construction" denotes all facilities the Company would normally use to provide service in the absence of a requirement for special construction.

North American Numbering Plan

The term "North American Numbering Plan" denotes a three-digit area code (Numbering Plan Area - NPA) and a seven-digit telephone number made up of a three-digit Central Office prefix plus a four-digit station number.

Off-hook

The term "Off-hook" denotes the active condition of Switched Access or a Telephone Exchange Service line.

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On-hook

The term "On-hook" denotes the idle condition of Switched Access or a Telephone Exchange Service line.

Open Circuit Test Line

The term "Open Circuit Test Line" denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides an ac open circuit termination of a trunk or line by means of an inductor of several Henries.

Originating Direction

The term "Originating Direction" denotes the use of access service for the origination of calls from an End User Premises to an IC Premises.

Pay Telephone

The term "Pay Telephone" denotes a location where Company equipment is provided in a public or semipublic place where Company customers can originate telephonic communications and pay the applicable charges by (1) inserting coins into the equipment, or (2) using a credit card, or (3) third party billing the call or (4) calling collect.

Permanent Facilities Special Construction

The term "Permanent Facilities" denotes facilities providing service for one month or more.

Phase Jitter

The term "Phase Jitter" denotes the unwanted phase variations of a signal.

Point of Termination

The term "Point of Termination" denotes the point of demarcation within a customer-designated premises at which the Company's responsibility for the provision of Access Service ends.

Premises

The term "Premises" denotes a building or buildings on continuous property (except Railroad Right-of-Way, etc.) not separated by a public highway.

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2. **GENERAL REGULATIONS** (Cont'd)

2. **Definitions** (Cont'd)

Recipient Switch

The term "Recipient Switch" denotes any end-office switch that serves ported NXX codes not originally assigned to that switch.

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Recoverable Cost Special Construction

The term "Recoverable Cost" denotes the cost of the specially constructed facilities for which the Company has a foreseeable reuse, either in place or elsewhere, should the service be terminated.

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Regional Service Management System/Number Portability Administration Center

The term "Regional Service Management System/Number Portability Administration Center" denotes the third party administered number portability database which maintains information on all ported numbers in a specific geographic area.

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Registered Equipment

The term "Registered Equipment" denotes the customer's premises equipment which complies with and has been approved within the Registration Provisions of Part 68 of the FCC's Rules and Regulations.

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ACCESS SERVICE2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)
2. Definitions (Cont'd)Release Message

The term "Release Message" denotes an SS7 Message sent in either direction to indicate that a specific circuit is being released.

Remote Switching Modules/Systems

The term "Remote Switching Modules/Systems" denotes small, remotely controlled electronic end office switches which obtain their call processing capability from an electronic Host Central Office. The Remote Switching Modules/Systems cannot accommodate direct trunks to *an IC*.

Return Loss

The term "Return Loss" denotes a measure of the similarity between the two impedances at the junction of two transmission paths. The higher the return loss, the higher the similarity.

Service Access Code

The term "Service Access Code" denotes a 3-digit code in the NPA format which is used as the first three digits of a 10 digit address and which is assigned for special network uses. Whereas NPA codes are normally used for identifying specific geographical areas, certain Service Access Codes have been allocated in the North American Numbering Plan to identify generic services or to provide access capability. Examples of Service Access Codes include the 800 and 900 codes.

Service Switching Point (SSP)

A Service Switching Point denotes an end office or tandem which, in addition to having SS7 and SP capabilities, is also equipped to query centralized data bases.

Serving Wire Center

The term "Serving Wire Center" denotes the wire center from which the customer designated premises would normally obtain dial tone from the Company.

Seven Digit Manual Test Line

The term "Seven Digit Manual Test Line" denotes an arrangement which allows the Customer to select balance, milliwatt and synchronous test lines by manually dialing a seven digit number over the associated access connection.

Shortage of Facilities or Equipment

The term "Shortage of Facilities or Equipment" denotes a condition which occurs when the Company does not have appropriate cable, switching capacity, bridging or, multiplexing equipment, etc., necessary to provide the Access Service requested by the customer.

Short Circuit Test Line

The term "Short Circuit Test Line" denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides for an ac short circuit termination of a trunk or line by means of a capacitor of at least four microfarads.

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- 2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)
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Signal-to-C-Notched Noise R

The term "Signal-to-C-Notched Noise Ratio" denotes the ratio in dB of a test signal to the corresponding C-Notched Noise.

Signaling Point (SP)

The term "Signaling Point (SP)" denotes an SS7 network interface element capable of originating and terminating SS7 trunk signaling messages.

Signaling System 7 (SS7)

The term "Signaling System 7 (SS7)" denotes the layered protocol used for standardized common channel signaling in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Signal Transfer Point (STP)

The term "Signal Transfer Point (STP)" denotes a packet switch which provides access to the Company's SS7 network and performs SS7 message signal routing and screening.

Signal Transfer Point (STP) Port

The term "Signal Transfer Point (STP) Port" denotes the point of termination and interconnection to the STP.

Signaling Return Loss

The term "Signaling Return Loss" denotes the frequency weighted measure of return loss at the edges of the voiceband (200 to 500 Hz and 2500 to 3200 Hz), where signaling (instability) problems are most likely to occur.

Special Order

The term "Special Order" denotes an order for a Directory Assistance Service.

Subtending End Office of an Access Tandem

The term "Subtending End Office of an Access Tandem" denotes an end office that has final trunk group routing through that tandem.

Synchronous Test Line

The term "Synchronous Test Line" denotes an arrangement in an end office which performs marginal operational tests of supervisory and ring-tripping functions.

Tandem-Switched Transport

The term "Tandem-Switched Transport" denotes transport from the serving wire center to the end office, or from the tandem to the end office, that is switched at a tandem.

Telephone Number

The term "Telephone Number" denotes a unique NPA NXX-XXXX assigned to a subscriber of a Local Service Provider.

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2. Definitions (Cont'd)

Terminating Direction

The term "Terminating Direction" denotes the use of Access Service for the completion of calls from an IC premises to an End User Premises.

Termination Charge Special Construction

The term "Termination Charge" denotes the portion of the Maximum Termination Liability that is applied as a nonrecurring charge when all services are discontinued prior to the expiration of the specified liability period.

Toll Free Database Access Service

The term "Toll Free Database Access Service" denotes a service which uses a database system to identify toll free access customers on a 10-digit basis. For purposes of administering the rules and regulations set forth in this tariff regarding the provision of Toll Free Database Access Service except where otherwise specified, Toll Free Database Access Service shall include the following service access Codes 800, 888, 877, 866, 855, 844, 833, and 822.

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Transmission Measuring (105 Type) Test Line/Responder

The term "Transmission Measuring (105 Type) Test Line/Responder" denotes an arrangement in an end office which provides far-end access to a responder and permits two-way loss and noise measurements to be made on trunks from a near end office.

Transmission Path

The term "Transmission Path" denotes an electrical path capable of transmitting signals within the range of the service offering, e.g., a voice grade transmission path is capable of transmitting voice frequencies within the approximate range of 300 to 3000 Hz. A transmission path is comprised of physical or derived facilities consisting of any form or configuration of plant typically used in the telecommunications industry.

Trunk

The term "Trunk" denotes a communications path connecting two switching systems in a network used in the establishment of an end-to-end connection.

Trunk Group

The term "Trunk Group" denotes a set of trunks which are traffic engineered as a unit for the establishment of connections between switching systems in which all of the communications paths are interchangeable.

Trunk Side Connection

The term "Trunk Side Connection" denotes the connection of a transmission path to the trunk side of a local exchange switching system.

Two-Wire to Four-Wire

The term "Two-Wire to Four-Wire Conversion" denotes an arrangement which converts a four-wire transmission path to a two-wire transmission path to allow a four-wire facility to terminate in a two-wire entity (e.g., a central office switch).

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS (Cont'd)
 2. Definitions (Cont'd)

V and H Coordinates Method

The term "V and H Coordinates Method" denotes a method of computing airline miles between two points by utilizing an established formula which is based on the vertical and horizontal coordinates of the two points.

WATS Serving Office

The term "WATS Serving Office" denotes a Company designated serving wire center where switching, screening and/or recording functions are performed in connection with the closed-end of WATS or WATS-type services.

Wire Center

The term "Wire Center" denotes a building in which one or more central offices, used for the provision of Telephone Exchange Services, are located.

ACCESS SERVICE

3. CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS SERVICE

The Company will provide Carrier Common Line Access Service to customers in conjunction with Switched Access Services provided in Section 6 of this tariff or appropriate Switched Access Service Section of other Access Service tariffs.

3.1 General Description

Carrier Common Line Access provides for the use of end users' Company provided common lines by customers for access to such end users to furnish Interstate Communications.

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3.2 Limitations

3.2.1 Exclusions

Neither a telephone number nor detail billing are provided with Carrier Common Line Access. Additionally, directory listings and intercept arrangements are not included in the rates and charges for Carrier Common Line Access.

3.2.2 Access Groups

All line side connections provided in the same access group will be limited to the same features and operating characteristics.

All trunk side connections provided in the same access group will be limited to the same features and operating characteristics.

3.2.3 WATS Access Lines

Where Switched Access Services are connected with Special Access Services at Company Designated WATS Serving Offices for the provision of WATS or WATS-type Services, Switched Access Service minutes which are carried on that end of the service (i.e., originating minutes for outward WATS and WATS-type services and terminating minutes for inward WATS and WATS-type services) shall not be assessed Carrier Common Line Access per minute charges with the following exception. Carrier Common Line Access per minutes charges shall apply when Feature Group A or Feature Group B switched access is ordered from a non-equal access company office that does not have measurement capabilities and the assumed average access minutes, as set forth in the exchange carrier's access tariff, are used.

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3. CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

3.3 Undertaking of the Company

3.3.1 Provision of Service

Where the customer is provided Switched Access Service under other sections of this or other Access Service tariffs, the Company will provide the use of Company common lines by a customer for access to end users at rates and charges as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

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3.3.2 Interstate and Intrastate Use

The Switched Access Service provided by the Company includes the Switched Access Service provided for both interstate and intrastate communications. The Carrier Common Line Access rates and charges as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following apply to interstate Switched Access Service access minutes in accordance with the rate regulations as set forth in 3.8.4 following (Percent Interstate Use - PIU).

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3.4 Obligations of the Customer

3.4.1 Switched Access Service Requirement

The Switched Access Service associated with Carrier Common Line Access shall be ordered by the customer under other sections of this tariff.

3.4.2 Supervision

The customer facilities at the premises of the ordering customer shall provide the necessary on-hook and off-hook supervision.

3.5 Determination of Usage Subject to Carrier Common Line Access Charges

Except as set forth herein, all Switched Access Service provided to the customer will be subject to Carrier Common Line Access charges.

3.5.1 Determination of Jurisdiction

When the customer reports interstate and intrastate use of Switched Access Service, the associated Carrier Common Line Access used by the customer for interstate will be determined as set forth in 3.8.4 following (Percent Interstate Use - PIU).

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3. CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

3.5 Determination of Usage Subject to Carrier Common Line Access Charges (Cont'd)

3.5.2 Local Exchange Access and Enhanced Services Exemption

When access to the local exchange is required to provide a customer service (e.g., MTS/WATS-type, telex, Data, etc.) that uses a resold Special Access Service, Switched Access Service Rates and Regulations, as set forth in Section 6 following will apply, except when such access to the local exchange is required for the provision of an enhanced service. Carrier Common Line Access rates and charges as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following apply in accordance with the resale rate regulations as set forth in 3.6.4 following.

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3.6 Resold Services

3.6.1 Scope

Where the customer is reselling MTS and/or MTS-type service(s) on which the Carrier Common Line and Switched Access charges have been assessed, the customer may, at the option of the customer, obtain Feature Group A, Feature Group B or Feature Group D Switched Access Service under this tariff as set forth in Section 6 following for originating and/or terminating access in the local exchange. Such access group arrangements whether single lines or trunks or multiline hunt groups or trunk groups will have Carrier Common Line Access charges applied as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following in accordance with the resale rate regulations set forth in 3.6.4 following. For purposes of administering this provision:

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Resold interstate terminating MTS and MTS-type service(s) shall include collect calls, third number calls and credit card calls where the reseller pays the underlying carrier's service charges; and shall not include intrastate minutes of use.

Resold interstate originating MTS and MTS-type service(s) shall not include collect, third number, credit card or intrastate minutes of use.

3.6.2 Customer Obligations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services

When the customer is reselling MTS and/or MTS-type service as set forth in 3.6.1 preceding, the customer will be charged Carrier Common Line Access charges in accordance with the resale rate regulations as set forth in 3.6.4 following if the customer or the provider of the MTS service furnishes documentation of the MTS usage and/or the customer furnishes documentation of the MTS-type usage. Such documentation supplied by the customer shall be supplied each month and shall identify the involved resold MTS and/or MTS-type services.

ACCESS SERVICE3. CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)3.6.2 Customer Obligations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services
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The monthly period used to determine the minutes of use for resold MTS and/or MTS-type services shall be the most recent monthly period for which the customer has received a bill for such resold services. This information shall be delivered to the Company, at a location specified by the Company, no later than 15 days after the bill date shown on the resold MTS and/or MTS-type service bill. If the required information is not received by the Company, the previously reported information, as described preceding, will be used for the next two months. For any subsequent month, no allocation or credit will be made until the documentation is delivered to the Company by the customer.

3.6.3 Resale Documentation Provided By the Customer

When the customer utilizes Switched Access Service as set forth in 3.6.2 preceding, the Company may request a certified copy of the customer's resold MTS or MTS-type usage billing from either the customer or the provider of the MTS or MTS-type service. Requests for billing will relate back no more than 12 months prior to the current billing period.

3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services

When the customer is provided an access group to be used in conjunction with the resale of MTS and/or MTS-type services as set forth in 3.6.1 preceding, subject to the limitations as set forth in 3.2 preceding, and the billing entity receives the usage information required as set forth in 3.6.2 preceding, to calculate the adjustment of Carrier Common Line Access charges, the customer will be billed as set forth in (C) following.

(A) Appointment and Adjustment of Resold Minutes of Use

When the customer is provided with more than one access group in a LATA in association with the resale of MTS and/or MTS-type services, the resold minutes of use will be apportioned as follows:

(1) Originating Services

The Company will apportion the resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type services and originating minutes of use for which the resale credit adjustment applies, among the access groups. Such apportionment will be based on the relationship of the originating usage for each access group to the total originating usage for all access groups in the LATA. For purposes of administering this provision:

ACCESS SERVICE3. CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services
(Cont'd)(A) Appointment and Adjustment of Resold Minutes of Use (Cont'd)(1) Originating Services (Cont'd)

Resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type services minutes shall be only those attributable to interstate originating MTS and/or MTS-type minutes and shall not include collect, third number, credit card or intrastate minutes of use.

The resale credit adjustment shall apply for resold originating MTS and MTS-type services and minutes of use, provided Carrier Common Line and Switched Access charges have been assessed on such services.

(2) Terminating Services

The Company will apportion the resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type services and terminating minutes of use for which the resale credit adjustment applies, among the access groups. Such apportionment will be based on the relationship of the terminating usage for each access group to the total terminating usage for all access groups in the LATA. For purposes of administering this provision:

Resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type services minutes shall be only those attributable to interstate terminating MTS/MTS-type (i.e., collect calls, third number calls, and credit card calls) and shall not include intrastate minutes of use or MTS/MTS-type minutes of use paid for by another party.

The resale credit adjustment shall apply for resold terminating MTS and MTS-type services and minutes of use, provided Carrier Common Line and Switched Access charges have been assessed on such services.

(B) Direct and Indirect Connections

Each of the access group arrangements used by the customer in association with the resold MTS and/or MTS-type services must be connected either directly or indirectly to the customer designated premises at which the resold MTS and/or MTS-type services are terminated. Direct connections are those arrangements where the access groups and resold MTS and/or MTS-type services are terminated at the same customer designated premises.

ACCESS SERVICE3. CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services
(Cont'd)(B) Direct and Indirect Connections (Cont'd)

Indirect originating connections are those arrangements where the access groups and the resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type services are physically located at different customer designated premises in the same exchange. Such different customer designated premises are connected by facilities that permit a call to flow from access groups to resold MTS and/or MTS-type services.

Indirect terminating connections are those arrangements where the access groups and resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type services are physically located at different customer designated premises in the same exchange. Such different customer designated premises are connected by facilities that permit a call to flow from resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type services to access groups.

(C) Access Groups

The minutes billed Carrier Common Line Access Service Charges will be the adjusted originating interstate access minutes and the adjusted terminating interstate access minutes for access groups.

The adjusted originating access minutes will be the originating interstate access minutes less the reported resold originating MTS and/or MTS-type service minutes of use as set forth in (A)(1) preceding; but not less than zero. The adjusted terminating access minutes will be the terminating interstate access minutes less the reported resold terminating MTS and/or MTS-type service minutes of use as set forth in (A)(2) preceding; but not less than zero.

(D) When the Adjustment Will Be Applied to Customer Bills

The adjustment as set forth in (C) preceding will be made to the involved customer account no later than either the next bill date, or the one subsequent to that, depending on when the usage report is obtained.

(E) Conversion of Billed Usage to Minutes

When the MTS and/or MTS-type usage is shown in hours, the number of hours shall be multiplied by 60 to develop the associated MTS and/or MTS-type minutes of use. If the MTS and/or MTS-type usage is shown in a unit that does not show hours or minutes, the customer shall provide a factor to convert the shown units to minutes.

ACCESS SERVICE3. CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services
(Cont'd)(F) Percent Interstate Use (PIU)

The adjustment as set forth in (C) preceding will be made to the involved customer account after making the adjustments to the customer account as set forth in 3.8.4 following (PIU).

3.7 Reserved for Future Use3.8 Rate Regulations3.8.1 Billing of Charges

Carrier Common Line charges will be billed to each Switched Access Service provided under this tariff in accordance with the regulations as set forth in 3.8.5 following (Determination of Charges) except as set forth in 3.6.4 preceding (Resale) and 3.8.4 following (PIU).

3.8.2 Measuring and Recording of Call Detail

When access minutes are used to determine Carrier Common Line charges, they will be accumulated using call detail recorded by Company equipment except as set forth in 3.8.3 following (Unmeasured FGA and B Usage). The Company measuring and recording equipment, except as set forth in 3.8.3 following (Unmeasured FGA and B Usage) will be associated with end office or local tandem switching equipment and will record each originating and terminating access minutes where answer supervision is received. The accumulated access minutes will be summed on a line by line basis, by line group or by end office, whichever type of account is used by the Company, for each customer and then rounded to the nearest minutes.

3.8.3 Unmeasured Feature Group A and B Usage

When Carrier Common Line Access is provided in association with Feature Group A or Feature Group B Switched Access Service in Company offices that are not equipped for measurement capabilities, assumed average interstate access minutes will be used to determine Carrier Common Line Access charges. These assumed access minutes are as set forth in the exchange carriers' access tariffs.

ACCESS SERVICE3. CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)3.8 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)3.8.4 Percent Interstate Use (PIU)

When the customer reports interstate and intrastate use of in-service Switched Access Service, Carrier Common Line charges will be billed only to interstate Switched Access Service access minutes based on the data reported by the customer as set forth in 2.3.11 preceding (Jurisdictional Reports) except where the Company is billing according to actuals by jurisdiction. Interstate Switched Access Service access minutes will, after adjustment as set forth in 3.6.4 preceding (Resale), when necessary, be used to determine Carrier Common Line Charges as set forth in 3.8.5 following.

3.8.5 Determination of Charges

After the adjustments as set forth in 3.6.4 and 3.8.4 preceding have been applied, when necessary, to Switched Access Service access minutes, charges for the involved customer account will be determined as follows:

(A) Access minutes for all Switched Access Service subject to Carrier Common Line charges will be multiplied by the per minute rate as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following. T
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(B) Access minutes for all FGB Access Services with an Abbreviated Dialing Arrangement (ADA) subject to Carrier Common Line Charges will be multiplied by the per minute rate as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following. T

(C) Carrier Common Line charges shall not be reduced as set forth in 3.6.1 preceding unless Switched Access Charges, as set forth in Section 6 following, are applied to the customer's Switched Access Services.

(D) Terminating per minute charge(s) apply to:

- all terminating access minutes of use;
 - less those terminating access minutes of use associated with Wireless Switching Centers (WSCs).
- all originating access minutes of use associated with FGA Access Services where the off-hook supervisory signaling is forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers;

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- all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, 800 series and 900 numbers, less those originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, 800 series and 900 numbers for which the customer furnishes for each month a report of either the number of calls or minutes or a report of the percent of calls or minutes that terminate in a Switched Access Service that is assessed Carrier Common Line charges.

When the customer makes this report available to the Company in advance of billing, these minutes of use will be charged on the current bill as originating minutes of use as set forth in (E) following. If a billing dispute arises concerning the customer provided report, the Company will request the customer to provide the data the customer used to develop the report. The Company will not request such data more than once a year. The customer shall supply the data within 30 days of the Company request.

When this report is not available to the Company until after billing, it shall be used by the Company to calculate and post a credit to the customer's account. The credit shall be posted to the customer's account within 30 days of receipt of the report. The credit shall be calculated by multiplying the number of access minutes of use, for which a credit is determined to be applicable, times the difference between the terminating and originating Carrier Common Line charges in effect when the calls were completed.

(E) The originating per minute charge(s) apply to:

- all originating access minutes of use;
 - less those originating access minutes of use associated with FGA Access Services where the off-hook supervisory signaling is forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers;
 - less all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, 800 and 900 numbers;
 - less those originating access minutes of use associated with Wireless Switching Centers (WSCs).

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3. CARRIER COMMON LINE ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

3.8 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

3.8.5 Determination of Charges (Cont'd)

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- plus all originating access minutes of use associated with calls placed to 700, 800 series and 900 numbers for which the customer furnishes for each month a report of either the number of calls or minutes or a report of the percent of calls or minutes that terminate in a Switched Access Service that is assessed Carrier Common Line charges, and for which a corresponding reduction in the number of terminating access minutes of use has been made as set forth in (D) preceding.

ACCESS SERVICE

4. END USER ACCESS SERVICE

The Company will provide End User Access Service to end users who obtain local exchange service from the Company under its general and/or local exchange tariffs.

4.1 General Description

End User Access provides for the use of an End User Common Line (EUCL).

4.2 Limitations

4.2.1 Exclusions

Telephone number detail billing, directory listings and intercept arrangements are not included with End User Access.

4.3 Undertaking of the Company

The Company will provide End User Access at rates and charges as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, as follows:

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- Use of an EUCL for interstate Access Services provided under this tariff. Such use will be provided when the end user obtains local exchange service.
- The Company will be responsible for contacts and arrangements with customers for the billing of End User Access charges.

4.4 Obligation of Radio Common Carriers

When the end user is a Radio Common Carrier (RCC) or provider of paging service, such end user shall designate whether the local exchange service they are provided by the Company is used as an access line for RCC or paging services, or used as an administrative line.

4.5 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowance

4.5.1 Minimum Period

The minimum period for which EUCL End User Access is provided to an end user and for which charges are applicable is the same as that in the general and/or local exchange tariffs for the associated local exchange service.

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4. END USER ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

4.5 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowance (Cont'd)

4.5.2 Cancellation of Orders

End User Access is cancelled when the order for the associated local telephone exchange service is cancelled. No cancellation charges apply.

4.5.3 Changes to Orders

When changes are made to orders for the local exchange service associated with End User Access, any necessary changes will be made for End User Access. No charges will apply.

4.5.4 Allowance for Interruptions

When there is an interruption to an EUCL, requested End User Access credit allowances for interruptions will be provided as set forth for credit allowance for interruptions in 2.4.4 preceding.

4.5.5 Temporary Suspension of Service

When an end user temporarily suspends its local exchange service which is associated with EUCL, one-half of the EUCL per month charge will be temporarily suspended for the time period the local exchange service is suspended.

4.6 Rate Regulations

4.6.1 Who Is Billed

EUCL per month charges will be billed to the end user of the associated Local Exchange Service.

4.6.2 Multiparty Service

The EUCL charge for each multiparty subscriber shall be assessed as if the subscriber had subscribed to single-party service.

4.6.3 Pay Telephone Service

The EUCL-Multiline Business rate will be assessed when a payphone Service Provider obtains an exchange service line for the purposes of offering pay telephone service.

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4. END USER ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

4.6 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

4.6.4 Business Services

(A) Single Line Service

When an end user is provided a single local business exchange service in a state, multiparty and centrex services included, and when the local business exchange service is provided under the general and/or local exchange or centrex service tariffs, the EUCL Single Line Business - Individual line or trunk rate as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following, applied to each such business individual line or trunk. In the case of multiparty service, each party is deemed to be a user of an EUCL. T

(B) Multiline Service

When an end user is provided more than one local business exchange service in a state by the Company, pay telephone, multiparty and centrex services included, and when the local exchange service is provided under the general and/or local exchange or centrex service tariffs, the EUCL-Multiline Business - Individual line or trunk rates as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following, applies to each such Multiline Business individual line or trunk. In the case of multiparty service, each party is deemed to be a user of an EUCL. T

1. DSI Channel Service

When an end user is provided local exchange service under any general and/or local exchange tariff (s) using a DS1 (1.544 Mbps) channel service where the customer provides the terminating channelization equipment, five (5) EUCL – Multiline Business Individual line or trunk charges as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following, apply to each DS1 channel service. T T

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- 4. END USER ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)
- 4.6 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)
- 4.6.4 Business Services

(C) Centrex CO and Centrex CO-like Services

Business or residence single line or multiline usage for Centrex CO and Centrex CO-like services is determined as set forth in 4.6.4(A) and (B) preceding.

Centrex CO or Centrex CO-like service provided to a college, university or school may serve both the college, university or school offices and the student or faculty dormitory (residential) quarters. When provided to residential quarters, the residential portion of the service is commonly known as dormitory service.

Residential charges will apply to lines to the student or faculty dormitory (residential) quarters as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following. Business charges for lines to the university, college or school offices will apply as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following. Charges shall be based on the number of residence and business lines reported to the Company by end user.

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For each local exchange service used only as a path for the transmission of Radio Common Carrier (RCC) traffic between the Company serving wire center and the RCC's radio equipment, End User Access charges do not apply. End User Access charges will apply to the Radio Common Carrier's local exchange service used for administrative purposes. This shall also include those Radio Common Carriers providing maritime service under part 80 of the FCC Rules and Regulations.

A Radio Common Carrier is described as a common carrier engaged in the provision of Public Mobile Service, as defined in part 22 of the FCC Rules and Regulations which is not also in the business of providing landline local exchange telephone service.

4.6.6 Remote Call Forwarding

For each local exchange service provided as Remote Call Forwarding (RCF) residential or business service, under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs, End User Access charges do not apply.

4.6.7 Residence Services(A) Single Line and Multiline Service

When an end user is provided local residence exchange service(s) in a state, multiparty and Centrex services included, and when the local residence exchange or centrex service is provided under the general and/or local exchange or Centrex service tariffs, the EUCL Residence - Individual line or trunk rate as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following, applies to each such local residence exchange trunk. In the case of multiparty service, each party is deemed to be a user of an EUCL. T

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4. END USER ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

4.7 Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC)

The Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) recovers the Company's contribution to various federal universal service funds. The Company will apply a surcharge factor each month to the billed charges for interstate access services provided to end users.

FUSC will not apply to any billed charges for an end user when the interstate access service provided to the end user qualifies under the federal universal service guidelines for Lifeline Assistance. FUSC will not apply to interstate access services purchased by customers that resell these services to end users as part of an interstate telecommunications service and are required to contribute to the various federal universal service funds. In case of a dispute regarding whether the customer is reselling services and contributing to the various federal universal service funds, the Company may request a signed certification to that effect from the customer.

4.7.1 Rate Regulations

The Company will bill FUSC each month as described below. The FUSC Surcharge Factor and the Multiline Business End User Common Line (MLB EUCL) FUSC Surcharge Factor are set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

(A) FUSC Surcharge Factor

The Company will multiply the FUSC Surcharge Factor set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, against the end user's billed interstate access services charges.

(B) MLB EUCL FUSC Surcharge Factor

In lieu of applying the FUSC Surcharge Factor specified in (A), above, against MLB EUCL charges, the Company will apply the MLB EUCL FUSC Surcharge Factor set forth in Section 18, following, as described below:

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4. END USER ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

4.7 Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) (Cont'd)

4.7.1 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

(B) MLB EUCL FUSC Surcharge Factor (Cont'd)

(1) For non-Centrex MLB EUCL customer, the Telephone Company will multiply the MLB EUCL FUSC Surcharge Factor against the end user's billed MLB EUCL charges.

(2) for Centrex MLB EUCL customers, the Company will multiply the MLB EUCL FUSC Surcharge Factor against one ninth of the end user's billed MLB EUCL charges.

The Company will also apply the FUSC Surcharge Factor as described in (A) above to all other interstate access services provided to MLB EUCL customers.

(C) Port Charges

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(1) DS1 Line Port

When an end user is provided a DS1 (1.544 Mbps) local exchange service by the Telephone Company under the general and /or local exchange tariff (s), and where the end user provides the terminating channelization equipment, a DS1 Line Port rate will apply. The DS1 Line Port rate recovers the line port costs of the DS1 channel service to the extent these costs exceed the cost of a line port used for basic, analog service.

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When an end user temporarily suspends its local exchange service that is associated with DS1 channel service, one-half of the DS1 Line Port rate per month will be temporarily suspended for the time period the local exchange service is suspended.

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(a) Rate Application

The DS1 Line Port rate is set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

This monthly rate applies to each DS1 (1.544 Mbps) channel service ordered from the Telephone Company's general and /or local exchange tariff, where the end user provides the terminating channelization equipment.

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4. END USER ACCESS SERVICE (Cont'd)

4.7 Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) (Cont'd)

4.7.1 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

(C) Port Charges (cont'd)

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(2) ISDN Line Ports

When an end user is provided Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Basic Rate Interface (BRI) and/or ISDN Primary Rate Interface (PRI) Local exchange service by the Telephone Company under the general or local exchange tariff, ISDN Line Port rates apply, ISDN Line Port rates recover the costs fo ISDN Line ports to the extend these costs exceed the cost of a line port used for basic, analog service.

When an end user temporarily suspends its local exchange service that is associated with ISDN BRI and/or ISDN PRI, one-half of the ISDN Line port rate per month will be temporarily suspended for the time period the local exchange service is suspended.

(a) Rate Application

The DS1 Line Port rate is set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

This monthly rate applies to each ISDN service arrangement ordered from the Telephone Company's general or local exchange tariff, as described below.

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- The ISDN BRI Line Port rate applies to each ISDN BRI arrangement

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- The ISDN PRI Line Port rate applies to each ISDN PRI arrangement.

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ACCESS SERVICE5. ACCESS ORDERING5.1 General

This section sets forth the regulations and order related charges for services set forth in other sections of this tariff. Order related charges are in addition to other applicable charges for the services provided.

An Access Order is an order to provide the customer with Switched Access or Access Related Service or to provide changes to existing services. D

The regulations, rates and charges for special construction are set forth in Section 15 and are in addition to the regulations, rates and charges specified in this section.

A customer may order any number of services of the same type and between the same premises on a single Access Order. All details for services for a particular order must be identical except for those for multipoint service.

The customer shall provide to the Company the order information required in 5.2 following, and in addition the customer must also provide:

- Customer name and premises address(es).
- Billing name and address (where different from customer name and address).
- Customer contact name(s) and telephone number(s) for the following provisioning activities: order negotiation, order confirmation, interactive design, installation and billing.

5.1.1 Service Installation

The Company will provide the Access Service in accordance with the customer's requested service date, subject to the constraints established by the Company schedule of applicable service dates.

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5. ACCESS ORDERING (Cont'd)

5.1 General (Cont'd)

5.1.1 Service Installation (Cont'd)

The Company shall make available to all customers, upon request, a schedule of applicable service intervals for Switched Access Services. The schedule shall specify the applicable service interval for services and quantities of services that can be provided by a requested service date. Any associated material will be provided upon request and within a reasonable period of time. D

The Company will not accept orders for service dates which exceed the applicable service date by more than six months.

Access Services will be installed during Company business days. If a customer requests that installation be done outside of schedule work hours, and the Company agrees to this request, the customer will be subject to applicable Additional Labor Charges as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

ACCESS SERVICE5. ACCESS ORDERING (Cont'd)5.1 General (Cont'd)5.1.2 Expedited Orders

When placing an Access Order, a customer may request a service date that is prior to the applicable service date. Additionally, a customer may also request an earlier service date on a pending Access Order. In this case, an access order modification as set forth in 5.4 following would be required. If the Company determines that the service can be provided on the requested date and that additional labor cost or extraordinary costs are required to meet the requested service date, the customer will be notified and will be provided with an estimate of the additional charges involved. Charges will be billed at actual cost, not to exceed 10 percent over estimated charges. Such additional charges will be determined and billed to the customer as explained following.

To calculate the additional labor charges, the Company will, upon authorization from the customer to incur the additional labor charges, keep track of the additional labor hours used to meet the request of the customer and will bill the customer at the applicable Additional Labor charges as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following. T

To develop, determine and bill the customer the extraordinary costs which may be involved, the Special Construction terms and conditions as set forth in Section 15 will be used by the Company. Authorization to incur the costs and to bill the customer will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of Section 15.

When the request for expediting occurs subsequent to the issuance of the Access Order, a Service Date Change Charge as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following also applies. T

5.1.3 Selection of Facilities for Access Orders

The option to request a specific transmission path or channel is only provided for High Capacity Facilities Special Access, or as provided for under Special Facilities Routing as set forth in Section 11 following.

When there are High Capacity facilities to a hub on order or in service for the customer's use, the customer may request a specific channel or transmission path be used to provide the Switched or Special Access Service requested in an Access Order. The Company will make a reasonable effort to accommodate the customer request.

ACCESS SERVICE5. ACCESS ORDERING (Cont'd)5.2 Ordering Requirements5.2.1 Switched Access Service

When ordering Switched Access service, the customer must specify whether the service is to be directly routed to an end office switch or through an access tandem. When service is ordered directly to an end office, the customer must specify the type and quantity of Direct Trunked Transport facility (e.g., Voice Grade or High Capacity DS1 or DS3).

The customer must also specify the type of Entrance Facility to be used for Switched Access (e.g., Voice Grade or High Capacity). For High Capacity Entrance Facilities, the customer must specify the facility assignment and the channel assignment for each trunk.

Direct Trunked Transport is available to all GCI end offices.

When the customer has both Tandem Switched Transport and Direct Trunked Transport at the same end office, the customer will be provided Alternate Traffic Routing as set forth in 6.4.6 following.

At customer request, their Local Transport may be connected to the Entrance Facility of another customer, providing the other customer submits a letter of authorization for this connection and assumes full responsibility for the cost of the Entrance Facility.

(A) Feature Group A

Orders for Feature Group A Switched Access Service shall be in lines.

When placing an order for Feature Group A Switched Access Service, the customer shall provide the following information in addition to as set forth in 5.1 preceding.

- The number of lines and the first point of switching (i.e., Dial Tone Office).
- Optional Features
- Whether the Off-hook Supervisory Signaling is provided by the customer's equipment before the called party answers, or is forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers.
- Lines to be provided as single lines.
- Lines to be arranged in multiline hunt group arrangements.
- Directionality (1-way, 2-way, etc.).
- A projected percentage of interstate use (PIU) as set forth in 2.3.11 preceding.
- The Interexchange Carrier to which the service is connected or, in the alternative, specify the means by which the FGA access communications are transported to another state.

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Orders for Feature Group B Switched Access Service shall be in trunks.

When placing an order for Feature Group B Switched Access Service, the customer shall provide the following information in addition to as set forth in 5.1 proceeding.

- The number of trunks.
- The end office when direct routing is desired.
- The access tandem office when tandem routing is desired.
- Optional Features.
- Trunks to be provided as single trunks.
- Trunks to be arranged in trunk group arrangements.
- Directionality (1-way, 2-way, etc.).
- A projected percentage of interstate use (PIU) as set forth in 2.3.11 preceding.
- The Interexchange Carrier to which the service is connected or, in the alternative, specify the means by which the FGB access communications are transported to another state.
- The access code dialing arrangement (i.e., a uniform access code of 950-1XXX or 950-0XXX).
- For Feature Group B Switched Access Service to a Mobile Telephone Switching Office (MTSO) directly interconnected to a telephone company, the customer shall provide information to the Company indicating the NXX code(s) to be accessed.

(C) Feature Group D, Interim 900 NXX Translation and SS7 Signaling

When placing an order for Feature Group D Switched Access Service, the customer shall provide:

- The number of trunks desired between a customer designated premises and an entry switch.
- The number of trunks required for SS7 Signaling capability.
- Optional Features
- Interim 900 NXX Translation options.
- A projected percentage of interstate use (PIC) as set forth in 2.3.11 preceding.
- For Feature Group D Switched Access Service to a Mobile Telephone Switching Office (MSTO) directly interconnected to a telephone company access tandem office, the customer shall provide information to the Company indicating the NXX code(s) to be accessed.

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Customers will order FGD by specifying the number of trunks desired between customer designated premises and an end office or access tandem. When ordering by trunk quantities, the customer must also provide the Company an estimate of the amount of traffic it will generate to and/or from each end office subtending the access tandem to assist the Company in its own efforts to project further facility requirements.

When Feature Group D is ordered with the Interim 900 NXX Translation optional feature, the customer shall specify the Service Access Code(s) and the associated NXX code to be translated. The initial and subsequent orders to add, change or delete Interim 900 NXX Translation codes shall be placed separately or in combination with orders to change Feature Group D Switched Access trunks. Customer assigned NXX codes which have not been ordered will be blocked.

Orders for the Interim 900 NXX Translation optional feature shall not be required until such time as a customer other than MTS/WATS provider requests Interim NXX Translation of Service Access Codes. Upon receipt of such order, the Company shall notify the MTS/WATS provider of the activation of the Interim NXX Translation Service for the Service Area Code. Following such initial activation, all customers are required to place orders for Interim NXX Translation of the Service Access Code and the Interim NXX Translation charge for the Service Access Code shall apply as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

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(D) Directory Assistance

When placing an order for Directory Assistance service, the customer shall provide the following information:

- The number of trunks from the customer designated premises to the Directory Assistance location.
- If Switched Access is required on the terminating end of the DA call, as set forth in Section 9 following, the Feature Group B or D Switched Access Service Trunk Group to be associated with the DA service.
- Directory Transport options.

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5. ACCESS ORDERING (Cont'd)
 5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)
 5.2.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

(E) SS7 Optional Feature

When Feature Group D is ordered with the SS7 optional feature, in addition to information listed in 5.2.1(C) preceding, the customer shall specify a reference to existing signaling connections or reference related to SS7 signaling connection order. When ordering SS7 signaling, the customer shall provide the Signaling Transfer Point codes, location identifier codes and circuit identifier codes. In addition, the customer shall work cooperatively with the Company to determine the number of SS7 signaling connections required to handle its signaling traffic.

For Toll Free Database Access Service, as described in 6.1.3(A) and (C)(2) (T)
 following, the customer must order FGD to those access tandems or end offices
 designated as Service Switching Point (SSP) for Toll Free Database Service in (T)
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 WIRE CENTER INFORMATION. Direct trunk routes can only be provided from
 end offices equipped to query centralized databases. All traffic originating from (T)
 end offices not equipped to provide SS7 signaling and routing require routing via an
 access tandem where SSP functionality is available.

5.2.2 Reserved For Future Use

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- 5. ACCESS ORDERING (Cont'd)
- 5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

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5.2.3 WATS or WATS-Type Services

Special Access Service may be ordered for connection with FGA, FGB or FGD Switched Access Service at Company designated WATS Serving Offices (WSOs) for the provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services and may be ordered separately by a customer other than the customer which orders the FGA, FGB or FGD Switched Access Service. For the Special Access Service, the customer shall specify:

- the customer designated premises at which the Special Access service terminates.
- the type of line (i.e., two-wire or four-wire).
- the type of calling (i.e., originating, terminating or two-way).
- type of Supervisory Signaling.

5.2.4 Mixed Use Facilities - Switched and Special Access

Mixed use is the provision of both Switched and Special Access Services over the same High Capacity facilities. Mixed use facilities to a hub will be ordered and provided as Special Access Service. Where mixed use is employed, individual services utilizing these facilities must be ordered either as Switched Access Service or Special Access Service as further elaborated and set forth in 6.4.7 following and Section 7.2.7 of the Interstate Special Access Rate Posting on GCI.com. When placing the order for the individual service(s), the customer must specify a channel assignment for each service ordered.

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5. ACCESS ORDERING (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

5.2.5 Miscellaneous Services

Testing Service, Additional Labor, Telecommunications Service Priority and Special Facilities Routing shall be ordered with an Access Order or may subsequently be added to a pending order at any time up to and including the service date for the access service. When miscellaneous services are added to a pending order, a service date change may be required. When a service date change is required, the Service Date Change Charge as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following will apply. When miscellaneous services are added to a pending order, charges for a design change as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following will apply when an engineering review is required. If both a service date change and an engineering review are required, both the Service Date Change Charge and the Design Change Charge will apply as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

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The rates and charges for these services, as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, of this tariff will apply in addition to the ordering charges set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, and the rates and charges for the Access Service with which they are associated.

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Additional Engineering is not an ordering option but will be applied to an Access Order when the Company determines that Additional Engineering is necessary to accommodate a customer request. Additional Engineering will only be required as set forth in 13.1 following. When it is required, the customer will be so notified and will be furnished with a written statement setting forth the justification for the Additional Engineering as well as an estimate of the charges.

If the customer agrees to the Additional Engineering, a firm order will be established. If the customer does not want the service or facilities after being notified that Additional Engineering of Company facilities is required, the order will be withdrawn and no charges will apply. Once a firm order has been established, the total charge to the customer for the Additional Engineering may not exceed the estimated amount by more than 10%.

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5. ACCESS ORDERING (Cont'd)

5.3 Access Orders For Services Provided by More than One Telephone Company

Access Services provided by more than one telephone company are services where one end of the Channel Mileage element is in the operating territory of one telephone company and the other end of the element is in the operating territory of a different telephone company.

The ordering procedure for this service is dependent upon the billing arrangement, s set forth in 2.4.7 preceding, to be used by the telephone companies involved in providing the Access Service.

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Each telephone company will provide its portion of the Access Service within its operating territory to an interconnection point(s) with the other telephone company(s). Billing Percentages will be determined by the telephone companies involved in providing the Access Service. Each telephone company will bill the customer for its portion of the service as set forth in 2.4.7 preceding. All other appropriate charges in each telephone company tariff are applicable.

5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering5.4.1 Access Order Charge

The Access Order Charge is applied to all customer requests for new Switched Access Service and Directory Assistance Service. In addition, the Access Order Charge is applicable to customer request for additions, changes or rearrangements to existing Switched Access Service and Directory Assistance Service with the following exceptions. D

The Access Order Charge does not apply:

- When a Service Date Change Charge is applicable.
- When a Design Change Charge is applicable.
- To administrative changes as set forth in 6.4.1(B)(3) and 7.2.2(C)(3) following.
- When a change to a pending order does not result in the cancellation of the pending order and the issuance of a new order.
- When the Interim NXX Translation charge is applicable.
- When a Miscellaneous Service Order Charge is applicable.
- When a Presubscription Charge is applicable.
- When a Company initiated network reconfiguration requires a customer's existing access service to be reconfigured.
- When a service with an ICB rate is converted to a similar service with a non-ICB tariff rate prior to the expiration of the ICB.
- When a pay per call toll denial service or a pay per call toll restore is requested.
- When a customer requests a change of trunks from tandem-switched transport to direct-trunked transport or from direct-trunked transport to tandem-switched transport, or requests to rearrange Switched Access Service between lower capacity and higher capacity facilities (e.g., Voice Grade to/from DS-1 or DS1 to/from DS-3), providing:

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- the orders to disconnect existing trunks and to connect the new trunks are placed at the same time, and
- the number of installed trunks does not exceed the number of trunks disconnected, the Access Order Charge will apply unless the customer provides justification based upon standard engineering methods to show that the additional capacity is required to maintain the same level of service.

The Access Order Charge will be applied on a per order basis to each order received by the Company or copy of an order received by the Company pursuant to 5.3.1 preceding, except by the Company applying the Interim NXX Translation charge, and is an addition to other applicable charges as set forth in this and other sections of this tariff.

The Access Order Charge will be applied on a per order basis for any change, rearrangement or addition to the delivery of signaling to an existing STP port.

5.4.2 Miscellaneous Service Order Charge

A Miscellaneous Service Order Charge, as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following, applies to any service, or combination of services ordered simultaneously from Section 13 of the Tariff for which a service order is not already pending (with the exception of Presubscription, 13.4, and Pay-Per-Call Toll Denial Service, 13.7.2, which do not have the charge applied). The Miscellaneous Service Order Charge is an administrative charge designed to compensate for the expenses associated with service order issuance. The charge always applies to the following services since a pending service order would not exist:

- Overtime Repair (13.2.2)
- Standby Repair (13.2.3)
- Testing and Maintenance with Other telephone companies other than when in conjunction with Acceptance Testing (13.2.4)
- Other labor (13.2.5)
- Maintenance of Service (13.3.2)

The Miscellaneous Service Order Charge will also apply to the following services if they are ordered subsequent to the initial installation of the associated access service, thereby necessitating the issuance of another service order:

- Telecommunications Service Priority (13.3.3)

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5. ACCESS ORDERING (Cont'd)

5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4.2 Miscellaneous Service Order Charge (Cont'd)

The charge does not apply to the following services since there would exist a pending service order:

- Additional Engineering (13.1)
- Overtime Installation (13.2.1)
- Standby Acceptance Testing (13.2.3)
- Testing and Maintenance with other telephone companies when in conjunction with Acceptance Testing (13.2.4)
- Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing [133.1(A)(1) and 13.3.1(B)(1)].

5.4.3 Access Order Change Charges

Access Order changes involve service date changes and design changes. The customer may request a change of its Access Order prior to the service date. The Company will make every effort to accommodate a requested change when it is able to do so with the normal work force assigned to complete such an order within normal business hours. If the change cannot be made with the normal work force during normal business hours, the Company will notify the customer. If the customer still desires the Access Order change, the Company will schedule a new service date as set forth in 5.1.2 preceding. All charges for Access Order change as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, will apply on a per occurrence basis.

Any increase in the number of Switched Access Service lines, trunks, or CCS/SS7 Port Terminations will be treated as a new Access Order (for the increased amount only).

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(A) Service Date Change

The customer may request a change of service date on a pending Access Order prior to the service date. A change of service date is a change of the scheduled service date by the customer to either an earlier date or a late date which does not exceed 30 calendar days from the original service date.

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 5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (Cont'd)
 5.4.3 Access Order Change Charges (Cont'd)
 (A) Service Date Change (Cont'd)

If the Company determines that the customer's request can be accommodated without delaying the service dates for orders of other customers, the service date will be changed and the Service Date Change Charge, as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following, will be applied to the order. T
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If the service date is changed to an earlier date, and the Company determines additional labor or extraordinary costs are necessary to meet the earlier service date requested by the customer, the customer will be notified by the Company that Expedited Order Charges as set forth in 5.1.2 preceding apply. Such charges will apply in addition to the Service Date Change Charge.

If the requested service date exceeds 30 calendar days following the original service date, and the Company determines that the customer's request can be accommodated, the Company will cancel the original order and apply the Cancellation Charges as set forth in 5.5.3 following. A new Access Order with a new service date will be issued. The Service Date Change Charge will not apply; however, the Access Order Charge will apply to the new order.

If the service date is changed due to a design change as set forth in (B) following, the Service Date Change Charge will apply.

(B) Design Change

The customer may request a design change to the service ordered prior to the requested service date. A design change is any change to an Access Order which requires engineering review. An engineering review is a review by Company personnel, of the service ordered and the requested changes to determine what changes in the design, if any, are necessary to meet the changes requested by the customer. Design changes include such things as the addition or deletion of optional features or functions or a change in the type of Transport Termination (Switched Access only), type of channel interface, type of Interface Group or technical specification package. Design changes do not include a change of customer designated premises, first point of switching, Feature Group type or Special Access Service channel type. Changes of this nature will require the issuance of a new order and the cancellation of the original order with appropriate cancellation charges applied.

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5. ACCESS ORDERING (Cont'd)

5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4.3 Access Order Change Charges (Cont'd)

(B) Design Change (Cont'd)

The Company will review the requested change, notify the customer whether the change is a design change, if the change can be accommodated and if a new service date is required. If the customer authorizes the Company to proceed with the design change, a Design Change Charge as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following will apply in addition to the charge for Additional Engineering as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following. If a change of service date is required, the Service Date Change Charge as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following will also apply. The Access Order Charge as specified in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following does not apply.

5.5 Minimum Periods and Cancellations

5.5.1 Minimum Periods

The minimum period for Switched Access High Capacity DS3 Entrance Facilities and Direct Trunked Transport is as set forth in 6.1.3 following.

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The minimum period for which Directory Assistance Service and the Directory Access Service is provided and for which charges apply is six months. A minimum period of six months applies for each additional period of service ordered or extended.

Switched Access usage rated services (i.e., End Office, Common Line, Tandem Switched Transport, and Residual Interconnection Charge) have no minimum period. The minimum period for which all other Access Service is provided and for which charges are applicable is one month.

5.5.2 Development of Minimum Period Charges

When Access Service is disconnected after commencement of service but prior to the expiration of the minimum period, charges are applicable for the balance of the minimum period. A disconnect constitutes facilities being returned to available inventory.

The Minimum Period Charge for monthly billed services will be determined as follows:

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5. ACCESS ORDERING (Cont'd)

5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.5.2 Development of Minimum Period Charges (Cont'd)

(A) For Switched Access Service, the charge for a month or fraction thereof is equal to the applicable recurring charges plus any nonrecurring and/or special construction charge(s) that may be due.

(B) For flat rated Switched Access Service, the charge for a month or fraction thereof is the applicable monthly rates for the appropriate channel type plus any optional features, nonrecurring and/or special construction charge(s) that may apply.

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The Minimum Period Charge for Directory Access Service is developed as set forth in 9.4.4 following.

5.5.3 Cancellation of an Access Order

(A) A customer may cancel an Access Order for the installation of service on any date prior to the service date. The cancellation date is the date the Company receives written or verbal notice from the customer that the order is to be cancelled. The verbal notice must be followed by written confirmation within 10 days. If a customer or a customer's end user is unable to accept Access Service within 30 calendar days after the original service date, the customer has the choice of the following options:

- The Access Order shall be cancelled and charges set forth in (B) following will apply, or
- Billing for the service will commence.

In such instances, the cancellation date or the billing date, depending on which options is selected by the customer, shall be the 31st day beyond the original service date of the Access Order.

(B) When a customer cancels an Access Order for the installation of service, a Cancellation Charge will apply as follows:

- (1) Installation of Switched Access Service facilities is considered to have started when the Company incurs any cost in connection therewith or in preparation thereof which would not otherwise have been incurred.

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5. ACCESS ORDERING (Cont'd)

5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.5.3 Cancellation of an Access Order (Cont'd)

(B) (Cont'd)

(2) Where the customer cancels an Access Order prior to the start of installation of access facilities, no charges shall apply.

(3) Where installation of access facilities has been started prior to the cancellation, the charges specified in (a) or (b) following, whichever is lower, shall apply.

(a) A charge equal to the costs incurred in such installation, less estimated net salvage. Such costs include the nonrecoverable cost of equipment and material ordered, provided or used, plus the nonrecoverable cost of installation and removal including the costs of engineering, labor, supervision, transportation, rights-of-way and other associated costs;

(b) The minimum period charges for Switched Access Service ordered by the customer, as set forth in 5.5.2 preceding. D

(C) When a customer cancels an order for the discontinuance of service, no charges apply for the cancellation.

(D) If the Company misses a service date by more than 30 days and such delay is not requested or caused by the customer (excluding those circumstances where the date is missed due to acts of God, governmental requirements, work stoppages and civil commotions), the customer may cancel the Access Order without incurring cancellation charges.

5.5.4 Partial Cancellation Charge

Any decrease in the number of ordered Switched Access Service lines, trunks or CCS/SS7 Port Terminations will be treated as a partial cancellation, and charges will be determined as set forth in 5.5.3(B) preceding. D

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service6.1 General

Switched Access Service, which is available to customers for their use in furnishing their services to end users, provides a two-point communications path between a customer designated premises and an end user's premises. It provides for the use of common terminating, switching, and trunking facilities and for the use of common subscriber plant of the Company. Switched Access Service provides for the ability to originate calls from an end user's premises to a customer designated premises, and to terminate calls from a customer designated premises to an end user's premises. Specific references to material describing the elements of Switched Access are provided in 6.1.3 and 6.5 through 6.8 following.

Rates and charges for Switched Access Service depend generally on the specific Feature Group ordered by the customer, e.g., for MTS or WATS services or MTS/WATS equivalent services. Rates and charges for Switched Access Service are set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following. The application of rates for Switched Access Service is described in 6.4 following. Rates and charges for services other than Switched Access Service, e.g., a customer's toll message service, may also be applicable when Switched Access Service is used in conjunction with these other services. Descriptions of such applicability are provided in 6.4.5, 6.4.9, 6.5.1(H), 6.5.3, 6.6.1(G), 6.6.2(D), and 6.7.1(E) following. Finally, a credit is applied against line side Switched Access Service charges as described in 6.4.8 following.

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T6.1.1 Description and Provision of Switched Access Service Arrangements(A) Description

Switched Access Service is provided in three different Feature Group arrangements which are service categories of standard and optional features. These are differentiated by their technical characteristics, e.g., line side vs. trunk side connection at the Company first point of switching. They are also differentiated by optional feature availability and the manner in which the end user accesses them in originating calling, e.g., with or without access codes of various lengths and digits.

The provision of each Feature Group requires Local Transport facilities, including an Entrance Facility where required, and the appropriate End Office functions. In addition, Special Access Service may, at the option of the customer, be connected with Feature Groups A, B or D at Company designated WATS Serving Offices.

There are two specific transmission specifications (i.e., Types B and C) that have been identified for the provision of Feature Groups. The technical specifications for the Entrance Facility and Direct Trunked Transport are the same as those set forth in Section 7 following for Voice Grade and High Capacity services. The specifications provided are dependent on the Interface Group and the routing of the service, i.e.,

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.1 General (Cont'd)6.1.1 Description and Provision of Switched Access Service Arrangements (Cont'd)(A) Description (Cont'd)

whether the service is routed directly to the end office or via an access tandem. The parameters for transmission specifications are set forth in 14.1.2 following.

Feature Groups are arranged for either originating, terminating or two-way calling, based on the customer end office switching capacity ordered. Originating calling permits the delivery of calls from Telephone Exchange Service locations to the customer designated premises. Terminating calling permits the delivery of calls from the customer designated premises to Telephone Exchange Service locations. Two-way calling permits the delivery of calls in both directions, but not simultaneously. The Company will determine the type of calling to be provided unless the customer requests that a different type of directional calling is to be provided. In such cases, the Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine the directionality.

There are various optional features associated with Local Transport, Common Switching and Transport Termination available with the Feature Groups. In addition, the Interim 900 NXX Translation optional feature is available with Feature Group D.

Detailed descriptions of each of the available Feature Groups are set forth in 6.5 through 6.7 following. Each Feature Group is described in terms of its specific physical characteristics and calling capabilities, the optional features available for use with it and the standard testing capabilities.

The Common Switching and Transport Termination optional features, which are described in 6.8.1 following, unless specifically stated otherwise, are available at all Company end office switches.

(B) Manner of Provision

Switched Access is furnished in quantities of lines or trunks. FGA Access and FGB Access are furnished on a per-line or per trunk basis, respectively. FGD is provided to customers on a per trunk basis as set forth in 5.2 preceding.

6.1.2 Ordering Options and Conditions

Switched Access Service is ordered under the Access Order provisions set forth in 5.2 preceding. Also included in that section are regulations concerning miscellaneous service order charges which may be associated with Switched Access ordering (e.g., Service Date Changes, Cancellations, etc.).

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

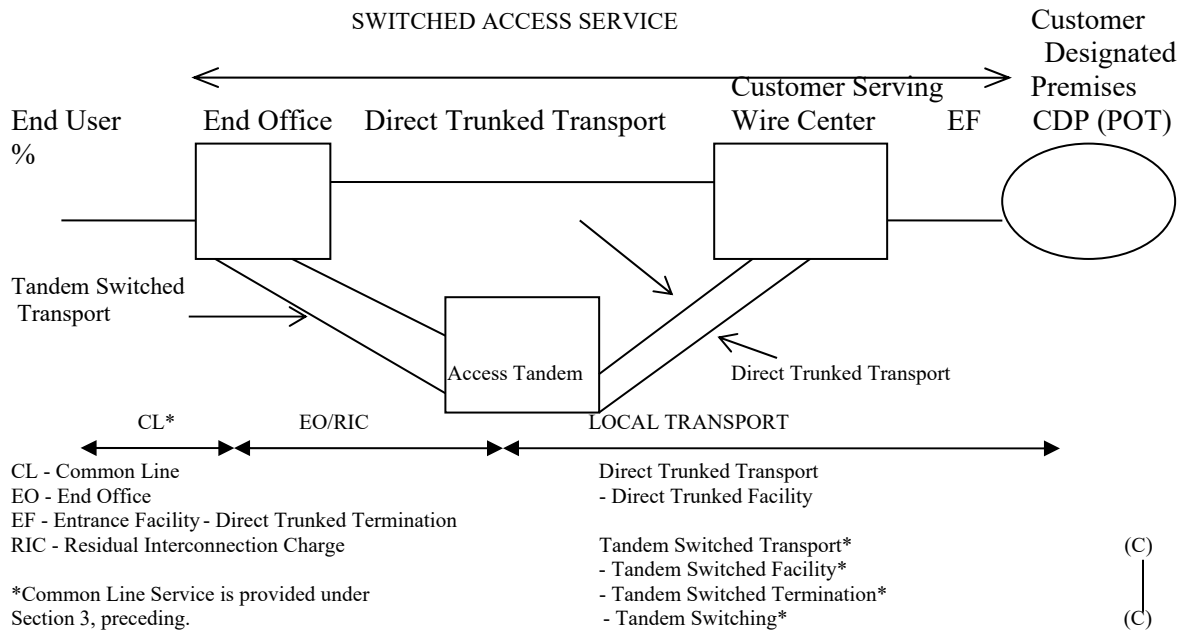
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6.1.3 Rate Categories

There are four rate categories which apply to Switched Access Service:

- Local Transport (described in 6.1.3(A) following)
- End Office (described in 6.1.3(B) following)
- Chargeable Optional Features (described in 6.1.3(C) following)
- Common Line (described in Section 3 preceding)

The following Diagram depicts a generic view of the components of Switched Access Service and the manner in which the components are combined to provide a complete Access Service.



*As of July 1, 2021, for originating toll free minutes only, end office rate elements (i.e., Local Switching and Information Surcharge) are listed in Section 18.2.3(A) and (B), following, and the Joint Tandem Switched Transport rate element in Section 18.2.2, following, is applied per tandem as set forth in Section 6.1.3(A), following, in lieu of the Tandem Switched Facility, Tandem Switched Termination and Tandem Switching rate elements

(A) Local Transport

The Local Transport rate category establishes the charges related to the transmission and tandem switching facilities between the customer designated premises and the end office switch(es), which may be a Remote Switching Module, where the customer's

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 6.1 General (Cont'd)
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 (A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

traffic is switched to originate or terminate the customer's communications. Mileage measurement rules are set forth in 6.4.6 following and in this section.

Local Transport is a two-way voice frequency transmission path composed of facilities determined by the Company. The two-way voice frequency transmission path permits the transport of calls in the originating direction (from the end user end office switch to the customer designated premises) and in the terminating direction (from the customer designated premises to the end office switch), but not simultaneously. The voice frequency transmission path may be comprised of any form or configuration of plant capable of and typically used in the telecommunications industry for the transmission of voice and associated telephone signals within the frequency bandwidth of approximately 300 to 3000 Hz. The customer must specify the choice of facilities (i.e., Voice Grade 2 or 4 wire or High Capacity DS1 or DS3) to be used in the provision of the Direct Trunked Transport or Entrance Facility.

The customer must specify when ordering (1) whether the service is to be directly routed to an end office switch or through an access tandem switch, (2) the type of Direct Trunked Transport and whether it will overflow to Tandem Switched Transport when service is directly routed to an end office, (3) the type of Entrance Facility, (4) the directionality of the service, and (5) when multiplexing is required, the hub(s) at which the multiplexing will be provided.

Additionally, when service is to be routed through an access tandem switch, the customer must specify whether the facility between the serving wire center and the tandem is to be provided as Direct Trunked Transport or Tandem Switched Transport.

When the customer has both Tandem Switched Transport and Direct Trunked Transport at the same end office, the customer will be provided Alternate Traffic routing as set forth in 6.4.6 following.

Local Transport is provided at the rates and charges set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following. The application of these rates with respect to individual Feature Groups is as set forth in 6.4.1(C) following. When more than one telephone company is involved in providing the Switched Access Service, the Local Transport rates are applied as set forth in 2.4.7 preceding.

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The Local Transport Rate Category includes five classes of rate elements: (1) Entrance Facility, (2) Direct Trunked Transport, (3) Tandem Switched Transport, (4) Residual Interconnection Charge, and (5) Multiplexing.

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.1 General (Cont'd)6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)(1) Entrance Facility

The Entrance Facility recovers a portion of the costs associated with the communications path between a customer designated premises and the serving wire center of that premises. Included as part of the Entrance Facility is a standard channel interface arrangement which defines the technical characteristics associated with the type of facilities to which the access service is to be connected at the customer designated premises and type of signaling capability, if any.

Three types of Entrance Facilities are available: (1) Voice Grade 2 or 4 wire (an analog channel with an approximate bandwidth of 300 to 3000 Hz), (2) High Capacity DS1 (an isochronous serial digital channel with a rate of 1.544 Mbps) and (3) High Capacity DS3 (an isochronous serial digital channel with a rate of 44.736 Mbps). The minimum period for which a DS3 Entrance Facility is provided is twelve months.

One charge applies for each Entrance Facility that is terminated at a customer designated premises.

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At customer request, their Local Transport may be connected to the Entrance Facility of another customer, providing the other customer submits a letter of authorization for this connection and assumes full responsibility for the cost of the Entrance Facility.

(2) Direct Trunked Transport

The Direct Trunked Transport rate elements recover a portion of the cost associated with a communications path between a serving wire center and an end office or serving wire center and a tandem on circuits dedicated to the use of a single customer. Direct Trunked Transport is available at all Company end offices.

Three types of Direct Trunked Transport are available: (1) Voice Grade 2 or 4 wire (an analog channel with an approximate bandwidth of 300 to 3000 Hz), (2) High Capacity DS1 (an isochronous serial digital channel with a rate of 1.544 Mbps) and (3) High Capacity DS3 (an isochronous serial digital channel with a rate of 44.736 Mbps). The minimum period for which a High Capacity DS3 Direct Trunked Transport is provided is twelve months.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(2) Direct Trunked Transport (Cont'd)

Direct Trunked Transport rates consists of a Direct Trunked Facility rate which is applied on a per mile basis and a Direct Trunked Termination rate which is applied at each end of each measured segment of the Direct Trunked Facility (i.e., at the end office, hub, tandem and serving wire center). When the Direct Trunked Facility mileage is zero, neither the Direct Trunked Facility rate nor the Direct Trunked Termination rate will apply.

The Direct Trunked Facility rate recovers a portion of the costs of transmission facilities, including intermediate transmission circuit equipment, between the end points of the interoffice circuits.

The Direct Trunked Termination rate recovers a portion of the costs of the circuit equipment that is necessary for the termination of each end of the Direct Trunked Facility.

(3) Tandem Switched Transport

The Tandem Switched Transport rate elements recover a portion of the costs associated with a communications path between a serving wire center and an end office or between a tandem and an end office on circuits that are switched at a tandem switch.

Tandem Switched Transport rate consists of a Tandem Switching rate, a Tandem Switched Facility rate, and a Tandem Switched Termination rate. For originating toll free minutes only, a Joint Tandem Switched Transport rate applies in lieu of the Tandem Switching, Tandem Switched Facility and Tandem Switched Termination rates and is only billed by the tandem company that performs the tandem switching function.

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The Tandem Switching rate recovers a portion of the costs of switching traffic through an access tandem. The Tandem Switching rate specified in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 18, following is applied on a per access minutes per tandem basis for all originating (excluding Toll Free) and all terminating minutes of use switched at the tandem.

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The Tandem Switched Facility rate recovers a portion of the costs of transmission facilities, including intermediate transmission circuit equipment, between the end points of interoffice circuits. The Tandem Switched Facility rate specified in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 18, following is applied on a per access minutes per mile basis for all originating (excluding Toll Free) and terminating minutes of use routed over the facility.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(3) Tandem Switched Transport (Cont'd)

The Tandem Switched Termination rate recovers a portion of the costs of circuit equipment necessary for the termination of each end of the Tandem Switched Facility. The Tandem Switched Termination rate specified in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 18, following is applied on a per access minutes basis (for all originating (excluding Toll Free) and terminating minutes of use routed over the facility) at each end of Tandem Switched Facility (e.g., at the end office, host office, remote, tandem, and serving wire center). When the Tandem Switched Facility mileage is zero, neither the Tandem Switched Facility rate nor the Tandem Switched Termination rate will apply.

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The Joint Tandem Switched Transport rate specified in Section 18.2.2, following, is applied on a per originating toll free access minute per tandem basis in lieu of the Tandem Switching, Tandem Switched Facility, and Tandem Switched Termination rates and is only billed by the tandem company that performs the tandem switching function.

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(4) Residual Interconnection Charges

The Residual Interconnection Charge recovers the costs associated with Local Transport that are not recovered by the Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport, Tandem Switched Transport, Multiplexing, or dedicated signaling (i.e., SS7) rates. The Residual Interconnection Charge applies to all access minutes of use (i.e., both Tandem Switched and Direct Trunked).

(5) Multiplexing

DS3 to DS1 Multiplexing charges apply when a High Capacity DS3 Entrance Facility or High Capacity DS3 Direct Trunked Facility is connected with High Capacity DS1 Direct Trunked Transport. The DS3 to DS1 multiplexer will convert a 44.736 Mbps channel to 28 DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

DS1 to Voice Grade Multiplexing charges apply when a High Capacity DS1 Entrance Facility or High Capacity DS1 Direct Trunked Facility is connected with Voice Grade Direct Trunked Transport. However, a DS1 to Voice Grade Multiplexing charge does not apply when a High Capacity DS1 Entrance Facility or High Capacity DS1 Direct Trunked Transport is terminated at an electronic end office and only Switched Access Service is provided over the DS1 facility (i.e., Voice Grade Special Access channels are not derived). The DS1 to Voice Grade multiplexer will convert a 1.544 Mbps channel to 24 Voice Grade channels.

Multiplexing is only available at wire centers identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF FCC NO. 4, WIRE CENTER INFORMATION.

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.1 General (Cont'd)6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)(6) Interface Groups

Ten Interface Groups are provided for terminating the Entrance Facility at the customer's designated premises. Technical specifications concerning the available interface groups are set forth in 14.1 following.

(7) Nonchargeable Optional Features

Where transmission facilities permit, the individual transmission path between the customer's designated premises and the first point of switching may, at the option of the customer, be provided with the following optional features as set forth and described in 14.1.1(E) following.

- Supervisory Signaling
- Customer Specified Entry Switch Receive Level
- Customer Specification of Local Transport Termination

When a customer subscribes to Common Channel Signaling (SS7) Network Connection Service (CCSNC Service), the following optional features are made available and are described in 6.8.1 following.

- Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling
- Calling Party Number
- Carrier Selection Parameter
- Charge Number Parameter

(8) Common Channel Signaling, Signaling System 7 (CBS/SS7) Network Connection (CCSNC)

Service provides a signaling path between a customer's designated Signaling Point of Interface (SPOI) and a Company's Signaling Transfer Point (STP). CCSNC is provided as set forth in 6.8.3 following.

Toll Free Database Access Service is provided to all customers in conjunction with FGD switched access service. A Basic or Vertical Feature Query charge, as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 18, following is assessed for each query launched to the Toll Free database. The Basic query provides the identification of the customer to whom the call will be delivered and includes area of service routing which allows routing of originating Toll Free calls by the Company to different interexchange carriers. (T) (T) (T) (T)

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Query provides this same customer identification function in addition to vertical features which may include: (1) call validation (ensuring that calls originate from subscribed service areas); (2) POTS translation of 800 numbers (which is generally necessary for the routing of 800 calls); (3) alternate POTS translation (which allows subscribers to vary the routing of 800 calls based on factors such as time of day, place of origination of the call, etc.); and (4) multiple carrier routing (which allows subscribers to route to different carriers based on factors similar to those in (3)).

(B) End Office

The End Office rate category establishes the charges related to the local end office switching and end user termination functions necessary to complete the transmission of Switched Access communications to and from the end users served by the local end office. The End Office rate category includes the Local Switching and Information Surcharge rate elements. Directory Assistance Service is set forth in Section 9 following.

(1) Local Switching

The Local Switching rate element establishes the charges related to the use of end office switching equipment, the terminations in the end office of end user lines, and the termination of calls at Company Intercept Operators or recordings.

Local Switching is applicable to:

- Feature Group D
- Feature Group B when utilized to provide MTS/WATS service
- Feature Groups A and B used for terminating inward WATS and WATS-type service at an equal access WATS Serving Office

Where end offices are appropriately equipped, international dialing may be provided as a capability associated with Local Switching which provides local dial switching for Feature Group D. International dialing provides the capability of switching international calls with service prefix and address codes having more digits than are capable of being switched through a standard FGD equipped end office.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 6.1 General (Cont'd)
 6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)
 (B) End Office (Cont'd)
 (1) Local Switching (Cont'd)

Rates for Local Switching are set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 18, following. For originating toll free minutes only, a different Local Switching rate is specified in Section 18.2.3, following. The application of this rate with respect to individual Feature Groups is as set forth in 6.4.1(C) following. (T),(C)
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There are four types of functions included in the Local Switching rate element: Common Switching, Transport Termination, Line Termination and Intercept. These are described in (a) through (d) following.

(a) Common Switching

Common Switching provides the local end office switching functions associated with the various access (i.e., Feature Group) switching arrangements. The Common Switching arrangements provided for the various Feature Group arrangements are described in 6.5 through 6.7 following.

Included as part of Common Switching are various nonchargeable optional features which the customer can order to meet the customer's specific communications requirements. These optional features are described in 6.8.1 following.

(b) Transport Termination

Transport Termination functions provide for the line or trunk side arrangements which terminate the Local Transport facilities. Included as part of these functions are various nonchargeable optional termination arrangements. These optional terminating arrangements are described in 6.8.1 following.

The number of Transport Terminations provided will be determined by the Company as set forth in 6.2.5 following.

(c) Line Termination

Line Termination provides for the terminations of end user lines in the local end office. There are two types of Line Terminations, i.e., Common Line Terminations and Special Access Service Terminations utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type services at Company designated WATS Serving Offices.

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The preceding Special Access Service Terminations are differentiated by line side vs. trunk side terminations. In addition, there are various types of originating and terminating line side terminations depending on the type of signaling associated with the Special Access Service. Line side terminations are available with either dial pulse or dual tone multifrequency address signaling.

(d) Intercept

The Intercept function provides for the termination of a call at a Company Intercept operator or recording. The operator or recording tells a caller why a call, as dialed, could not be completed, and if possible, provides the correct number.

(2) Information Surcharge

Information Surcharge rates are assessed to a customer based on the total number of access minutes. Information Surcharge rates are as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 18, following. For originating toll free minutes only, a different Information Surcharge rate is specified in Section 18.2.3, following. The application of these rates with respect to individual Feature Groups is as set forth in 6.4.1(C) following.

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The Information Surcharge does not apply to Feature Groups B and D Switched Access Services associated with Mobile Telephone Switching Offices (MTSOs) directly interconnected to a Company access tandem office.

The number of end office switching transmission paths will be determined as set forth in 6.2.5 following.

(C) Chargeable Optional Features

Where facilities permit, the Company will, at the option of the customer, provide the following chargeable optional features.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 6.1 General (Cont'd)
 6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)
 (C) Chargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(1) Interim 900 NXX Translation

The Interim 900 NXX Translation rate element provides for customer identification when calls are directed by end users in the 1+SAC+NXX+XXXX (e.g., 1+900+NXX+XXXX) format. The NXX codes are assigned to specific customers in conformance with the North American Numbering Plan (NANP). NXX code assignment(s) will be made by the Bellcore NANP Coordinator. The Company will use the NXX code to identify the customer to whose point of termination the traffic is to be delivered, (i.e., at appropriately equipped electronic end offices, access tandems or through contracted arrangements with other parties). It is then the responsibility of the customer to do any further translation the customer deems necessary to route the call. Customer assigned NXX codes which have not been ordered will be blocked.

A nonrecurring charge, as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following, is associated with this optional feature. This nonrecurring charge is assessed by the Company on a per order, applied in lieu of the Access Order Charge specified in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following. The nonrecurring charge is assessed only by the Company that provides the final translation function. A Company is said to have provided the final Interim NXX Translation when its translation identifies the customer's traffic, and this traffic is then delivered to the customer's point of termination without any further translation. The description and application of this charge with respect to FGD is as set forth in 6.4.1(B)(2) and 5.4.1(C) following.

(2) Toll Free Database Access Service (T)

Toll Free Database Access Service is provided to all customers in conjunction with FGD switched access service. When a 1+800 series-NXX-XXXX call is originated by an end user, the Company will utilize the Signaling system 7 (SS7) network to query a Toll Free database to identify the customer to whom the call will be delivered and provide vertical features based on the dialed ten digits. The call will then be routed to the identified customer over FGD switched access. The 800 series includes the following service access codes: 800, 888, 877, 866, 855, 844, 833 and 822. (T)

A Basic or Vertical Feature Query charge, as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 18, following, is assessed for each query launched to the database which identifies the customer to whom the call will be delivered. (T)

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(C) Chargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(2) Toll Free Database Access Service (Cont'd)

The Basic Query provides the identification of the customer to whom the call will be delivered and includes area of service routing which allows routing of originating Toll Free calls by the Company to different interexchange carriers. The Vertical Feature Query provides the same customer identification as the basic query and vertical features which may include: (1) call validation (ensuring that all originate from subscribed service areas); (2) POTS translation of 800 series numbers; (3) alternate POTS translation (which allows subscribers vary the routing of 800 series calls based on factors such as time of day, place or origination of the call, etc.); and (4) multiple carrier routing (which allows subscribers to route to different carriers based on factors similar to those in (3)). If the originating company transmits the results of the query, it will assess the query charge per call. However, when the originating company is unable to do so, the next company in the call path that is able to launch and transmit the results of the query will assess the query charge. Only one query charge per call may be assessed

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The description and application of the charge with respect to Feature Group D is as set forth in 6.4.1(C) following.

6.2 Undertaking of the Company

6.2.1 Network Management

The Company will administer its network to insure the provision of acceptable service levels to all telecommunications users of the Company's network services. Generally, service levels are considered acceptable only when both end users and customers are able to establish connections with little or no delay encountered within the Company network. The Company maintains the right to apply protective controls, i.e., those actions, such as call gapping, which selectively cancel the completion of traffic, over any traffic carried over its network, including that associated with a customer's Switched Access Service. Generally, such protective measures would only be taken as a result of occurrences such as failure or overload of Company or customer facilities, natural disasters, mass calling or national security demands. In the event that the protective controls applied by the Company result in the complete loss of service by the customer, the customer will be granted a Credit Allowance for Service Interruption as set forth in 2.4.4(B)(3) preceding.

6.2.2 Transmission Specifications

Each Switched Access Service transmission path is provided with standard transmission specifications. There are three different standard specifications (Types A, B and C). The standard for a particular transmission path is dependent on the Feature Group, the Interface Group and whether the service is directly routed or via an access tandem.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
6.2 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)
6.2.2 Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

The available transmission specifications are as set forth in 14.1.2 following. Data Transmission parameters are also provided with each Switched Access Service transmission path. The Company will, upon notification by the customer that the data parameters set forth in 14.1.3 following are not being met, conduct tests independently or in cooperation with the customer, and take any necessary action to insure that the data parameters are met.

The Company will maintain existing transmission specifications on functioning service configurations installed prior to May 25, 1984, except that service configurations having performance specifications exceeding the standards set forth 14.1.2 following will be maintained at the performance levels specified.

The transmission specifications concerning Switched Access Service are limits which, when exceeded, may require the immediate corrective action of the Company. The transmission specifications are set forth in 14.1.2 following. Acceptance limits are set forth in Technical Reference TR-NWT-000334. This Technical Reference also provides the basis for determining Switched Access Service maintenance limits.

6.2.3 Provision of Service Performance Data

Subject to availability, end-to-end service performance data available to the Company through its own service evaluation routines, may also be made available to the customer based on previously arranged intervals and format. These data provide information on overall end-to-end call completion and non-completion performance, e.g., customer equipment blockage, failure results and transmission performance. These data do not include service performance data which are provided under other tariff sections, e.g., testing service results. If data are to be provided in other than paper format, the charges for such exchange will be determined on an individual case basis.

6.2.4 Testing

(A) Acceptance Testing

At no additional charge, the Company will, at the customer's request, cooperatively test at the time of installation, the following parameters: loss, C-notched noise, C-message noise, 3-tone slope, d.c. continuity and operational signaling. When the Local Transport is provided with Interface Groups 2 through 10, and the Transport Termination is two-wire (i.e., there is a four-wire to two-wire conversion in Local Transport), balance parameters (equal level echo path loss) may also be tested.

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
- 6.2 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)
- 6.2.4 Testing (Cont'd)

(B) Routine Testing

At no additional charge, the Company will, at the customer's request, test after installation on an automatic or manual basis, 1004 Hz loss, C-message noise and Balance (Return loss).

In the case of automatic testing, the customer shall provide remote office test lines and 105 test lines with associated responders or their functional equivalent.

The frequency of these tests will be that which is mutually agreed upon by the customer and the Company, but shall consist of not less than quarterly 1004 Hz Loss and C-message noise tests and an annual Balance test. Trunk test failures requiring customer participating for trouble resolution will be provided to the customer on an as-occurs basis.

Additional tests may be ordered as set forth in 13.3.1 following. Charges for these additional tests are set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following. T

6.2.5 Determination of Number of Transmission Paths

For Feature Groups A and B, which are ordered on a per line or per trunk basis respectively, and Feature Group D when ordered on a per trunk basis, the customer specifies the type of transport facilities and the number of channels in the order for service.

For Tandem Switched Transport, the Company will determine the number of Switched Access Service transmission paths to be provided for Switched Access Feature Group D. The number of transmission paths provided shall be the number required based on (1) the use of access tandem switches and end office switches, (2) the use of end office switches only, or (3) the use of the tandem switches only.

6.2.6 Trunk Group Measurement Reports

Subject to availability, the Company will make available trunk group data in the form of usage in CBS, peg count and overflow, to the customer based on previously agreed to intervals.

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.3 Obligations of the Customer

In addition to the obligations of the customer set forth in 2.3 preceding, the customer has certain specific obligations pertaining to the use of Switched Access Service. These obligations are as follows.

6.3.1 Report Requirements(A) Jurisdictional Reports

When a customer orders Switched Access Service for both interstate and intrastate use, the customer is responsible for providing reports as set forth in 2.3.11 preceding. Charges will be apportioned in accordance with those reports. The method to be used for determining the interstate charges is set forth in 2.3.12 preceding.

(B) Code Screening Reports

When a customer orders service class routing, trunk access limitation or call gapping arrangements, it must report the number of trunks and/or the appropriate codes to be instituted in each end office or access tandem switch for each of the arrangements orders.

6.3.2 Trunk Group Measurement Reports

With the agreement of the customer, trunk group data in the form of usage in CCS, peg count and overflow for its end of all access trunk groups, where technologically feasible, will be made available to the Company. These data will be used to monitor trunk group utilization and service performance and will be based on previously arranged intervals and format.

6.3.3 Supervisory Signaling

The customer's facilities shall provide the necessary on-hook, off-hook, answer and disconnect supervision.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

6.3.4 Short Duration Mass Calling Requirements

When a customer offers service for which a substantial call volume is expected during a short period of time (e.g., 900 service media stimulated events), the customer must notify the Company at least 48 hours in advance of each peak period. Notification should include the nature, time, duration, and frequency of the event, an estimated call volume, and the telephone number(s) to be used.

On the basis of the information provided, the Company may invoke network management controls (e.g., call gapping and code blocking) to reduce the probability of excessive network congestion. The Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine the appropriate level of such control.

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6. Switched Access Service

6.4 Rate Regulations

This section contains the specific regulations governing the rates and charges that apply for Switched Access Service.

6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges

There are two types of rates and charges that apply to Switched Access Service; recurring (usage and flat rates) and nonrecurring charges. These rates and charges are applied differently to the various rate elements as set forth in (C) following.

(A) Recurring Rates

(1) Usage Rates for Switched Access Service are rates that apply on a per access minute or a per call basis. Access minute charges per call charges are accumulated over a monthly period.

(2) Flat Rates for Switched Access Service are rates that apply on a per month rate element basis.

(B) Nonrecurring Rates

Nonrecurring charges are one-time charges that apply for a specific work activity (i.e., installation or change to an existing service). The types of nonrecurring charges that apply for Switched Access Service are: installation of service, Interim 900 NXX Translation optional feature and service rearrangements. These charges, with the exception of the Interim 900 NXX Translation optional feature, are in addition to the Access Order Charge as specified in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

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(1) Installation of Service

A Local Transport nonrecurring installation charge, as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following, will be applied at the serving wire center for each Entrance Facility installed. Additionally a nonrecurring trunk activation charge as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following will be applied at each end office when ordered to the end office on a per order per end office basis or at the tandem when ordered to the tandem for each group of 24 Direct Trunked Transport trunks or fraction thereof that is activated (i.e., designated by the customer to carry switched access). A maximum of 24 trunks can be activated on a DS1 facility and a maximum of 672 trunks can be activated on a DS3 facility.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
- 6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)
- 6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
- (B) Nonrecurring Rates (Cont'd)
- (1) Installation of Service (Cont'd)

For example, if a customer orders a DS1 Entrance Facility and requests activation of 18 of the available circuits, the customer will be charged one Local Transport High Capacity DS1 Installation nonrecurring charge at the serving wire center and one Direct Trunked Transport Activation nonrecurring charge at the end office. If at a later date the customer request the activation of three more circuits, the customer will then be charged an additional Direct Trunked Transport Activation nonrecurring charge. These charges are in addition to the Access Order Charge as specified in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

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(2) Interim 900 NXX Translation Optional Feature

This nonrecurring charge applies to the initial order for the installation of the Interim 900 NXX Translation optional feature with Feature Group D Switched Access Service and for each subsequent order received to add or change 900 NXX translation codes. This charge, if applicable, applies whether this optional feature is installed coincident with or at any time subsequent to the installation of Switched Access Services. This charge is applied by the Company per order. When it is necessary for multiple telephone companies to provide the translation function, the nonrecurring charge is assessed only by the telephone company that provides the final translation function which identifies the customer's traffic and this traffic is then delivered to the customer's point of termination without any further translation.

(3) Service Rearrangements

All changes to existing services other than changes involving administrative activities and the off-hook supervisory signaling of FGA Access Services, will be treated as a discontinuance of the existing service and an installation of a new service. The nonrecurring charge described in (1) preceding will apply for this work activity. Moves that change the physical location of the point of termination are described and charges for as set forth in 6.4.4 following.

If, due to technical limitations of the Company, a customer could not combine its Interim NXX traffic with its other trunk side Switched Access Services, no charge shall apply to combine these trunk groups when it becomes technically possible.

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)(B) Nonrecurring Rates (Cont'd)(3) Service Rearrangements (Cont'd)

Administrative changes will be made without charge(s) to the customer.

Administrative changes are as follows:

- Change of customer name,
- Change of customer or customer's end user premises address when the change of address is not a result of a physical relocation of equipment,
- Change in billing data (name, address, or contact name or telephone number),
- Change of agency authorization,
- Change of customer circuit identification,
- Change of billing account number,
- Change of customer test line number,
- Change of customer or customer's end user contact name or telephone number, and
- Change of jurisdiction

Other changes made without charge to the customer are as follows:

- Changes and additions to existing Switched Access Services which are necessary due to Company initiated network reconfiguration, and required to provide the same grade of service to the customer that existed prior to the reconfiguration, will be made without charge to the customer.

Charges will apply to those changes and additions which are in excess of those required to provide the same grade of service and/or capacity. Grade of service will be as determined by industry standard engineering tables.

When a customer request a change of trunks from tandem-switched transport to direct-trunked transport or from direct-trunked transport to tandem-switched transport, or request to rearrange Switched Access service between lower capacity and higher capacity facilities (e.g., voice grade to/from DS-1 or DS-1 to/from DS-3), the nonrecurring charges set forth in (1) preceding do not apply providing:

- the orders to disconnect existing trunks and to connect the new trunks are placed at the same time, and
- the number of installed trunks does not exceed the number of trunks disconnected, all nonrecurring charges will apply to the excess trunks unless the customer provides justification based upon standard engineering methods to show that the additional capacity is required to maintain the same level of service.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(B) Nonrecurring Rates (Cont'd)

(3) Service Rearrangements (Cont'd)

Changes to the point in time when the off-hook supervisory signal is provided in the originating call sequence, i.e., when the off-hook supervisory signal is changed from being provided by the customer's equipment before the called party answers to being forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers to vice versa, are subject to the Access Order Charge as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

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For additions, changes or modifications to an optional feature which has a separate nonrecurring charge, that nonrecurring charge will apply.

For additions, changes or modifications to optional features that do not have their own separate nonrecurring charges, an Access Order Charge as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following will apply. When an optional feature is not required on each transmission path, but rather for an entire transmission path group, an end office or an access tandem switch, only one such charge will apply (i.e., it will not apply per transmission path).

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For conversion of FGD trunks from multifrequency address signaling to SS7 signaling or from SS7 signaling to multifrequency address signaling, nonrecurring charges will apply as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

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(C) Application of Rates

Rates are applied as premium rates. The application of these rates is dependent upon the Feature Group, type of Entrance Facility, and type of transport (e.g., Direct Trunked Transport, Tandem Switched Transport, type of Multiplexing).

The following rules provide the basis for applying the rates and charges:

(1) Premium Rates

Premium rates apply to all access minutes that originate or terminate at end offices equipped with equal access (i.e., FGD) capabilities and to Directory Transport Service. Premium rates also apply to FGB and FGD access minutes that originate or terminate at a Mobile Telephone Switching Office (MTSO) that is directly connected to a Company access tandem office. In addition, premium rates apply to FGB access minutes when utilized in the provision of MTS/WATS service.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)

(1) Premium Rates (Cont'd)

Premium rates will apply to all of the flat rated rate elements (i.e., Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Facility, Direct Trunked Termination and Multiplexing).

(2) Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 Network Connection

The Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 (CBS/SS7) Network Connection is comprised of a Signaling Mileage Facility charge, a Signaling Mileage Termination charge, a Signaling Entrance Facility charge and a Signaling Transfer Point (STP) Port charge.

The Signaling Mileage Facility charge is assessed on a per facility per mile basis. The Signaling Mileage Termination charge is assessed on a per termination basis (i.e., at each end of the Signaling Mileage Facility). When the Signaling Mileage Facility mileage measurement is zero, Signaling Mileage Termination charges do not apply.

The Signaling Entrance Facility charge is assessed on a per facility basis for the connection between the customer's designated premises (Signaling Point of Interface) and the serving wire center of that premises.

The STP Port charge is assessed on a per port basis for each termination of a Signaling Mileage Facility at an STP.

(3) Toll Free Database Access Service

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A Basic Query or Vertical Feature Query charge applies for each query that is launched to a Toll Free database and identifies the customer to whom the call will be delivered. The query is considered completed when the appropriate call routing information is returned to the Service Switching Point (SSP) that launched the query and the results are transmitted to the next company in the call path. If the originating company transmits the results of the query, it will assess the query charge per call. However, when the originating company is unable to do so, the next company in the call path that is able to launch and transmit the results of the query will assess the query charge. Only one query charge per call may be assessed. Query charges, as set forth in the Rate Section 18, following, will only be applied by those companies whose wire centers are identified as assessing query charges in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF FCC No. 4.

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When Feature Group D switched access service is used for the provision of Toll Free Database Access Service and the total minutes of use and/or count of queries can be determined for each customer at a tandem or SSP but cannot be determined by individual end office, an allocation method will be utilized to determine minutes of use and/or queries by end office and customer. For each end office a ratio will be developed and applied against the total minutes of use.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)

(3) Toll Free Database Access Service (Cont'd) (T)

and/or count of queries for a given customer as determined by the tandem or SSP. These ratios will be developed by dividing the unidentified originating Toll Free minutes of use at an end office by the total unidentified originating minutes of use in all end offices subtending the tandem or SSP. For example, assume: (T)

- Three end offices (EO-1, EO-2 and EO-3) subtend a tandem

EO-1 measures	2,000 minutes of	800 series use	(T)
EO-2 measures	3,000 minutes of	800 series use	(T)
EO-3 measures	5,000 minutes of	800 series use	(T)
10,000 TOTAL			

- The tandem delivers 800 series usage to two customers (T)

IC-A has 4,000 minutes of use
IC-B has 6,000 minutes of use

- The allocation ratio for EO-1 is 20%

- The minutes of use to be billed by EO-1 are

800 to IC-A (20% x 4,000)
<u>1,200</u> to IC-B (20% x 6,000)
2,000

(4) Shared Transport

Shared Transport refers to a rate application that is applicable only when the customer orders High Capacity Direct Trunked Transport between a serving wire center and a Company hub where the Company performs multiplexing/de-multiplexing functions and the same customer then orders the derived channels as Direct Trunked Transport and Tandem Switched Transport. When the same customer also orders Special Access Service to be provided over this same high capacity facility, this service is considered to be Mixed Use and the regulations set forth in 7.2.7 following must first be applied to separate the portion to be charged as Switched Access Service from the portion to be charged as Special Access Service.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)

(4) Shared Transport (Cont'd)

Except as noted previously, the Switched Access Service will be ordered, provided and rated as Direct Trunked Transport (i.e., Direct Trunked Facility and Direct Trunked Termination). As each derived channel is activated for Tandem Switched Transport, the High Capacity Direct Trunked Transport, the High Capacity Direct Trunked Transport and Multiplexing rates will be reduced accordingly (e.g., 1/24th for a High Capacity DS1 service, 1/672nd for a High Capacity DS3 service, etc.). Tandem Switched Transport rates and charges, as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following, will apply for each channel that is used to provide the Tandem Switched Transport.

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6.4.2 Minimum Monthly Charge

Switched Access Service is subject to a minimum monthly charge. The minimum charge applies for the total capacity provided. The minimum monthly charge is calculated as follows.

For usage rated Local Transport, Local Switching and Information Surcharge rate elements, the minimum monthly charge is the sum of the recurring charges as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following for either the actual measured usage or the assumed usage prorated to the number of days or major fraction of days based on a 30-day month.

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For flat rated Local Transport rate elements, the minimum monthly charges is the sum of the recurring charges set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following prorated to the number of days or major fraction of days on a 30-day month.

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6.4.3 Change of Switched Access Service Arrangements

Changes from one type of Feature Group to another will be treated as a discontinuance of one type of service and a start of another. Nonrecurring charges will apply.

6.4.4 Moves

A move involves a change in the physical location of one of the following:

- The point of termination at the customer designated premises
- The customer designated premises

The charges for the move are dependent on whether the move is to a new location within the same building or to a different building.

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)6.4.4 Moves (Cont'd)(A) Moves Within the Same Building

When the move is to a new location within the same building, the charge for the move will be an amount equal to one half of the installation nonrecurring charge for the capacity affected. This charge is in addition to the Access Order Charge as specified in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following. There will be no change in the minimum period requirements.

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(B) Moves to a Different Building

Moves to a different building will be treated as a discontinuance and start of service and all associated nonrecurring charges will apply. New minimum period requirements will be established for the new service. The customer will also remain responsible for satisfying all outstanding minimum period charges for the discontinued service.

6.4.5 Local Information Delivery Service

Calls over Switched Access Service in the terminating direction to certain community information services will be rated under the applicable rates for Switched Access Service as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

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6.4.6 Mileage Measurement

The mileage to be used to determine the monthly rate for Local Transport is calculated on airline distances between the end office switch, which may be a Remote Switching Module (where the call carried by Local Transport originates or terminates) and the customer's serving wire center. When Tandem Switched Transport or Direct Trunked Transport is ordered between the serving wire center and the end office, mileage is normally measured in one segment from the serving wire center to the end office. When Direct Trunked Transport is ordered between a serving wire center and a tandem and Tandem Switch Transport is ordered between the tandem and the end office, mileage is calculated separately for each segment. Exceptions to these methods are set forth in (A) through (G) following. For SS7 signaling, the mileage to be used to determine the monthly rate for the Signaling Mileage Facility is calculated on the airline distance between the serving wire center associated with the customer's designated premises (Signaling Point of Interface) and the Company wire center providing the STP Port.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)
6.4.6 Mileage Measurement (Cont'd)

Where applicable, the V&H coordinates method is used to determine mileage. This method is set forth in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF FCC No. 4 for Wire Center Information (V&H Coordinates).

Mileage rates are as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following. To determine the rate to be billed, first compute the airline mileage using the V&H coordinates method. If the calculation results in a fraction of a mile, always round up to the next whole mile before determining the mileage and applying the rates. Then multiply the mileage by the appropriate rate. Exceptions to the mileage measurement rules are as follows:

(A) Feature Group A - Originating Usage

Direct Trunked Transport Mileage for premium rated access minutes in the originating direction over Feature Group A Switched Access Service will be calculated on an airline basis, using the V&H coordinate method. The mileage measurement will be between the first point of switching (end office switch where the Feature Group A switching dial tone is provided) and the customer's serving wire center for the Switched Access Service provided.

(B) Feature Group A - Terminating Usage

The Local Transport mileage for terminating Feature Group A Switched Access Service will be measured in two segments. Direct Trunked Transport mileage will be measured between the customer's serving wire center and the first point of switching (i.e., the end office switch where the Feature Group A switching dial tone is provided). Tandem Switched Transport mileage will be measured between the first point of switching and the terminating end office.

(C) Feature Groups B and D - Alternate Traffic Routing

When the Alternate Traffic Routing optional feature is provided with Feature Group B or D, the Local Transport access minutes will be apportioned between the two trunk groups used to provide this feature. Such Apportionment will be made using: (1) actual minutes of use if available, (2) standard Company traffic engineering methodology and will be based on the last trunk CBS desired for the high usage group, as described in 6.8.1(I) following (Alternate Traffic Routing), when the feature is provided at an end office switch, or the subtending end offices when the feature is provided at an access tandem switch or (3) an apportionment mutually agreed to by the Company and the customer. This apportionment will serve as the basis for Local Transport calculation.

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- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
- 6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)
- 6.4.6 Mileage Measurement (Cont'd)

(D) Feature Groups A, B, and D - WATS

The Local Transport Facility for Feature Groups A, B, and D Switched Access Service connected with Special Access Service at a WATS Serving Office will be measured between the WATS Serving Office and the serving wire center for the customer designated premises.

(E) Feature Groups B and D - MSTOs Directly Interconnected to Access Tandems

The Local Transport mileage for Feature Groups B and D Switched Access Services provided to Mobile Telephone Switching Offices (MTSOs) directly interconnected to a Company access tandem office will be determined on an airline basis, using the V&H coordinate method. The mileage will be measured between the customer's serving wire center and the Company access tandem office to which the MTSO is interconnected.

(F) Feature Groups B and D - Remote Offices

The Local Transport mileage for Feature Groups B and D Switched Access Service provided to a Remote Office will be measured in multiple segments. When the facility is directly trunked to the Host Office, Direct Trunked Facility mileage will be measured between the customer's serving wire center and the Host Office, and Tandem Switched Facility mileage will be measured between the Host Office and the Remote Office.

The Tandem Switched Facility will use the Terminating-Tandem 3rd Party rate when a ILEC does not own the Tandem. The Tandem Switching charge will not apply.

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When the facility is directly trunked to a tandem, Direct Trunked Facility will be measured from the Serving Wire Center to the tandem, Tandem Switched Facility will be measured from the tandem to the host, and another segment of Tandem Switched Facility will be measured from the host to the remote. When a Tandem Switch is a company owned tandem then the Tandem Switch rates will use the Terminating-Tandem End Office rates. If the Tandem is not company owned, the Tandem Switch rates will use the Terminating-Tandem 3rd Party rates. A Tandem Switching charge would be applicable at the tandem.

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When service to the remote is ordered as only Tandem Switched Facility, mileage will be measured between the serving wire center and the remote. The Tandem Switching charge will be applicable at the tandem.

(G) Use of Company Hubs

When multiplexing is performed at Company Hubs, mileage is computed and rates applied separately for each segment of the Local Transport Direct Trunked Facility (i.e., customer serving wire center to Hub and Hub to end office).

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)6.4.7 Mixed Use

Mixed use occurs when Switched Access Service and Special Access Service are provided over the same High Capacity service through a common interface. The regulations governing the provision of Mixed Use Facilities are set forth in 5.2.4 preceding and 7.2.7 following.

6.4.8 Message Unit Credit for Feature Group A

Calls from end users to the seven-digit local telephone numbers associated with Feature Group A Switched Access Service are subject to Company local and/or general exchange service tariff charges (including message unit and toll charges as applicable). The monthly bills rendered to customers for their Feature Group A Switched Access Service will include a credit to reflect any message unit charges collected from their end users under the Company's local and/or general exchange service tariffs. No credit will apply for any terminating FGA access minutes. The message unit credit for originating access minutes will be based on the generally applicable message unit charges of the Company.

6.4.9 Application of Rates for Feature Group A Extension Service

Feature Group A Switched Access Service is available with extension, i.e., additional terminations of the service at different customer designated premises. Feature Group A extensions within the same state as the dial tone office are provided and charged under this tariff. Feature Group A extensions located in a different state are provided and charged as Special Access Service. The rate elements which apply are: A Voice Grade Channel Termination, Channel Mileage, if applicable, and Signaling Capability (optional features and functions), if applicable. All appropriate monthly rates and nonrecurring charges set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following will apply.

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6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA)6.5.1 Description

(A) FGA Access, which is available to all customers, provides line side access to Company end office switches with an associated seven digit local telephone number for the customer's use in originating communications from and terminating communications to an Interexchange Carrier's Interstate Service or a customer - provided interstate communications capability. The customer must specify the Interexchange Carrier to which the FGA service is connected or, in the alternative, specify the means by which the FGA access communications is transported to

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)6.5.1 Description (Cont'd)

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another state. Special Access Services utilized for connection with FGA at Company designated WATS Serving Offices as set forth in Section 7 following may be ordered separately by a customer other than the customer which orders the FGA Switched Access Service for the provision of WATS-type services. Special Access Services are ordered as set forth in 5.2 preceding.

(B) FGA Switching is provided at all end office switches. At the option of the customer, FGA is provided on a single or multiple line group basis and is arranged for originating calling only, terminating calling only, or two-way calling which are specified by the customer's order for service.

(C) FGA provides a line side termination at the first point of switching (dial tone office). the line side termination will be provided with either ground start supervisory signaling or loop start supervisory signaling. The type of signaling is at the option of the customer.

(D) The Company shall select the first point of switching, at which the line side termination is to be provided unless the customer requests a different first point of switching and Company facilities and measurement capabilities, where necessary, are available to accommodate such a request.

(E) A seven-digit local telephone number assigned by the Company is provided for access to FGA switching in the originating direction. The seven-digit local telephone number will be associated with the selected end office switch and is of the form NXX-XXXX.

If the customer requests a specific seven-digit telephone number that is not currently assigned, and the Company can, with reasonable effort, comply with that request, the requested number will be assigned to the customer.

(F) FGA switching, when used in the terminating direction, is arranged with dial tone start-dial signaling. When used in the terminating direction FGA switching may, at the option of the customer, be arranged for dial pulse or dual tone multifrequency address signaling, subject to availability of equipment at the first point of switching. When FGA switching is provided in a hunt group or uniform call distribution arrangement, all FGA switching will be arranged for the same type of address signaling.

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)6.5.1 Description (Cont'd)

(G) No address signaling is provided by the Company when FGA switching is used in the originating direction. Address signaling in such cases, if required by the customer, must be provided by the customer's end user using inband tone signaling techniques. Such inband tone address signals will not be regenerated by the Company and will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Local Transport provided.

(H) FGA switching, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the Company's serving area, local operator service (0- and 0+), Directory Assistance (411 where available and 555-1212), emergency reporting service (911 where available), exchange telephone repair (611 where available), time or weather announcement services of the Company, community information services of an information service provider, and other customer's services (by dialing the appropriate digits).

Charges for FGA terminating calls requiring operator assistance or calls to 611 or 911 will only apply where sufficient call details are available. Additional non-access charges will also be billed on a separate account for (1) an operator surcharge, as set forth in the local exchange tariffs, for local operator assistance calls, (2) calls to certain community information services, for which rates are applicable under Company exchange service tariffs, and (3) calls from a FGA line to another customer's service in accordance with that customer's applicable service rates when the Company performs the billing function for that customer.

For calls to Directory Assistance, Local Transport rates for FGA Switched Access Service will apply. Additionally, calls to Directory Assistance are subject to the Directory Assistance Service Call rate set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following. T

(I) When a FGA switching arrangement for an individual customer (a sling line or entire hunt group) is discontinued at an end office, an intercept announcement is provided. This arrangement provides, for a limited period of time, an announcement that the service associated with the number dialed as been disconnected.

(J) FGA will be provisioned over an Entrance Facility from the customer's premises to the customer's serving wire center. FGA service, when used in the originating direction, will be provisioned as Direct Trunked Transport from the first point of switching to the customer's serving wire center. FGA service, when used in the terminating direction, will be provisioned as Direct Trunked Transport from the customer's serving wire center to the first point of switching and provisioned as Tandem Switched Transport from the first point of switching to the terminating end office.

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)6.5.2 Optional Features(A) Common Switching Options

Descriptions of the common switching optional features are set forth in 6.8.1 following.

- (1) Call denial on line or hunt group
- (2) Service code denial on line or hunt group
- (3) Hunt group arrangement
- (4) Uniform call distribution arrangement
- (5) Nonhunting number for use with hunt group or uniform call distribution arrangement
- (6) Band advance arrangement for use with special access service utilized in the provision of WATS-type services
- (7) Hunt group arrangement for use with special access service utilized in the provision of WATS-type services
- (8) Uniform call distribution arrangement for use with special access service utilized in the provision of WATS-type services
- (9) Nonhunting number associated with a hunt group arrangement or uniform call distribution arrangement for use with special access service utilized in the provision of WATS-type services

(B) Transport Termination

- (1) Two-way operation with dial pulse address signaling and loop start signaling
- (2) Two-way operation with dial pulse address signaling and ground start supervisory signaling
- (3) Two-way operation with dial tone multifrequency address signaling and loop start supervisory signaling
- (4) Two-way operation with dial tone multifrequency address signaling and ground start supervisory signaling
- (5) Terminating operation with dial pulse address signaling and loop start supervisory signaling
- (6) Terminating operation with dial pulse address signaling and ground start supervisory signaling
- (7) Terminating operation with dual tone multifrequency address signaling and loop start supervisory signaling
- (8) Terminating operation with dual tone multifrequency address signaling and ground start supervisory signaling

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)6.5.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)(B) Transport Termination (Cont'd)

- (9) Originating operation with loop start supervisory signaling
- (10) Originating operation with ground start supervisory signaling

(C) Local Transport Options

- (1) Supervisory signaling (as set forth in 14.1.1(E) following)
- (2) Customer specified entry switch receive level (as set forth in 14.1.1(E) following)

6.5.3 Optional Features Provided in GCI Local Tariff

Certain other features which may be available in connection with Feature Group A (e.g., Speed Calling, Remote Call Forwarding, Bill Number Screening) are provided under the Company's local and/or general exchange service tariffs.

6.5.4 Measuring Access Minutes

Customer Feature Group A traffic to end offices will be measured (i.e., recorded) by the Company at end office switches. Originating and terminating calls will be measured by the Company to determine the basis for computing chargeable access minutes. In the event the customer message detail is not available because the Company lost or damaged tapes or incurred recording system outages, the Company will estimate the volume of lost customer access minutes of use based on previously known values.

For terminating calls over FGA and for originating calls over FGA (when the off-hook supervisory signal is provided by the customer's equipment before the called party answers), the measured minutes are the chargeable access minutes. For originating calls over FGA (when the off-hook supervisory signal is forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers), chargeable originating access minutes are derived from recorded minutes.

For originating calls over FGA, usage measurement begins when the originating FGA first point of switching receives an off-hook supervisory signal forwarded from the customer's point of termination. This off-hook signal may be provided by the customer's equipment before the called party answers, or forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers.

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)6.5.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

The measurement of originating call usage over FGA ends when the originating FGA first point of switching receives an on-hook supervisory signal from either the originating end user's end office, indicating the originating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

For terminating calls over FGA, usage measurement begins when the terminating FGA first point of switching receives an off-hook supervisory signal from the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has answered. The measurement of terminating call usage over FGA ends when the terminating FGA first point of switching receives an on-hook supervisory signal from either the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

FGA access minutes or fractions thereof, the exact value of the fraction being a function of the switch technology where the measurement is made, are accumulated over the billing period for each line or hunt group, and are then rounded up to the nearest access minute for each line or hunt group.

6.5.5 Testing Capabilities

FGA is provided, in the terminating direction where equipment is available, with seven-digit access to balance (100 type) test line and milliwatt (102 type) test line. In addition to the tests described in 6.2.4 preceding which are included with the installation of service (Acceptance Testing) and as ongoing routine testing, Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing and Additional Manual Testing are available as set forth in 13.3.1 following.

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB)6.6.1 Description

(A) FGB access, which is available to all customers, provides trunk side access to Company end office switches with an associated uniform 950-1XXX or 950-0XXX access code. FGB trunk side access is provided for the customer's use in originating communications from and terminating communications to an Interexchange Carrier's Interstate Service or a customer provided interstate communications capability. The customer must specify the Interexchange Carrier to which the FGB service is connected or, in the alternative, specify the means by which the FGB access communications is transported to another state. Special Access Services utilized for connection with FGB at Company designated WATS Serving Offices as set forth in Section 7 following may be ordered separately by a customer other than the customer which orders the FGB Switched Access Service for the provision of WATS or WATS-type services. Special Access Services are ordered as set forth in 5.2 preceding.

(B) FGB, when directly routed to an end office (i.e., provided without the use of an access tandem switch), is provided at appropriately equipped Company electronic end office switches. When provided via Company designated electronic access tandem switches, FGB switching is provided at Company electronic end office switches.

(C) FGB is provided as trunk side switching through the use of end office or access tandem switch trunk equipment. The switch trunk equipment is provided with wink start-pulsing signals and answer and disconnect supervisory signaling.

(D) FGB switching is provided with multifrequency address signaling in both the originating and terminating directions. Except for FGB switching provided with the automatic number identification (ANI) or rotary dial station signaling arrangements as set forth respectively in 6.8.1(F) and 6.8.2 following, any other address signaling in the originating direction, if required by the customer, must be provided by the customer's end user using inband tone signaling techniques. Such inband tone address signals will not be regenerated by the Company and will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Local Transport provided.

(E) The access code for FGB switching is a uniform access code. The form of the uniform access code is 950-1XXX or 950-0XXX. A uniform access code(s) will be assigned to the customer for the customer's domestic communications and another will be assigned to the customer for its international communications, if required. These access codes will be the assigned access numbers of all FGB switched access service provided to the customer by the Company.

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)6.6.1 Description (Cont'd)

(F) The Company will establish a trunk group or groups for the customer at end office switches or access tandem switches where FGB switching is ordered. When required by technical limitations, a separate trunk group will be established for each type of FGB switching arrangement provided. Different types of FGB or other switching arrangements may be combined in a single trunk group at the option of the Company.

(G) FGB switching, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the GCI Serving Area, time or weather announcement services of the Company, community information services of an information service provider and other customer's services (by dialing the appropriate digits). When directly routed to an end office, only those valid NXX codes served by that end office may be accessed. When routed through an access tandem, only those valid NXX codes served by end offices subtending the access tandem will be accessed.

Calls in the terminating direction will not be completed to 950-1XXX or 950-0XXX access codes, local operator assistance, Directory Assistance, services codes 611 and 911 or 10XXX access codes. Calls will be completed to Directory Assistance (NPA-555-1212 or 555-1212) when FGB switching is combined with Directory Assistance (DA) switching. The combination of FGB Switched Access Service with DA service is provided as set forth in Section 9 following. FGB may not be switched, in the terminating direction, to Switched Access Service Feature Groups B and D.

(H) When all FGB switching arrangements are discontinued at an end office, an intercept announcement is provided. This arrangement provides, for a limited period of time, an announcement that the service associated with the number dialed has been disconnected.

(I) For FGB switched access service to a Mobile Telephone Switching Office (MTSO) directly interconnected to a Company access tandem office, the customer will be billed only the Local Transport premium rate element for the FGB usage. The mileage used to determine the monthly rate for the Local Transport rate element is as set forth in 6.4.6(E) preceding.

6.6.2 Optional Features

Following are descriptions of the various nonchargeable optional features that are available in lieu of, or in addition to, the standard features provided with FGB. They are set forth in (A) through (C) following and are provided as Common Switching, Transport Termination and Local Transport options. Additionally, other optional features provided in local tariffs are set forth in (D) following.

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)6.6.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)(A) Common Switching Options

Descriptions of the common switching optional features are set forth in 6.8 following.

- (1) Automatic number identification (ANI)
- (2) Up to 7 digit outpulsing of access digits to customer
- (3) Band advance arrangement for use with Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type services
- (4) Hunt group arrangement for use with Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type services
- (5) Uniform call distribution arrangement for use with Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type services
- (6) Nonhunting number associated with hunt group arrangement or uniform call distribution arrangement for use with Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type services

(B) Transport Termination Options

- (1) Rotary dial station signaling

(C) Local Transport Options

- (1) Customer specification of Local Transport Termination
- (2) Optional supervisory signaling
- (3) Customer specified entry switch receive level

Inasmuch as these options concern transmission levels and signaling, they are set forth in 14.1.1 following.

(D) Optional Features Provided in Local Tariffs

Another feature, Bill Number Screening, which may be available in connection with FGB, is provided under the Company's local and/or general exchange service tariff.

6.6.3 Design and Traffic Routing

For FGB, the trunk directionality and traffic routing of the Switched Access Service between the customer designated premises and the entry switch are determined by the customer's order for service. Additionally, the customer may order the optional feature Customer Specification of Local Transport Termination as set forth in 14.1.1 following.

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)6.6.4 Measuring Access Minutes

Customer traffic to end offices will be measured (i.e., recorded) by the Company at end office switches or access tandem switches. Originating and terminating calls will be measured by the Company to determine the basis for computing chargeable access minutes. In the event the customer message detail is not available because the Company lost or damaged tapes or incurred recording system outages, the Company will estimate the volume of lost customer access minutes of use based on previously known basis.

For both originating and terminating calls over FGB the measured minutes are the chargeable access minutes.

For originating calls over FGB, usage measurement begins when the originating FGB first point of switching receives answer supervision forwarded from the customer's point of termination, indicating the customer's equipment has answered. The measurement of originating call usage over FGB ends when the originating FGB first point of switching receives disconnect supervision from either the originating end user's end office, indicating the originating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

For terminating calls over FGB, usage measurement begins when the terminating FGB first point of switching receives answer supervision from the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has answered. The measurement of terminating call usage over FGB ends when the terminating FGB first point of switching receives disconnect supervision from either the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

FGB access minutes or fractions thereof, the exact value of the fraction being a function of the switch technology where the measurement is made, are accumulated over the billing period for each end office, and are then rounded up to the nearest access minute for each end office.

6.6.5 Testing Capabilities

FGB is provided, in the terminating direction where equipment is available, with seven-digit access to balance (100 type) test line, milliwatt (102 type) test line, nonsynchronous or synchronous test line, automatic transmission measuring (105 type) test line, data transmission (107 type) test line, loop around test line, short circuit test line and open circuit test line. In addition to the tests described in 6.2.4 preceding which are included with the installation of service (Acceptance Testing) and as ongoing routine testing, Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing, Additional Automatic Testing, and Additional Manual Testing are available as set forth in 13.3.1. following.

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ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD)6.7.1 Description

(A) FGD access, which is available to all customers, provides trunk side access to Company end office switches. Special Access Services utilized for connection with FGD at Company designated WATS Serving offices as set forth in Section 7 following may be ordered separately by a customer other than the customer which orders the FGD Switched Access Service for the provision of WATS or WATS-type services. Special Access Services are ordered as set forth in 5.2 preceding.

(B) FGD is provided at Company designated end office switches, whether routed directly or via Company electronic access tandem switches.

(C) FGD is provided as trunk side switching through the use of end office or access tandem switch trunk equipment. The switch trunk equipment is provided with wink start-pulsing signals and answer and disconnect supervisory signaling.

(D) FGD switching is provided with multifrequency address signaling or out of band SS7 signaling. With multifrequency address signaling and SS7 signaling, up to 12 digits of the called party number dialed by the customer's end user using dual tone multifrequency or dial pulse address signals will be provided by Company equipment to the customer's premises where the Switched Access Service terminates. Such address signals will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Local Transport provided.

(E) FGD switching, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the Company serving area, time or weather announcement services of the Company, community information services of an information service provider, and other customers' services (by dialing the appropriate codes) when such services can be reached using valid NXX codes. When directly routed to an end office, only those valid NXX codes served by that office may be accessed. When routed through an access tandem, only those valid NXX code served by end offices subtending the access tandem may be accessed.

Calls in the terminating direction will not be completed to 950-1XXX or 950-0XXX access codes, local operator assistance, Directory Assistance (411 and 555-1212), services codes 611 and 911 and 10XXX access codes. Calls will be completed to Directory Assistance (NPA-555-1212 or 555-1212) when FGD switching is combined with Directory Assistance switching. The combination of FGD Switched Access Service with DA Service is provided as set forth in Section 9 following. FGD may not be switched, in the terminating direction, to Switched Access Service Feature Groups B or D.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.7.1 Description (Cont'd)

(F) The Company will establish a trunk group or groups for the customer at end office switches or access tandem switches where FGD switching is provided. When required by technical limitations, a separate trunk group will be established for each type of FGD or other switching arrangements may be combined in a single trunk group at the option of the Company.

(G) The access code for FGD switching is a uniform access code of the form 10XXX. A uniform access code(s) will be assigned number of all FGD access provided to the customer by the Company. No access code is required for calls to a customer over FGD Switched Access Service if the end user's telephone exchange service is arranged for presubscription to that customer as set forth in 13.4 following.

Where no access code is required, the number dialed by the customer's end user shall be a seven or ten-digit number for calls in the North American Numbering Plan (NANP). For international calls outside the NANP, a seven to twelve-digit number may be dialed. The form of the numbers dialed by the customer's end user is NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1+NXX-XXXX, NPA+NXX-XXXX, 0 or 1+NPA+NXX-XXXX, and when the end office is equipped for International Direct Distance Dialing (IDDD), 01-CC-NN or 011+CC+NN.

When the 10XXX access code is used, FGD switching also provides for dialing the digit 0 for access to the customer's operator, 911 for access to the Company's emergency reporting service, or the end-of-dialing digit (#) for cut-through access to the customer designated premises.

(H) For FGD switched access service to a MTSO directly interconnected to a Company access tandem office, the customer will be billed only the Local Transport premium rate element for the FGD usage. The mileage used to determine the monthly rate for the local transport rate is as set forth in 6.4.6(E) preceding.

(I) FGD switching will be arranged to accept calls from telephone exchange service locations without the need for dialing the 10XXX uniform access code. Each telephone exchange service line may be marked with a code to identify which 10XXX code calls will be directed for service.

(J) Unless prohibited by technical limitations, the customer's Interim NXX Translation and/or Toll Free Database traffic may, at the option of the customer, be combined in the same trunk group arrangement with the customer's non-Interim NXX Translation traffic and/or Toll Free Database traffic. When required by technical limitations, or at the request of the customer, a separate trunk group will be established for Interim NXX Translation or Toll Free Database traffic. (T)
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ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)6.7.1 Description (Cont'd)

(K) When a customer has had FGB access in an end office and subsequently replaces the FGB access with FGD access, at the mutual agreement of the customer and the Company, the Company will direct calls dialed by the customer's end users using the customer's previous FGB access code to the customer's FGD access service. The customer must be prepared to handle normally dialed FGD calls as well as calls dialed with the FGB access code which requires the customer to receive additional address signaling from the end user. Such calls will be rated as FGD. The Company may, with 90-day's written notice to the customer, discontinue this arrangement.

(L) For FGD switched access service to a MTSO directly interconnected to a Company access tandem office, the customer will be billed only the Local Transport premium rate element for the FGD usage. The mileage used to determine the monthly rate for the local transport rate element is as set forth in 6.4.6(E) preceding.

6.7.2 Optional Features

Following are the various nonchargeable and chargeable optional features that are available in lieu of or in addition to the standard features provided with FGD. Nonchargeable Optional Features are provided as Common Switching, Transport Termination and Local Transport options as set forth in (A) through (B) following. Chargeable optional features are set forth in (C) following.

(A) Common Switching Options

Descriptions of the common switching optional features are set forth in 6.8 following.

- (1) Automatic Number Identification (ANI)
- (2) Service class routing
- (3) Alternate Traffic routing
- (4) Trunk access limitation
- (5) Call gapping arrangement
- (6) International carrier option
- (7) Band advance arrangement for use with Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type services
- (8) End office end user line service screening for use with Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type services
- (9) Hunt group arrangement for use with Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type services
- (10) Uniform call distribution arrangement for use with Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type services

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)6.7.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)(A) Common Switching Options (Cont'd)

- (11) Nonhunting number associated with hunt group arrangement for uniform call distribution arrangement for use with Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type services
- (12) Digital Switched 56 Service

(B) Local Transport Options

- (1) Supervisory Signaling: The Supervisory Signaling optional feature due to its technical nature is set forth in 14.1.1 following.
- (2) Signaling System 7 (SS7): The SS7 optional feature allows the customer to send and receive signals for out of band call set up and is available with FGD. This option requires the establishment of a signaling connection between the customer's designated premises/Signaling Point Interface and a Company Signaling Transfer Point (STP). SS7 is provided in both the originating and terminating direction on FGD, and each signaling connection is provisioned for two-way SS7 signaling information.
- (3) Multifrequency address signaling
- (4) Calling party number (CPN) parameter
- (5) Charge number parameter (CNP)
- (6) Carrier selection parameter (CSP)

(C) Chargeable Optional Features

- (1) Interim 900 NXX Translation: The Interim 900 NXX Translation optional feature is set forth in 6.8.2 following.
- (2) Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 (CBS/SS7) Network Connection Service (CCSNC): The CCSNC optional feature is provided as set forth in 6.8.3 following.

6.7.3 Design and Traffic Routing

For FGD, the Company shall design and determine the routing of Tandem Switched Access Transport Service, including the selection of the first point of switching and the selection of facilities from the interface to any switching point and to the end offices. The Company shall also decide if capacity is to be provided by originating only, terminating only, or two-way trunk groups. Finally, the Company will decide whether trunk side access will be provided through the use of two-wire or four-wire trunk terminating equipment.

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)6.7.3 Design and Traffic Routing (Cont'd)

For FGD Direct Trunked Transport service, the Company will determine the routing of switched access service from the point of interface to the first point of switching or, if the customer specifies one or more hub locations for multiplexing, from the point of interface to the hub location, from one hub location to another hub location, and/or from a hub location to the first point of switching.

Selection of facilities and equipment and traffic routing of the service are based on standard engineering methods, available facilities and equipment and actual traffic patterns.

6.7.4 Measuring Access Minutes

Customer traffic to end offices will be recorded at end office switches or access tandem switches. Originating and terminating calls will be measured or derived to determine the basis for computing chargeable access minutes. In the event the customer message detail is not available because the Company lost or damaged tapes or incurred recording system outages, the Company will estimate the volume of lost customer access minutes of use based on previously known values.

Originating Usage

For originating calls over FGD, the measured minutes are the chargeable access minutes. For those calls provided with Multifrequency Signaling, usage measurement begins when the originating FGD first point of switching receives the first wink supervisory signal forwarded from the customer's point of termination. For those calls provided with SS7 Signaling when the FGD end office is not routed through an access tandem for connection to the customer, usage measurement begins when the SS7 Initial Address Message is sent from the Service Switching Point (SSP) to the Signal Transfer Point (STP). If the FGD end office is routed through a tandem for connection to the customer, usage measurement begins when the FGD end office receives the SS7 Exit Message from the tandem.

The measurement of originating call usage over FGD provided with Multifrequency Signaling ends when the originating FGD first point of switching receives disconnect supervision from either the originating end user's end office indicating the originating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

The measurement of originating call usage over FGD provided with SS7 Signaling ends when the originating FGD end office receives an SS7 Release Message indicating either the originating or terminating end user has disconnected.

ACCESS SERVICE6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)6.7.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)Terminating Usage

For terminating calls over FGD, the chargeable access minutes are either measured or derived.

For terminating calls over FGD provided with Multifrequency Signaling, where measurement capability exists, the measurement of chargeable access minutes begins when the terminating FGD first point of switching receives answer supervision from the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has answered. This measurement ends when the terminating FGD first point of switching receives disconnect supervision from either the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

For terminating calls over FGD with SS7 signaling, usage measurement begins when the terminating recording switch receives answer supervision from the terminating user. The Company switch receives answer supervision and sends the indication to the customer in the form of an answer message. The measurement of terminating FGD call usage ends when the entry switch receives or sends a release message, whichever occurs first.

6.7.5 Design Blocking Probability

The Company will design the facilities used in the provision of Switched Access Service FGD to meet the blocking probability criteria as set forth in (A) and (B) following.

(A) For FGD, the design blocking objective will be no greater than one percent (.01) between the point of termination at the customer's designated premises and the end office switch, whether the traffic is directly routed without an alternate route or routed via an access tandem. Standard traffic engineering methods as set forth in reference document Telecommunications Transmission Engineering - Volume 3 - Networks and Services (Chapters 6-7) will be used by the Company to determine the number of transmission paths required to achieve this level of blocking.

(B) The Company will perform routine measurement functions to assure that an adequate number of transmission paths are in service. The Company will recommend that additional capacity (i.e., busy hour minutes of capacity or trunks) be ordered by the customer when additional paths are required to reduce the measured blocking to the designed blocking level. For the capacity ordered, the design blocking objective is assumed to have been met if the routine measurements show that the measured blocking does not exceed the threshold listed in the following tables.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.7.5 Design Blocking Probability (Cont'd)

(B) (Cont'd)

(1) For transmission paths carrying only first routed traffic directly between an end office and customer's designated premises without an alternate route, and or paths carrying only overflow traffic, the measured blocking thresholds are as follows:

<u>Number of Transmission Paths Per Trunk Group</u>	<u>Measured Blocking Thresholds in the Time Consistent Busy Hour for the Number of Measurements Taken Between 8:00 am and 11:00 pm Per Trunk Group</u>			
	15-20	11-14	7-10	3-6
	measurement	measurement	measurement	measuremen
2	7%	8%	9%	14%
3	5%	6%	7%	9%
4	5%	6%	7%	8%
5-6	4%	5%	6%	7%
7 or more	3%	3.5%	4%	6%

(2) For transmission paths carrying first routed traffic between an end office and customer's premises via an access tandem, the measured blocking thresholds are as follows:

<u>Number of Transmission Paths Per Trunk Group</u>	<u>Measured Blocking Thresholds in the Time Consistent Busy Hour for the Number of Measurements Taken Between 8:00 am and 11:00 pm Per Trunk Group</u>			
	15-20	11-14	7-10	3-6
	measurement	measurement	measurement	measuremen
2	4.5%	5.5%	6%	9.5%
3	3.5%	4%	4.5%	6%
4	3.5%	4%	4.5%	5.5%
5-6	2.5%	3.5%	4%	4.5%
7 or more	2%	2.5%	3%	4%

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.7.6 Network Blocking Charge

The customer will be notified by the Company to increase its capacity quantities of trunks when excessive trunk group blocking occurs on groups carrying FGD traffic and the measured access minutes for that hour exceed the capacity purchased. Excessive trunk group blocking occurs when the blocking thresholds stated below are exceeded. They are predicated on time consistent, hourly measurements over a 30-day period excluding Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays. If the order for additional capacity has not been received by the Company within 15 days of the notification, the Company will bill the customer, at the rate set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following, for each overflow in excess of the blocking threshold when (1) the average "30-day period" overflow exceeds the threshold level for any particular hour and (2) the "30-day period" measured average originating or two-way usage for the same clock hour exceeds the capacity purchased.

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Blocking Thresholds

<u>Trunks in Service</u>	<u>1%</u>	<u>1.2%</u>
1 - 2	7.0%	4.5%
3 - 4	5.0%	3.5%
5 - 6	4.0%	2.5%
7 or greater	3.0%	2.0%

The 1% blocking threshold is for transmission paths carrying traffic directly (without an alternate route) between an end office and a customer's premise. The 1/2% blocking threshold is for transmission paths carrying first routed traffic between an end office and a customer's premises via an access tandem.

6.7.7 Testing Capabilities

FGD is provided, in the terminating direction where equipment is available, with seven-digit access to balance (100 type) test line, milliwatt (102 type) test line, nonsynchronous or synchronous test line, automatic transmission measuring (105 type) test line, data transmission (107 type) test line, loop around test line, short circuit test line and open circuit test line. In addition to the tests described in 6.2.4 preceding which are included with the installation of service (Acceptance Testing) and as ongoing routine testing, Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing, Additional Automatic Testing, and Additional Manual Testing are available as set forth in 13.3.1. following.

when SS7 Signaling is ordered, network compatibility and other testing will be performed cooperatively by the Company and the customer as specified in Technical Reference TR-TSV 000905.

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6.8 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features

Following are descriptions of the various optional features that are available in lieu of or in addition to the standard features provided with the Feature Groups. They are provided as Common Switching, Transport Termination or Interim 900 NXX Translation options.

6.8.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features

The following table shows the Feature Groups with which the optional features are available.

<u>Option</u>	<u>Available Feature Groups</u>		
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>D</u>
(A) Call denial on line or hunt group	X		
(B) Service code denial on line or hunt group	X		
(C) Hunt group arrangement	X		
(D) Uniform call distribution arrangement	X		
(E) Nonhunting number for use with hunt group or uniform call distribution arrangement	X		
(F) Automatic Number Identification (ANI)		X	X
(G) Up to 7-digit outpusling of access digits to customer		X	
(H) Service class routing			X
(I) Alternate traffic routing			X
(J) Trunk access limitation			X
(K) Call gapping arrangement			X
(L) International carrier option			X
(M) Band advance arrangement for use with Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS and WATS-type services	X	X	X
(N) End office end user line service screening for use with Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type services			X
(O) Hunt group arrangement for use with Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type services	X	X	X
(P) Uniform call distribution arrangement for use with Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type services	X	X	X
(Q) Nonhunting number associated with hunt group arrangement or uniform call distribution arrangement for use with Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type services	X	X	X
(R) Digital Switched 56 Service			X

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6.8 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.8.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

<u>Option</u>	<u>Available Feature Groups</u>		
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>D</u>
(S) Multifrequency address signaling			X
(T) Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling			X
(U) Calling party number (CPN)			X
(V) Carrier selection parameter (CSP)			X
(W) Charge number parameter (CNP)			X

(A) Call Denial on Line or Hunt Group

This option allows for the screening of terminating Feature Group A calls. There are two screening arrangements available with this option as follows: (1) limiting terminating calls for completion to only 411 or 555-1212 whichever is available, 611, 911, 800 and a Company specified set of NXXs within the Company local exchange calling area of the dial tone office in which the arrangement is provided or, (2) limiting terminating calls to completion to only the NXXs associated with all end offices in the Company's serving area, i.e., the call cannot be further switched or routed out of Company's serving area nor will calls be completed to 411 or 555-1212 whichever is available, 611, 911, or 800. All other calls are routed to a reorder tone or recorded announcement. Arrangement 1 is provided in all Company electronic end offices. Arrangement 2 is provided where available.

(B) Service Code Denial on Line or Hunt Group

This option allows for the screening of terminating calls, and for disallowing completion of calls to 0-, 555 and N11 (e.g., 411, 611, and 911). This feature is provided where available in all Company end offices.

(C) Hunt Group Arrangement

This option provides the ability to sequentially access one of two or more line side connections in the originating direction when the access code of the line group is dialed. This feature is provided in all Company end offices. All FGA access services in the same hunt group must provide off-hook supervisory signaling from the same point in time in the call sequence, i.e., all off-hook supervisory signals must either be provided by the customer's equipment before the called party answers or all must be forwarded by the customer's equipment when the called party answers.

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This option provides a type of multiline hunting arrangement which provides for an even distribution of calls among the available lines in a hunt group. Where available, this feature is provided in Company electronic end offices only.

(E) Nonhunting Number for Use with Hunt Group or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement

This option provides access to an individual line within a multiline hunt or uniform call distribution group. When the nonhunting number is dialed, access is provided when it is idle, or busy tone is provided when it is busy. Where available, this feature is provided in Company electronic end offices only.

(F) Automatic Number Identification (ANI)

(1) This option provides the automatic transmission of a seven-digit or ten-digit number and information digits to the customer designated premises for originating calls to identify the calling station. The ANI feature is an end office software function which is associated on a call-by-call basis with:

(a) all individual transmission paths in a trunk group routed directly between an end office and a customer designated premise.

(b) all individual transmission paths in a trunk group between an end office and an access tandem and a trunk group between an access tandem and a customer designated premise.

(2) The seven-digit ANI telephone number is available with FGB. ANI will be transmitted on all calls except those originating from multiparty lines, coin stations and coinless pay telephones using FGB, or when an ANI failure has occurred. Seven-digit ANI is not available with SS7 Signaling.

(3) The ten-digit ANI telephone number is only available with FGD. The ten-digit ANI telephone number consists of the Number Plan Area (NPA) plus the seven-digit ANI telephone number. The ten-digit ANI telephone number will be transmitted on all calls except in case of ANI failure, in which case only the NPA will be transmitted (in addition to the information digit described following). Ten-digit ANI is provided with multifrequency address signaling or SS7 Signaling.

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(4) Additional ANI information digits are available with FGD also. They include:

- (a) Company serving area restricted - telephone number is identified line.
- (b) Company serving area restricted - hotel/motel line
- (c) Company serving area restricted - coinless, hospital, inmate, etc., line

These information digits will be transmitted as agreed to by the customer and the Company.

(G) Up to 7-Digit Outpulsing of Access Digits to Customer

This option provides for the end office capability of providing up to 7 digits of the uniform access code (950-1/0XXX) to the customer designated premises.

The customer can request that only some of the digits in the access code be forwarded. The access code digits would be provided to the customer designated premises using multifrequency signaling, and transmission of the digits would precede the forwarding of ANI if that feature were provided.

(H) Service Class Routing

This option provides the capability of directing originating traffic from an end office to a trunk group to a customer designated premise, based on the line class of service (e.g., coin, multiparty or hotel/motel), service prefix indicator (e.g., 0-, 0+, 01+, or 011+) or Service Access Code (e.g., 900). It is provided in suitably equipped end office or access tandem switches.

(I) Alternate Traffic Routing

When the customer orders both Direct Trunked Transport and Tandem Switched Transport at the same end office, this option provides the capability of directing originating traffic from an end office or appropriately equipped access tandem to a trunk group (the "high usage" group) to a customer designated premises until that group is fully loaded, and then delivering additional originating traffic (the "overflowing" traffic) from the same end office or access tandem to a different trunk

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group (the "final" group) to a second customer designated premises. The customer shall specify the last trunk CBS desired for the high usage group. It is provided in suitably equipped end office or access tandem switch.

(J) Trunk Access Limitation

This option provides for the routing of originating 900 service calls to a specified number of transmission paths in a trunk group in order to limit (choke) the completion of such traffic to the customer. Calls to the designated service which could not be completed over the subset of transmission paths in the trunk group, i.e., the choked calls, would be routed to reorder tone. It is provided in all Company electronic end offices.

(K) Call Gapping Arrangement

This option, provided in suitably equipped end office switches, provides for the routing of originating calls to 900 service to be switched in the end office to all transmission paths in a trunk group at a prescribed rate of flow, e.g., one call every five seconds, in order to limit the completion of such traffic to the customer. Calls to the designated service which are denied access by this feature, i.e., choked calls, would be routed to a no-circuit announcement. It is provided in selected FGD equipped end offices.

(L) International Carrier Option

This option allows for FGD end offices or access tandem switches equipped for International Direct Distance Dialing to be arranged to forward the international calls of one or more international carriers to the customer (i.e., the Company is able to route originating international calls to a customer other than the one designated by the end user either through presubscription or 10XXX dialing). This arrangement requires provision of written verification to the Company that the customer is authorized to forward such calls. The written verification must be in the form of a letter of agency authorizing the customer to order the option on behalf of the international carrier. This option is only provided at Company end offices or access tandems equipped for International Direct Distance Dialing.

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This option, which is provided in association with two or more Special Access Service groups, provides for the automatic overflow of terminating calls to a second Special Access Service group, when the first group has exceeded its call capacity.

(N) End Office End User Line Service Screening for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services

This option provides the ability to verify that an end user has dialed a called party address (by screening the called NPA and/or NXX on the basis of geographical bands selected by the Company) which is in accordance with that end user's service agreement with the customer, e.g., WATS. This option is provided in all Company electronic end offices which are designated as WATS Serving Offices.

(O) Hunt Group Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services

This option provides the ability to sequentially access one of two or more Special Access Services utilized in the provision of WATS services (e.g., 800 Service Special Access services) in the terminating direction when the hunting number of the Special Access Service group is forwarded from the customer to the Company. This feature is provided in all Company designated WATS Serving Offices.

(P) Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services

This option provides a type of multiline hunting arrangement which provides for an even distribution of terminating calls among the available Special Access Services utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type services in the hunt group. Where available, this feature is only provided in Company designated WATS Serving Offices.

(Q) Nonhunting Number Associated with Hunt Group Arrangement or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services

This option provides an arrangement for an individual Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type services within a multiline hunt or uniform call distribution group that provides access to that Special Access Service within the

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hunt or uniform call distribution group when it is idle or nonhunting number is dialed without hunting to the next idle number. Where available, this feature is only provided in Company designated WATS Serving Offices.

(R) Digital Switched 56 Service

This option provides for a connection between a customer's premises and a suitably equipped end user's premise which uses end office switching and facilities capable of transmitting digital data up to 56 Kilobits per second. Digital Switched 56 Service is only available in appropriately provisioned FGD office as set forth in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF FCC No. 4.

(S) Multifrequency Address Signaling

This feature provides for the transmission of number information and control signals (e.g., number address signals, automatic number identification) between the end office switch and the customer's premises (in either direction). Multifrequency signaling arrangements make use of pairs of frequencies out of a group of six frequencies. Specific information transmitted is dependent upon feature group and call type (i.e., POTS, coin or operator). This feature is not available in combination with SS7 signaling.

(T) Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling

This feature provides common channel out of band transmission of address and supervisory SS7 protocol signaling information between the end office switch or the tandem office switching system and the customer's designated premises. The signaling information is transmitted over facilities provided with the Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 Interconnection Service as specified in 6.1.3(A)(3) preceding. This feature will be provided in accordance with the SS7 Interconnect specifications described in Technical Reference TR-TSV-000905.

(U) Calling Party Number (CPN)

This feature provides for the automatic transmission of the ten-digit directly number associated with a calling station to the customer's premises for calls originating in Company serving area. The ten-digit telephone number will be coded as presented or

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6.8.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(U) Calling Party Number (CPN) (Cont'd)

restricted via a "privacy indicator" for delivery to the called end user. This feature is provided with originating FGD with SS7 signaling. CPN is available where technically feasible.

(V) Carrier Selection Parameter (CSP)

This feature provides for the automatic transmission of a signaling indicator which signifies to the customer whether or not the call being processed originated from a presubscribed line. If the line was presubscribed, the indicator will signify if the end user did or did not dial 10XXX. This feature is provided with originating FGD with SS7 signaling.

(W) Charge Number Parameter (CN)

The CN Parameter is equivalent to the existing ten-digit Automatic Number Identification (ANI) available with FGD with MF signaling. The CN Parameter provides for the automatic transmission of the ten-digit billing number of the calling station and the originating line information. This feature is provided with originating FGD with SS7 signaling.

6.8.2 Chargeable Optional Features

Interim 900 NXX Translation

This service is an originating offering utilizing trunk side Switched Access Service and provides a customer identification function based on the dialed SAC and NXX code.

For example, when an 1+900+NXX-XXXX call is originated by an end user, the Company will perform the customer identification function based on the dialed digits to determine the customer location to which the call is to be routed. Once customer identification has been established, the call will be routed to that customer. Calls originating from an end office switch as which the customer identification function is performed, but to which the customer has not ordered Interim 900 NXX Translation, will be blocked. Calls to a 900 number from coin telephones, 0+, 0-, 10XXX, Inmate Service, Hotel/Motel Service and calling card calls will be blocked.

The charge for Interim 900 NXX Translation is as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

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Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 (CCS/SS7) Network Connection Service (CCSNC), which is available with FGD where technically feasible as designated in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF FCC No. 4, provides a signaling path between a customer's designated Signaling Point of Interface (SPOI) and a Signaling Transfer Point (STP). This service provides customers with the use of a two-way signaling path for accessing information necessary for the completion of their end user's calls.

CCS/SS7 Network Connection Service is comprised of two rate elements; a Signaling Network Access Link (SNAL) and a Signaling Transfer Point (STP) Port. The SNAL is provided as a dedicated 56 Kbps out-of-band signaling connection between the customer's SPOI and the STP port on the STP.

The CCS/SS7 Network Connection Service is provisioned by a mated pair of STPs as described in Technical Reference TR-TSV-000905 in order to ensure network availability and reliability. The Company shall not be held liable for service outages if the customer employs technology related to the interconnection of signaling networks that does not adhere to generally accepted industry technical standards.

When CCS/SS7 Network Connection Service is provisioned for use with SS7 Signaling, interconnection between signaling networks must occur at an STP.

Rates and charges for the CCS/SS7 Network Connection STP Ports and Signaling Network Access Links are contained in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 18, following. (T)

6.8.4 Toll Free Database Access Service (T)

Toll Free Database Access Service is provided with FGD Switched Access Service. When a 1+800+NXX-XXXX call is originated by an end user, the Company will utilize the SS7 network to query a Toll Free database to perform the identification function. The call will then be routed to the identified customer over FGD switched access. (T)

The manner in which Toll Free Database Access Service is provided is dependent on the availability of SS7 service at the end office from which the service is provided as outlined following: (T)

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 - 6.8.4 Toll Free Database Access Service (Cont'd) (T)
 - When Toll Free Database Access Service originates at an end office equipped with Service Switching Point (SSP) capability for query centralized database, all such service will be provided from that end office. (T) (T)
 - When Toll Free Database Access Service originates at an end office not equipped with SSP customer identification capability, the 800 series call will be delivered to the access tandem on which the end office is homed and which is equipped with the SSP feature to query centralized databases. (T) (T) (T)
 - Query charges as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 18, following are in addition to those charges applicable for the FGD Switched Access Service. (T)

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As of August 1, 2020, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 61.203, the provisions of this tariff that relate to special access services shall be supplanted by the non-tariffed contract for special access services (aka “business data services”) posted on GCI’s web site at <https://www.gci.com/about/terms-conditions> with rates available at <https://www.gci.com/regulatory>, both of which shall be subject to modification from time to time.

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9. Directory Assistance Service

The Company will provide Directory Assistance (DA) Service to a customer from DA service locations. DA locations are either primary or subtending. Primary DA locations are those to which terminating DA calls for the NPA first complete. Primary DA locations either process the telephone number request or, if necessary, forward the call to a subtending DA location for processing. DA service rates are assessed by the primary DA locations only. Subtending DA locations are compensated by contractual arrangements between telephone companies.

9.1 General Description

Company provided DA Service is available to customers for their use in furnishing DA services to end users. It provides for the use of DA Service between the premises of the ordering customer and the DA location(s), use of DA access equipment, and use of DA operators to provide telephone numbers.

DA Service will be provided between the customer designated premises and the DA location by the Company. Rates and charges for DA Service are set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

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9.1.1 Description and Provision of Directory Assistance Service

A Company DA operator, when furnished a name and locality, will provide or attempt to provide the telephone number listed in the Company DA records associated with the name given, at the rates and charges as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following. The Company's contact with the customer's end user shall be limited to that effort necessary to process a customer's end user's request for a telephone number; and the Company will not transfer, forward or redial a customer's end user call to any other location for any purpose other than the provision of DA Service.

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Each DA Service will consist of the following: An Interface Group equipped with an available Premises Interface at the customer's designated premises as set forth in 14.3.1 following; and Directory Transport between the premises of the ordering customer and the DA location.

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9. Directory Assistance Service (Cont'd)

9.1 General Description (Cont'd)

9.1.1 Description and Provision of Directory Assistance Service (Cont'd)

When required by the Company, a separate DA Service trunk group will be provided for DA Service for each NPA. Separate trunk groups will be required when the Company notifies the customer that the mechanized search of its data base and its mechanized operator practices require a mechanized identification of the NPA code for which the customer's end user desires DA information.

Further, when an access tandem is available and is requested, the DA Service will be provided at customer choice: as a separate DA Service trunk group; or in combination with FGB or FGD Switched Access Service.

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ACCESS SERVICE9. Directory Assistance Service (Cont'd)9.1 General Description (Cont'd)9.1.2 Ordering Options and Conditions(A) Ordering

Except as set forth following, DA Service provided under a Special Order is subject to the ordering conditions as set forth in Section 5 preceding. The customer shall determine and order the DA trunks and interface type of DA Services it needs for DA Service.

When DA Service is initially ordered, the customer shall order the service for at least six months. Thereafter, additional service may be ordered for a minimum of six months. Not later than three months prior to the end of the six-month period, the customer shall notify the Company if the service is to be discontinued at the end of the six-month period. If no notice is received from the customer, the Company will automatically extend the service for another six months and all appropriate charges as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following will apply for another six months. T

(B) Cancellation of a Special Order

A customer may cancel a Special Order for DA Service on any date prior to the service date. The cancellation date is the date the Company receives written or verbal notice from the customer that the Special Order is to be cancelled. The verbal notice must be followed by written confirmation within 10 days.

When a customer cancels a Special Order for DA Service after the order date but prior to the start of service, the appropriate application of charges as set forth in Section 5 preceding apply for the Directory Access Service cancelled. In addition, a charge equal to any unrecoverable capital costs incurred by the Company will apply to the customer.

(C) Changes to Special Orders

When a customer requests changes to a pending order for DA Service, such changes will be undertaken if they can be accommodated by the Company. The appropriate application of charges as set forth in Section 5 preceding apply for the DA Service changed. In addition, a charge equal to any other costs incurred by the Company because of the change will apply.

ACCESS SERVICE9. Directory Assistance Service (Cont'd)9.1 General Description (Cont'd)9.1.3 Rate Categories

There are two rate categories which apply to DA Service: Directory Assistance Service Call and Directory Transport Service.

(A) Directory Assistance Service Call

The DA Service Call rate category provides for the use of general DA Services such as operators and DA access equipment necessary to provide DA Service to a customer.

(B) Directory Transport Service

Directory Transport Service provides the transmission facilities and transport termination between the premises of the ordering customer and the DA location. For purposes of determining Directory Transport Mileage, distance will be measured from the wire center that normally serves the customer premises to the DA location(s).

Directory Transport is a two-way voice frequency transmission path composed of Switched Access Local Transport facilities. The two-way voice frequency path transports calls in the terminating direction (from the premises of the ordering customer to the DA location). The following rate elements, which are more fully described in 6.1.3(A) preceding, are applicable.

Entrance Facility: for the transport of the CA call from the customer's premises to the serving wire center of that premises.

Direct Trunked Transport: (i.e., Direct Trunked Facility and Direct Trunked Termination) for the transport of the DA call from the customer's serving wire center to the DA location without switching at a tandem, or from the serving wire center to the tandem.

Tandem Switched Transport: (i.e., Tandem Switched Facility, Tandem Switched Termination, and Tandem Switching) for the transport of the DA call from the customer's serving wire center to the DA location with switching at a tandem, or from the tandem to the DA location.

Residual Interconnection Charge: for the Local Transport costs that are not recovered by the Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport, Tandem Switched Transport, Multiplexing, or dedicated signaling (i.e., SS7) rates.

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9.1 General Description (Cont'd)
9.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)
(B) Directory Transport Service (Cont'd)

Multiplexing: DS3 to DS1 Multiplexing charges apply when a High Capacity DS3 Entrance Facility or Direct Trunked Facility is connected with High Capacity DS1 Direct Trunked Transport. The DS3 to DS1 multiplexer will convert a 44.736 Mbps channel to 28 DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

DS1 to Voice Grade Multiplexing charges apply when a High Capacity DS1 Entrance Facility or Direct Trunked Facility is connected with Voice Grade Direct Trunked Transport. A DS1 to Voice Grade Multiplexing charge does not apply when a High Capacity DS1 Direct Trunked Facility is terminated at an electronic end office and only Switched Access Service is provided over the DS1 facility (i.e., Voice Grade Special Access Channels are not derived). The DS1 to voice multiplexer will convert a 1.544 Mbps channel to 24 Voice Grade channels.

The customer will specify whether the Directory Access Service is to be routed directly to a DA location or through an access tandem switch appropriately equipped for DA measurement and served by DA trunks to the DA location when such an access tandem switch is available. The combination of FGB or FGD Switched Access Service with DA Service will only be provided at such available and appropriately equipped access tandem switches.

When Directory Transport is provided using a Direct Trunked Transport to the DA location, no address signaling is provided. When Directory Transport is provided with the use of an access tandem switch, wink start-start pulsing signaling is provided at the access tandem switch. When access tandem routing is provided, the customer shall address each call to the DA location using NPA+555-1212 or when required by the Company, 555-1212. Only NPA codes handled by the DA location served by the access tandem switch will be processed.

Directory Transport is provided with one of the Local Transport Interface Groups as set forth in 14.1.1 following.

9.1.4 Special Facilities Routing

A Customer may request that DA Service be provided via Special Facilities Routing. The regulations, rates and charges for Special Facility Routing (Avoidance, Diversity and Cable Only) are set forth in Section 11 following.

ACCESS SERVICE9. Directory Assistance Service (Cont'd)9.1 General Description (Cont'd)9.1.5 Design Layout Report

The Company will provide to the customer the makeup of the facilities and services provided under this section as DA Service. This information will be provided in the form of a Design Layout Report similar to that as set forth in 6.1.5 preceding. Design Layout Reports for DA Service will be provided only when specifically requested by the customer. The Design Layout Report will be provided to the customer at no charge and will be reissued or updated whenever the facilities provided for the customer's use are materially changed.

9.2 Undertaking of the Company9.2.1 Number of Telephone Number Requests

A maximum of two (2) requests for telephone numbers will be accepted per call to DA, and DA operators will not transfer, forward or redial the call to another location for any purpose other than the provision of DA Service.

9.2.2 Telephone Number Availability

A telephone number which is not listed in DA records will not be available to the customer's end user.

9.2.3 Selection of DA Locations

The Company will specify the DA location which provides the DA Service for each Numbering Plan Area code (NPA). The DA locations are as shown in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF FCC No. 4.

When it becomes necessary to change a DA location, as determined by the Company, the Company will notify the involved customers six months prior to the change. For such changes, the regulations as set forth in 2.1.7 preceding will apply.

9.2.4 Transmission Specifications

Each DA Service transmission path is provided with standard transmission specifications, either Type A or B, as set forth respectively in 14.2.1(D) and (E) following. The specifications associated with the parameters are guaranteed to the DA location. The standard for a particular transmission path is dependent upon the following:

ACCESS SERVICE9. Directory Assistance Service (Cont'd)9.2 Undertaking of the Company (Cont'd)9.2.4 Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

- Whether DA Service is provided in combination with FGB or FGD Switched Access Service, or
- When not provided in combination with Switched Access Service, whether routed directly or via an access tandem switch.

The available transmission specifications are set forth in 14.3.2 following.

9.2.5 Testing(A) Acceptance Testing

The acceptance testing capabilities for DA Service traffic routed through an access tandem are the same as those for the associated FGD end office switching. The acceptance testing for DA Service traffic routed directly or routed in separate trunk groups through an access tandem to the DA location will be the same as that for Switched Access Service as set forth in 6.2.4 preceding.

(B) Routine Testing

Routine testing capabilities for DA Service traffic routed through an access tandem are the same as those for the associated FGD end office switching. Routine testing capabilities for DA Service traffic routed directly or routed in a separate trunk group through an access tandem to the DA location will be as set forth in 13.3.1(A)(3) following (Additional Manual Testing).

9.2.6 Determination of Number of Transmission Paths

The number of Directory Transport transmission paths provided is based on the customer's order and is determined by the Company in a manner similar to Switched Access Service transmission paths as set forth in 6.2.5 preceding.

9.2.7 Supervisory Signaling

Trunk side switching is provided at the DA Service access location. The DA Service access location will provide trunk answer and disconnect supervisory signaling.

ACCESS SERVICE9. Directory Assistance Service (Cont'd)9.3 Obligation of the Customer

In addition to the obligations of the customer as set forth in 2.3 preceding, the customer has certain specific obligations concerning the use of DA Service. These obligations are as follows:

9.3.1 Jurisdictional Reports

Directory Transport may, at the option of the customer, be provided for both interstate and intrastate communications. When the customer requests such mixed access, the interstate Directory Transport charges will be determined by the Company using the data furnished by the customer as set forth in 2.3.11 preceding.

9.3.2 Supervisory Signaling

The customer facilities at the premises of the ordering customer shall provide the necessary on-hook and off-hook supervision.

9.3.3 Ordering of Separate Trunk Groups

When requested by the Company, the customer shall order a separate trunk group for DA Service for each NPA. The conditions when the customer will be requested to order separate trunk groups for each NPA are set forth in 9.1.1 preceding.

9.3.4 Notice of Discontinuance of Service

DA Service is ordered and renewed for a minimum period of six months at a time, as set forth in 9.1.2(A) preceding. Not later than three months prior to the end of any six-month period, the customer shall notify the Company if the service is to be discontinued at the end of that period.

9.4 Rate Regulations

This section contains the specific regulations governing rates and charges that apply for DA Service.

9.4.1 Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring charges for DA Service are one-time charges that apply for a specific work activity (i.e., installation, change to an existing service and DA Service rearrangements).

ACCESS SERVICE9. Directory Assistance Service (Cont'd)9.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)9.4.1 Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)(A) Installation of Service

Nonrecurring Local Transport Installation and Direct Trunked Transport Activated charges as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following are applied as set forth in 6.4.1(B)(1) preceding to each DA Service installed. T

(B) DA Service Rearrangements

All changes to existing services other than changes involving administrative activities will be treated as a discontinuance of the existing service and an installation of a new service.

9.4.2 Directory Assistance Service Call Charge

The DA Service call charge as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following applies for each call to DA Service. A call is a call which has been answered by a DA operator. The charge applies whether or not the DA operator provides the requested telephone number. The number of calls answered by DA operator will be accumulated by Company measuring equipment. A credit for the provision of an incorrect telephone number will be applied as set forth in 9.4.8 following. T

9.4.3 Directory Transport Service

The Local Transport charges set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following are also applicable to Directory Transport Service and will be assessed on the same basis as the Switched Access Local Transport rate elements set forth in 6.1.3(A) preceding. T

- Entrance Facility
- Direct Trunked Transport
- Tandem Switched Transport
- Multiplexing
- Residual Interconnection Charge

9.4.4 Minimum Periods

The minimum period for which DA Service and Directory Access Service is provided and for which charges apply is six months. A minimum period of six months applies for each additional period of service ordered or extended.

If DA Service is discontinued prior to the end of each six-month period, the charges that apply for the remaining months are the non-recoverable costs. Such costs include the

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9.4.4 Minimum Periods (Cont'd)

non-recoverable cost of equipment and material ordered, provided or used, plus the non-recoverable cost of installation and removal including the costs of engineering, labor supervision, transportation, rights-of-way and other associated costs less estimated net salvage.

The minimum period for which High Capacity DS3 Entrance Facilities or High Capacity or Direct Trunked Transport is provided is twelve months.

9.4.5 Minimum Monthly Charge

DA Service is subject to a minimum monthly charge. The minimum monthly charge is calculated as follows:

- The minimum monthly charge for DA Service calls is the charge as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following for the actual usage for the month. T

- For Directory Transport rate element, the minimum monthly charge the customer will be assessed will be the usage charges based on actual usage. For flat rated Directory Transport rate elements, the minimum monthly charges is the sum of the recurring charges prorated to the number of days or major fraction of days based on a 30-day month. Rates for Directory Transport are set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following. T

9.4.6 DA Service Rearrangements

Nonrecurring charges apply for service rearrangements. Service rearrangements and the regulations concerning the application of associated nonrecurring charges are set forth in 6.4.1(B)(3) preceding.

9.4.7 Moves

A move involves a change in the physical location of the point of termination at the customer designated premises or of the customer designated premises. Moves will be treated as set forth in 6.4.4 preceding, and all associated nonrecurring charges will apply. Minimum period requirements will be established at the new location as set forth in 6.4.4 preceding. The customer will also remain responsible for satisfying all outstanding minimum period charges for the discontinued service.

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9.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

9.4.8 Credit Allowance for Service Outage and Incorrect Numbers

(A) When the DA location or DA operator equipment or terminals are out of service due to a Company equipment failure, a credit allowance is provided. When an incorrect number is provided and a customer DA call has been answered by a DA operator, a credit allowance is provided. The credit allowances provided is equal to the rate for a DA Service call. The credit will be applied to the customer's charges.

(B) In addition to the credit as set forth in (A) preceding, when a DA operator or DA equipment provides an incorrect number for a call and the customer reports such occurrences to the Company, a credit allowance for the Switched Access portion of the call in the originating LATA of such DA call will apply. The credit will be as set forth in (C) following. When the customer reports such a call and the number requested, the number provided and the reason the number provided is incorrect, the number of calls for which a credit will apply will be developed by the Company in cooperation with the customer.

(C) When a DA call is not completed due to the failure of DA Service to DA location, DA access equipment or DA operator activities, a credit allowance for the Switched Access Service portion in the originating LATA of such DA call will apply. When the customer reports such a call and DA number dialed, time of the call and the date of the call, the number of calls for which a credit will apply will be developed by the Company in cooperation with the customer. Credit allowances for other service interruptions will be provided as set forth in 2.4.4 preceding.

9.5 Directory Assistance Database Service

The Telephone Company will provide standard directory listings to providers of Directory Assistance Service in an agreed upon format within 30 days of receipt of a valid request. Agreed upon customized listing formats shall be provided within 90 days of receipt of a valid format definition.

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9. Directory Assistance Service (Cont'd)
9.4 Directory Assistance Database Service (Cont'd)

The Telephone Company owns and maintains a database of its telephone end users with the following information:

- (1) end user name,
- (2) end user address, and
- (3) end user published or non-listed telephone number.

The Telephone Company uses the Directory Assistance List Information in its database to provide Directory Assistance (DA) Service to individuals who call the Telephone Company's DA service to obtain such information.

The Telephone Company will provide to the requesting DA provider the Directory Assistance List Information as contained in the Telephone Company's DA database for use solely to provision Directory Assistance services.

The DA List Information may not be used for marketing or other purposes. The DA Provider may not provide information contained in the Directory Assistance list to any unaffiliated third party, except in the provision of Directory Assistance Service to that third party.

The Telephone Company shall not be liable for errors or omissions contained in the Directory Assistance Provider database.

1. The Telephone Company will provide Directory Assistance Database Service in two arrangements:
 - (a) A one-time purchase of a universal list of all Telephone Company listed and non-listed end user's name, address (when available) and telephone number; or
 - (b) Daily updates of added, changed, or deleted directory listings of all Telephone Company listed and non-listed end user's name, address (when available) and telephone number, charged monthly.

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- 9. Directory Assistance Service (Cont'd)
- 9.5 Directory Assistance Database Service (Cont'd)

- 2. Non-published and non-Telephone Company end user information will not be provided in the Directory Assistance List Information.
- 3. The Telephone Company will charge the following Directory Assistance Provider rates:

	<u>Rate</u>
Directory Assistance Database Listing *	\$0.07 Per listing
Programming Charge * This charge is to program the database to provide listings to a provider/customer for the first time.	\$3,000.00
Customized Programming Charge * For additional programming/development	\$200.00 Per hour
Directory Assistance Database * Daily Updates – Per Month	\$1,140.00

* GCI, and/or the Company that provides Directory Assistance Listings for GCI, is exempt from these charges.

These charges will apply on a company basis.

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- 4. The Telephone Company will utilize reasonable efforts to meet the transmission format requested by the DA provider. However, if the format requested requires additional programming or development, the DA Provider will be required to pay all costs associated with programming or development of the format. If the requested format is such that the Telephone Company is unable to provide the data in that format, the requesting provider will be required to accept the data in an already established format.

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As of August 1, 2020, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 61.203, the provisions of this tariff that relate to special access services shall be supplanted by the non-tariffed contract for special access services (aka “business data services”) posted on GCI’s web site at <https://www.gci.com/about/terms-conditions> with rates available at <https://www.gci.com/regulatory>, both of which shall be subject to modification from time to time.

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11. Special Facility Routing of Access Services

11.1 Description

The services provided under this tariff are provided over such routes and facilities as the Company may elect. Special Facility Routing is involved when, in order to comply with requirements specified by the customer, the Company provides Switched Access Service in a manner which includes one or more of the following conditions:

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11.1.1 Diversity

Two or more circuits must be provided over not more than two different physical routes.

11.1.2 Avoidance

A circuit(s) must be provided on a route which avoids specified geographical locations.

11.1.3 Diversity and Avoidance Combined

11.1.4 Cable-Only Facilities

Certain Voice Grade services are provided on Cable-Only Facilities to meet the particular needs of a customer.

Service is provided subject to the availability of Cable-Only facilities. In the event of service failure, restoration will be made through the use of any available facilities as selected by the Company.

Avoidance and Diversity are available on Switched Access Service as set forth in Section 6 preceding; Cable-Only Facilities are available for Switched Access Service as set forth in Section 6 preceding.

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In order to avoid the compromise of special routing information, the Company will provide the required routing information for each specially routed service to only the ordering customer. If requested by the customer, this information will be provided when service is installed and prior to any subsequent changes in routing.

The rates and charges for Special Facilities Routing of Access Services are developed on an individual case basis. Such rates and charges for Special Facilities Routing of Access Services are as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following and are in addition to all other rates and charges that may be applicable for services provided under other sections of this tariff.

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12. Specialized Service or Arrangements

12.1 General

Specialized Service or Arrangements may be provided by the Company, at the request of a customer, on an individual case basis if such service or arrangements meet the following criteria:

- The requested service or arrangements are not offered under other sections of this tariff.
- The facilities utilized to provide the requested service or arrangements are of a type normally used by the Company in furnishing its other services.
- The requested service or arrangements are provided within Company’s serving area.
- The requested service or arrangements are compatible with other Company services, facilities, and its engineering and maintenance practices.
- This offering is subject to the availability of the necessary Company personnel and capital resources.

Rates and charges and additional regulations if applicable, for Specialized Service or Arrangements are provided on an individual case basis and are as set forth in Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

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13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services

In this section, normally scheduled working hours are an employee’s scheduled work period in any given calendar day (e.g., 8:00 am to 5:00 pm) for the application of rates based on working hours. A Miscellaneous Service Order charge as described in 5.4.2 preceding may be applicable to services ordered from this section.

13.1 Additional Engineering

Additional Engineering, including engineering reviews as set forth in 5.4.3 preceding, will be undertaken only after the Company has notified the customer that additional engineering charges apply as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following, and the customer agrees to such charges.

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Additional Engineering will be provided by the Company at the request of the customer only when:

13.1.1 A customer requests additional technical information after the Company has already provided the technical information normally included on Design Layout Report (DLR) as set forth in 6.1.5 and 7.1.6 preceding.

13.1.2 Additional engineering time is incurred by the Company to engineer a customer’s request for a customized service as set forth in 7.1.2 preceding.

13.1.3 A customer requested Design Change requires the expenditure of additional engineering time. Such additional engineering time is incurred by the Company for the engineering review as set forth in 5.4.3 preceding. The charge for additional engineering time relating to the engineering review, which is undertaken to determine if a Design Change is indeed required, will apply whether or not the customer authorizes the Company to proceed with the Design Change. In this case the Design Change charge, as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following, does not apply unless the customer authorizes the Company to proceed with the Design Change.

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13.2 Additional Labor

Additional Labor is that labor requested by the customer on a given service and agreed to by the Company as set forth in 13.2.1 through 13.2.5 following. The Company will notify the customer that additional labor charges as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following will apply before any additional labor is undertaken. When provisioning or restoring Telecommunications Service priority services, the Company will, when possible, notify the customer of the applicability of these Additional Labor charges.

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13.2.1 Overtime Installation

Overtime installation is that Company installation effort outside of normally scheduled working hours.

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13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.2 Additional Labor (Cont'd)

13.2.2 Overtime Repair

Overtime repair is that Company effort performed outside of normally scheduled working hours.

13.2.3 Stand By

Stand by includes all time in excess of one-half (1/2) hour during which Company personnel stand by to make installation acceptance tests or cooperative tests with a customer to verify facility repair on a given service.

13.2.4 Testing and Maintenance with Other Telephone Companies

Additional testing, maintenance or repair of facilities which connect other telephone companies is that which is in addition to the normal effort required to test, maintain or repair facilities provided solely by the Company.

13.2.5 Other Labor

Other labor is that additional labor not included in 13.2.1 through 13.2.4 preceding and labor incurred to accommodate a specific customer request that involves only labor which is not covered by any other section of this tariff.

13.3 Miscellaneous Services

13.3.1 Testing Services

Testing Services offered under this section of the tariff are optional and subject to rates and charges as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following. Other testing services, as described in 6.2.4 and 7.1.7 preceding, are provided by the Company in association with Access Service and are furnished at no additional charge.

Testing services are normally provided by Company personnel at Company locations. However, provisions are made in (B)(2) following for a customer to request Company personnel to perform testing services at the customer designated premises. T

The offering of Testing Services under this of the tariff is made subject to the availability of the necessary qualified personnel and test equipment at the various test locations mentioned in (A) and (B) following.

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Testing Services for Switched Access are comprised of (a) tests which are performed during the installation of a Switched Access Service, i.e., Acceptance Tests, (b) tests which are performed after customer acceptance of such Access Services and which are without charge, i.e., routine testing and (c) additional tests which are performed during or after customer acceptance of such access services and for which additional charges apply, i.e., Additional Cooperative Acceptance Tests and in-service tests.

Routine tests are those tests performed by the Company on a regular basis, as set forth in 6.2.4 preceding which are required to maintain Switched Access Service. Additional in-service tests may be done on an automatic basis (no Company or customer technicians involved), on a manual basis (Company technician(s) involved at Company office(s) and Company or customer technician(s) involved at the customer designated premises).

Testing services are offered to Dial Tone Office for FGA, to the access tandem or end office for FGB (wherever the FGB service is ordered) and to the end office for FGD. Testing Services for Directory Assistance Service not routed through an access tandem is ordered to a Directory Assistance Location for each NPA.

(1) Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing

Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing of Switched Access Service involves the Company provision of a technician at its office(s) and the customer provision of a technician at its premises, with suitable test equipment to perform the required tests.

Additional Cooperative Acceptance Tests may, for example, consist of the following tests:

- Impulse Noise
- Phase Jitter
- Signal to C-Notched Noise Ratio
- Intermodulation (Nonlinear) Distortion
- Frequency Shift (Offset)
- Envelope Delay Distortion
- Dial Pulse Percent Break

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13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3.1 Testing Services (Cont'd)

(A) Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

(2) Additional Automatic Testing

Additional Automatic Testing (AAT) of Switched Access Services (Feature Groups B and D) is a service where the customer provides remote office test lines and 105 test lines with associated responders or their functional equivalent. The customer may order, at additional charges, gain-slope and C-notched noise testing and may order the routine tests (1004 Hz loss, C-Message Noise and Balance) on an as needed or more than routine schedule.

The Company will provide an AAT report that lists the test results for each trunk tested. Trunk test failures requiring customer participation for trouble resolution will be provided to the customer on an as needed basis.

The Additional Tests, (i.e., gain slope, C-notched noise, 1004 Hz loss, C-Message Noise and Balance) may be ordered by the customer at additional charges, 60 days prior to the start of the customer prescribed schedule. The rates for Additional Automatic Tests are as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

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(3) Additional Manual Testing

Additional Manual Testing (AMT) of Switched Access Services (Feature Groups A, B and D and Directory Access Service not routed through an access tandem) is a service where the Company provides a technician at its office(s) and the Company or customer provides a technician at the customer designated premises with suitable test equipment to perform the required tests. Such additional tests will normally consist of gain-slope and C-notched noise testing. However, the Company will conduct any additional tests which the IC may request.

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13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3.1 Testing Services (Cont'd)

(A) Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

(3) Additional Manual Testing (Cont'd)

The Company will provide an AMT report listing the test results for each trunk tested. Trunk test failures requiring customer participation for trouble resolution will be provided to the customer on a per occurrence basis.

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The AMT may be ordered by the customer at additional charges, 60 days prior to the start of the testing schedule as mutually agreed to by the customer and the Company. The rates for AMT are as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

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(4) Obligation of the Customer

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The customer shall provide the Remote Office Test Line priming data to the Company, as appropriate, to support routine testing as set forth in 6.2.4(B) preceding or ATT as set forth in 13.3.1(A)(2) preceding.

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- 13.3.1 Testing Services (Cont'd)
- (A) Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
- (4) Obligation of the Customer (Cont'd)

The customer shall make the facilities to be tested available to the Company at times mutually agreed upon.

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(A) When a customer reports a trouble to the Company for clearance and no trouble is found in the Company's facilities, the customer shall be responsible for payment of a Maintenance of Service charge as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following for the period of time from when Company personnel are dispatched, at the request of the customer, to the customer designated premises to when the work is completed. Failure of Company personnel to find trouble in Company facilities will result in no charge if the trouble is actually in those facilities, but not discovered at the time.

(B) the customer shall be responsible for payment of a Maintenance of Service charge when the Company dispatches personnel to the customer designated premises, and the trouble is in equipment or communications systems provided by other than the Company or detariffed CPE provided by the Company.

In either (A) or (B) preceding, no credit allowance will be applicable for the interruption involved if the Maintenance of Service Charge applies.

13.3.3 Telecommunications Service Priority - TSP

Priority installation and/or restoration of National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) telecommunications services shall be provided in accordance with part 64.401, Appendix A, of the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC's) Rules and Regulations.

In addition, TSP System service shall be provided in accordance with the guidelines set forth in "Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System for National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Service Vendor Handbook" (NCSH 3/1/2) dated July 9, 1990, and "Telecommunications Service Priority System for National Security Emergency Preparedness Service User manual (NCSM 3-1-1).

The TSP System is a service, developed to meet the requirements of the Federal Government, as specified in the Service Vendor's Handbook and Service User's Manual which provides the regulatory, administrative and operational framework for the priority installation and/or restoration of NSEP telecommunications services. This includes Switched Access Services. D
The TSP System applies only to NSEP telecommunications services and requires and authorizes priority action by the Company providing such services.

For Switched Access Service, the TSP System's applicability is limited to those services which the Company can discreetly identify for priority provisioning and/or restoration.

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13.3 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3.3 Telecommunications Service Priority - TSP (Cont'd)

A TSP charge applies as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, when a request to provide or change a TSP is received subsequent to the issuance of an Access Order to install the service.

Additionally, a Miscellaneous Service Order Charge as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, will apply to TSP requests that are ordered subsequent to the initial installation of the associated access service.

A TSP charge does not apply when a TSP is discontinued or when ordered coincident with an Access Order to install or change service. In addition, Additional Labor rates as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, may be applicable when provisioning or restoring Switched Access Services with TSP.

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When the customer requests an audit or a reconciliation of the Company's TSP records, a Miscellaneous Service Order Charge as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, and Additional Labor rates as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, are applicable.

13.3.4 Bill Name and Address Information

The term "telecommunications service providers" as used in this provision includes interexchange carriers, operator service providers, enhanced service providers and other providers of interstate telecommunications services. Telecommunications service providers may request Billing Name and Address (BNA) information of the Company or the Company's billing agent for a specifically stated Billed Telephone Number (BTN).

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13.3 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3.4 Bill Name and Address Information (Cont'd)

BNA may be used only for billing purposes, order entry, customer service, fraud prevention and identification of customers who have moved from one location to another, per FCC Order 93-535, Docket 91-115. This information may not be used for marketing purposes and may not be disclosed to third parties other than governmental law enforcement agencies, per FCC Order 93-535, Docket 91-115.

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The Company will provide BNA to telecommunications service providers on a per-request basis, using rates specified in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16. BNA will be provided for all BTNs except where the subscriber's number is un-published or un-listed and the subscriber has notified the Company that they do not want their BNA released for calling card calls and/or collect or third party calls. In addition, the Company shall have the right to audit the operations, procedures and systems of any telecommunications service provider that receives BNA, upon reasonable notice at reasonable times, to ensure that the telecommunications service provider is not using or disclosing BNA in violation of the terms of this tariff and applicable FCC requirements. The Company will waive this audit right if the

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13.3.4 Bill Name and Address Information (Cont'd)

telecommunications service provider provides a verified certificate that has posted a bond in the amount of \$1,000,000 and in a form reasonably acceptable to the Company, against damages to the Company resulting from any use or disclosure by the telecommunications service provider of the BNA in violation of the terms of this tariff or applicable FCC requirements. The Company may terminate any waiver of this audit right, if such bond expires, by giving written notice to the telecommunications service provider.

Requests for BNA must be submitted in writing. The request must be accompanied by : 1) Carrier Identification Code; 2) Specific BTNs for which BNA is requested; and 3) Contact name and number for verification.

BNA will be provided in written form, on paper copy, or diskette, or on magnetic tape where available.

13.4 Presubscription

Pursuant to the FCC's Memorandum Opinion and Order, CC Docket No. 83-1145, Phase I, adopted May 31, 1985, and released June 12, 1985, the Allocation Plan, outlined in the Appendix B of this Order, is available for inspection in the Public Reference Room of the Tariff Division at the FCC's Washington, D.C., location or may be obtained from the Commission's commercial contractor.

Presubscription is the process by which end user customers may select and designate to the Company an IC to access, without an access code, for intrastate or interstate calls. This IC is referred to as the end user's predesignated IC.

13.4.1 New users who are served by end offices equipped with Feature Group D will be asked to presubscribe to an IC at the time they place an order with the Company for Telephone Exchange Service.

They may select either of the following options. There will be no charge for this initial selection.

- a primary interstate IC for all of its lines,
- a primary intrastate IC for all of its lines,
- a different interstate IC for each of its lines,
- a different intrastate IC for each of its lines.

Only one IC may be selected for each individual line or lines terminating in the same hunt group. Subsequent to the installation of Telephone Exchange Service and after the end user's initial selection of a predesignated IC, for any change in selection, a nonrecurring charge as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following applies.

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13.4 Presubscription (Cont'd)

13.4.2 If the new end user fails to designate an IC as his predesignated IC prior to the date of installation of Telephone Exchange Service, the Company will (1) allocate the end user to an IC based upon current IC presubscription ratios, (2) require the end user to dial an access code (10XXX) for all interstate calls, or (3) block the end user from interstate calling. The end user will be notified which option will be applied if they fail to presubscribe to an IC. An allocated or blocked end user may designate another IC or initial IC as its predesignated IC one time at no charge if it is requested within six months after the installation of Telephone Exchange Service.

For any change in selection after six months from the installation of Telephone Exchange Service, a nonrecurring charge as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following applies.

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13.4.3 If an IC elects to discontinue its Feature Group D Service offering prior to or within two years of the conversion, the IC will notify the Company of the cancellation. The IC will also notify all end users which selected them that they are canceling their service and that they should contact the Company to select a new primary IC. The IC will also inform the end user that it will pay the presubscription change charge. The canceling IC will then be billed by the Company the appropriate charge for each end user for a period of two years from the discontinuance of Feature Group D service.

13.4.4 If an IC elects to change a Carrier Identification Code (CIC) due to the surrendering of a CIC to the North American Numbering Plan Administration for reassignment, the presubscription change charge will be waived. The waiver is applied only when the IC surrenders the CIC on a nationwide basis. The waiver is effective until January 1, 1993.

13.4.5 If an IC elects to change or discontinue use of a CIC for any reasons other than those set forth in 13.4.4 above, the IC will identify to the Company any affected end users and advise the Company of the new CIC to be assigned to these end users. If the CIC change involves a change of carrier for any end users, the IC will notify the affected end users of the change. The Company will change the predesignated carrier code of each end user identified by the IC to the new CIC and bill the IC the nonrecurring charge set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following for each end user line or trunk that is changed.

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13.5 Verification of Orders for Long Distance Telemarketing

No IC shall submit to the Company a Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) change order generated by telemarketing unless and until the order has first been confirmed by accordance with one of the following procedures:

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13.5.1 The IC obtains the billed party's (e.g., an end user or the designator of the PIC for a pay telephone) written authorization to submit the PIC change order and confirms:

- The billed party's billing name and address and each telephone number to be covered by the PIC change order;
- The billed party's decision to change the PIC to the IC; and
- The billed party's understanding of the PIC change fee.

13.5.2 The IC obtains the billed party's electronic authorization to submit the PIC change order. The billed party will place a call from the telephone number(s) on which the PIC is to be changed, to a toll free number that is dedicated to the IC's PIC verification process. The verification number will connect the billed party to a voice response unit that records the originating ANI and the required information described in 13.5.1 preceding.

13.5.3 An appropriately qualified and independent third party, operating in a location physically separate from the telemarketing representative, obtains the billed party's oral authorization to submit the PIC change order. This authorization must confirm the order and include appropriate verification data (e.g., the billed party's date of birth or social security number).

13.5.4 Within three business days of the billed party's request for a PIC change, the IC must send them an information package by first class mail which includes:

- a statement that the enclosed information is being sent to confirm a telemarketing order placed by the billed party within the previous week,
- the name of the current and soliciting ICs,
- the terms, conditions or charges for the PIC change,
- the name, address and telephone number of both the customer and soliciting IC.
- a statement advising the billed party that, absent his response, the change will be implemented 14 days from the date the information package was mailed to them,
- the name, address and telephone number of a contact point at the FCC for consumer complaints.

The IC must provide a post paid postcard which the billed party can use to deny, cancel or confirm the order. The IC must wait 14 days after the information package is mailed to the billed party before submitting the PIC change order to the Company.

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13.6 Unauthorized PIC Change

If an IC requests a PIC change on behalf of a billed party (e.g., an end user or the designator of the PIC for a pay telephone), and the billed party subsequently denies requesting the change, and the IC is unable to substantiate the change with a letter of agency signed by the billed party; then:

- The billed party will be reassigned to their previously selected IC. No charge will apply to the billed party for this reassignment.

- The Unauthorized presubscription Change Charge as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, will apply to the IC that requested the unauthorized PIC change. This charge is applied in addition to the \$5.00 PIC change charge.

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13.7 Blocking Service

13.7.1 International Blocking Service

The Company will provide International Blocking Service to customers who obtain local exchange service from the Company under its general or local exchange tariffs and to customers who obtain Feature Group A Switched Access service under this tariff. This service is only provided at appropriately equipped Company end offices. Those offices providing International Blocking Service are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF FCC No. 4.

On each line or trunk for which International Blocking Service is ordered, the Company will block all direct dialed international calls that use the call sequence of 011+or 10XXX-011+. When capable, the Company will route the blocked calls to a recorded message.

An International Blocking Service charge as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following is applicable for each new or existing exchange line or trunk or Feature Group A Switched Access line to which International Blocking Service is added or removed. This charge does not apply when blocking is removed from an exchange line or trunk or Feature Group A Switched Access line at the same time that it is disconnected.

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A Miscellaneous Service Order Charge as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, will apply to orders adding or removing International Blocking Service that are placed subsequent to the initial installation of the associated exchange line(s). This charge does not apply when blocking is removed from an exchange line or trunk or Feature Group A Switched Access line at the same time that it is disconnected.

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The Company will provide Pay-Per-Call Toll Denial Service to customers who obtain local exchange service from the Company under its local exchange tariff and to customers who obtain Feature Group A Switched Access service under this tariff. This service is only provided at appropriately equipped Company end offices. Those offices providing Pay-Per-Call Toll Denial Service are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF FCC No. 4.

On each line or trunk for which Pay-Per-Call Toll Denial Service is ordered, the Company will block all direct dialed calls placed to a 900 number. When capable, the Company will route the blocked calls to a recorded message. No charges will be assessed for Pay-Per-Call Toll Denial Service.

A Pay-Per-Call Toll Service Restoral charge will apply per line, trunk, or Feature Group A Switched Access service to which pay-Per-Call Restoral is requested. Requests by subscribers to remove Pay-Per-Call Toll Denial Service must be in writing. This charge does not apply when blocking is removed from an exchange line or trunk or Feature Group A Switched Access line at the same time that it is disconnected.

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Local Number Portability ("LNP") provides users of telecommunication services the ability to retain their existing Telephone Number ("TN") when switching from one Local Service Provider ("LSP") to another, provided, the end user customer remains within the same rate center. LNP Provides for the completion of calls to ported telephone numbers regardless of where the call originates.

Local Number Portability Query Service ("LNPQS") is an Advanced Intelligent Network ("AIN") with capability which utilizes the Common Channel Signaling ("CCS") Network to query a LNP data base to secure network routing instructions before completion of a call. At a minimum, a LNP database contains Location Routing Number ("LRN") information about a telecommunication service user's choice of LSP by NXX code. The LRN is unique to the LSP's serving switch that will complete the call.

When more than one network is involved in completing a call, the network prior to the termination (i.e., the N-1 Network) is responsible for querying a LNP database to secure the appropriate LRN to route the call.

When the provider of the N-1 network forwards a non-queried call to an end office switch and the TN is a ported number, the switch will suspend the call processing, formulate and launch a query to the a LNP data base to secure the LRN of the ported number. When the necessary LRN has been returned from the LNP data base to the switch originating the query, call processing is resumed and the call is either processed in the Company's network or routed to the correct LSP's network for completion to the called party. The Company will assess the provider of the N-1 Network a LNPQS Default End Office Query Charge as set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following. Access charges, as set forth in this tariff, apply to calls transiting the Company's network. T

LNPQS is provided where facilities permit. LNPQS is being activated in Anchorage.

LNPQS Manner of Provisioning

LNPQS uses the Location Routing Number ("LRN") architecture. The LRN associates an NPA-NXX-XXX number with each central office switch that services ported numbers. All switching types used by the Company will utilize LRN functionality using AIN capability. The LRN functionality is limited to circuit switched calls and excludes High Volume Call-in network NXX codes, 500, 700, 8XX, and 900 dialed service codes, until industry standards are defined.

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When telecommunication service customers change from one LSP to another and retain the same TN, the recipient LSP (recipient switch) is responsible for providing complete LRN information to the Regional Service Management System/ Number Portability Administration Center ("RSMS/NPCA"). This information will include the porting TN, the LRN of the recipient switch, and Destination Point Codes for CLASS and LIDB Transaction Capability Application Part (TCAP) messages. The RSMS/NPAC will download the information to all LNP databases based on User Agreements between the RSMS/NPAC and LNP Service Providers.

Limitations

LNPQS is used on a call-by-call basis only for routing calls to number portable NXX codes and cannot be used for purposes other than those functions described herein. Customers may not store any LNP data base information in their own database, or elsewhere, for any reason.

The following are excluded from number portability until industry standards are defined: High Volume Call-in network NXX codes, 911, 411, service codes 500, 566, 700, 8XX, 900, 936, and 992, across an NPA boundary, outside of the Telephone Company's serving area, cellular or mobile numbers, numbers used for mass calling events.

Network Management

The Company will administer its network to ensure the provision of acceptable service provision levels to all telecommunications users of the Company's network services.

The Company maintains the right to apply automated or manual protective controls to its network on a competitively neutral basis. These protective controls result from occurrences such as failure or overload of its facilities, natural disasters, mass calling, or national security demands.

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13.8 Local Number Portability (Cont'd)

13.8.1 Local Number Portability Query Service (Cont'd)

Rate Regulations

LNPQS customers that deliver a non-queried call to the Company's end offices are billed an LNPQS default Query Charge. The LNPQS Default Query Charge recovers the cost of the Company's transport from an end office to the STP, the query of the LNP data base and the return of the query information to the originating end office switch. A LNPQS Default Query Charge is assessed on a per-query, per end-office basis regardless of the outcome of the query. LNPQS queries are aggregated and billed to the customer on a monthly basis. LNPQS Default Query Charges are set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

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13.8.2 Local Number Portability ("LNP") End User Charge

General Description

The Company will assess a monthly number-portability charge to end users served by LNP-capable switches. LNP provides users of telecommunication services the ability to retain their existing telephone number ("TN") when switching from one Local Service Provider ("LSP") to another, provided, the end user customer remains within the same rate center. LNP provides for the completion of calls to ported telephone numbers regardless of where the call originates.

The charge applies to the Company's end users served by LNP-capable switches, effective with the tariff. The Company will assess the charge in each end office.

The monthly charge is assessed, as determined by the Company, to all end users of local exchange service, end users of Feature Group A or Circuit Switched Lineside Service, resellers, and customers that have ordered unbundled switch ports. The Basic Charge is assessed on a per line or per port basis, except:

- a. When a customer is provided Integrated Services Digital Network Primary Rate Interface ("ISDN-PRI") that permits the provision of up to 24 voice-grade equivalent channels over a single T-1 facility, the end user charge for ISDN-PRI is assessed per T-1 facility.
when the called party answers;

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13.8 Local Number Portability (Cont'd)

13.8.2 Local Number Portability ("LNP") End User Charge (Cont'd)

General Description (Cont'd)

When a customer is provided PBX Service, the end user charge is assessed per PBX trunk

The charge is not assessed to Lifeline Customers.

The charge is not assessed to local loops purchased as unbundled network elements.

The LNP rates are set forth in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following.

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ACCESS SERVICE14. Access Service Interface and Transmission Specifications

14.1 contains Switched Access Service Options (which are comprised of Interface Groups, Supervisory Signaling, Entry Switch Receive level and Local Transport Termination) and Transmission Specifications. 14.3 contains Interface Group, Premises Interface Code and Standard Transmission Specifications applicable to Directory Access Service. D
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14.1 Switched Access Service

Ten Interface Groups are provided for terminating the Local Transport Entrance Facility at the customer's designated premises. Each Interface Group provides a specified premises interface (e.g., two-wire, four-wire, DS1, etc.). Where transmission facilities permit, and at the option of the customer, the Entrance Facility may be provided with optional features as set forth in 14.1.1 following.

As a result of the customer's access order and the type of Company transport facilities serving the customer designated premises, the need for signaling conversions or two-wire to four-wire conversions, or the need to terminate digital or high frequency facilities in channel bank equipment may require that Company equipment be placed at the customer designated premises. For example, if a voice frequency interface is ordered by the customer and the Company facilities serving the customer designated premises are digital, then Company channel bank equipment must be placed at the customer designated premises in order to provide the voice frequency interface ordered by the customer.

14.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups

Interface Groups are combination of technical parameters which describe the Company handoff at the point of termination at the customer designated premises. The technical specifications concerning the available interface groups are set forth in (A) through (D) following.

Interface Group 1 is provided with Type C Transmission Specifications, as set forth in 14.1.2(C) following, and Interface Groups 2 through 10 are provided with Type A or B Transmission Specifications, as set forth respectively in 14.1.2(D) and (E) following, depending on the Feature Group and whether the Access Service is routed directly or through an access tandem. All Interface Groups are provided with Data Transmission Parameters.

Only certain premises interfaces are available at the customer designated premises. The premises interfaces associated with the Interface Groups may vary among Feature Groups.

ACCESS SERVICE14. Access Service Interface and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)14.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)14.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)(A) Interface Group 1

Interface Group 1, except as set forth in the following, provides two-wire voice frequency transmission at the point of termination at the customer designated premises. The interface is capable of transmission of voice and associated telephone signals within the frequency bandwidth of approximately 300 to 3000 Hz.

Interface Group 1 is not provided in association with FGD when the first point of switching is an access tandem. In addition, Interface Group 1 is not provided in association with FGB or FGD when the first point of switching provides only four-wire terminations.

The transmission path between the point of termination at the customer designated premises and the customer's serving wire center may be comprised of any form or configuration of plant capable of and typically used in the telecommunications industry for the transmission of voice and associated telephone signals within the frequency bandwidth of 300 to 3000 Hz.

The interface is provided with loop supervisory signaling. When the interface is associated with FGA, such signaling will be loop start or ground start signaling. When the interface is associated with FGB or FGD, such signaling except for two-way calling which is E&M signaling, will be reverse battery signaling.

(B) Interface Group 2

Interface Group 2 provides four-wire voice frequency transmission at the point of termination at the customer designated premises. The interface is capable of transmission of voice and associated telephone signals within the frequency bandwidth of approximately 300 to 3000 Hz.

The transmission path between the point of termination at the customer designate premises and the customer's serving wire center may be comprised of any form or configuration of plant capable of and typically used in the telecommunications industry for the transmission of voice and associated telephone signals within the frequency bandwidth of approximately 300 to 3000 Hz.

The interface is provided with loop supervisory signaling. When the interface is associated with FGA, such signaling will be loop start or ground start signaling. When the interface is associated with FGB or FGD, such signaling, except for two-way calling which is E&M signaling, will be reverse battery signaling.

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14. Access Service Interface and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

14.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

14.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)

(C) Interface Groups 3 through 5

Interface Groups 3 through 5 provide analog transmission at the point of termination at the customer designated premises. The various interfaces are capable of transmitting electrical signals at the frequencies illustrated following, with the capability to channelize voice frequency transmission paths.

Certain frequencies within the bandwidth of the Interface Groups are reserved for Company use, e.g., pilot and carrier group alarm tones. Before the first point of switching, the Company will provide multiplex equipment to derive the transmission paths of frequency bandwidth of approximately 300 to 3000 Hz.

The interfaces are provided with individual transmission path SF supervisory signaling.

Interface Group	Transmission	Analog	Maximum No. of
<u>I.D. No.</u>	<u>Frequency Bandwidth</u>	<u>Hierarchy Level</u>	<u>Channelized Voice</u> <u>Freq. Trans. Paths</u>
3	60-108 kHz	Group	12
4	312-552 kHz	Supergroup	60
5	564-3084 kHz	Mastergroup	600

(D) Interface Group 6 through 10

Interface Groups 6 through 10 provide digital transmission at the point of termination at the customer designated premises. The various interfaces are capable of transmitting electrical signals at the nominal bit rates illustrated following, with the capability to channelize voice frequency transmission paths.

Before the first point of switching, when analog switching utilizing analog terminations is provided, the Company will provide multiplex and channel bank equipment to derive transmission paths of a frequency bandwidth of approximately 300 to 3000 Hz. When digital switching or analog switching with digital carrier terminations is provided, the Company will provide a DS1 signal(s) in D3/D4 format.

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14.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

14.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)

(D) Interface Group 6 through 10 (Cont'd)

The interfaces are provided with individual transmission path bit stream supervisory signaling.

Interface Group I.D. No.	Nominal Bit Rate (Mbps)	Digital Hierarchy Level	Maximum No. of Channelized Voice Freq. Trans. Paths
6	1.544	DS1	24
7	3.152	DS1C	48
8	6.312	DS2	96
9	44.736	DS3	672
10	274.176	DS4	4032

(E) Local Transport Optional Features

Where transmission facilities permit, the Company will, at the option of the customer, provide the following features in association with Local Transport. An Access Order Charge as specified in the Rate Sections, beginning in Section 16, following is applicable on a per order basis when nonchargeable optional features are added subsequent to the installation of service.

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Customer Specified Entry Switch Receive Level: Customer Specified Entry Switch Receive Level allows the customer to specify the receive transmission level at the first point of switching. The range of transmission levels which may be specified is describe in Technical Reference TR-NPL-000334. This feature is available with Interface Groups 2 through 10 for Feature Groups A and B.

Customer Specification of Transport Termination: Customer Specification of Transport Termination allows the customer to specify, for Feature Group B routed directly to an end office or access tandem, a four-wire termination of the Transport at the first point of switching in lieu of a Company selected two-wire termination. This option is available only when the Feature Group B arrangement is provided with Type B Transmission Specifications.

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14. Access Service Interface and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

14.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

14.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)

(E) Local Transport Optional Features (Cont'd)

Supervisory Signaling: Supervisory Signaling allows the customer to order an optional supervisory signaling arrangement for each transmission path provided where the transmission parameters permit, and where signaling conversion is required by the customer to meet its signaling capability.

The Interface Groups, as described in (A) through (D) preceding, represent industry standard arrangements. Where transmission parameters permit, the customer may select the following optional signaling arrangements in place of signaling arrangements normally associated with the Interface Groups.

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- For Interface Groups 1 and 2 associated with FGB or FGD

DX Supervisory Signaling
 E&M Type I Supervisory Signaling,
 E&M Type II Supervisory Signaling, or
 E&M Type III Supervisory Signaling,

- For Interface Group 2 associated with FGB or FGD and in addition to the preceding.

SF Supervisory Signaling, or Tandem Supervisory Signaling

- For Interface Groups 3 through 5

Optional Supervisory Signaling Not Available

- For Interface Groups 6 through 10

These Interface Groups may, at the option of the customer, be provided with individual transmission path SF supervisory signaling where such signaling is available in Company central offices. Generally such signaling is available only where the first point of switching provides an analog (i.e., non digital) interface to the transport termination.

These optional Supervisory Signaling arrangements are not available in combination with the SS7 optional feature as described in 6.8.3 preceding.

Additionally, in (F) following, there is a matrix of available Premises Interface Codes as a function of Interface Group, Company Switch Supervisory Signaling and Feature Group.

(F) Available Premises Interface Codes

Following is a matrix showing premises interface codes which are available for each Interface Group. Their availability is a function of the Company switch supervisory signaling and Feature Group. For explanations of these codes, see the Parameter Codes and Options as set forth in 14.2.2(A) following.

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14. Access Service Interface and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

14.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

14.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)

(F) Available Premises Interface Codes (Cont'd)

Interface Group	Company Switch Supervising Signaling	Premises Interface Code	Feature Group			
			A	B	D	
1	LO	2LS2	X			
	LO	2LS3	X			
	GO	2GS2	X			
	GO	2GS3	X			
	LO, GO,	2DX3	X			
	LO, GO,	4EA3-E	X			
	LO, GO	4EA3-M	X			
	LO, GO,	6EB3-E	X			
	LO, GO	6EB3-M	X			
	RV,EA,EB,EC	2DX3		X	X	
	RV,EA,EB,EC	4EA3-E		X	X	
	RV,EA,EB,EC	4EA3-M		X	X	
	RV,EA,EB,EC	6EB3-E		X	X	
	RV,EA,EB,EC	6EB3-M		X	X	
	EA,EB,EC	6EC3			X	
	RV	2RV3-O		X	X	
	RV	2RV3-T		X	X	
	SS7	2NO2			X	
	2	LO, GO	4SF2	X		
		LO, GO	4SF3	X		
LO		4LS2	X			
LO		4LS3	X			
LO		6LS2	X			
GO		4GS2	X			
GO		4GS3	X			
GO		6GS2	X			
LO, GO		4DX2	X			
LO, GO,		4DX3	X			
LO, GO,		6EA2-E	X			
LO, GO		6EA2-M	X			
LO, GO,		8EB2-E	X			
LO, GO		8EB2-M	X			
LO, GO		6EX2-B	X			
RV, EA, EB, EC		4SF2		X	X	
RV, EA, EB, EC		4SF3		X		
RV, EA, EB, EC		4DX2		X	X	

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Interface Group	Company Switch Supervising Signaling	Premises Interface Code	Feature Group		
			A	B	D
2 (cont'd)	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DX3		X	
	RV, EA, EB, EC	6DX2			X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	6EA2-E		X	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	6EA2-M		X	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	8EB2-E		X	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	8EB2-M		X	X
	EA, EB, EC	8EC2-M			X
	RV	4RV2-O		X	X
	RV	4RV2-T		X	X
	RV	4RV3-O		X	
	RV	4RV3-T		X	
	SS7	2NO2			X
	3	LO, GO	4AH5-B	X	
RV, EA, EB, EC		4AH5-B		X	X
SS7		4AH5-B			X
4	LO, GO	4AH6-C	X		
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4AH6-C		X	X
	SS7	4AH6-C		X	
5	LO, GO	4AH6-D	X		
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4AH6-D		X	X
	SS7	4AH6-D			X
6	LO, GO	4DS9-15		X	
	LO, GO	4DS9-15L		X	
	RV,EA,EB,EC	4DS9-15		X	X
	RV,EA,EB,EC	4DS9-15L		X	X
	SS7	4DS9-15			X
7	LO, GO	4DS9-31	X		
	LO, GO	4DS9-31L	X		
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS9-31		X	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS9-31L		X	X
	SS7	4DS9-31			X

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Interface Group	Company Switch Supervising Signaling	Premises Interface Code	Feature Group		
			A	B	D
8	LO, GO	4DS0-63	X		
	LO, GO	4DS0-63L	X		
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS0-63		X	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS0-63L		X	X
	SS7	4DS0-63			X
9	LO, GO	4DS6-44	X		
	LO, GO	4DS6-44L	X		
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS6-44		X	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS6-44L		X	X
	SS7	4DS6-44			X
10	LO, GO	4DS6-27	X		
	LO, GO	4DS6-27L	X		
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS6-27		X	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS6-27L		X	X
	SS7	4DS6-27			X

14.1.2 Standard Transmission Specifications

Descriptions of the transmission specifications available with each Feature Group as a function of the Interface Group selected by the customer, are set forth in (A) through (D) following. Descriptions of each of these Standard Transmission Specifications and the two Data Standard Transmission Parameters mentioned are set forth respectively in (E) through (G) and 14.1.3(A) and (B) following.

(A) Feature Group A

FGA is provided with either Type B or Type C Transmission Specifications. The specifications for the associated parameters are guaranteed to the first point of switching. Type C Transmission Specifications are provided with Interface Group 1 and Type B is provided with Interface Groups 2 through 10. Type DB Data Transmission Parameters are provided with FGA to the first point of switching.

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FGB is provided with either Type B or Type C Transmission Specifications. The specifications for the associated parameters are guaranteed to the end office when routed directly or to the first point of switching when routed via an access tandem. Type C Transmission Specifications are provided with Interface Groups 1 and Type B is provided with Interface Groups 2 through 10. Type DB Data Transmission Parameters are provided with FGB to the first point of switching.

(C) Feature Group D

FGD is provided with either Type A, Type B or Type C Transmission Specifications as follows:

- When routed to the end office of either Type B or C is provided.
- When routed to an access tandem only Type A is provided.
- Type A is provided on the transmission path from the access tandem to the end office.

Type C Transmission Specifications are provided with Interface Group 1. Type A and Type B Transmission Specifications are provided with interface Groups 2 through 10.

Type DB Data Transmission Parameters are provided with FGD for the transmission path between the customer designated premises and the end office when directly routed to the end office. Type DA Data Transmission Parameters are provided for the transmission path between the customer designated premises and the access tandem and between the access tandem and the end office when routed via an access tandem.

(D) Type A Transmission Specifications

Type A Transmission Specifications is provided with the following parameters:

- (1) Loss Deviation: The maximum Loss Deviation of the 1004 Hz loss relative to the Expected Measured Loss (EML) is +/- 2.0 dB.
- (2) Attenuation Distortion: The maximum Attenuation Distortion in the 404 to 2804 Hz frequency band relative to the loss at 1004 Hz is -1.0 B to +3 dB.

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14. Access Service Interface and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

14.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

14.1.2 Standard Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(D) Type A Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(3) C-Message Noise: The maximum C-Message Noise for the transmission path at the route miles listed is less than or equal to:

<u>Route Miles</u>	<u>C-Message Noise</u>
less than 50	32 dBmCO
51 to 100	34 dBmCO
101 to 200	37 dBmCO
201 to 400	40 dBmCO
401 to 1000	42 dBmCO

(4) C-Notch Noise: The maximum C-Notch Noise, utilizing a -16 dBmO holding tone, is less than or equal to 45 dBmCO.

(5) Echo Control: Echo Control, identified as Equal Level Echo Path Loss, and expressed as Echo Return Loss and Singing Return Loss, is dependent on the routing, i.e., whether the service is routed directly from the customer's point of termination (POT) to the end office or via an access tandem. It is equal to or greater than the following:

	<u>Echo Return Loss</u>	<u>Singing Return Loss</u>
POT to Access Tandem	21 dB	14 dB
POT to End Office		
- Direct	N/A	N/A
- Via Access Tandem	16 dB	11 dB

(6) Standard Return Loss: Standard Return Loss expressed as Echo Return Loss and Singing Return Loss on two-wire ports of a four-wire point of termination shall be equal to or greater than:

<u>Echo Return Loss</u>	<u>Singing Return Loss</u>
5 dB	2.5 dB

(E) Type B Transmission Specifications: Type B Transmission Specifications are provided with the following parameters:

(1) Loss Deviation: The maximum Loss deviation of the 1004 Hz loss relative to the Expected Measured Loss (EML) is +/- 2.5 dB.

(2) Attenuation Distortion: The maximum Attenuation Distortion in the 404 to 2804 Hz frequency band relative to loss at 1004 Hz is -2.0 dB to +4.0 dB.

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14.1.2 Standard Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(E) Type B Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(3) C-Message Noise: The maximum C-Message Noise for the transmission path at the route miles listed is less than or equal to:

<u>Route Miles</u>	<u>C-Message Noise*</u>	
	<u>Type B1</u>	<u>Type B2</u>
less than 50	32 dBmCO	35 dBmCO
51 to 100	33 dBmCO	37 dBmCO
101 to 200	35 dBmCO	40 dBmCO
201 to 400	37 dBmCO	43 dBmCO
401 to 1000	39 dBmCO	45 dBmCO

(4) C-Notch Noise: The maximum C-Notch Noise, utilizing a -16 dBmO holding tone is less than or equal to 47 dBmCO.

(5) Echo Control: Echo Control, identified as Impedance Balance for FGA and FGB and Equal Level Echo Path Loss for FGD, and expressed as Echo Return Loss (ERL) and Singing Return Loss (SRL), is dependent on the routing, i.e., whether the service is routed directly from the customer's point of termination (POT) to the end office or via an access tandem. The ERL and SRL also differ by Feature Group, type of termination, and type of transmission path. They are greater than or equal to the following:

	<u>Echo Return Loss</u>	<u>Singing Return Loss</u>
POT to Access Tandem		
- Terminated in 4-Wire trunk	21 dB	14 dB
- Terminated in 2-Wire trunk	16 dB	11 dB
POT to End Office		
- Direct	16 dB	11 dB
- Via Access Tandem		
* For FGB access	8 dB	4 dB

(6) Standard Return Loss: Standard Return Loss, expressed as Echo Return Loss and Singing Return Loss, on two-wire ports of a four-wire point of termination shall be equal to or greater than:

<u>Echo Return Loss</u>	<u>Singing Return Loss</u>
5 dB	2.5 dB

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14.1.2 Standard Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(F) Type C Transmission Specifications

Type C Transmission Specifications are provided with the following parameters:

- (1) Loss Deviation: The maximum Loss Deviation of the 1004 Hz Loss relative to the Expected Measured Loss (EML) is +/- 3.0 dB.
- (2) Attenuation Distortion: The maximum Attenuation Distortion in the 404 to 2804 Hz frequency band relative to loss at 1004 Hz is -2.0 dB to +5.5 dB.
- (3) C-Message Noise: The maximum C-Message Noise for the transmission patch at the route miles listed is less than or equal to:

<u>Route Miles</u>	<u>C-Message Noise*</u>	
	<u>Type C1</u>	<u>Type C2</u>
less than 50	32 dBrnCO	38 dBrnCO
51 to 100	33 dBrnCO	39 dBrnCO
101 to 200	35 dBrnCO	41 dBrnCO
201 to 400	37 dBrnCO	43 dBrnCO
401 to 1000	39 dBrnCO	45 dBrnCO

- (4) C-Notch Noise: The maximum C-Notch Noise, utilizing a -16 dBmO holding tone is less than or equal to 47 dBrnCO.

- (5) Echo Control: Echo Control, identifies as Return Loss and expressed as Echo Return Loss and Singing Return Loss is dependent on the routing, i.e., whether the service is routed directly from the customer's point of termination (POT) to the end office or via an access tandem. It is equal to or greater than the following:

	<u>Echo Return Loss</u>	<u>Singing Return Loss</u>
POT to Access Tandem	13 dB	6 dB
POT to End Office		
- Direct	13 dB	6 dB
- Via Access Tandem (for FGB only)	8 dB	4 dB

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14.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

14.1.3 Data Transmission Parameters

Two types of data Transmission Parameters, i.e., Type DA and Type DB, are provided for the Feature Group arrangements. Type DB is provided with Feature Groups A and B and also with Feature Group D when Feature Group D is directly routed to the end office. Type DA is only provided with Feature Group D and only when routed via an access tandem. Following are descriptions of each.

(A) Data Transmission Parameters Type DA

(1) Signal to C-Notched Noise Ratio: The Signal to C-Notched Noise Ratio is equal to or greater than 33 dB.

(2) Envelope Delay Distortion: The maximum Envelope Delay Distortion for the frequency banks and route miles specified is:

	<u>604 to 2804 Hz</u>	
less than 50 route miles		500 microseconds
equal to or greater than 50 route miles		900 microseconds

	<u>1004 to 2404 Hz</u>	
less than 50 route miles		200 microseconds
equal to or greater than 50 route miles		400 microseconds

(3) Impulse Noise Counts: The Impulse Noise Counts exceeding a 65 dBrnC0 threshold in 15 minutes is no more than 15 counts.

(4) Intermodulation Distortion: The Second Order (R2) and Third Order (r3) Intermodulation Distortion products are equal to or greater than:

Second Order (R2)	33 dB
Third Order (R3)	37 dB

(5) Phase Jitter: The Phase Jitter over the 4-300 Hz frequency band is less than or equal to 50 peak-to-peak.

(6) Frequency Shift: The maximum Frequency Shift does not exceed -2 to +2 Hz.

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14.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

14.1.3 Data Transmission Parameters (Cont'd)

(B) Data Transmission Parameters Type DB

(1) Signal to C-Notched Noise Ratio: The signal to C-Notched Noise Ratio is equal to or greater than 30 dB.

(2) Envelope Delay Distortion: The maximum Envelope Delay Distortion for the frequency bands and route miles specified is:

	<u>604 to 2804 Hz</u>	
less than 50 route miles		800 microseconds
equal to or greater than 50 route miles		1000 microseconds

	<u>1004 to 2404 Hz</u>	
less than 50 route miles		320 microseconds
equal to or greater than 50 route miles		500 microseconds

(3) Impulse Noise Counts: The Impulse Noise counts exceeding a 67 dB_{BrnCO} threshold in 15 minutes is no more than 15 counts.

(4) Intermodulation Distortion: The Second Order (R2) and Third Order (R3) Intermodulation Distortion products are equal to or greater than:

Second Order (R2)	31 dB
Third Order (R3)	34 dB

(5) Phase Jitter: The Phase Jitter over the 4-300 Hz frequency band is less than or equal to 7° peak-to-peak.

(6) Frequency Shift: The maximum Frequency Shift does not exceed -2 to +2 Hz.

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14. Access Service Interface and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

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14.3 Directory Access Service

14.3.1 Interface Group and Premise Interface Codes

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When Directory Access Service is combined with Feature Group B or D Switched Access Service, the Premises Interface Code for the combination will be the available Premises interface Code provided for the Feature Group B or D Switched Access Service ordered by the customer. Premises Interface Codes are described in 14.1.1(F) preceding.

When Directory Access Service is provided as a separate trunk group (not in combination with Switched Access Service) Interface Groups 2 through 10 as set forth in 14.1.1 preceding are available. Only the following Premises Interface codes are available when Directory Access Service is provided as a separate trunk group:

4DS9-15	6EA2-E	4RV2-O
4DS9-31	6EA2-M	4AH5-B
4DSO-63	4SF3	4AH6-C
4DS6-44		4AH6-D
4DS6-27		

14.3.2 Standard Transmission Specifications

Following is a matrix illustrating the transmission specifications available with Directory Access Service. Descriptions of the standard Transmission Specifications, Type A and B, are set forth respectively in 14.1.2(E) and (F) preceding.

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Directory Access Service Provided <u>Combination with Switched Access Service</u>	Transmission Specifications	
	<u>Type A</u>	<u>Type B</u>
- Feature Group B (Interface Groups 2 through 10)		X
- Feature Group D	X	
Directory Access Service Not <u>Combined with Switched Access Service</u>		
- Routed Direct to DA location (Interface Groups 2 through 10)		X
- Routed via an access tandem (Interface Groups 2 through 10)	X	

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ACCESS SERVICE15. Special Construction

When special construction of facilities is required, the provisions of this tariff apply in addition to all regulations, rates and charges as set forth in the appropriate service tariff.

15.1 Regulations15.1.1 Filing of Charges

Rates, charges and liabilities for special construction to provide facilities for use for one month or more are filed in 15.1.8, following, as appropriate.

Rates, charges and liabilities for the construction of facilities for use for less than one month are filed in supplements to this tariff.

15.1.2 Ownership of Facilities

The Company providing specially constructed facilities under the provisions of this tariff retains ownership of all such facilities.

15.1.3 Interval to Provide Facilities

Based on available information and the type of service ordered, the Company will establish a completion date for the specially constructed facilities. If the scheduled completion date cannot be met due to circumstances beyond the control of the Company, a new completion date will be established and the customer will be notified.

15.1.4 Special Construction Involving Both Interstate and Intrastate Facilities

When special construction involves facilities to be used to provide both interstate and intrastate services, charges for the portion of the construction used to provide interstate service shall be in accordance with this tariff. Charges for the portion of the construction used to provide intrastate service shall be in accordance with the appropriate intrastate tariff.

15.1.5 Payments for Special Construction(A) Payment of Charges

All bills associated with special construction charges are due in accordance with the regulations of the Company.

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Billing of recurring charges for specially constructed facilities starts on the day after the facilities are made available for use. Billing accrues through and includes the day that the specially constructed facilities are discontinued.

(C) Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions

In the event of a service interruption involving a specially constructed facility, the customer shall receive a recurring monthly charge credit in accordance with the credit allowance provisions in the appropriate service tariff associated with the affected services.

When an interruption continues due to the failure of the customer to authorize the replacement of facilities subject to a Replacement Charge, as specified in 15.1.8(A)(4) following, the credit allowance will be terminated on the seventh calendar day after the Company has provided the customer with written notification of the need for replacement. The credit allowance will resume on the day after the Company receives written authorization for the replacement from the customer.

15.1.6 Liabilities and Charges for Special Construction(A) General

This section describes the various charges and liabilities that may apply when the Company provides special construction of facilities in accordance with an order for service. Written approval of all liabilities and charges must be provided to the Company prior to the start of construction.

(B) Conditions Requiring Special Construction

Special construction is required when 1) facilities are not available to meet an order for service, 2) the Company constructs facilities, and 3) one or more of the following conditions exists:

- The Company has no other requirement for the facilities requested.
- It is requested that service be furnished using a type of facility, or via a route, other than that which the Company would normally utilize in furnishing the requested service.

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- More facilities are requested than would normally be required to satisfy an order.
- It is requested that construction be expedited, resulting in added cost to the Company.

15.1.7 Development of Liabilities and Charges

Special construction charges and liabilities will be developed based on estimated costs, except when actual costs are requested in writing prior to the start of special construction.

In order to meet a scheduled service date when actual costs are requested, an initial special construction filing may be made based on estimated costs. Such a filing will be revised when actual costs are available.

15.1.8 Types of Liabilities and Charges

Depending on the specifics associated with each individual case, one or more of the following special construction charges and/or liabilities may be applicable:

(A) Nonrecurring Charge

A nonrecurring charge always applies and includes one or more of the following components:

(1) Case Preparation Charge

A nonrecurring charge always includes a case preparation charge component to cover the administrative expenses associated with preparing a special construction case and the associated tariff filing.

(2) Expediting Charge

A nonrecurring charge may include an expediting charge when it is requested that special construction be completed on an expedited basis. The charge equals the difference in estimated cost between expedited and nonexpedited construction.

(3) Optional Payment

An optional payment charge may be included in the nonrecurring charge in association with a type of facility or route other than that which the Company

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would normally use in furnishing the requested service if lower recurring monthly charges are desired for the specially constructed facilities. This charge is equal to the excess installed cost or the total nonrecoverable cost, whichever is less. This election must be made in writing before special construction starts. If this election is coupled with the actual cost option, the optional payment charge will reflect the actual cost of the specially constructed facilities.

(4) Replacement Charge

If any portion of specially constructed facilities for which an optional payment charge has been paid requires replacement involving capital investment, a replacement charge will apply. This charge will be in the same ratio to the total replacement cost as the initial optional payment charge was to the installed cost of the original specially constructed facilities. If any portion of the facilities subject to the replacement charge fails, service will not be restored until notification is provided in writing that replacement is required and such replacement is ordered.

(5) Rearrangement Charge

If the Company is requested to rearrange existing specially constructed facilities, a nonrecurring charge equal to the cost of any additional special construction will apply.

(6) Special construction of Facilities for Use for less than One Month

When the Company is requested to construct facilities to provide service for less than one month, a nonrecurring charge only applies. In addition to the case preparation charge component, this nonrecurring charge recovers all elements of cost, including engineering, shipping of equipment, equipment installation, line-up, equipment leasing, space rental, equipment removal, and any other costs associated with the construction of the facilities.

(B) Maximum Termination Liability and Termination Charge

A Maximum Termination Liability is equal to the nonrecoverable costs associated with specially constructed facilities and is the maximum amount which could be applied as a Termination Charge if all specially constructed facilities were discontinued before the Maximum Termination Liability expires.

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- 15.1 Regulations (Cont'd)
- 15.1.8 Types of Liabilities and Charges (Cont'd)
- (B) Maximum Termination Liability and Termination Charge (Cont'd)

The Maximum Termination Liability is filed with the initial tariff filing in decreasing amounts at ten-year intervals over the average account life of the facilities. In the event that the average account life of the facilities is not an even multiple of ten, the last increment will reflect the appropriate number of years remaining.

Example Illustrating a 27-Year Average Account Life

Maximum Termination Liability	Effective	Expiration Date	Date
\$10,000	06/01/84	06/01/94	
7,000	06/01/94	06/01/04	
3,000	06/01/04	06/01/11	

Prior to the expiration of each liability period, the customer has the option to (A) terminate the special construction case and pay the appropriate charges, or (B) extend the use of the specially constructed facilities for the new liability period.

The Company will notify the customer six months in advance of the expiration date of each ten-year liability period. The customer must provide the Company with written notification at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the liability period if termination is elected. Failure to do so will result in an automatic extension of the special construction case to the next liability period at the filed Maximum Termination Liability amount.

A Termination Charge may apply when all services using specially constructed facilities which have a tariffed Maximum Termination Liability are discontinued prior to the expiration of the liability period. The charge reflects the unamortized portion of the nonrecoverable costs at the time of termination, adjusted for net salvage and possible reuse. Administrative costs associated with the specific case of special construction and any costs for restoring a location to its original condition are also included. A Termination Charge may never exceed the filed Maximum Termination Liability.

A partial termination of specially constructed facilities will be provided at the election of the customer. The amount of the Termination Charge associated with such partial termination is determined by multiplying the termination charge which would result if all services using the specially constructed facilities were discontinued, at the time partial termination is elected, by the percentage of specially constructed facilities to be partially terminated. A tariff filing will be made following a partial termination to list remaining Maximum Termination Liability amounts and the number of specially constructed facilities the customer will remain liable for.

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A customer with a filed Maximum Termination Liability of \$100,000 for 3,600 specially constructed facilities requests a partial termination of 900 facilities. The Termination Charge for all facilities, at the time of election, is \$60,000. The partial termination charge, in this example, is \$60,000 x 900/3,600, or \$15,000.

(C) Annual Underutilization Liability and Underutilization Charge

Prior to the start of special construction, the Company and the customer will agree on (1) the quantity of facilities to be provided, and (2) the length of the planning period during which the customer expects to place the facilities in service. The planning period is hereinafter referred to as the Initial Liability Period (ILP). The ILP is listed in the tariff with an effective and expiration date.

Underutilization occurs only if, at the expiration date of the ILP and annually thereafter, less than 70 percent of the specially constructed facilities are in service at filed tariff service rates.

An annual underutilization liability amount is filed on a per unit basis (e.g., per cable pair) for each case of special construction. This amount is equal to the annual per unit cost and includes depreciation, maintenance, administration, return, taxes, and any other costs identified in the supporting documentation provided at the time the special construction case is filed.

Example

Upon the expiration of the ILP, the number of underutilized facilities, if any are multiplied by the annual underutilization liability amount. This product is then multiplied by the number of years (including any fraction thereof) in the ILP to determine the underutilization charge.

Annually thereafter, the number of underutilized facilities, if any, existing on the anniversary of the ILP expiration date will be multiplied by the annual underutilization charge for the preceding 12-month period.

A customer orders 100 services, and the special construction of a 600 pair building riser cable is agreed to, based on the customer's 5-year facility requirements. The ILP, in this example, would be filed at 5 years. The annual underutilization liability is filed at \$15.00 per pair. If 400 pairs were in service at the end of the ILP, there would be an underutilization of 20 pairs, i.e., 420 (70% of 600) - 400 = 20. The total underutilization charge for the first 5 years would be \$200.00, or \$15.00 per pair x 20 pairs x 5 years.

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If 420 pairs are in service at the end of the sixth year, there is no underutilization, i.e., $420 - 420 = 0$.

(1) Charge for Route or Type other than Normal

When special construction is requested using a route or type of facility other than that which the Company would normally use, a recurring monthly charge, in addition to the monthly rates for service is applicable. The charge is equal to the difference between the recurring costs of the specially constructed facilities and the recurring costs of the facilities the Company would have normally used.

(a) When an Optional Payment Charge as set forth 15.1.8(A)(3) preceding has been elected, the recurring monthly charge will be reduced to include specially constructed facility operating expenses only.

(b) If the actual cost option as set forth in 15.1.7 preceding has been elected, the recurring charge will be adjusted to reflect the actual cost of the new construction when the costs have been determined. This adjusted recurring charge is applicable from the start of service.

(D) Lease Charge

This charge applies when the Company leases equipment in order to meet service requirements. The amount of the charge is equal to the net added cost to the Company caused by the lease.

(E) Cancellation Charge

If a service order with which special construction is associated is cancelled prior to the start of service, a cancellation charge will apply. The charge will include all nonrecoverable costs incurred by the Company in association with the special construction up to and including the time of cancellation.

15.1.9 Deferral of Start of Service

The Company may be requested to defer the start of service which will use specially constructed facilities subject to the provision set forth in the service tariff under which service is being provided. Requests for special construction deferral must be in writing and are subject to the following regulations:

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If the Company has not incurred any installation costs before receiving a request for deferral, no charge applies.

(B) Construction Has Begun

If the construction of facilities has begun before the Company receives a request for deferral, charges will vary as follows:

(C) All Services Are Deferred

When all services which will use specially constructed facilities are deferred, a charge based on the costs incurred by the Company during each month of the deferral will apply. Those costs include the recurring costs for that portion of the facilities already completed and any other costs associated with the deferral. The cost of any components of the nonrecurring charge which have been completed at the time of deferral will also apply.

(D) Some Services Are Deferred

When some services which will use the specially constructed facilities are deferred, the construction case will be completed and all special construction charges will apply.

15.1.10 Construction Complete

If the construction of facilities has been completed before the Company receives a request for deferral, all special construction charges will apply.

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Regulations concerning End User Access Service are set forth in Section 4 preceding.

(A) End User Common Line (EUCL)

Residence

- Individual line or trunk, each \$6.50

(B) End User Common Line (EUCL)

Single Line Business

- Individual line or trunk, each \$6.50

(C) End User Common Line (EUCL)

Multiline Business including Centrex
CO and CO-Like Ordered

-Individual line or trunk, each

- Anchorage \$9.20

- Fairbanks \$9.20

- Juneau \$9.20

- Ft. Wainwright/Eielson \$7.41

- Glacier State \$9.20

- Sitka \$9.20

- All other areas \$9.20

18.1.2 Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC)

Regulations concerning Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) are set forth in Section 4 preceding.

FUSC Surcharge Factor 28.9% (R)

18.1.3 Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC)

See Section 16.1 for rates.

(A) Multiline Business (MLB) End User Common Line (EUCL) Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSF)

Matanuska-Susitna 28.9% (R)

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18.1 Federal Universal Service Charge

18.1.4 Optional Features and Functions

	Monthly <u>Rate</u>	M
(1) Port Charges		
DS1 Line Port		
- Per DS1 (1.544 Mbps) channel service	\$23.51	
ISDN Line Port		
- ISDN BRI Line Port, per arrangement	\$2.23	
- ISDN PRI Line Port, per arrangement	\$23.51	M

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	<u>NRC</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
(A) <u>Local Transport – Installation Entrance Facility</u>		6.4.1(B)(1)
- Voice Grade Two Wire		
Arctic Slope	\$487.01 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$487.01 (I)	
Cordova	\$933.82	
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$197.52	
Juneau	\$123.55	
Anchorage	\$166.24	
Fairbanks	\$140.43	
Glacier State	\$121.63	
Sitka	\$163.54	
Ketchikan	\$335.74	
Nome	\$487.01 (I)	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$481.03 (R)	
Seward	\$487.01 (I)	
- Voice Grade Four Wire		
Arctic Slope	\$487.01 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$487.01 (I)	
Cordova	\$933.82	
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$197.52	
Juneau	\$123.55	
Anchorage	\$166.24	
Fairbanks	\$140.43	
Glacier State	\$121.63	
Sitka	\$163.54	
Ketchikan	\$335.74	
Nome	\$487.01 (I)	
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		Tariff Section Reference
(A) <u>Local Transport – Installation (cont'd)</u>	<u>NRC</u>	
<u>Entrance Facility</u>		6.4.1(B)(1)
- High Capacity DS1		
Arctic Slope	\$357.16 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$357.16 (I)	
Cordova	\$684.81	
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$229.73	
Juneau	\$160.11	
Anchorage	\$158.48	
Fairbanks	\$169.45	
Glacier State	\$146.11	
Sitka	\$164.75	
Ketchikan	\$246.22	
Nome	\$357.16 (I)	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$352.76 (R)	
Seward	\$357.16 (I)	
- High Capacity DS3*		
Arctic Slope	\$481.61 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$481.61 (I)	
Cordova	\$923.46	
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$268.63	
Juneau	\$168.03	
Anchorage	\$474.14	
Fairbanks	\$190.99	
Glacier State	\$165.41	
Sitka	\$222.42	
Ketchikan	\$332.01	
Nome	\$481.61 (I)	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$475.69 (R)	
Seward	\$481.61 (I)	

*Where facilities are available

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	<u>NRC</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
(B) <u>Interim NXX Translation per Order</u>		6.4.1(B)(2)
Arctic Slope	\$238.10 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$238.10 (I)	
Cordova	\$456.54	
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$43.96	
Juneau	\$43.96	
Anchorage	\$43.96	
Fairbanks	\$43.96	
Glacier State	\$43.96	
Sitka	\$43.96	
Ketchikan	\$0.00	
Nome	\$238.10 (I)	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$238.67	
Seward	\$238.10 (I)	
(C) <u>FGD Conversion of Multifrequency Address Signaling to SS7 Signaling or SS7 Signaling to Multifrequency Address Signaling</u>		6.4.1(B)(3)
-Per 24 Trunks Converted, or Fraction thereof, On a per Order Basis		
Arctic Slope	\$478.36 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$478.36 (I)	
Cordova	ICB	
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$183.00	
Juneau	\$183.00	
Anchorage	\$222.00	
Fairbanks	\$183.00	
Glacier State	\$183.00	
Sitka	\$183.00	
Ketchikan	\$480.57	
Nome	\$478.36 (I)	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$479.49	
Seward	\$478.36 (I)	

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	<u>NRC</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
(D) <u>Direct Trunked Transport Activation</u>		6.4.1(B)(1)
-Per 24 Trunks Activated, or Fraction thereof, on a per Order Basis		
Arctic Slope	\$496.75 (I)	
Nome	\$496.75 (I)	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$490.64	
Ft. Wainwright	\$176.50	
Juneau	\$196.66	
Anchorage	\$16.22	
Fairbanks	\$183.11	
Glacier State	\$182.30	
Sitka	\$177.76	
Seward	\$496.75 (I)	
Ketchikan	\$342.45	
Cordova	\$497.93	
Copper Valley	\$496.75 (I)	

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	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
<u>Entrance Facility - per Termination</u>		6.1.3(A)(1)
- Voice Grade Two-Wire		
Anchorage	\$18.25	
Arctic Slope	\$47.57 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$82.51 (I)	
Cordova	\$158.20	
Fairbanks	\$19.70	
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$21.22	
Glacier State	\$16.45	
Juneau	\$14.79	
Ketchikan	\$56.88	
Nome	\$30.44 (I)	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$30.97	
Seward	\$47.57 (I)	
Sitka	\$11.83	
- Voice Grade Four-Wire		
Anchorage	\$18.25	
Arctic Slope	\$76.12 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$132.03 (I)	
Cordova	\$253.15	
Fairbanks	\$30.39	
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$33.96	
Glacier State	\$26.32	
Juneau	\$21.24	
Ketchikan	\$91.02	
Nome	\$48.71 (I)	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$49.56	
Seward	\$76.12 (I)	
Sitka	\$18.92	

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<u>Entrance Facility - per Termination (cont'd)</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
- High Capacity DS1		
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$92.62	
Nome	\$148.39 (I)	
Arctic Slope	\$231.90 (I)	
Ketchikan	\$277.29	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$151.00	
Seward	\$231.90 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$402.22 (I)	
Juneau	\$82.60	
Anchorage	\$48.95	
Fairbanks	\$104.68	
Glacier State	\$94.08	
Sitka	\$61.93	
Cordova	\$771.24	
- High Capacity DS3*		
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$960.60	
Nome	\$1,354.95 (I)	
Arctic Slope	\$2,117.37 (I)	
Ketchikan	\$2,531.83	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$1,378.77	
Seward	\$2,117.37 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$3,672.60 (I)	
Juneau	\$730.49	
Anchorage	\$721.14	
Fairbanks	\$944.07	
Glacier State	\$829.27	
Sitka	\$565.12	
Cordova	\$7,041.94	

*Where facilities are available

ACCESS SERVICE18 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)18.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)18.2.2 Local Transport (Cont'd)

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
<u>Entrance Facility - per Termination (cont'd)</u>		6.1.3(A)(1)
- Facility of 3 DS3s		
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	N/A	
Nome	N/A	
Arctic Slope	N/A	
Ketchikan	N/A	
Matanuska-Susitna	N/A	
Seward	N/A	
Copper Valley	N/A	
Juneau	N/A	
Anchorage	\$646.13	
Fairbanks	N/A	
Glacier State	N/A	
Sitka	N/A	
Cordova	N/A	
- Channel Interface Connection, Per DS3 Channel Installed*		
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$960.60	
Nome	\$1,354.95 (I)	
Arctic Slope	\$2,117.37 (I)	
Ketchikan	\$2,531.83	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$2,091.34	
Seward	\$2,117.37 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$3,672.60 (I)	
Juneau	\$730.49	
Anchorage	\$721.14	
Fairbanks	\$944.07	
Glacier State	\$829.27	
Sitka	\$565.12	
Cordova	N/A	

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	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
<u>Direct Trunked Transport</u>		
<u>-Direct Trunked Facility – per Mile</u>		6.1.3(A)(2)
- Voice Grade Two-Wire and Four-Wire		
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$1.51	
Nome	\$2.16 (I)	
Arctic Slope	\$3.39 (I)	
Ketchikan	\$4.05	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$2.21	
Seward	\$3.39 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$5.86 (I)	
Juneau	\$0.95	
Anchorage	\$1.00	
Fairbanks	\$1.35	
Glacier State	\$1.17	
Sitka	\$1.58	
Cordova	\$11.26	
- High Capacity DS1		
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$6.08	
Nome	\$10.15 (I)	
Arctic Slope	\$15.89 (I)	
Ketchikan	\$19.00	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$10.34	
Seward	\$15.89 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$27.57 (I)	
Juneau	\$4.24	
Anchorage	\$9.74	
Fairbanks	\$5.65	
Glacier State	\$4.87	
Sitka	\$6.34	
Cordova	\$52.84	

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	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
<u>Direct Trunked Transport</u>		
- <u>Direct Trunked Facility</u> – per Mile (cont'd)		6.1.3(A)(2)
- High Capacity DS3*		
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$41.39	
Nome	\$88.55 (I)	
Arctic Slope	\$138.41 (I)	
Ketchikan	\$165.49	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$90.12	
Seward	\$138.41 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$240.05 (I)	
Juneau	\$36.96	
Anchorage	\$93.51	
Fairbanks	\$47.45	
Glacier State	\$42.44	
Sitka	\$55.26	
Cordova	\$460.28	
- <u>Direct Trunked Termination</u> - per Termination		6.1.3(A)(2)
- Voice Grade Two-Wire and Four-Wire		
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$15.19	
Nome	\$21.78 (I)	
Arctic Slope	\$34.06 (I)	
Ketchikan	\$40.72	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$22.17	
Seward	\$34.06 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$59.06 (I)	
Juneau	\$9.50	
Anchorage	\$10.09	
Fairbanks	\$13.59	
Glacier State	\$11.77	
Sitka	\$15.83	
Cordova	\$113.26	

*Where facilities are available

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	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
- <u>Direct Trunked Termination</u> - per Termination (cont'd)		6.1.3(A)(2)
- High Capacity DS1		
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$31.58	
Nome	\$52.75 (I)	
Arctic Slope	\$82.43 (I)	
Ketchikan	\$98.57	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$53.68	
Seward	\$82.43 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$142.97 (I)	
Juneau	\$22.01	
Anchorage	\$37.88	
Fairbanks	\$29.32	
Glacier State	\$25.28	
Sitka	\$32.91	
Cordova	\$274.15	
- High Capacity DS3*		
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$158.30	
Nome	\$338.75 (I)	
Arctic Slope	\$529.32 (I)	
Ketchikan	\$632.94	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$344.68	
Seward	\$529.32 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$918.14 (I)	
Juneau	\$141.35	
Anchorage	\$182.02	
Fairbanks	\$181.48	
Glacier State	\$162.34	
Sitka	\$211.35	
Cordova	\$1,760.45	

*Where facilities are available

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	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
- <u>Multiplexing</u> - per Arrangement		6.1.3(A)(5)
-DS3 to DS1*		
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$180.01	
Nome	\$309.06 (I)	
Arctic Slope	\$482.96 (I)	
Ketchikan	\$577.49	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$314.49	
Seward	\$482.96 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$837.69 (I)	
Juneau	\$160.73	
Anchorage	\$216.02	
Fairbanks	\$214.08	
Glacier State	\$184.59	
Sitka	\$242.03	
Cordova	\$1,606.33	
- DS1 to Voice		
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$69.50	
Nome	\$119.33 (I)	
Arctic Slope	\$186.46 (I)	
Ketchikan	\$222.97	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$121.42	
Seward	\$186.46 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$323.43 (I)	
Juneau	\$62.05	
Anchorage	\$209.05	
Fairbanks	\$82.65	
Glacier State	\$71.27	
Sitka	\$93.44	
Cordova	\$620.15	

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	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
- <u>Customer Premises Port, Per Port</u>		
- DS3*		
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	N/A	
Nome	\$126.40 (I)	
Arctic Slope	\$197.52 (I)	
Ketchikan	\$344.18	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$128.62	
Seward	\$197.52 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$342.58 (I)	
Juneau	N/A	
Anchorage	N/A	
Fairbanks	N/A	
Glacier State	N/A	
Sitka	N/A	
Cordova	N/A	
- Nonrecurring Charge	\$692.65 (I)	
- DS1		
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	N/A	
Nome	\$32.40 (I)	
Arctic Slope	\$50.61 (I)	
Ketchikan	\$88.22	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$32.96	
Seward	\$50.61 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$87.82 (I)	
Juneau	N/A	
Anchorage	N/A	
Fairbanks	N/A	
Glacier State	N/A	
Sitka	N/A	
Cordova	\$86.73	
- Nonrecurring Charge	\$692.65 (I)	

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ACCESS SERVICE18 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)18.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)18.2.2 Local Transport (Cont'd)

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
<u>- Add/Drop Multiplexing Central Office Port, Per Port</u>		
	<u>DS3 Rate*</u>	<u>DS1 Rate</u>
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	N/A	N/A
Nome	\$64.80 (I)	\$25.93 (I)
Arctic Slope	\$101.29 (I)	\$40.51 (I)
Ketchikan	\$176.48	\$70.58
Matanuska-Susitna	\$65.95	\$26.38
Seward	\$101.29 (I)	\$40.51 (I)
Copper Valley	\$175.67 (I)	\$70.25 (I)
Juneau	N/A	N/A
Anchorage	N/A	N/A
Fairbanks	N/A	N/A
Glacier State	N/A	N/A
Sitka	N/A	N/A
Cordova	\$173.51	\$69.39

ACCESS SERVICE18 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)18.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)18.2.2 Local Transport (Cont'd)

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
- <u>Tandem Switched Transport</u>		
- <u>Tandem Switched Facility*</u>		6.1.3(A)(3)
Per Access Minutes per Mile		

Originating-Toll

Ketchikan	\$0.000140
Arctic Slope	\$0.000435 (I)
Copper Valley	\$0.000435 (I)
Cordova	\$0.000835
Nome	\$0.000435 (I)
Matanuska-Susitna	\$0.000283
Seward	\$0.000435 (I)
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$0.000155
Juneau	\$0.000173
Anchorage	\$0.000436
Fairbanks	\$0.000000
Glacier State	\$0.000124
Sitka	\$0.000000

Terminating to End Office

Ketchikan	\$0.000140
Arctic Slope	\$0.000435 (I)
Copper Valley	\$0.000435 (I)
Cordova	\$0.000835
Nome	\$0.000435 (I)
Matanuska-Susitna	\$0.000283
Seward	\$0.000435 (I)
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$0
Juneau	\$0
Anchorage	\$0
Fairbanks	\$0
Glacier State	\$0
Sitka	\$0

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	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
- <u>Tandem Switched Transport (Cont'd)</u>		6.1.3(A)(3)
- <u>Tandem Switched Facility* (Cont'd)</u>		
Per Access Minutes per Mile		
<u>Terminating 3rd Party</u>		
Ketchikan	\$0.000140	
Arctic Slope	\$0.000435 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$0.000435 (I)	
Cordova	\$0.000835	
Nome	\$0.000435 (I)	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$0.000283	
Seward	\$0.000435 (I)	
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$0.000155	
Juneau	\$0.000173	
Anchorage	\$0.000436	
Fairbanks	\$0.000000	
Glacier State	\$0.000124	
Sitka	\$0.000000	
- <u>Tandem Switched Termination*</u>		
Per Access Minutes per Termination		
<u>Originating- Toll</u>		
Ketchikan	\$0.000731	
Arctic Slope	\$0.002261 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$0.002261 (I)	
Cordova	\$0.004337	
Nome	\$0.002261 (I)	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$0.001473	
Seward	\$0.002261 (I)	
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$0.000802	
Juneau	\$0.000897	
Anchorage	\$0.001657	
Fairbanks	\$0.000000	
Glacier State	\$0.000641	
Sitka	\$0.000000	

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	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
- <u>Tandem Switched Transport (Cont'd)</u>		6.1.3(A)(3)
- <u>Tandem Switched Termination* (Cont'd)</u>		
Per Access Minutes per Termination		
<u>Terminating to End Office</u>		
Ketchikan	\$0.000731	
Arctic Slope	\$0.002261 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$0.002261 (I)	
Cordova	\$0.004337	
Nome	\$0.002261 (I)	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$0.001473	
Seward	\$0.002261 (I)	
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$0	
Juneau	\$0	
Anchorage	\$0	
Fairbanks	\$0	
Glacier State	\$0	
Sitka	\$0	
<u>Terminating 3rd Party</u>		
Ketchikan	\$0.000731	
Arctic Slope	\$0.002261 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$0.002261 (I)	
Cordova	\$0.004337	
Nome	\$0.002261 (I)	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$0.001473	
Seward	\$0.002261 (I)	
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$0.000802	
Juneau	\$0.000897	
Anchorage	\$0.001657	
Fairbanks	\$0.000000	
Glacier State	\$0.000641	
Sitka	\$0.000000	

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18.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

18.2.2 Local Transport (Cont'd)

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
- <u>Tandem Switched Transport (Cont'd)</u>		6.1.3(A)(3)

-Tandem Switching*
 Per Access Minute per Tandem

Originating-Toll

Ketchikan	\$0.001842
Arctic Slope	\$0.005705 (I)
Copper Valley	\$0.005705 (I)
Cordova	\$0.010939
Nome	\$0.005705 (I)
Matanuska-Susitna	\$0.003715
Seward	\$0.005705 (I)
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$0.000000
Juneau	\$0.000000
Anchorage	\$0.038894
Fairbanks	\$0.000000
Glacier State	\$0.000000
Sitka	\$0.000000

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	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
- <u>Tandem Switched Transport (Cont'd)</u>		6.1.3(A)(3)
- <u>Tandem Switching* (Cont'd)</u>		
Per Access Minute per Tandem		
<u>Terminating to End Office</u>		
Ketchikan	\$0.001842	
Arctic Slope	\$0.005705 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$0.005705 (I)	
Cordova	\$0.010939	
Nome	\$0.005705 (I)	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$0.003715	
Seward	\$0.005705 (I)	
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$0	
Juneau	\$0	
Anchorage	\$0	
Fairbanks	\$0	
Glacier State	\$0	
Sitka	\$0	
<u>Terminating 3rd Party</u>		
Ketchikan	\$0.001842	
Arctic Slope	\$0.005705 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$0.005705 (I)	
Cordova	\$0.010939	
Nome	\$0.005705 (I)	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$0.003715	
Seward	\$0.005705 (I)	
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$0.000000	
Juneau	\$0.000000	
Anchorage	\$0.038894	
Fairbanks	\$0.000000	
Glacier State	\$0.000000	
Sitka	\$0.000000	

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18.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

18.2.2 Local Transport (Cont'd)

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
- <u>Tandem Switched Transport (Cont'd)</u>		6.1.3(A)(3)
- <u>Joint Tandem Switched Transport*</u>		
Per Originating Toll Free Only Access Minute Per Tandem		
		(N)
Ketchikan	\$0.001	
Arctic Slope	\$0.001	
Copper Valley	\$0.001	
Cordova	\$0.001	
Nome	\$0.001	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$0.001	
Seward	\$0.001	
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$0.001	
Juneau	\$0.001	
Anchorage	\$0.001	
Fairbanks	N/A	(Z)
Glacier State	\$0.001	
Sitka	N/A	(N) (Z)

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(N)

ACCESS SERVICE18 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)18.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)18.2.2 Local Transport (Cont'd)

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
- <u>Residual Interconnection Charge</u> Per Access Minute	\$0.000000	6.1.3(A)(4)

(A) Common Channel Signaling Network Connection 6.1.3(A)(8)(1) Signaling Network Access Link

- Signal Mileage Facility per mile

Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$1.59
Nome	\$2.93 (I)
Arctic Slope	\$4.56 (I)
Ketchikan	\$7.96
Matanuska-Susitna	\$2.97
Seward	\$4.56 (I)
Copper Valley	\$7.92 (I)
Juneau	\$1.27
Anchorage	\$1.25
Fairbanks	\$1.89
Glacier State	\$1.63
Sitka	\$2.12
Cordova	\$7.82

- Signaling Mileage Termination per term.

Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$15.96
Nome	\$29.34 (I)
Arctic Slope	\$45.84 (I)
Ketchikan	\$79.87
Matanuska-Susitna	\$29.85
Seward	\$45.84 (I)
Copper Valley	\$79.50 (I)
Juneau	\$12.79
Anchorage	\$12.66
Fairbanks	\$18.98
Glacier State	\$16.37
Sitka	\$21.31
Cordova	\$78.53

ACCESS SERVICE18 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)18.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)18.2.2 Local Transport (Cont'd)

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
(A) <u>Common Channel Signaling Network Connection (Cont'd)</u>		6.1.3(A)(8)
(1) <u>Signaling Network Access Link</u>		
-Signaling Entrance Facility per facility		
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$39.17	
Nome	\$56.18 (I)	
Arctic Slope	\$87.79 (I)	
Ketchikan	\$152.98	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$51.16	
Seward	\$87.79 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$152.28 (I)	
Juneau	\$27.30	
Anchorage	\$43.55	
Fairbanks	\$34.49	
Glacier State	\$31.35	
Sitka	\$41.11	
Cordova	\$150.40	
- Nonrecurring Charge	\$422.08 (I)	
(2) <u>STP Port per port</u>		
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$276.53	
Nome	\$289.51 (I)	
Arctic Slope	\$452.39 (I)	
Ketchikan	\$788.31	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$294.58	
Seward	\$452.39 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$784.67 (I)	
Juneau	\$192.73	
Anchorage	\$438.62	
Fairbanks	\$203.96	
Glacier State	\$170.28	
Sitka	\$230.59	
Cordova	\$830.63	

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18 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

18.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

18.2.2 Local Transport (Cont'd)

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
<u>Network Blocking per Block Call – FGD only</u>		
Anchorage	\$0.0177	
Nome	\$0.0166 (I)	
Arctic Slope	\$0.0166 (I)	
Ketchikan	\$0.0167	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$0.0108	
Seward	\$0.0166 (I)	
Copper Valley	\$0.0166 (I)	
Cordova	\$0.0164	
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	ICB	
Juneau	ICB	
Fairbanks	ICB	
Glacier State	ICB	
Sitka	ICB	
(B) <u>Toll Free Database Access Service Queries</u>		6.8.4
Per Query		
<u>Basic:</u>		
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$0.002224 (R)	
Juneau	\$0.002224 (R)	
Anchorage	\$0.000464 (R)	
Fairbanks	\$0.002224 (R)	
Glacier State	\$0.001250 (R)	
Sitka	\$0.002224 (R)	
Matanuska - Susitna	\$0.0020 (R)	
Cordova	\$0.002224 (R)	
Ketchikan	\$0.002090 (R)	
All Other Areas	\$0.002224 (R)	
<u>Vertical Feature:</u>		
Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$0.002224 (R)	
Juneau	\$0.002224 (R)	
Anchorage	\$0.000464 (R)	
Fairbanks	\$0.002224 (R)	
Glacier State	\$0.001250 (R)	
Sitka	\$0.002224 (R)	
Matanuska - Susitna	\$0.0022 (R)	
Cordova	\$0.002224 (R)	
Ketchikan	\$0.002224 (R)	
All Other Areas	\$0.002224 (R)	

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18 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
 18.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

18.2.3 End Office

	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
(A) <u>Local Switching</u>		6.1.3(B)

Premium - Local Switching Per Access Minutes
 Feature Groups A, B and D [including: (1) Feature Group B when utilized for the provision of MTS/WATS service and (2) Feature Groups A and B when utilized for the provision of terminating inward WATS and WATS-type services at an equal access WATS Serving Office.]

Per Originating Toll Access Minute

Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$0.006423	
Matanuska-Susitna	\$0.009492	
Juneau	\$0.004723	
Copper Valley	\$0.038875	(I)
Cordova	\$0.0465893	
Ketchikan	\$0.026800	
Arctic Slope	\$0.048596	(I)
Nome	\$0.048596	(I)
Seward	\$0.048596	(I)
Anchorage	\$0.003735	
Fairbanks	\$0.002034	
Glacier State	\$0.005771	
Sitka	\$0.007034	

Per Originating Toll Free Access Minute

Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$0.003212	(R)
Matanuska-Susitna	\$0.004746	
Juneau	\$0.002362	
Copper Valley	\$0.019194	
Cordova	\$0.0232947	
Ketchikan	\$0.013400	
Arctic Slope	\$0.023993	
Nome	\$0.023993	
Seward	\$0.023993	
Anchorage	\$0.001868	
Fairbanks	\$0.001017	
Glacier State	\$0.002886	
Sitka	\$0.003517	(R)

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18.3 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

18.2.4 End Office (Cont'd)

(A) Local Switching (Cont'd)

Per Terminating Access Minute

Ft. Wainwright/Eielson	\$0.00
Matanuska-Susitna	\$0.00
Juneau	\$0.00
Copper Valley	\$0.00
Cordova	\$0.00
Ketchikan	\$0.00
Arctic Slope	\$0.00
Nome	\$0.00
Seward	\$0.00
Anchorage	\$0.00
Fairbanks	\$0.00
Glacier State	\$0.00
Sitka	\$0.00

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	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Tariff Section Reference</u>
(B) <u>Information Surcharge</u>		6.1.3(B)(2)
<u>Premium Per 100 Originating Toll Access Minutes</u>		
Matanuska-Susitna	\$0.0348	
Copper Valley	\$0.0535	(I)
Cordova	\$0.1025006	
Ketchikan	\$0.036849	
Arctic Slope	\$0.0535	(I)
Nome	\$0.0535	(I)
Seward	\$0.0535	(I)
Fairbanks	\$0.0000	
Anchorage	\$0.0000	
All Other Areas	N/A	
<u>Premium Per 100 Originating Toll Free Access Minutes</u>		
Matanuska-Susitna	\$0.0174	(R)
Copper Valley	\$0.0264	
Cordova	\$0.0512503	
Ketchikan	\$0.018425	
Arctic Slope	\$0.0264	
Nome	\$0.0264	
Seward	\$0.0264	(R)
All Other Areas	N/A	
<u>Premium Per 100 Terminating Access Minutes</u>		
Matanuska-Susitna	\$0.0000	
Copper Valley	\$0.0000	
Cordova	\$0.0000	
Ketchikan	\$0.0000	
Arctic Slope	\$0.0000	
Nome	\$0.0000	
Seward	\$0.0000	
All Other Areas	N/A	

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18 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

18.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

18.2.4 Directory Assistance Service

(A) Directory Assistance Service

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A Directory Assistance Service Charge applies for each call to Directory Assistance Service.

Anchorage	\$0.62	
Arctic Slope	\$1.10	(I)
Copper Valley	\$1.10	(I)
Nome	\$1.10	(I)
Seward	\$1.10	(I)
All Other Areas	\$1.09	

18.2.5 Directory Assistance Database Service

Directory Assistance Database Services are available in:

- Anchorage
- Arctic Slope
- Copper Valley
- Cordova
- Ketchikan
- Matanuska-Susitna
- Nome
- Seward

Pricing for the Directory Assistance Database Service can be found in Section 9.5

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As of August 1, 2020, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 61.203, the provisions of this tariff that relate to special access services shall be supplanted by the non-tariffed contract for special access services (aka "business data services") posted on GCI's web site at <https://www.gci.com/about/terms-conditions> with rates available at <https://www.gci.com/regulatory>, both of which shall be subject to modification from time to time.

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- 18.4 Other Services
 - 18.4.1 Access Ordering

<u>(A) Access Order Charge</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Tariff Section Referenced</u>
Per Order:		5.4.1
Greatland	\$29.48 (R)	
Juneau	\$20.55 (R)	
Anchorage	\$29.59 (R)	
Fairbanks	\$21.74 (R)	
Glacier State	\$18.75 (R)	
Sitka	\$24.58 (R)	
Cordova	\$87.64 (R)	
All Other Areas	\$59.01 (R)	

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18.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

18.4.1 Access Ordering (cont'd)

<u>(B) Service Date Change Charge</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Tariff Section Referenced</u>
A Service Date Change Charge will apply, on a per order occurrence basis, for each service date changed. The Access Order Charge as specified in 18.4.1(A) preceding does not apply.		
	5.4.3	
Greatland	\$13.37	
Juneau	\$9.32	
Anchorage	\$13.76	
Fairbanks	\$9.86	
Glacier State	\$8.51	
Sitka	\$11.15	
Cordova	\$63.14 (N)	
Ketchikan	\$61.28 (N)	
All Other Areas	\$60.00	
<u>(C) Design Change Charge</u>		
The Design Change Charge will apply on a per order per occurrence basis for each order requiring design change.		
	5.4.3	
Greatland	\$13.37	
Juneau	\$9.32	
Anchorage	\$13.76	
Fairbanks	\$9.86	
Glacier State	\$8.51	
Sitka	\$11.15	
Cordova	\$88.39 (N)	
Ketchikan	\$85.80 (N)	
All Other Areas	\$84.00	
<u>(D) Miscellaneous Service Order Charge</u>		
Per Occurrence:		5.4.2
Greatland	\$13.37	
Juneau	\$9.32	
Anchorage	\$13.76	
Fairbanks	\$9.86	
Glacier State	\$8.51	
Sitka	\$11.15	
Cordova	\$129.43 (N)	
Ketchikan	\$125.63(N)	
All Other Areas	\$123.00	

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	Each Half Hour or Fraction Thereof	Tariff Section Referenced
<u>18.4.2 Additional Engineering Periods</u>		
(A) <u>Basic Time per engineer normally scheduled working hours</u>		13.1
Anchorage Area	\$41.69	
Service Area 1 *	\$31.03	
Service Area 2 **	\$27.19	
(B) <u>Overtime per engineer outside of normally scheduled working hours</u>		13.1
Anchorage Area	\$62.54	
Service Area 1 *	\$46.55	
Service Area 2 **	\$40.79	
(C) <u>Premium Time outside of scheduled work day, per engineer</u>		13.1
Anchorage Area	\$83.38	
Service Area 1 *	\$62.06	
Service Area 2 **	\$54.38	
<u>18.4.3 Additional Labor</u>		
(A) <u>Installation or Repair</u>		
- Basic Time		13.2
Anchorage Area	\$41.35	
Service Area 1 *	\$31.03	
Service Area 2 **	\$21.93	
- Overtime, outside of normally scheduled working hours on a scheduled work day, per technician		13.2.1 & 13.2.2
Anchorage Area	\$62.02	
Service Area 1 *	\$47.57	
Service Area 2 **	\$32.90	
- Premium Time, outside of schedule work day, per technician		13.2.1 & 13.2.2
Anchorage Area	\$82.70	
Service Area 1 *	\$63.42	
Service Area 2 **	\$43.86	

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*Service Area 1 includes: Arctic Slope, Copper Valley, **Cordova**, Ketchikan, Nome, Matanuska-Susitna, and Seward. N

**Service Area 2 includes: Fairbanks, Ft. Wainwright/Eielson, Glacier State, Juneau, and Sitka.

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18.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

18.4.3 Additional Labor (Cont'd)

(B) Standby

-Basic Time, normally scheduled working hours, per technician

Anchorage Area

Service Area 1 *

Service Area 2 **

Each Half
Hour or Fraction
Thereof

Tariff
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13.2.3

\$42.38

\$21.18

\$21.67

-Overtime, outside of normally scheduled working hours on a scheduled work day, per technician

Anchorage Area

Service Area 1 *

Service Area 2 **

\$63.58***

\$31.77***

\$32.51***

13.2.3

-Premium Time, outside of scheduled work day, per technician

Anchorage Area

Service Area 1 *

Service Area 2 **

\$84.77***

\$42.36***

\$43.34***

13.2.3

(C) Maintenance and Testing

-Basic Time, normally scheduled working hours, per technician

Anchorage Area

Service Area 1 *

Service Area 2 **

\$42.44

\$31.71

\$21.93

13.2.3

-Overtime, outside of normally scheduled working hours on a scheduled work day, per technician

Anchorage Area

Service Area 1 *

Service Area 2 **

\$63.66

\$47.58***

\$32.90***

13.2.3

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18.4.3 Additional Labor (Cont'd)

(C) Maintenance and Testing (cont'd)

	Each Half Hour or Fraction Thereof	Tariff Section Referenced
- Premium Time, outside of scheduled work day per technician		13.2.3
Anchorage Area	\$84.88	
Service Area 1 *	\$63.42***	
Service Area 2 **	\$43.86***	
 <u>Additional Labor Periods</u>	 <u>Each Half Hour or Fraction Thereof</u>	
	Installation and Repair Technician	CO Maint. Technician
		Tariff Section Reference
-Basic Time per technician normally scheduled working hours		13.2.4
Anchorage Area	\$41.35	\$48.44
Service Area 1 *	\$31.71	\$34.66
Service Area 2 **	\$21.93	\$23.81
-Overtime per technician outside of normally scheduled working hours on a scheduled work day		13.2.4 & 13.2.5
Anchorage Area	\$62.02	\$48.44
Service Area 1 *	\$47.57	\$51.99
Service Area 2 **	\$32.90	\$35.72
-Premium Time per technician outside of scheduled work day		13.2.4 & 13.2.5
Anchorage Area	\$82.70	\$84.88
Service Area 1 *	\$63.42	\$69.32
Service Area 2 **	\$43.86	\$47.62

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18.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

18.4.4 Miscellaneous Service

(A) Maintenance and Testing (cont'd)
Testing – Switched Access

Testing Period – Basic Time, Overtime*, and Premium Time*

Each Half Hour or Fraction Thereof Tariff Section Referenced

See the rates for Add'l Labor as set forth in 18.4.3(C). 13.3.1(A)(1)

(B) Additional Automatic Testing – Switched Access

To First Point of Switching

Per Test Per Transmission Path

Gain Slope Test

13.3.1(A)(2)

Anchorage

\$2.89

(T)

Rate Band 1¹

ICB

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Rate Band 2²

\$2.89

(T)

C-Notched Noise Test

13.3.1(A)(2)

Anchorage

\$2.89

(T)

Rate Band 1¹

ICB

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Rate Band 2²

\$2.89

(T)

1004 Hz Loss**

13.3.1(A)(2)

Anchorage

\$2.89

(T)

Rate Band 1¹

ICB

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Rate Band 2²

\$2.89

(T)

C-Message Noise**

13.3.1(A)(2)

Anchorage

\$2.89

(T)

Rate Band 1¹

ICB

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Rate Band 2²

\$2.89

(T)

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** 1004 Hz Loss, C-Message Noise and Balance are non-chargeable routine tests; however, they may be requested on an as needed or more than routine schedule basis, in which case the charges herein apply.

¹ **Rate Band 1 includes:** Fairbanks, Ft. Wainwright/Eielson, Glacier State, Juneau, and Sitka (T)

² **Rate Band 2 includes:** Arctic Slope, Copper Valley, Cordova, Ketchikan, Nome, Matanuska-Susitna, and Seward. (T)

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18.4.4 Miscellaneous Service

(B) Additional Automatic Testing – Switched Access

Each Half Hour or Fraction
 Thereof
 Tariff Section
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To First Point of Switching (cont'd)

Per Test Per
Transmission Path

Balance (return loss)**

13.3.1(A)(2)

Anchorage

\$2.89

(T)

Rate Band 1¹

ICB

Rate Band 2²

\$2.89

(T)

(C) Additional Manual Testing – Switched Access

Gain-Slope, C-Notched and
 Balance

See the rates for Add'l Labor as set forth in 13.3.1(A)(3)
 18.4.3(C) preceding.

(D) Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing – Special Access

Basic Time, Overtime* and
 Premium Time*

See the rates for Add'l Labor as set forth in 13.3.1(B)(1)
 18.4.3(C) preceding.

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** 1004 Hz Loss, C-Message Noise and Balance are non-chargeable routine tests; however, they may be requested on an as needed or more than routine schedule basis, in which case the charges herein apply.

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18.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

18.4.4 Miscellaneous Service (Cont'd)

	<u>Charges</u>	<u>Tariff Section Referenced</u>	
(F) <u>Maintenance of Service Periods</u>			
Basic Time, Overtime* and Premium Time*	See the rates for Add'l labor as set forth in 18.4.3(C) preceding.	13.3.2	
(G) <u>Telecommunications Service Priority</u>			
Per service arranged		13.3.3	
Anchorage	\$54.63		(T)
Rate Band 1 ¹	ICB		
Rate Band 2 ²	\$54.63		(T)
(H) <u>Billing Name and Address Information</u>	<u>Per BNA</u>		
1. Per incidence, first billed number			
Anchorage	\$41.06		(T)
Rate Band 1 ¹	ICB		
Rate Band 2 ²	\$50.94		(T)
2. Every billed number thereafter			
Anchorage	\$0.087		(T)
Rate Band 1 ¹	ICB		
Rate Band 2 ²	\$0.33		(T)
(I) <u>Presubscription</u>			
Per Telephone Exchange Service line or trunk**		13.4	
Anchorage	\$5.50		(T)
Rate Band 2 ²	\$5.00		(T)
Greatland	\$4.29		
Juneau	\$6.13		
Fairbanks	\$5.71		
Glacier State	\$5.68		
Sitka	\$5.54		

*A call out of a Company employee at a time not consecutive with the employee's scheduled work period is subject to a minimum charge of four hours.

**This charge is billed to the end user who is the subscriber to the Telephone Exchange Service. In the event an end user is incorrectly presubscribed due to misassignment on the part of the Company, no charge shall apply. In the event an end user is incorrectly presubscribed due to misassignment on the part of the IC, and the IC is unable to document such an assignment, the Company will apply the charge to the IC responsible for the misassignment of the end user and assign the end user to an IC of the end user's choice.

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	<u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>	<u>Tariff Section Referenced</u>
(J) <u>Unauthorized PIC Change</u>		
-Residence/Business per Telephone Exchange Service line or trunk		13.6
Anchorage	\$35.65	(T)
Rate Band 1 ¹	N/A	
Rate Band 2 ²	\$35.65	(T)
-Public and/or Semipublic pay telephone per Telephone Exchange Service line or trunk		13.6
Anchorage	\$57.57	(T)
Rate Band 1 ¹	N/A	
Rate Band 2 ²	\$57.57	(T)
(K) <u>International Blocking Service</u>		
-Per exchange service or trunk and/or per Feature Group A Switched Access Line		13.7.1
Anchorage	\$9.77	(T)
Rate Band 1 ¹	ICB	
Rate Band 2 ²	\$11.20	(T)
(L) <u>Pay-Per-Call Toll Restore</u>		
-Per exchange service or trunk and/or per Feature Group A Switched Access Line	\$10.00	13.7.2
(M) <u>Local Number Portability Query Service ("LNPQS")</u>		
-LNPQS Default Query Charge, Per Query	\$0.002450	13.8.1
(N) <u>Reserved For Future Use</u>		

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18 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

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18.5 Special Construction

Special Construction charges are developed on an individual case basis and are filed as follows:

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- Case Number:
- Customer Name:
- Description:
- Charge/Liability:
- Effective Date:
- Expiration Date:

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