ACCESS SERVICE

Regulations, Rates and Charges
Applying to the provision of Access Services
Within a Local Access and Transport Area (LATA) or
Equivalent Market Area for connection to interstate
Communications facilities for Interstate Customers within
the operating territories of the Issuing Carriers listed
on Title Page 2.

All material contained herein is new.

The name, title and street address of this tariff's Issuing Officer are located on the bottom of Page 1, the Check Sheet.

Access Services are provided by means of wire, fiber optics, radio or any other suitable technology or a combination thereof.

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ISSUING CARRIERS

WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS SOUTHWEST
For the States of

Texas

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CONCURRING CARRIERS

No Connecting Carriers

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REFERENCE TO OTHER TARIFFS

Whenever reference is made in this tariff, to other tariffs of the Telephone Company, the reference is to the tariffs in force as of the effective date of this tariff.

REFERENCE TO NECA TARIFFS

(1) NECA Tariff FCC No. 4

REFERENCE TO TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

(1) NECA Technical Reference Publication AS No. 1 - Issued March, 1984; entire issue
Addendum - Issued March, 1987

(2) GTE Technical Interface Reference Manual, Issue 2 - Issued August, 1984, Revised December 1985, August 1986 and October 1988; Sections 3300, 5107, 6000, 6103 and 7000
(5) American National Standards Institute Publication ANSI T1.102, Issued 1993
(5) American National Standards Institute Publication ANSI T1.105, Issued 1995

(5) American National Standards Institute Publications

For the service category of Frame Relay: (T) For the service category of
T1.602-1989, Issued 1988 Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) Network Service:
T1.606-1990, Issued 1989 T1.511-1997, Issued 1997
T1.617-1991, Issued 1991 T1.627-1993, Issued 1993
T1.618-1991, Issued 1991 T1.630-1993, Issued 1993

(3) Underwriters Laboratory Publication UL 94, Issued 1990

(1) AT&T Technical Reference Publication 41014 - Issued February, 1978; entire issue

(2) GTE Service Corporation Telephone Operations - Traffic Grade of Service Standards, Issued April, 1985; entire issue

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REFERENCE TO TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS (Cont'd)

(4) Bellcore Technical Reference Publication
TR-TSV-000905, Issue 1, August, 1989 GR-253-CORE, Issue 2, April, 1996
TR-NWT-000499, Issue 4, November, 1991 GR-1400-CORE, Issue 1, March, 1994
TR-NWT-000063, Issue 4, July, 1991 GR-1374-CORE, Issue 1, March, 1994
TR-TSY-000191, Issue 1, May, 1986 GR-1149-CORE, Issue 1, October, 1995
TR-TSY-000487, Issue 1, July, 1989 Available February, 1997
TR-NPL-000320, Issue 1, April, 1988

(4) Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (MECAB) Guidelines - Issued June, 1994.

(4) Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design (MECOD) Guidelines - Issued May 1994.

(6) Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) and Internet Architecture Board (IAB) documentation on Internet protocol standards.

(1) Available from the Federal Communications Commission's commercial contractor.
(2) Available from Testmark Labs, 3050 Harrodsburg Rd., Lexington, Kentucky 40503.
(3) Available from Underwriters Laboratory, Inc. Attention: Publications, 333 Pfingsten Rd., Northbrook, Illinois 60062.
(4) Available from Bellcore, Customer Service, 8 Corporate Place, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854-4196.
(5) Available from American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018.
(6) Available from the IETF, Corporation for National Research Initiatives (CNRI), Suite 100, Preston White Drive, Reston, VA 22091 and in electronic form at Internet locations http://www.isi.edu/iab/ and http://www.ietf.cnri.reston.va.us/

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(1) Section 6.4(E)(8) NCS Manual 3-1-1 "Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System for National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Service User Manual", dated July 9, 1990.

(1) Section 6.4(F)(4) NCS Handbook 3-1-2 "Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System for National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Service Vendor Handbook", dated July 9, 1990.

(1) 47 C.F.R. FCC Rules and Regulations, Part 15.109
Issued: 10-01-95 Available 10-01-95

(2) Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE) 259M-1997 standards
Issued: 09-25-97

(3) Network Equipment – Building System (NEBS), SR-3580, Issue 1,
Issued: November 1995 Available: April 2000

(3) GR-1089-CORE, Issue 2, Issued: December 1997, February 1999
Available: April 2000

The following technical publication is referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from the ATM Forum Technical Committee, Attention: Bob Klessing, 3COM Corporation, 5400 Bayfront Plaza, Santa Clara, CA 95052. This publication is also available in electronic form at this Internet location:

http://atmforum.com/atmforum/specs/specs.html

For this service category of ATM Network Service:

af-tm-0056.000, Version 4.0, Issued 1996

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ACCESS SERVICE

1. Application of Tariff

1.1 This tariff contains regulations, rates and charges applicable to the provision of Carrier Common Line, Switched Access, Special Access, Digital Subscriber Line Access Service, Public Packet Data Network and other miscellaneous services hereinafter referred to collectively as service(s). These services are provided to customers by the Issuing Carriers of this tariff, hereinafter the Telephone Company. This tariff also contains Access Ordering regulations and charges that are applicable when these services are ordered or modified by the customer.

1.2 For Intrastate Carrier Common Line application, Windstream concurs in the Intrastate Flat Rate Carrier Common Line Service Tariff, filed with the Arkansas Public Service Commission by the Administrator of the Carrier Common Line Pool.

1.3 The provision of such services by the Telephone Company as set forth in this tariff does not constitute a joint undertaking with the customer for the furnishing of any service.

1.4 In accordance with the Commission's Report and Order and Order on Remand and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 01-338, paragraph 581, released August 21, 2003, Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) and combinations of UNEs can be commingled with wholesale facilities found in this tariff, including interstate access facilities.

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2. General Regulations

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

2.1.1 Scope

(A) The Telephone Company does not undertake to transmit messages under this tariff.

(B) The Telephone Company shall be responsible only for the installation, operation and maintenance of the services it provides.

(C) The Telephone Company will, for maintenance purposes, test its services 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 Telephone Company does not warrant that its facilities and services meet standards other than those set forth in this tariff.

2.1.2 Limitations

(A) The customer may not assign or transfer the use of services provided under this tariff; however, 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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

2.1.2 Limitations (Cont'd)

(A) (Cont'd)

(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 Telephone Company is required prior to such assignment or transfer which acknowledgment shall be made within 15 days from the receipt of notification. All rates, regulations and conditions contained in this tariff shall apply to such assignee or transferee.

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 obligation existing at the time of the assignment or transfer.

(B)

The regulations for the restoration and installation of Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System services shall be in accordance with Part 64, Subpart D, Appendix A, of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations and Section 8.8 following.

(C)

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 basis, except as outlined in (D) following.

(D)

When an end office is scheduled to be converted to an equal access end office, and a shortage of facilities exists, the Telephone Company will allocate available resources to participating ICs as set forth in 5.1.5(A) following.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

2.1.3 Liability

(A) The Telephone Company's liability, if any, for its willful misconduct is not limited by this tariff. With respect to any other claim or suit, by a customer or by any others, for damages associated with the installation, provision, preemption, termination, maintenance, repair or restoration, of service, and subject to the provisions of (B) through (H) following, the Telephone 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.

(B) The Telephone 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 Telephone Company for its own act or omission hold liable any other carrier or customer providing a portion of a service.

(C) The Telephone 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 Telephone Company's negligence.

(D) The Telephone 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

(1) tariff, involving:

Claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of copyright arising from the customer's own communications.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

2.1.3 Liability (Cont'd)

(D) (Cont'd)

(2) Claims for patent infringement arising from the customer's acts combining or using the service furnished by the Telephone Company in connection with facilities or equipment furnished by the customer or;

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

(F) No license under patents (other than the limited license to use) is granted by the Telephone Company or shall be implied or arise by estoppel, with respect to any service offered under this tariff.

(G) (Reserved for Future Use)

(H) The Telephone 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 Telephone Company, acts of God and other circumstances beyond the Telephone Company's reasonable control, subject to the Credit Allowance for a Service Interruption as set forth in 2.4.4 following.

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2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

2.1.4 Provision of Services

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

2.1.5 Installation and Termination of Services

Except as provided for Expanded Interconnection Service specified in Section 17, the services provided under this tariff (A) will include any entrance cable or drop wiring and wire or intrabuilding cable to that point where provision is made for termination of the Telephone Company's outside distribution network facilities at a location at the customer-designated premises and (B) will be installed by the Telephone Company to such Point of Termination. The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine the location of the Point of Termination in accordance with the Telephone Company's standard operating procedures.

Each Access Service has only one Point of Termination per customer premises. Any additional terminations beyond such Point of Termination are the sole responsibility of the customer. Moves of the Point of Termination are handled as set forth in 6.5.4(C) and 7.2.1(D)(3).

2.1.6 Maintenance of Services

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

(B) Customer provided transmission facilities and equipment terminating in the Telephone Company wire center or Telephone Company access tandem for purposes of physical Expanded Interconnection Service (EIS), as set forth in Section 17, will not be maintained by the Telephone Company. Customer provided facilities and equipment terminating in Telephone Company manhole or similar location for virtual EIS will be maintained by the Telephone Company.

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2.1.7 Changes, Substitutions and Rearrangements

Except as provided for equipment and systems subject to FCC Part 68 Regulations at 47 C.F.R Section 68.110(b), the Telephone Company may, where such action is reasonably required in the operation of its business;

(A) Substitute, change or rearrange any facilities used in providing service under this tariff, including but not limited to;

(1) substitution of different metallic facilities,

(2) substitution of carrier or derived facilities for metallic facilities used to provide other than metallic

(3) facilities, and
substitution of metallic facilities for carrier or derived facilities used to provide other than metallic facilities; and

(4) change in the routing of access service traffic.

(B) Change minimum protection criteria;

(C) Change operating or maintenance characteristics of facilities or,

(D) Change operations or procedures of the Telephone Company.

In case of any such substitution, change or rearrangement, the transmission parameters will be within the range as set forth in 6., 7. and 9. following. The Telephone Company shall not be responsible if any such substitution, change or rearrangement renders any customer furnished services obsolete or requires 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 Telephone 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 Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine reasonable notification procedures.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

2.1.8 Refusal and Discontinuance of Service

(A) Unless the provisions of 2.2.1(B) or 2.5.1 following apply, if a customer fails to comply with the regulations set forth in: 2.1.6, Maintenance of Service; 2.2.2, Unlawful Use; 2.3.1, Damages; 2.3.4, Availability for Testing; 2.3.5, Balance; and 2.4, Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances or, if applicable, 2.5.3, 2.5.4, 17.3.4 and 17.7.6(D), Expanded Interconnection Service (EIS) or fails to make any payment to be made by it on the dates and times herein specified, the Telephone Company may, on thirty (30) days written notice by Certified U.S. Mail to the person designated by that customer to receive such notices of noncompliance:

(1) Refuse additional applications for service and/or refuse to complete any pending orders for service by the non-complying customer; and/or

(2) Discontinue the provision of the services to the noncomplying customer. In the case of such discontinuance, all applicable charges including termination charges shall become due.

If the Telephone Company does not refuse additional applications for service on the date specified in the thirty (30) days notice given pursuant to (1) above, or does not discontinue its provision of services involved on the date specified in the thirty (30) day notice given pursuant to (2) above and the customer's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude the Telephone Company's right to refuse additional applications for service to the non-complying customer without further notice.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

2.1.8 Refusal and Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd)

(B) 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
(C) service discontinuance.

If the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., notifies the Telephone Company that the customer has failed to comply with Section 8 of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Tariff F.C.C. No. 5 (Lifeline Assistance and Universal Service Fund charges) including any customer's failure to make payments on the date and times specified therein, the Telephone Company, may, on thirty days' written notice to the customer by Certified U.S. Mail, take any of the following actions: - (1) refuse additional applications for service and/or (2) refuse to complete any pending orders for service, (3) discontinue the provision of service to the customer. In the case of discontinuance, all applicable charges including termination charges, shall become due.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.1 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

2.1.9 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 applications of dc telegraph signaling systems, the customer shall be responsible, at its expense, for the provision of current limiting devices to protect the Telephone Company facilities from excessive current due to abnormal conditions and for the provision of noise mitigation networks when required to reduce excessive noise.

2.1.10 Notification of Service-Affecting Activities

The Telephone Company will provide the customer reasonable notification of service-affecting activities that may occur in normal operation of its business. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, equipment or facilities additions, removals or rearrangements, routine preventative maintenance and major switching machine change-out. Generally, such activities are not individual customer service specific, they affect many customer services. No specific advance notification period is applicable to all service-affecting activities. The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine the notification requirements.

2.1.11 Coordination with Respect to Network Contingencies

The Telephone 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.

2.1.12 Provision and Ownership of Telephone Numbers

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

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.2 Use

2.2.1 Interference or Impairment

(A) The characteristics and methods of operation of any circuits, facilities or equipment provided by other than the Telephone Company, including customer transmission equipment and facilities used with Expanded Interconnection Services, and associated with the facilities utilized to provide services under this tariff shall not interfere with or impair service over any facilities of the Telephone 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.

(B) Except as provided for equipment or systems subject to the FCC Part 68 Rules in 47 C.F.R Section 68.108, if such characteristics or methods of operation are not in accordance with (A) preceding, the Telephone 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, nothing contained herein shall be deemed to preclude the Telephone Company's right to temporarily discontinue forthwith the use of a service if such action is reasonable under the circumstances. In case of such temporary discontinuance, the customer will be promptly notified 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.

2.2.2 Unlawful Use

The service provided under this tariff shall not be used for an unlawful purpose.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer

2.3.1 Damages

The customer shall reimburse the Telephone Company for damages to Telephone 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 Telephone Company facilities, or due to malfunction of any facilities or equipment provided by other than the Telephone Company. Nothing in the foregoing provision shall be interpreted to hold one customer liable for another customer's actions. The Telephone 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 Telephone Company for the damages to the extent of such payment.

2.3.2 Ownership of Facilities and Theft

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

2.3.3 Equipment Space and Power

(A) Except as specified in (B), the customer shall furnish or arrange to have furnished to the Telephone Company, at no charge, equipment space and electrical power required by the Telephone 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 Telephone Company. The customer shall also make necessary arrangements in order that the Telephone Company will have access to such spaces at reasonable times for installing, testing, repairing or removing Telephone Company services.

(B) Where available, the Telephone Company shall make available wire center or Telephone Company access tandem floor space and electrical power by the customer for the provision of Expanded Interconnection Service at charges set forth in Section 17.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.4 Availability for Testing

The services provided under this tariff shall be available to the Telephone Company at times mutually agreed upon in order to permit the Telephone 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. No credit will be allowed for any interruptions involved during such tests and adjustments.

2.3.5 Balance

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

2.3.6 Design of Customer Services

Subject to the provisions of 2.1.7 preceding, 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 Telephone Company, minimum protection criteria or operating or maintenance characteristics of the facilities.

2.3.7 References to the Telephone Company

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

2.3.8 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 Telephone 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.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.8 Claims and Demands for Damages (Cont'd)

(B) The customer shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Telephone Company from and against any suits, claims, losses or 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 Telephone Company's services provided under this tariff, including, without limitation, Workmen'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
(C) the tortuous conduct of the customer, its officers, agents or employees.

The customer shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Telephone 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 or omission of the customer in the
2.3.9 course of using services provided under this tariff.

Coordination with Respect to Network Contingencies

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

Sectionalization and Trouble Reporting

The customer will be responsible for reporting troubles sectionalized to Telephone Company facilities and/or equipment. When trouble cannot be clearly sectionalized to the Telephone Company facilities and/or equipment, the Telephone Company will test cooperatively or independently to assist in trouble sectionalization.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances

2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits

(A) Deposits

The Telephone Company will, in order to safeguard its interests, only require a customer which has a proven history of late payments to the Telephone 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 to be held by the Telephone Company as a guarantee of the payment of rates and charges. 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 Telephone Company. Such deposit may 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 Telephone 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 Telephone Company, the customer will receive simple annual interest at a rate of 1% per month or 12% annually. 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.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)

(B) Payment of Rates and Charges

The Telephone 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 Telephone 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:

(1) For End User Access Service and Presubscription Service, the Telephone Company will establish a bill day each month for each end user account. 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) For Switched Access Service, Special Access Service, and Miscellaneous Service charges, the Telephone Company will establish a bill day each month for each customer account. 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 known unbilled adjustments will be applied to this bill. Payment for such bills is due as set forth in (3) following. If payment is not received by the payment date, as set forth in (3) following in immediately available funds, a late payment penalty will apply as set

(3) forth in (C) following.

All bills dated as set forth in (2) preceding for service, provided to the customer by the Telephone Company are due 31 days (payment date) after the bill date or by the next bill date (i.e., same date in the following month as the bill date), whichever is the shortest interval, except as

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)

(B) (Cont'd)

(3) (Cont'd)

provided herein, and are payable in immediately available funds. If such payment date would cause payment to be due on a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday (i.e., New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, the first Tuesday in November and the day when Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day or Columbus Day is legally observed), payment for such bills will be due from the customer as follows:

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

(C)

Late Payment Penalty
If the entire amount billed is not received by the Telephone Company in immediately available funds by the payment date, an additional charge (late payment charge) equal to 1/365th of the percentage rate for deposit interest as that in 2.4.1(A) of the unpaid balance will be applied for each day or portion thereof that an outstanding balance remains.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)

(D) Billing Disputes

(1) In the event that a billing dispute occurs concerning any charges billed to the customer by the Telephone Company the following regulations will apply.

(2) The date of the dispute shall be the date on which the customer furnishes the Telephone Company sufficient documentation to investigate the claim. Documentation must include, at the minimum, the account number under which the bill has been rendered, the date of the bill, the specific items on the bill being disputed, and, when possible, the applicable tariff section if the dispute is predicated on a tariff rate or regulation.

(3) The date of resolution shall be the date on which the Telephone Company completes its investigation of the dispute, notifies the customer of the disposition and applies a credit for the amount of the dispute resolved in the customer's favor or late payment penalty as appropriate. The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with any customer to resolve billing disputes.

If a billing dispute is resolved in favor of the Telephone Company, any payments withheld pending resolution of the dispute shall be subject to the late payment penalty as set forth in (C) preceding.

(4)

If the customer pays the total billed amount and disputes all or part of the amount, the Telephone Company will refund any overpayment and will apply a credit for a disputed amount penalty as set forth in (a) and (b) following.

(a)

If a customer disputes a bill within ninety (90) days of the payment date established by the Telephone Company, and the billing dispute is resolved in favor of the customer, the customer will receive a credit for a disputed amount penalty from the Telephone Company for the period starting with the date of overpayment and ending on the date of resolution. The credit for a disputed amount penalty shall be an amount equal to the disputed amount resolved in the customer's favor times a penalty factor as set forth in (5) following.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)

(D) Billing Disputes (Cont'd)

(4) (Cont'd)

(b) If a customer disputes a bill after ninety (90) days from the payment date established by the Telephone Company, and the billing dispute is resolved in favor of the customer, the customer will receive a credit for a disputed amount penalty from the Telephone Company for the period starting with the latter of the date of claim or date of overpayment and ending on the date of resolution. The credit for a disputed amount penalty shall be an amount equal to the disputed amount resolved in the customer's favor times 1% per month or 12% annually.

(E) Billing Adjustments and Rounding

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 or major fraction of days based on a 30 day month. 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 Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.1 Payment of Rates, Charges and Deposits (Cont'd)

(F) Provision of Access Service Billing and Bill Verification

(1) The Telephone Company will, upon reasonable request and if available, furnish such detailed information as may be required for verification of any bill.

(2) The customer will receive its monthly bills in a standard paper format, or, at the customer's option, on magnetic tape in standard industry format for those access services for which the Telephone Company is technically capable of providing magnetic tape billing. Additional copies of the customer's bill may be provided in standard paper format at the rates and charges set forth in (3) following. When the customer requests a paper copy of the customer's bill in addition to the customer bill provided on magnetic tape, the rate set forth in (3) following shall apply per page.

(3) Additional copies of the customer's monthly bill or service and features record in standard paper format, per page

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.2 Minimum Periods

The minimum period for which services are provided are for which rates and charges are applicable is one month except as otherwise specified. The minimum periods for which Expanded Interconnection Services are provided and which rates are applicable are in Section 17. The minimum periods for Optical Networking services are provided and which rates and charges are applicable are in Section 20. 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 12 following, is one month unless a different minimum period is established which 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 Telephone 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 Section 5.3.2 following.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruption

(A) General

A service is interrupted when it becomes unusable to the customer because of failure of a facility component used to furnish service under this tariff or in the event that the protective controls applied by the Telephone Company result in the complete loss of service by the customer as set forth in 6.4(A) following. An interruption period starts when an inoperative service is reported to, or discovered by, the Telephone Company designated trouble reporting office and ends when the service is operative. The customer is responsible for sectionalizing trouble to the Telephone Company facilities and/or equipment as set forth in 2.3.10 preceding.
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 calculated as set forth in (B) and (C) following. Interruptions for which no credit allowance applies are set forth in (D) following.
The credit allowance for an interruption or for a series of interruptions shall not exceed the monthly rate and minimum monthly usage charge for the service interrupted in any one monthly billing period.

For purposes of this section of the tariff, "major fraction" is defined as that time period representing one-half or more of the incremental time period used to apply the credit allowance for those specific services listed in (B) following.

Service interruptions for Specialized Service or Arrangements provided under the provisions of 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.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(B) Special Access Services (Cont'd)

(1) (Cont'd)

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

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

(b) For multipoint services, the monthly charge subject to credit 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 circuit termination per customer premises, circuit mileage and optional features and functions).

(c) For multiplexed services, the monthly charge subject to credit 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 circuit termination, circuit mileage and optional features and functions, including the multiplexer on the facility to the hub, and the circuit terminations, circuit mileage and optional features and functions on the individual services from the hub). When the service which rides a circuit 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., circuit termination, circuit mileage and optional features and functions).

(2)

For Program Audio and Video Special Access Services, no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of less than 30 seconds. The customer shall be credited for an interruption of 30

(a) seconds or more as follows:

For two-point services, when monthly rates are applicable, the credit shall be at the rate of 1/8640 of the monthly charges for the service for each period of 5 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(B) Special Access Services (Cont'd)

(2) (Cont'd)

(b) For two-point services, when daily rates are applicable, the credit shall be at the rate of 1/288 of the daily charges for the service for each period of 5 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

(c) For multipoint services, when monthly rates are applicable, the credit shall be at the rate of 1/8640 of the monthly charges for each circuit termination, circuit mileage and optional features and functions that is inoperative for each period of 5 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

(d) For multipoint services, when daily rates are applicable, the credit shall be at the daily rate of 1/288 of the daily charges for each circuit termination, circuit mileage and optional features and functions that is inoperative for each period of 5 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

(e) For multipoint services, the credit for the monthly or daily charges includes the charges for the distribution amplifier only when the distribution amplifier is inoperative.

(f) When two or more interruptions occur during a period of 5 consecutive minutes, such multiple interruptions shall be considered as one interruption.

For certain Special Access services (Wideband Digital, WD1-3; Digital Data Access, DA1-4; and High Capacity, HC1), any period during which the error performance is below that specified for the service will be considered as an interruption.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(B) Special Access Services (Cont'd)

(4) Except as noted, all Special Access Services will be eligible for a credit allowance for each occurrence of a service interruption period greater than 30 minutes. The maximum credit allowance will be $200.00 for each out of service condition within the Telephone Company's facilities and will not exceed the monthly charge for the interrupted service. The credit allowance will not be applied more than once per calendar month. This credit allowance is applicable in all jurisdictions. The credit allowance is in addition to the credit allowance in 2.4.4(B)(1). A credit allowance will not be extended in accordance with conditions in 2.1.3 and 2.4.4(D) for repair of Telephone Company owned facilities.

The exceptions to this credit allowance are Program Audio Service - Daily Rates in 7.6.5, Video Services in 7.7, Individual Case Basis Services in 7.12 and Specialized Service Arrangements in 12.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(C) Switched Access Service

For Switched Access Service, other than Entrance Facilities, Direct-Trunked Transport and Multiplexing, 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 charge, assumed usage, or minimum monthly usage charge for each period of 24 hours or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

For Switched Access service interrupted by an NXX isolation a credit will be given the billed customer of record utilizing the following formula:

300 Minutes of Use X the appropriate switched access rate X the number of trunks out of service = the credit allowance

NXX isolation is defined as a situation whereby a customer in an NPA-NXX is unable to originate a call to the carrier network and/ or receive a call from the carrier network.

The credit will apply when an out of service condition of 30 minutes or more occurs within the Telephone Company's switched facilities. The credit allowance will not be applied more than once per calendar month. A credit allowance will not be extended in accordance with conditions in 2.1.3 and 2.4.4(D) for repair of Telephone Company owned facilities.

Switched Access Service Entrance Facilities, Direct-Trunked Transport and Multiplexing will be eligible for a credit allowance for each occurrence of a service interruption period greater than 30 minutes. The maximum credit allowance will be $200.00 for each out of service condition within the Telephone Company's facilities. The credit allowance will not exceed the monthly charge for the interrupted service and will not be applied more than once per calendar month. This credit allowance is applicable in all jurisdictions. A credit allowance will not be extended in accordance with conditions in 2.1.3 and 2.4.4(D) for repair of Telephone Company owned facilities.

For Common Channel Signaling System 7 (CCS7) Access Service, described in Section 6.2.7, a credit allowance will be made for an interruption period of 30 minutes or more. The allowance will be calculated at the rate of 1/1440 of the monthly charge for the portion of the service affected, for each 30 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(C) Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

Switched Access Service Entrance Facilities, Direct-Trunked Transport and Multiplexing will be eligible for a credit allowance for each occurrence of a service interruption period greater than 30 minutes. The maximum credit allowance will be $200.00 for each out of service condition within the Telephone Company's facilities. The credit allowance will not exceed the monthly charge for the interrupted service and will not be applied more than once per calendar month. This credit allowance is applicable in all jurisdictions. A credit allowance will not be extended in accordance with conditions in 2.1.3 and 2.4.4(D) for repair of Telephone Company owned facilities.

For Common Channel Signaling System 7 (CCS7) Access Service, described in Section 6.2.7, a credit allowance will be made for an interruption period of 30 minutes or more. The allowance will be calculated at the rate of 1/1440 of the monthly charge for the portion of the service affected, for each 30 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(D) When a Credit Allowance Does Not Apply

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 service during any period in which the Telephone Company is not afforded access to the premises where the service is terminated.

(4) Interruptions of service when the customer has released that service to the Telephone 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 continue because of the failure of the customer to authorize replacement of any element of special construction, as set forth in GTE System Telephone Companies Tariff FCC No. 2 for Special Construction. The period for which no credit allowance is made begins on the seventh day after the customer receives the Telephone Company's written notification of the need for such replacement and ends on the day after receipt by the Telephone Company of the customer's written authorization for such replacement.

(6) Periods when the customer elects not to release the service of testing and/or repair and continues to use it on an impaired basis.

(7) An interruption or a group of interruptions, resulting from a common cause, for amounts less than one dollar.

(8) Periods when the Telephone Company must temporarily interrupt an EIS, as defined in Section 17, in order to prevent damage or disruption to the Telephone Company's network due to the customer's equipment.

(9) For EIS elements, specified in Section 17, no credit allowance will be made.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions (Cont'd)

(E) Use of an Alternative Service Provided by the Telephone Company

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

(F) Temporary Surrender of a Service

In certain instances, the customer may be requested by the Telephone 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 1/440 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 Telephone 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).

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.5 Re-establishment of Service Following Fire, Flood or Other Occurrence (Cont'd)

(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 Telephone Company in the provision of such services.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.7 Access Services Provided by More Than One Telephone Company

The Telephone Company will perform the rating and billing of Access Services under this tariff where more than one Telephone Company is involved in the provision of Access Service as set forth in (A) or (B) following. The Single Company Billing arrangement as set forth in (A) following will be used for FGA and BSA-A Switched Access Services except where interconnection arrangements between the telephone companies involved permit the use of the Multiple Company Billing arrangement as set forth in (B) following. The Telephone Company will notify the customer of the billing arrangement when the customer orders FGA or BSA-A service. The Multiple Company Billing arrangement, as set forth in (B) following, will be used for all FGB, FGC, FGD, BSA-B, BSA-C, BSA-D, 800/877/888 Access, and 900 Access Switched Access Services and Special Access Services.

(A)

Single Company Billing

The Telephone Company receiving the order from the customer as specified in 5.2(A) following will arrange to provide the service, determine the applicable charges and bill the customer for the entire service in accordance with its Access Services tariff.

(B)

(1) Multiple Company Billing

For access services subject to Multiple Company Billing, the customer will be billed in accordance with the Exchange Carrier Standards Association's Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing Guidelines (MECAB) and Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design Guidelines (MECOD). One of the following methods will be used:

Single Bill - The customer will receive a single bill for all access services provided by multiple Telephone Companies. The single bill will include all rate elements applicable to the access service provided under one billing account.

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2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.7 Access Services Provided by More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(B) Multiple Company Billing (Cont'd)

(1) Multiple Bill -The customer will receive a bill from each Telephone Company providing the access service. Multiple bills will include all charges applicable to the individual portion of the access service provided by each Telephone Company. Such bills will include the following information in accordance with the MECAB Guidelines:

- Billing Account Reference (BAR)
- Billing Account Cross Reference (BACR)
- Billing Account Number (BAN)
- End Office NPA/NXX or End Office CLLI Code
- Common EC Circuit Identifiers (Special Access)
- Billing Percentages as listed in NECA Tariff No. 4
- Percent Interstate Usage (PIU)
- Usage "from" and "through" dates

(2) The choice of billing method shall be determined by the Telephone Companies involved. The Telephone Company will notify the customer which method applies when the customer orders access service and will provide the customer thirty days' notice in the event that the billing method is changed.

(a) For Switched Access Tandem-Switched Transport Services, the Telephone Company will determine the applicable charges as follows:

Determine the distance in airlines miles using the V&H method set forth in National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff FCC No. 4, between the Telephone Company's end office and the customer's serving wire center, or between the Telephone Company access tandem and the end office if Direct-Trunked Transport is ordered directly to the Telephone Company access tandem.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.7 Access Services Provided by More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(B) Multiple Company Billing (Cont'd)

(2) (Cont'd)

(b) The airline distance in miles developed in (a) will be multiplied by the Tandem-Switched Transport Facility rate times the number of access minutes of use times the billing percentage to determine the appropriate Local Transport charges. The billing percentage is that portion of local transport to be billed by each company and is mutually agreed upon by the Telephone Companies involved in providing Access Services to the customer. Billing percentages are listed in National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff FCC No. 4.

(c)

The total Local Transport charge shall be the Tandem-Switched Transport Facility charge as determined in (b) plus the Tandem-Switched Transport Termination rate times the number of access minutes of use times the number of terminations.

Where the Tandem-Switched Transport-Facility is provided by more than one telephone company, the Tandem-Switched Transport-Termination rate applies for the termination at the Telephone Company end of the Tandem-Switched Transport (i.e., the first point of switching or the end office serving the end user). The Switched Transport Termination rate will not apply when the Telephone Company is the intermediate provider of the Switched Transport Facility.

(d)

All other appropriate recurring and nonrecurring charges in each Telephone Company's access tariff are applicable. The Nonrecurring Charges for Switched Access, as set forth in 6.5.4, apply in full.

(3)

For Special Access Services and Switched Access Direct-Trunked Transport, the Telephone Company will determine the applicable charges as follows:

(a)

Determine the distance in airline miles using the V&H method set forth in National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff No. 4 between the locations involved; i.e., the serving wire center associated with a customer designated premise and an end office, or a Telephone Company hub, or two Telephone Company hubs, a hub to an end office, or a hub to a Telephone Company access tandem.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.7 Access Services Provided by More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(B) Multiple Company Billing (Cont'd)

(3) (Cont'd)

(b) The airline distance in miles developed in (a) preceding will be multiplied by the Special Access Circuit Mileage-Per Mile or Switched Access Direct-Trunked Transport Mileage rate element times the billing percentage to determine the appropriate charges. The billing percentage is that portion of circuit mileage to be billed by each company involved in providing Access Services to the customer. Billing percentages are listed in National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff FCC No. 4.

(c)

For Special Access, the total Circuit Mileage charges shall be the Circuit Mileage-Per Mile charge determined in (b) preceding plus the Circuit Mileage-Fixed charges. The Circuit Mileage-Fixed charge is always applied in full, once per circuit mileage facility, whether the Telephone Company provides one, or more than one, circuit mileage facility termination(s). The Circuit Mileage-Fixed rate does not apply when the Telephone Company provides an intermediate portion of a circuit

(d) mileage facility and no circuit mileage terminations.

For Switched Access, the total Direct-Trunked Transport charges shall be the Direct-Trunked Transport Mileage charge determined in (b) preceding plus the Direct-Trunked Transport - Fixed charges. The Fixed charge is always applied in full, once per Direct-Trunked Transport facility whether the Telephone Company provides one, or more than one, facility termination(s). The

(e) Fixed charge does not apply when the Telephone Company provides an intermediate portion of a Direct-Trunked Transport facility and no terminations.

All other appropriate recurring and nonrecurring charges in each Telephone Company's access

(4) tariff are applicable. The Special Access Nonrecurring Charge for circuit installation applies in full once per Circuit Termination provided by the Telephone Company.

The Interconnection Charge for Switched Transport shall be billed by the Telephone Company in whose territory the end office is located.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.7 Access Services Provided by More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(B) Multiple Company Billing (Cont'd)

(5) The shared trunk port for Tandem-Switched Transport shall be billed by the Telephone Company in whose territory the end office is located.

(6) For tandem routed trunks, the dedicated trunk port shall be billed by the Telephone Company owning the tandem. For end office direct routed trunks, the dedicated trunk port shall be billed by the Telephone Company owning the end office on a single bill, single tariff or multiple bill, multiple tariff meet point billing arrangement.

(7) The shared multiplexing charge will be assessed to the interexchange carrier by the Telephone Company owning the access tandem under the multiple bill, multiple tariff meet point billing option, and to the initial billing company, by the Telephone Company owning the access tandem, under the single bill, single tariff meet point billing option.

(C) (Reserved for Future Use)

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.7 Access Services Provided by More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(C) (Reserved for Future Use)

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.5 Connections

2.5.1 General

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

2.5.2 Standard Access Service Connections

Access services are provided by means of wire, fiber optics, radio or any other suitable technology or a combination thereof. Special Access service connections are made directly or through a Telephone Company hub where bridging or multiplexing functions are performed. These connections can either be analog or digital.

2.5.3 Expanded Interconnection Service (EIS) - Fiber Optic

Fiber Optic EIS provides a customer with space and associated requirements such as power and environmental conditioning within or near a Telephone Company wire center or Telephone Company access tandem to locate certain fiber optic facilities and equipment, and an interconnection with certain Telephone Company provided facilities.

EIS will be provided subject to the regulations and rates and charges set forth in Section 17.

2.5.4 Expanded Interconnection Service (EIS) - Microwave

Microwave EIS provides a customer with space and associated requirements such as power and environmental conditioning within a Telephone Company wire center or Telephone Company access tandem to locate certain microwave facilities and equipment, and a connection to certain Telephone Company provided facilities.

Customer-provided microwave facilities, equipment and support structures may be located in, on or above the exterior walls and roof of Telephone Company wire center or Telephone Company access tandem. Such interconnection must be made in accordance with the provisions specified in 2.1. These interconnections will be provided subject to the regulations and rates and charges set forth in Section 17.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions

Certain terms used herein are defined as follows:

Access Area

The term "Access Area" denotes a specific calling area serviced by one or more Central Offices associated with the various Switched Access Services offered under this tariff. The size and configuration of the Access Area a customer obtains is dependant upon the Feature Group type and the specific characteristics of the Central Office or Telephone Company Access Tandem Network in which the connection is made.

Access Code

The term "Access Code" applies to Switched Access Service. It denotes a uniform seven digit code dialed by an end user to access an Interexchange Carrier's facilities. The five or seven digit FGD code has the form 101XXXX, and the seven digit FGB code has the form 950-XXXX.

Access Minutes

The term "Access Minutes" denotes that usage of exchange facilities in interstate or foreign service for the purpose of calculating chargeable usage. 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 Telephone 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 Telephone Company switching system that provides a concentration and distribution function for originating and/or terminating traffic between end offices and a customer's premises.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Access Tandem Network

The term "Access Tandem Network" denotes the network of trunk groups that provide a concentration and distribution function for originating and/or terminating Switched Access traffic between a single Telephone Company access tandem and Telephone Company subtending end offices.

Add/Drop Multiplexing

The term "Add/Drop Multiplexing" denotes a multiplexing function that allows lower level signals to be added or dropped with the remaining traffic continuing through the network.

Agent

The term "Agent," as used in Section 8.5 of this tariff, is defined as that person or entity that the Telephone Company acknowledges as the possessor of authority to make decisions pertaining to instrument placement, subscription authorization, and access or usage control of Public or Semipublic Pay Telephone Service or, that person or entity duly authorized to act in that capacity by the owner of the premises.

Aggregator

The term "Aggregator" denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust or corporation that, in the ordinary course of its operations, makes telephones available to the public or to transient users of its premises, for interstate telephone calls using a provider of operator services.

Answer Message

The term "Answer Message" denotes an SS7 message sent in the backward direction to indicate that the call has been answered.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

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.

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.

Basic Service Element

The term "Basic Service Element (BSE)" denotes an unbundled service option available only with Basic Serving Arrangements.

Basic Serving Arrangement

The term "Basic Serving Arrangement (BSA)" denotes a category of Switched Access Service differentiated by technical characteristics, e.g., line side versus trunk side connection at the Telephone Company's first point of switching.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Bit

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

Business Day

The term "Business Day" denotes the times of day that a company is open for business. Generally, in the business community, these are 8:00 or 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 or 6:00 P.M., respectively, with an hour for lunch, Monday through Friday, resulting in a standard forty (40) hour work week. However, Business Day hours for the Telephone Company may vary based on company policy, union contract and location. To determine such hours for an individual company, or company location, contact the issuing officer at the address shown on Title Page 1.

Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (BHMC)

The term "Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (BHMC)" denotes the customer specified maximum amount of Switched Access Service access minutes the customer expects to be handled in an end office switch during any hour in an 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. period for the Switched Access Arrangement ordered. This customer furnished BHMC quantity is the input data the Telephone Company uses to determine the number of transmission paths or facility requirements for the Switched Access Arrangement ordered.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Call

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

Carrier or Common Carrier

See Interexchange Carrier.

Carrier Identification Code

The term "Carrier Identification Code (CIC)" denotes the uniform access code associated with a specific Interexchange Carrier.

Carrier Identification Parameter

The term "Carrier Identification Parameter (CIP)" denotes a field in the SS7 Initial Address Message (IAM) that identifies and transmits the CIC information in a forward direction to an IC customer.

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).

Cellular Mobile Carrier (CMC)

The term "Cellular Mobile Carrier (CMC)" denotes a Common Carrier authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to provide cellular mobile radio telecommunications services.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Central Office

The term "Central Office" denotes a local Telephone Company switching system where Telephone Exchange Service customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks.

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.

Centralized Automatic Reporting on Trunks Testing

The term "Centralized Automatic Reporting on Trunks Testing" denotes a type of testing which includes the capacity for measuring operational and transmission parameters.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Channel Service Unit

The term "Channel Service Unit" denotes customer premises 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 narrow band-width or lower speed channels.

Circuit(s)

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

Circuit Code

The term "Circuit Code" denotes the service class routing of an SS7 call that indicates the interexchange carrier trunk group to which the traffic will be routed (e.g., 0+, 0-, 500, 900, etc.)

C-Message Noise

The term "C-Message Noise" denotes the frequency weighted average noise within an idle voice channel. The frequency weighing, 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.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Coin Station

The term "Coin Station" denotes a location where Telephone Company equipment is provided in a public or semipublic place where Telephone Company customers can originate telephone communications and pay the applicable charges by inserting coins into the equipment.

Concatenated

The term "Concatenated" denotes the linking together of various data structures, e.g., two bandwidths joined to form a single bandwidth.

Committed Information Rate (CIR)

The term "Committed Information Rate (CIR)" denotes the maximum information rate at which customer traffic will be admitted to the Frame Relay network without being designated eligible for discard.

Common Channel Signaling System 7 Network (CCS7)

The term "Common Channel Signaling System 7 Network (CCS7)" denotes a dedicated out-of-band signaling network which utilizes Signaling System 7 (SS7) protocol to provide call handling and data base access services.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

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 Telephone 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.

Communications System

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

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.

Data Transmission (107 Type) Test Line

The term "Data Transmissions (107 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 differences 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 1000 Hz tone of 90 dB below 1 milliwatt.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

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 Weighing" referred to or measured at a zero transmission level point.

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 and BSA-A. It may be utilized when Feature Group A or BSA-A is being used in the terminating direction (from the point of termination with the customer to the local exchange and office). An office arranged for Dual Tone Multifrequency Signaling would expect to receive address signals from the customer in the form of Dual Tone Multifrequency signals.

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.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

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 Telephone 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.

End Office Switch

The term "End Office Switch" denotes a local Telephone Company switching system where Telephone Exchange Service customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks. Included may be Remote Switching Modules and Remote Switching Systems served by a host office in a different wire center.

End User

The term "End User" denotes any customer of interstate or foreign telecommunications service that is not a carrier, except that a carrier shall be deemed to be an "end user" to the extent that such carrier uses a telecommunications service for administrative purposes, without making such service available to others, directly or indirectly.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

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 = TLP (send) + TLP (receive)]

Exchange

The term "Exchange" denotes a unit generally smaller than a local access and transport area, established by the Telephone 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 the area. One or more designated exchanges comprise a given local access and transport area.

Existing Suitable Space

The term "Existing Suitable Space" denotes a space in which ac/dc power, heat and air conditioning, battery and generator back-up power, and other requirements necessary for provision of wire center or access tandem equipment currently exists.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Exit Message

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

The term "Extended Area Service" denotes a telephone exchange service in which a customer in one exchange can call a local number in another exchange that is part of the extended area without paying a toll charge.

Facility

The term "Facility" denotes generically the various transmission media used for the transmission of telecommunications service. This included, but is not limited to, cable (copper pair, coaxial and fiber optic) and microwave radio equipment.

Field Identifier

The term "Field Identifier" denotes two to four characters that are used on service orders to convey specific instructions. Field Identifiers may or may not have associated data. Selected Field Identifiers are used in Telephone Company billing systems to generate nonrecurring charges.

First Come - First Served

The term "First Come - First Served" denotes a procedure followed by the Telephone Company to process fully completed Access Orders according to the sequence in which they are received.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

First Point of Switching

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

Flexible Automatic Number Identification (FLEX ANI)

The term "Flexible Automatic Number Identification" denotes an optional feature or Basic Service Element that provides additional values for the information indicator digits available with the ANI feature on originating calls. These additional digits identify the type of line that is originating the call for billing, screening and routing purposes.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

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 F.C.C.'s Rules and Regulations.

Host Office

The term "Host Office" denotes an electronic switching system which provides call processing capabilities for one or more Remote Switching Modules or Remote Switching Systems.

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.

ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Initial Address Message (IAM)

The term "Initial Address Message (IAM)" denotes an SS7 message sent in the forward direction to initiate trunk set up with the busying of an outgoing trunk which carries the information about that trunk along with other information relating to the routing and handling of the call to the next switch.

Inserted Connection Loss

The term "Inserted Connection Loss" denotes the 1004 H2 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.

Interconnection

The term "Interconnection" denotes the termination of a customer's basic transmission facilities, including optical terminating equipment and multiplexers at or near Telephone Company wire center or Telephone Company access tandem. Interconnection may be provided as either physical or virtual.

Interconnection Point

The term "Interconnection Point" denotes physical EIS arrangements as the point where the customer-owned cable facilities connect to the Telephone Company termination equipment. The interconnection point for virtual EIS arrangements is the demarcation between ownership of the cable facilities.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

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ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2 .6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Local Access and Transport Area

The term "Local Access and Transport Area" (LATA) denotes a geographic area established by the Telephone Company for the provision and administration of its communications service. It encompasses one or more Telephone Company designated exchanges which are configured in relative proximity to one another and may be reconfigured by the Telephone Company in the normal operation of its business. As used herein, the term LATA refers only to these Telephone Company designated exchanges and does not necessarily have any predetermined association with the term LATA used by other exchange carriers.

Logical Channel

The term "Logical Channel" denotes a communication channel which allows two-way simultaneous transmission of data packets through the network. No circuit capability is preassigned to a logical channel. Capacity is made available as the data is transmitted. Each virtual connection utilizes one logical channel.

ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2 .6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Loop Around Test Line

The term "Loop Around Test Line" denotes an arrangement utilizing a Telephone Company central office to provide a means to make certain two-way transmission tests on a manual basis. This arrangement has two central office terminations,each reached by means of separate telephone numbers and does not require any specific customer premises equipment. Equipment subject to this test arrangement is at the discretion of the customer.

Loss Deviation

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

Maximum Burst Rate (Be)

The term "Maximum Burst Rate (Be)" denotes the maximum information rate at which customer traffic will be admitted to the Frame Relay network. Traffic rates in excess of Be will be automatically discarded on ingress to the network.

ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Message

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

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 Telephone 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 originate or terminate calls on the CMC network, or originate or terminate calls between the CMC and the public switched telephone network.

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.

Node

The term "Node" denotes a SONET ring service element that designates either a customer designated location or a Telephone Company wire center location on the SONET ring. It also denotes the location/address of where a channelized service originates or terminates on a ring.

ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Nonsynchronous Test Line

The term "Nonsynchronous Test Line" denotes an arrangement in step-by-step end offices which provides operational tests which are not as complete as those provided by the synchronous test lines, but can be made more rapidly.

North American Numbering Plan

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

ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Off-hook

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

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 circuit termination of a trunk or line by means of an inductor of several Henries.

Optical Carrier Rate (OC-N)

The term "OC-N" denotes an Optical Networking transmission signal, speed, line rate, commonly referred to as follows:

OC-N Rate	Bandwidth Capacity
OC-1	51.84 Mbps
OC-3	155.52 Mbps
OC-12	622.08 Mbps
OC-24	1.25 Gbps
OC-48	2.488 Gbps

ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

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.

OZZ Code

The term "OZZ Code" denotes the service class routing code of a multifrequency (MF) call that indicates the interexchange carrier trunk group to which the traffic will be routed (e.g., 0+, 0-, 500, 900, etc.).

Pay Telephone

The term "Pay Telephone" denotes Telephone Company provided instruments and related facilities that are available to the general public for public convenience and necessity, including public and semipublic telephones, and coinless telephones.

Permanent Virtual Circuit (PVC)

The term "Permanent Virtual Circuit (PVC)" denotes a logical channel defined in software, that establishes a path from one customer port to another.

Phase Jitter

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

ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Payload

The term "Payload" denotes the portion of the SONET signal available to carry service signals such as DS0, DS1, and DS3.

Physical EIS

The term "Physical EIS" denotes an offering that enables customers to place equipment needed to terminate basic transmission facilities, including optical terminating equipment and multiplexers, within or upon the Telephone Company's wire center or Telephone Company access tandem buildings, use such equipment to connect customer's fiber optic systems or microwave radio transmission facilities (where reasonably feasible) with the local exchange carrier's equipment and facilities used to provide interstate switched and special access services.

Plant Test Date

The term "Plant Test Date" denotes the date on which installation is completed and the Telephone Company to customer testing can begin.

Point of Termination

The term "Point of Termination" denotes the point of demarcation at a customer-designated premises at which the Telephone 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.

Release Message

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

ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Remote Switching Modules and/or Remote Switching Systems

The term "Remote Switching Modules and/or Remote Switching Systems" denotes remotely controlled electronic end office switches which obtain their call processing capability from an ESS-type Host Office. The Remote Switching Modules and/or Remote Switching 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.

ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

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.

Service Control Point

The term "Service Control Point (SCP)" denotes an SS7 network control interface element between the Telephone Company's SS7 network and one or more data bases.

Service Switching Point (SSP)

The term "Service Switching Point" (SSP) denotes a signal point equipped with the ability to halt call process, formulate and send a SS7 query to a remote location and route the call based on information contained in the response.

Serving Wire Center

That Telephone Company designated wire center serving the customer's designated premises and used for mileage measurement to determine local transport or circuit mileage charges for Access Service.

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 Telephone Company does not have appropriate cable, switching capacity, bridging or, multiplexing equipment, etc., necessary to provide the Access service requested by the customer.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

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.

Signal-to-C-Notched Noise Ratio

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

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

Signal Transfer Point (STP)

The term "Signal Transfer Point (STP)" denotes a packet switch which provides access to the Telephone Company's SS7 network and performs SS7 message signal routing and screening. The technical interface specifications, transmission specifications, and diversity requirements for interconnecting to the Telephone Company's SS7 network at the STP are as described in Bellcore Technical Reference Publication TR-TSV-000905.

Signal Transfer Point (STP) Port

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

Singing Return Loss

The term "Singing 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 singing (instability) problems are most likely to occur.

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ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

SONET

The term "SONET" (Synchronous Optical Network) denotes a family of fiber optic transmission bit rates starting at 51.84 Mpbs, designed to provided the flexibility needed to transport many digital signals with different capacities.

Statistical Multiplexing

The term "Statistical Multiplexing" denotes a technique in which timeslots are dynamically allocated on the basis of need rather than being predetermined. The data is typically transmitted on a first come, first served basis.

Subtending End Office of the Telephone Company Access Tandem

The term "Subtending End Office of the Telephone Company Access Tandem" denotes an end office that has final trunk group routing through the Telephone Company access 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 equivalent information needed to perform tandem switching functions.

Synchronous Transport Signal (STS)

STS-1 has the capacity to transport up to twenty-eight (28) DS1s or one (1) DS3.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 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.

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.

ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

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 Conversion

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 to a two-wire entity (e.g., a central office switch).

Uniform Service Order Code

The term "Uniform Service Order Code" denotes a three or five character alphabetic, numeric, or an alphanumeric code that identifies a specific item of service or equipment. Uniform Service Order Codes are used in the Telephone Company billing system to generate recurring rates and nonrecurring charges.

V&H Coordinates

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 horizonal coordinates of the two points.

Virtual EIS

The term "Virtual EIS" denotes an offering that enables customers to designate or specify equipment needed to terminate basic transmission facilities, including optical terminating equipment and multiplexers, to be located within or upon the Telephone Company's wire center or Telephone Company's access tandem buildings, and dedicated to such customer's use.

ACCESS SERVICE

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

WATS Serving Office

"WATS Serving Office" denotes a Telephone Company switching office capable of performing the optional screening functions used in Combined Access Service Arrangements.

Wire Center

The term "Wire Center" denotes (1) a building in which one or more central offices, including end office switches, used for the provision of Telephone Exchange Services, are located, or (2) in the case of a centralized Telephone Company equal access tandem arrangement, a building in which Telephone Company access facilities are located for purposes of interconnection to customer premises.

ACCESS SERVICE

3. Carrier Common Line Access Service

The Telephone Company will provide Carrier Common Line Access Service (Carrier Common Line Access) to customers in conjunction with Switched Access Service provided in Section 6. of this tariff or the 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' Telephone Company provided common lines by customers for access to such end users to furnish Interstate Communications.

Premium Access is (1) Switched Access Service provided to customers under this tariff which furnish interstate MTS/WATS, and (2) Switched Access Service in an end office converted to equal access.

Non-Premium Access is Switched Access Service provided in an end office not yet converted to equal access to customers that do not furnish interstate MTS/WATS.

A Special Access Surcharge, as set forth in Section 20 following, will apply to interstate special access service provided by the Telephone Company to a customer, in accordance with regulations as set forth in 7.3 following.

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.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.2 Limitations (Cont'd)

3.2.3 WATS Access Lines

Where Switched Access Services are connected with Special Access Services at Telephone 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 minute charges shall apply when Feature Group A or Feature Group B switched access is ordered from a non- equal access telephone 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.

3.3 Undertaking of the Telephone 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 Telephone Company will provide the use of Telephone Company common lines by a customer for access to end users at rates and charges as set forth in Section 20 following.

3.3.2 Interstate and Intrastate Use

The Switched Access Service provided by the Telephone 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 Section 20 following apply to interstate Switched Access Service access minutes in accordance with the rate regulations as set forth in 3.7.4 following (Percent Interstate Use - PIU).

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

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 3.7.4 following (Percent Interstate Use-PIU).

3.5.2 Cases Involving Usage Recording By the Customer

Where Feature Group C end office switching is provided without Telephone Company recording and the customer records minutes of use used to determine Carrier Common Line Access charges (i.e., Feature Group C operator and calls such as pay telephone sent-paid, operator-DDD, operator-person, collect, credit-card, third number and/or other like calls), the customer shall furnish such minutes of use detail to the Telephone Company in a timely manner. If the customer does not furnish the data, the customer shall identify all Switched Access Services which could carry such calls in order for the Telephone Company to accumulate the minutes of use through the use of special Telephone Company measuring and recording equipment.

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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)

3.5.3 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 20. 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 Section 20 following apply in accordance with the resale rate regulations as set forth in 3.6.4 following.

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 Section 20 following in accordance with the resale rate regulations set forth in 3.6.4 following. For purposes of administering this provision:

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.

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3. 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

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.

The monthly period used to determine the minutes of use for resold MTS and/or MTS-type service(s) shall be the most recent monthly period for which the customer has received a bill for such resold service(s). This information shall be delivered to the Telephone Company, at a location specified by the Telephone 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 Telephone 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 required documentation is delivered to the Telephone 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 preceeding, the Telephone 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.

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3. 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

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 (D), (E) or (F) following, depending upon, respectively, whether the usage is from non-equal access offices, equal access offices or a combination of the two.

(A) Apportionment 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 Telephone 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:

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.

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3. 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) Apportionment and Adjustment of Resold Minutes of Use (Cont'd)

(2) Terminating Services

The Telephone 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) Same State/Telephone Company/Exchange Limitation

In order for the rate regulations to apply as set forth in (D), (E) or (F) following, the access groups and the resold MTS and/or MTS-type services must be provided in the same state (except when the same extended area service arrangement is provided in two different states by the same telephone company) in the same exchange, provided by the same Telephone Company and connected directly or indirectly. For those exchanges that encompass more than one state, the customer shall report the information by state within the exchange.

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3. 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)

(C) 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.

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.

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3. 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)

(D) Access Groups - Non Equal Access Offices Only

The adjustments as set forth here and in (E) and (F) following will be computed separately for each access group.

When all the usage on an access group originates from and/or terminates at end offices that have not been converted to equal access, the Non Premium Access Charge per minute as set forth in Section 20 following will apply. The Access Minutes which will be subject to Carrier Common Line Access charges will be the adjusted originating interstate access minutes plus the adjusted terminating interstate access minutes for such 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 (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.

(E) Access Groups - Equal Access Offices Only

When all the usage on an access group originates from and/or terminates at end offices that have been converted to equal access, the Premium Access Charge per minute as set forth in Section 20 following will apply. 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 such 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.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)

3.6.4 Rate Regulations for the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services (Cont'd)

(F) Access Groups - Non-Equal Access and Equal Access Offices

When an access group has usage that originates from and/or terminates at both end offices that have been converted to equal access and end offices that have not been converted, both premium and non premium per minute charges as set forth in Section 20 following will apply respectively. The minutes billed Carrier Common Line Access Service charges will be the adjusted originating interstate access minutes plus the adjusted terminating interstate access minutes for such 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.

The adjusted originating access minutes and the adjusted terminating access minutes will be apportioned between premium and non premium access minutes using end-office specific usage data when available, or when usage data are not available, the premium and non premium ratios developed as set forth in 6.4.1(C)(4) following. The Premium and Non Premium per minute charges set forth in Section 20 following will apply to the respective premium and non premium access minutes determined in this manner.

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3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)

3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS and MTS-type Services (Cont'd)

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

The adjustment as set forth in (D), (E) and (F) 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.

(H) 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.

(I) Percent Interstate Use (PIU)

The adjustment as set forth in (D), (E) and (F) preceeding will be made to the involved customer account after making the adjustments to the customer account as set forth in 3.7.4 following (PIU).

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.7 Rate Regulations

3.7.1 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 3.7.5 following (Determination of Premium and Non-Premium Charges) except as set forth in 3.6.4 preceding (Resale) and 3.7.4 following (PIU).

3.7.2 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 Telephone Company equipment except as set forth in 3.7.3 following (Unmeasured FGA and B Usage) and Feature Group C operator and automated operator services systems call detail such as pay telephone sent-paid, operator-DDD, operator-person, collect, credit-card, third number and/or other like calls recorded by the customer. The Telephone Company measuring and recording equipment, except as set forth in 3.7.3 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 minute 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 Telephone Company, for each customer and then rounded to the nearest minute.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.7 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

3.7.3 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 Telephone 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.

3.7.4 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 Telephone 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 3.7.5 following.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.7 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

3.7.5 Determination of Premium and Non-Premium Charges

After the adjustments as set forth in 3.6.4 and 3.7.4 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 premium rated Switched Access Service subject to Carrier Common Line charges will be multiplied by the Premium Access per minute rate as set forth in Section 20 following.

(B) Access minutes for all non-premium rated Switched Access Service subject to Carrier Common Line charges will be multiplied by the Non-Premium Access per minute rate as set forth in Section 20 following.

(C) Access minutes for all FGB Access Services with an Abbreviated Dialing Arrangement (ADA) subject to Carrier Common Line Charges will be multiplied by the Premium Access per minute rate as set forth in Section 20 following. In non-equal end offices, the result is then multiplied by the ADA rate factor as set forth in Section 20 following.

(D) 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.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.7 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

3.7.5 Determination of Premium and Non-Premium Charges (Cont'd)

((E) Terminating Premium Access or Non-Premium Access, 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;

- 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 Telephone 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 (F) following. If a billing dispute arises concerning the customer provided report, the Telephone Company will request the customer to provide the data the customer used to develop the report. The Telephone Company will not request such data more than once a year. The customer shall supply the data within 30 days of the Telephone Company request.

When this report is not available to the Telephone Company until after billing, it shall be used by the Telephone 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.

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3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.7 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

3.7.5 Determination of Premium and Non-Premium Charges (Cont'd)

(F) The originating Premium Access or Non-Premium Access, 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).

-- 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 (E) preceding.

3.7.6 Primary Interexchange Carrier Charge

Primary Interexchange Carrier charges (PICC) compensate the Telephone Company for Telephone Company provided common lines for access to end users. The PICC is a flat-rated charge assessed on the end user's presubscribed carrier. End user customers who do not select a presubscribed carrier will be billed the PICC. The PICC will not be reduced for residential lifeline customers. The PICC will be waived for residential lifeline customers who are toll blocked.

PICC rates can be found in Section Section 20 following.

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4. End User Access Service

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5. Access Ordering

5.1 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, Special Access, and Public Packet Data Network or Access Related Service or to provide changes to existing services.

The regulations, rates and charges for special construction are set forth in WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS SOUTHWEST TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 2 and are in addition to the regulations, rates and charges specified in section 20.

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 Telephone 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 (when 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.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.1 General (Cont'd)

5.1.1 Service Installation

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

The Telephone Company shall make available to all customers, upon request, a schedule of applicable service intervals for Switched Access, Special Access and Public Packet Data Network Services. The schedule shall specify the applicable service interval for services and the 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.

The Telephone 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 Telephone Company business days. If a customer requests that installation be done outside of scheduled work hours, and the Telephone Company agrees to this request, the customer will be subject to applicable Additional Labor Charges as set forth in Section 20 following.

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5. 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 Telephone 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 Telephone 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 Section 20 following.

To develop, determine and bill the customer the extraordinary costs which may be involved, the Special Construction terms and conditions as set forth in WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS SOUTHWEST TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 2 will be used by the Telephone Company. Authorization to incur the costs and to bill the customer will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS SOUTHWEST TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 2.

When the request for expediting occurs subsequent to the issuance of the Access Order, a Service Date Change Charge as set forth in Section 20 following also applies.

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 Telephone Company will make a reasonable effort to accommodate the customer request.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements

5.2.1 Switched Access Service

When ordering Switched Access service, the customer must specify the directionality of the service and whether the service is to be provided as (1) Direct Trunked Transport from the serving wire center to the end office or (2) Direct Trunked Transport from the serving wire center to a tandem which connects with Tandem Switched Transport from the tandem to the end office. When all or a portion of service is ordered as Direct Trunked Transport, the customer must specify the type and quantity of Direct Trunked Transport facility (e.g., Voice Grade, High Capacity DS1 or DS3, or Synchronous Optical Channel OC3 or OC12) and the hubs or ADM equipped wire centers involved.

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

Direct Trunked Transport is available at all tandems and at all end offices except those end offices identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4. as not having the capability to provide Direct Trunked Transport. Direct Trunked Transport is not available: (1) from end offices that provide equal access through a Centralized Equal Access arrangement, or (2) from end offices that lack recording or measurement capability.

Normally, Direct Trunked Transport of originating 800 series calls from an end office is available only from Service Switching Point (SSP) equipped end offices. However, certain SSP equipped end offices cannot accommodate the direct trunking of the 800 series (other than the 800 service access code) service access code. These end offices are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4. Additionally, certain non-SSP equipped end offices can accommodate direct trunking of originating 800 series calls. These end offices are also identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

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.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

5.2.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

A customer's 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 that 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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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

5.2.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

(B) Feature Group B

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

When placing an order for Feature Group B Service, the customer shall provide, the following information in addition to that set forth in 5.1 preceding:

- The number of trunks
- The end office, except when FGB is provided through a centralized equal access arrangement, 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-XXXX or an Abbreviated Dialing Arrangement (ADA) access code of N or NX)
- For Feature Group B switched access service to a Wireless Switching Center (WSC) directly interconnected to a Telephone Company access tandem office, the customer shall provide information to the Telephone Company indicating the NXX code(s) to be accessed.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

5.2.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

(C) Feature Group C, Feature Group D, Interim NXX Translation, Operator Transfer Service and SS7 Signaling

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

- The number of BHMC from the customer designated premises to the end office or Operator Transfer Service location by Feature Group and by type of BHMC, or
- The number of trunks desired between customer designated premises and an entry switch or Operator Transfer Service location.
- The number of BHMC or trunks required for or to be converted to an SS7 Signaling capability.
- Optional Features
- Interim NXX Translation options.
- Operator Transfer Service option
- A projected Percentage of Interstate Use (PIU) as set forth in 2.3.11 preceding.
- For Feature Group D switched access service to a Wireless Switching Center (WSC) directly interconnected to a Telephone Company access tandem office, the customer shall provide information to the Telephone Company indicating the NXX code(s) to be accessed.

When BHMC information is provided it is used to determine the number of transmission paths as set forth in 6.2.5 following.

The BHMC may be determined by the customer in the following manner. For each day (8 am to 11 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding national holidays), the customer shall determine the highest number of minutes of use for a single hour (e.g., 55 minutes in the 10-11 a.m. hour). The customer shall, for the same hour period (i.e., busy hour) for each of twenty consecutive business days, pick the twenty consecutive business days in a calendar year which add up to the largest number of minutes of use. Both originating and terminating minutes shall be included. The customer shall then determine the average busy hour minutes of capacity (i.e., BHMC) by dividing the largest number of minutes of use figure for the same hour period for the consecutive twenty business day period by 20. This computation shall be performed for each end office the customer wishes to serve. These determinations thus establish the forecasted BHMC for each end office.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

5.2.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

(C) Feature Group C, Feature Group D, Interim NXX Translation, Operator Transfer Service and SS7 Signaling (Cont'd)

Customers may, at their option, order FGD by specifying the number of trunks desired between customer designated premises and an end office, access tandem or operator services location. When ordering by trunk quantities rather than BHMC quantities to an access tandem, the customer must also provide the Telephone 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 Telephone Company in its own efforts to project further facility requirements.

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

Orders for the Interim NXX Translation optional feature shall not be required until such time as a customer other than an MTS/WATS provider requests Interim NXX Translation of Service Access Codes. Upon receipt of such order, the Telephone Company shall notify the MTS/WATS provider of the activation of the Interim NXX Translation Service for the Service Access 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 Section 20 following.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

5.2.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

(C) Feature Group C, Feature Group D, Interim NXX Translation, Operator Transfer Service And SS7 Signaling (Cont'd)

For the Operator Transfer Service Option ordered in conjunction with Feature Group C or Feature Group D Switched Access Service as set forth in 6.7.1 and 6.8.1 following, the customer must specify the number of trunks or BHMCs desired between its premises and the Telephone Company operator services location.

Operator Transfer Service is provided at operator services locations as set forth in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

(D) Directory Assistance

Orders for Directory Assistance service shall be in BHMCs.

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

- The number of BHMCs 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, C or D Switched Access Service Trunk Group to be associated with the DA service
- Directory Transport options.

The BHMC information is used to determine the number of transmission paths as set forth in 9.2.6 following.

(E) SS7 Optional Feature

When Feature Group C or 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 a related 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 Telephone Company to determine the number of SS7 signaling connections required to handle its signaling traffic.

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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 (Cont'd)

For 800 Data Base Access Service, as described in 6.1.3(A) & (C) following, the customer must order FGC or FGD to those access tandems or end offices designated as Service Switching Points (SSP) for 800 data base service or to those non-SSP equipped end offices that can accommodate direct trunking of originating 800 calls. SSP equipped end offices and access tandems and non-SSP equipped end offices that can accommodate direct trunking of originating 800 calls are designated in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, WIRE CENTER INFORMATION. Certain SSP equipped end offices that cannot accommodate direct trunking of originating 800 series (other than the 800 service access code) calls are designated in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, WIRE CENTER INFORMATION. All traffic originating from end offices not equipped to provide SS7 signaling and routing, not able to accommodate direct trunking of originating 800 series calls or equipped with SS7 signaling but not able to accommodate direct trunking of originating 800 series (other than the 800 service access code) calls, require routing via an access tandem where SSP functionality is available.

(F) Carrier Identification Parameter

When ordering Carrier Identification Parameter (CIP) as described in 6.10.1 (AB), the customer shall provide an ASR specifying a reference to existing FGD switched access services or reference to a related ASR for FGD switched access services. The customer's ASR shall specify the information necessary to identify the trunk group to which CIP is to be added.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

5.2.2 Special Access Service

When placing an order for Special Access Service the customer must specify:

- the customer designated premises or hubs or ADM equipped wire centers involved
- type of service (e.g., Voice Grade, High Capacity, etc.)
- the channel interface(s)
- technical specification package
- options desired
- for multipoint services, the channel interface at each customer designated premises may, at the request of the customer, be different but all such interfaces shall be compatible.
- that the traffic consists of more than ten percent interstate traffic.

All part-time Video and Program Audio services are subject to a service inquiry. A service inquiry is a request to the Telephone Company to determine if facilities exist to provide the service ordered and to determine the service date on which service can be provided to the customer.

Where the Special Access Service is exempt from the Special Access Surcharge, as set forth in 7.3 following the customer shall furnish written certification to that effect as set forth in 7.3.3 following.

When ordering bridging and/or multiplexing, the
Customer must specify the telephone company hub(s) from which they desire service. The Customer must specify only those hubs that provide the type of service ordered and interconnect with the wire center(s) from which the customer requires service. The Wire Center section of NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4 identifies hub types and multiplexing functions (e.g., Digital Data, High Capacity Multiplexing, Add/Drop Multiplexing) as well as hub levels (i.e., Hub, Terminus Hub, Intermediate Hub and Super-Intermediate Hub). Additionally, the Subtending section of Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 identifies wire centers and the Intermediate and/or Super-Intermediate Hubs with which they interconnect.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

5.2.3 WATS or WATS-Type Services

Special Access Service may be ordered for connection with FGA, FGB, FGC or FGD Switched Access Service at Telephone 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, FGC 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.

When the optional screening, switching and/or recording functions are not provided at the customer serving wire center, Channel Mileage, as set forth in 7.2.1 following, must be ordered between that wire center and the nearest WSO where the screening, switching and/or recording functions can be provided.

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 or Synchronous Optical Channel facilities. Mixed use facilities to a hub or ADM equipped wire center 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 and 7.2.7 following. 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 Section 20 following will apply. When miscellaneous services are added to a pending order, charges for a design change as set forth in Section 20 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 5.4.3(B) following.

The rates and charges for these services, as set forth in Section 20 of this tariff, will apply in addition to the ordering charges set forth in Section 20 and the rates and charges for the Access Service with which they are associated.

Additional Engineering is not an ordering option, but will be applied to an Access Order when the Telephone 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 Telephone 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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5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

5.2.6 Frame Relay Access Service

When ordering Frame Relay Access Service, a minimum of two port connections are required for data to be transported between customer designated premises.

When placing an order for Frame Relay Access Service the customer must specify:

- the customer designated premises;
- the type of channel;
- the channel interface(s);
- the technical specification package and options desired;
- whether a Frame Relay Access Connection (i.e., user-to-network interface) or a Frame Relay Inter-network Connection (i.e., network-to-network interface) is required;
- the port speed;
- the number of Permanent Virtual Connections (PVCs) required;
- the location of the ports for each PVC or for connection to DSL Access Services, the location of the port and the DSL Access Service Connection Point;
- the Committed Information Rates (CIRs) that will be associated with each PVC;
- that the traffic consists of more than ten percent interstate traffic.

The port connecting the Special Access facility to the Telephone Company frame relay switch must be ordered and provided at the same speed as the Special Access facility.

When connecting to the port of another customer, the ordering customer must obtain authorization from the other customer.

When an extended PVC is ordered, the customer is responsible for placing the order with all telephone companies involved.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

5.2.7 Expanded Interconnection Services (EIS)

(A) When ordering EIS, the customer shall place an ASR for the Switched Access or Special Access Cross Connect, as described in section 6 and 7 following, to interconnect the facilities of the Telephone Company to the facilities of the customer. Each service application used in conjunction with EIS will require a separate ASR. When ordering additions or changes to the existing EIS facilities, the customer must refer to the specific EIS facilities affected by the addition or change.

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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 Local Transport, Directory Transport or 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 or where the Interim NXX Translation service and the end office are not provided by the same Telephone Company.

The ordering procedure for this service is dependent upon the billing arrangement, as set forth in 2.4.7 preceding, to be used by the Telephone Companies involved in providing the Access Service. The Telephone Company will notify the customer which of the ordering procedures will apply.

5.3.1 Non Meet Point Billing Ordering

(A) Single Company Billing Ordering

The Telephone Company receiving the order from the customer will arrange to provide the service and bill the customer as set forth in 2.4.7(A)(1). The customer will place the order with the Telephone Company as follows:

For FGA Switched Access Service the customer will place the order with the Telephone Company in whose territory the first point of switching is located. The first point of switching is the dial tone office.

When the first point of switching is not in the same Telephone Company's territory as the Interexchange Carrier premises, the customer must supply a copy of the order to the Telephone Company in whose territory the Interexchange Carrier premises is located and any other Telephone Company(s) involved in providing the service. When service is provided through a centralized equal access provider, the customer must supply a copy of the order to that provider.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.3 Access Orders For Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

5.3.2 Meet Point Billing Ordering

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 and listed in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4. Each Telephone Company will bill the customer for its portion of the service as set forth in 2.4.7. All other appropriate charges in each Telephone Company tariff are applicable.

For the service(s) ordered as set forth following, the customer must also supply a copy of the order to the Telephone Company in whose operating territory a customer designated premises is located and any other Telephone Company(s) involved in providing the service. Additionally, when service is provided through a centralized equal access provider, the customer must supply a copy of the order to that provider.

(A) For Feature Group A and B Switched Access Services, the customer must place an order with the Telephone Company in whose territory the first point of switching is located, (i.e., FGA - dial tone office, FGB - access tandem or end office). The Telephone Company will designate the first point(s) of switching for FGB Services where the Telephone Company elects to provide equal access through a centralized equal access arrangement. Those Telephone Company offices providing equal access through centralized arrangements are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

(B) For Feature Group C and D Switched Access Services, the customer must place an order with the Telephone Company in whose territory the end office is located. Customers may, at their option, order FGD to the access tandem. When ordered to the access tandem, and the access tandem and the end office are not in the same Telephone Company operating territory, the customer must also supply a copy of the order to each additional Telephone Company subtending the access tandem.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.3 Access Orders For Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company (Cont'd)

5.3.2 Meet Point Billing Ordering (Cont'd)

(C) Customers ordering Special Access Service to be interconnected with Switched Access Services at Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices for the provision of WATS or WATS-type Services must place an order with each Telephone Company in whose territory the end office and the WATS Serving Office are located, if they are not collocated.

(D) Except for Special Access Service as set forth in (C) above or as set forth in (E) below, the customer may place the order for a Special Access Service with either Exchange Telephone Company.

(E) For Special Access Service involving a hub(s) the customer must place the order with the Telephone Company(s) in whose territory the hub(s) is located.

(F) For Directory Assistance Service, the customer must place an order with the Telephone Company in whose territory the Directory Assistance Location is located.

(G) For initiation, additions, changes or deletions to the Interim NXX Translation code(s), the customer must place an order with the Telephone Company who provides the Interim NXX Translation. The customer must also provide a copy of the order to the Telephone Companies subtending the Interim NXX Translation office.

(H) For a Special Access Service connection to a frame relay network, the customer must place the order with the Telephone Company that provides the frame relay switch. Special Access Service in this situation must be ordered to the wire center equipped with a frame relay switch.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering

5.4.1 Access Order Charge

The Access Order Charge is applied to all customer requests for new Special Access, Public Packet Data Network, Switched Access, Directory Assistance, and Symmetric Digital Subscriber Line Access Services. In addition, the Access Order Charge is applicable to customer requests for additions, changes or rearrangements to existing Special Access, Public Packet Data Network, Switched Access, Directory Assistance and Digital Subscriber Line Access Services with the following exceptions:

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), 7.2.2(C)(3), 8.1.5(D), 8.2.5(D) and 16.1.2(B)(2)(b) 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 Telephone 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 Billing Name and Address Order charge is applicable.
- When a 900 Blocking Service charge is applicable.
- When a customer with a Special Access DS3 Capacity Discount converts to Special Access Synchronous Optical Channel Service.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4.1 Access Order Charge (Cont'd)

The Access Order Charge does not apply (Cont'd):

- When Payphone Service Providers (PSPs) obtain Coin Supervision Additive Service in conjunction with local exchange service lines for the provision of pay telephone service.

- To ADSL Access Service as set forth in Section 8.1, following and to SDSL Access Service Voice-Data option as set forth in Section 8.2, following.

- When a DSL Network Reconfiguration Charge is applicable.

The Access Order Charge will be applied on a per order basis to each order received by the Telephone Company or copy of an order received by the Telephone Company pursuant to 5.3.1 preceding and 5.3.2 preceding, except by the Telephone Company applying the Interim NXX Translation charge, and is in 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.

The Access Order Charge will be applied on a per order basis for any change, rearrangement or addition of CICs to an existing Feature Group B or Feature Group D trunk group.

The Access Order Charge will be applied on a per order basis to establish a new Term Plan under the DSL Access Services Discount Pricing Arrangement or to convert in-service ADSL and/or SDSL Access Service lines originally purchased under the provisions specified in 8.1 and/or 8.2 following, to a DSL Access Services Discount Pricing Arrangement as described in 8.3 following.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4.2 Miscellaneous Service Order Charge

A Miscellaneous Service Order Charge, as set forth in Section 20 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), 900 Blocking Service (13.8), Billing Name and Address Service (13.9) and Payphone- Specific Coding Digits Service (13.13) 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),
- Controller Arrangement [13.3.4(A)],
- International Blocking Service (13.8),
- Originating Line Screening (OLS) Service (13.10).

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 [13.3.1(A)(1) and 13.3.1(B)(1)],
- Coin Supervision Additive Service (13.12).

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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

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 Telephone 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 Telephone Company will notify the customer. If the customer still desires the Access Order change, the Telephone 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 Section 20 will apply on a per occurrence basis.

Any increase in the number of Special Access Service channels, or Switched Access Service lines, trunks, or busy hour minutes of capacity, or Frame Relay Connections and/or PVCs or CCS/SS7 Port Terminations will be treated as a new Access Order (for the increased amount only).

If order changes are necessary to satisfy the transmission performance for a Special Access Service ordered by a customer, these changes will be made without order change charges being incurred by the customer.

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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)

(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 later date which does not exceed 30 calendar days from the original service date.

If the Telephone 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 Section 20 following, will be applied to the order.

If the service date is changed to an earlier date, and the Telephone 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 Telephone 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 Telephone Company determines that the customer's request can be accommodated, the Telephone 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.

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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

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 Telephone 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, or a change in the destination or speed of PVC. Design changes do not include a change of customer designated premises, first point of switching, Feature Group type or 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.

The Telephone 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 Telephone Company to proceed with the design change, a Design Change Charge as set forth in Section 20 following will apply in addition to the charge for Additional Engineering as set forth in Section 20 following. If a change of service date is required, the Service Date Change Charge as set forth in Section 20 following will also apply. The Access Order Charge as specified in Section 20 following does not apply.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.5 Minimum Periods and Cancellations

5.5.1 Minimum Periods

The minimum period for part-time Video and Program Audio Special Access Services is one day as set forth in 7.2.4 following even though the service will be provided only for the duration of the event specified on the order (e.g., one-half hour, two hours, five hours, etc.).

The minimum period for Switched Access High Capacity DS3 and Synchronous Optical Channel Entrance Facilities and Direct Trunked Transport is as set forth in 6.1.3(A) following. The minimum period for Special Access High Capacity Service and Synchronous Optical Channel Service is as set forth in 7.2.4 and 7.2.8 following. The minimum period for Frame Relay Access Service is as set forth in section 16 following.

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 Transport 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:

(A) For flat-rated 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.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.5 Minimum Period and Cancellations (Cont'd)

5.5.2 Development of Minimum Period Charges (Cont'd)

(B) For Special Access Service and Public Packet Data Network 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.

(C) The Minimum Period Charge for part-time Video and Program Audio Services is the applicable daily rate for the appropriate channel type as set forth in 7.2.4 following.

(D) The Minimum Period Charge for Digital Subscriber Line Access Service is the applicable monthly rate or fraction thereof plus any nonrecurring charge(s) that may apply.

(E) 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 Telephone 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 option is selected by the customer, shall be the 3 day beyond the original service date of the Access Order.

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.5 Minimum Period and Cancellations (Cont'd)

5.5.3 Cancellation of an Access Order (Cont'd)

(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, Special Access or Public Packet Data Network Service facilities is considered to have started when the Telephone Company incurs any cost in connection therewith or in preparation thereof which would not otherwise have been incurred.

(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, Special Access, or Public Packet Data Network Service ordered by the customer, as set forth in 5.5.2 preceding.

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

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5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.5 Minimum Period and Cancellations (Cont'd)

5.5.3 Cancellation of an Access Order (Cont'd)

(D) When a customer cancels an order for the installation of ADSL Access Service or SDSL Access Service Voice-Data option, no charges apply for the cancellation.

(E) If the Telephone 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 Special Access Service channels, or Switched Access Service lines, trunks, or busy hour minutes of capacity, or Frame Relay Connections and/or PVCs 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.

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6. Switched Access Service

6.1 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 Telephone 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 in the LATA where it is provided. Specific references to material describing the elements of Switched Access Service are provided in 6.1.3 and 6.5 through 6.9 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, and whether it is provided in a Telephone Company end office that is equipped to provide equal or non-equal access. Rates and charges for Switched Access Service are set forth in Section 20 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 interLATA 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), 6.7.1(F) and 6.8.1(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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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.1 Description and Provision of Switched Access Service Arrangements

(A) Description

Switched Access Service is provided in four 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 Telephone 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, 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, C, or D at Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices.

There are three specific transmission specifications (i.e., Types A, 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, High Capacity and Synchronous Optical Channel Services. The specifications provided are dependent on the Interface Group and the routing of the service, i.e., whether the service is routed directly to the end office or via an access tandem. The parameters for the transmission specifications are set forth in 15.1.2 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 Telephone 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 Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine the directionality.

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6. 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)

There are various optional features associated with Local Transport, Common Switching and Transport Termination available with the Feature Groups. In addition, the Interim NXX Translation and Operator Transfer Service optional features are available with Feature Group C and Feature Group D.

Operator Transfer Services will be provided over FGC or FGD switched access service trunks from the operator service location to the customer's premises. Where required by technical limitations, a separate FGC or FGD trunk group will be established for Operator Transfer Service. The operator service location will provide trunk answer and disconnect supervisory signaling to the customer.

Detailed descriptions of each of the available Feature Groups are set forth in 6.5 through 6.9 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 6.10 following, unless specifically stated otherwise, are available at all Telephone Company end office switches.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.1 Description and Provision of Switched Access Service Arrangements (Cont'd)

(B) Manner of Provision

Switched Access is furnished in either quantities of lines or trunks, or in busy hour minutes of capacity (BHMCs). FGA Access and FGB Access are furnished on a per-line or per-trunk basis respectively. FGC Access and FGD Access are furnished on a BHMC and on a per trunk basis as set forth in 5.2 preceding.

BHMCs are differentiated by type and directionality of traffic carried over a Switched Access Service arrangement. Differentiation of traffic among BHMC types is necessary for the Telephone Company to properly design Switched Access Service to meet the traffic carrying capacity requirement of the customer.

There are three major BHMC categories identified as: Originating, Terminating and Directory Assistance. Originating BHMCs represent access capacity within a LATA for carrying traffic from the end user to the customer; Terminating BHMCs represent access capacity within a LATA for carrying traffic from the customer to the end user; and, Directory Assistance BHMCs represent access capacity within a LATA for carrying Directory Assistance traffic from the customer to a Directory Assistance location. When ordering capacity for FGC Access or FGD Access in BHMCs, the customer must at a minimum specify such access capacity in terms of Originating BHMCs and/or Terminating BHMCs.

Because some customers will wish to further segregate their originating traffic into separate trunk groups, or because segregation may be required by network considerations originating BHMCs are further categorized into Domestic, 700, 800 series, 900, Operator, IDDD and Operator Transfer Services. Domestic BHMCs represent access capacity for carrying only domestic traffic other than 700, 800 series, 900, Operator and Operator Transfer Services traffic; IDDD BHMCs represent access capacity for carrying only international traffic; and, 700, 800 series, 900, Operator and Operator Transfer Services BHMCs represent access capacity for carrying, respectively, only 700, 800 series, 900, Operator or Operator Transfer Services traffic. When ordering such types of access capacity, the customer must specify Domestic, 700, 800 series, 900, Operator, IDDD or Operator Transfer Services BHMCs.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

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 is regulations concerning miscellaneous service order charges, which may be associated with Switched Access Service ordering (e.g., Service Date Changes, Cancellations, etc.).

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)

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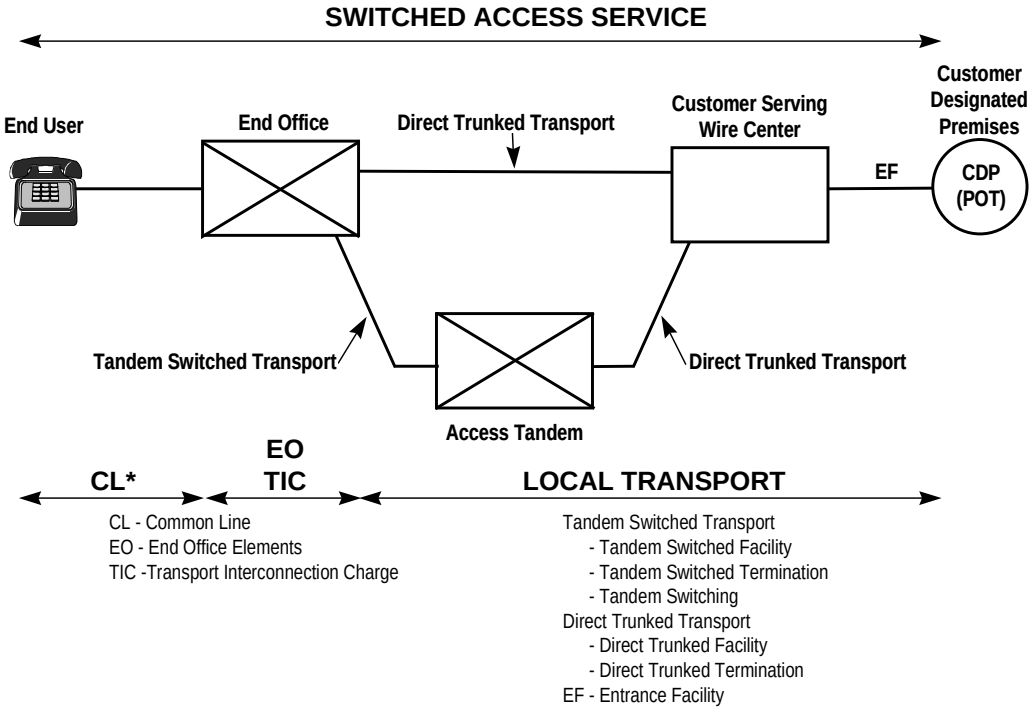
6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

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.



* Common Line Access Service is provided under Section 3. Preceding

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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

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(s) or WATS Serving Office, where the customer's 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 Telephone 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, High Capacity DS1 or DS3 or Synchronous Optical Channel OC3 or OC12) to be used in the provision of the Direct Trunked Transport or Entrance Facility. High Capacity DS3 and Synchronous Optical Channel facilities are only available at wire centers identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, WIRE CENTER INFORMATION.

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

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.

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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)

Direct Trunked Transport is available at all tandems and at all end offices except those end offices identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4. as not having the capability to provide Direct Trunked Transport. Direct Trunked Transport is not available: (1) from end offices that provide equal access through a Centralized Equal Access arrangement, or (2) from end offices that lack recording or measurement capability.

Normally, Direct Trunked Transport of originating 800 series calls from an end office is available only from Service Switching Point (SSP) equipped end offices. However, certain SSP equipped end offices cannot accommodate the direct trunking of the 800 series (other than the 800 service access code) service access code. These end offices are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4. Additionally, certain non-SSP equipped end offices can accommodate direct trunking of originating 800 series calls. These end offices are also identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF F.C.C. No. 4.

Unless otherwise ordered by the F.C.C., where the Telephone Company elects to provide equal access through a Centralized Equal Access arrangement, the Telephone Company will designate the serving wire center. The designated SWC will normally be that wire center which provides dial tone to the telephone company Centralized Equal Access tandem office identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4. When service is provided in cooperation with a non-telephone company provider of Centralized Equal Access, the SWC will be that wire center which would normally provide dial tone to the telephone company point of interconnection with the non-telephone company provider of Centralized Equal Access specified in the tariff of the Centralized Equal Access provider. Those Telephone Company offices providing equal access through centralized arrangements are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, LLC, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

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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)

Local Transport is provided at the rates and charges set forth in Section 20 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.

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

(1) Entrance Facility

The Entrance Facility recovers a portion of the costs associated with a 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 the type of signaling capability, if any.

Five types of Entrance Facility are available:

- Voice Grade 2 or 4 wire – an analog channel with an approximate bandwidth of 300 to 3000 Hz;
- High Capacity DS1 – an isochronous serial digital channel with a rate of 1.544 Mbps;
- High Capacity DS3 – an isochronous serial digital channel with a rate of 44.736 Mbps;
- Synchronous Optical Channel OC3 – a synchronous optical channel with a rate of 155.52 Mbps;
- Synchronous Optical Channel OC12 – a synchronous optical channel with a rate of 622.08 Mbps.

The minimum period for which a High Capacity DS3 or Synchronous Optical Channel Entrance Facility 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)

(1) Entrance Facility (Cont'd)

One charge applies for each Entrance Facility that is terminated at a customer designated premises. This charge specified in Section 20 following will apply even if the customer designated premises and the serving wire center are collocated in a Telephone Company building.

A customer's 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 or circuits dedicated to the use of a single customer between:

- the serving wire center and an end office,
- the serving wire center and a tandem,
- the serving wire center and a hub,
- a hub and an end office,
- the serving wire center and an ADM equipped wire center where add/drop multiplexing functions are performed,
- an ADM equipped wire center and an end office.

Direct Trunked Transport is available at all tandems and to all end offices except those end offices identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, WIRE CENTER INFORMATION as not having the capability to provide Direct Trunked Transport.

Direct Trunked Transport is not available: (1) from end offices that provide equal access through a Centralized Equal Access arrangement, or (2) from end offices that lack recording or measurement capability.

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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)

Normally, Direct Trunked Transport of originating 800 series calls from an end office is available only from Service Switching Point (SSP) equipped end offices. However, certain SSP equipped end offices cannot accommodate the direct trunking of the 800 series (other than the 800 service access code) service access code. These end offices are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4. Additionally, certain non-SSP equipped end offices can accommodate direct trunking of originating 800 series calls. These end offices are also identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF F.C.C. No. 4.

Five types of Direct Trunked Transport are available:

- Voice Grade 2 or 4 wire –
  an analog channel with an approximate bandwidth of 300 to 3000 Hz;
- High Capacity DS1 –
  an isochronous serial digital channel with a rate of 1.544 Mbps;
- High Capacity DS3 –
  an isochronous serial digital channel with a rate of 44.736 Mbps;
- Synchronous Optical Channel OC3 –
  a synchronous optical channel with a rate of 155.52 Mbps;
- Synchronous Optical Channel OC12 –
  a synchronous optical channel with a rate of 622.08 Mbps.

High Capacity DS3 Direct Trunked Transport can not be terminated at end offices that are not identified as hub offices that provide DS3 to DS1 multiplexing.

Synchronous Optical Channel Service OC3 or OC12 Direct Trunked Transport can not be terminated at end offices that are not identified as ADM equipped wire centers that provide OC3 to DS1 or OC12 to OC3 Add/Drop Multiplexing.

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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)

Additionally, DS1 Direct Trunked Transport can not be terminated at end offices that are not identified as hub offices that provide DS1 to Voice Grade multiplexing or are not electronic end offices.

Offices that provide multiplexing and add/drop multiplexing functions are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, WIRE CENTER INFORMATION.

Direct Trunked Transport rates consist of a Direct Trunked Facility rate specified in Section 20 following 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 (e.g., at the end office, tandem, hub, ADM equipped wire center, 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 specified in Section 20 following recovers a portion of the costs of the circuit equipment that is necessary for the termination of each end of the Direct Trunked Facility.

The minimum period for which High Capacity DS3 or Synchronous Optical Channel 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)

(3) Tandem Switched Transport

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

Tandem Switched Transport rates consist of a Tandem Switching rate, a Tandem Switched Facility rate, and a Tandem Switched Termination rate.

In those instances where an SSP equipped end office is capable of handling 800 traffic on a direct trunked basis but incapable of handling 800 series (other than the 800 service access code) traffic on a direct trunked basis, a full credit will be provided for tandem switched transport charges associated with FGC and FGD service for 888 traffic delivered at the tandem. This results in all 800 series traffic being rated as direct trunked transport regardless of whether the SSP equipped end office is capable of handling 800 series (other than the 800 service access code) traffic on a direct trunked basis. Those SSP equipped end offices that cannot accommodate direct trunking of originating 800 series (other than the 800 service access code) traffic are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, WIRE CENTER INFORMATION.

(a) The Tandem Switching rate recovers a portion of the costs of switching traffic through an access tandem. The Tandem Switching rate specified in Section 20 following is applied on a per access minute per tandem basis for all originating and all terminating minutes of use switched at the tandem. Tandem locations are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, WIRE CENTER INFORMATION.

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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)

(b) 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 (Remote to Host Office and Host/End Office to Tandem). The Tandem Switched Facility rate specified in Section 20 following is applied on a per access minute per mile basis for all originating and terminating minutes of use routed over the facility.

(c) The Tandem Switched Termination rate recovers a portion of the costs of circuit equipment necessary for the termination of each end of each measured segment of the Tandem Switched Facility. The Tandem Switched Termination rate specified in Section 20 following is applied on a per access minute basis (for all originating and terminating minutes of use routed over the facility) at each end of each measured segment of Tandem Switched Facility (e.g., at the end office, Feature Group A dial tone office, host office and the access tandem). The Tandem Switched Termination rate applies even if the Tandem Switched Facility mileage is zero.

(4) Transport Interconnection Charge

The Transport Interconnection Charge recovers the costs associated with Local Transport that are not recovered by the other Local Transport Rate Categories (i.e., Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport, Tandem Switched Transport and Multiplexing) or by dedicated signaling (i.e., SS7) rates. The Transport Interconnection Charge specified in Section 20 following applies to both Tandem Switched and Direct Trunked access minutes of use.

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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)

(5) Multiplexing

Multiplexing provides an arrangement for converting a single, higher capacity or bandwidth circuit to several lower capacity or bandwidth circuits.

When a derived channel is itself multiplexed to derive additional channels with a lesser capacity, this is referred to as cascade multiplexing. When cascade multiplexing occurs, a charge for the additional multiplexing function applies. When cascade multiplexing is performed at different hubbing locations, Direct Trunked Transport charges also apply between the hubs.

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

The following multiplexing arrangements are offered for use with Switched Access Service.

(a) DS3 to DS1 Multiplexing charges specified in Section 20 following apply when a High Capacity DS3 Entrance Facility or High Capacity DS3 Direct Trunked Transport 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.

(b) DS1 to Voice Grade Multiplexing charges specified in Section 20 following apply when a High Capacity DS1 Entrance Facility or High Capacity DS1 Direct Trunked Transport 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.

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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)

(6) Add/Drop Multiplexing

Add/Drop Multiplexing provides a type of multiplexing function in connection with Synchronous Optical Channel Service that allows lower level signals to be added or dropped from a high speed optical carrier channel within a Telephone Company wire center.

The Add/Drop Multiplexing Central Office Port charge specified in Section 20 applies to the interface provided at a Telephone Company wire center for the purpose of adding or dropping lower capacity services from Synchronous Optical Channel Entrance Facilities or Direct Trunked Transport. Central Office Ports are available at the following speeds:

Central Office Port	Speed	
OC3	155.52	Mbps
DS3	44.736	Mbps
DS1	1.544	Mbps

OC12 service may only be multiplexed to OC3 channels.

When an OC3 channel is derived from an OC12 service and is further multiplexed to obtain DS3 service, a DS3 port charge will apply in addition to the OC3 port charge.

When a DS3 channel is derived from an OC3 service and is further multiplexed to obtain DS1 service, a DS3 to DS1 Multiplexing charge will apply in addition to the DS3 port charge.

When a DS1 channel is directly derived from an OC3 service, a DS1 port charge will apply.

When a DS1 channel is further multiplexed to a lower level signal, a DS1 to Voice Grade Multiplexing charge will also apply.

Add/Drop Multiplexing is only available at wire centers identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, WIRE CENTER INFORMATION.

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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)

(7) Customer Node

A Customer Node charge specified in Section 20 applies when the Telephone Company provides terminal equipment at the customer designated premises for termination of a Synchronous Optical Channel Entrance Facility. Such equipment may be used to convert the signal from an optical to electrical format. The Customer Node charge is determined by the level of optical service (i.e., OC3 or OC12) delivered to the premises. Each Customer Node must be configured with one or more Customer Premises Ports.

Customer Premises Port charges specified in Section 20 applies in conjunction with the Customer Node charge. Each Customer Premises Port provides the interface to derive a lower capacity service at the customer premises. The type and quantity of ports is determined by the customer and is based on the type of Customer Node selected and the number of DS1, DS3, STS-1 and/or OC3 channels ordered. Customer Premises Ports are available at the following speeds:

Customer Premises Port	Speed	
OC3	155.52	Mbps
STS-1	51.84	Mbps
DS3	44.736	Mbps
DS1	1.544	Mbps

(8) 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 15.1 following.

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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)

(9) 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 15.1.1(E) following.

- Supervisory Signaling
- Customer Specified Entry Switch Receive Level
- Customer Specification of Local Transport Termination
- 64 Clear Channel Capability

In addition to the above, Shared SONET Interoffice Ring Transport (SSRIT) is available as a nonchargeable optional feature with High Capacity DS3 or Synchronous Optical Channel Local Transport service from wire centers identified in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, WIRE CENTER INFORMATION. The SSRIT feature is set forth and described in 7.10.3(F) and 7.11.3(D) following.

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 6.10.1 following.

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

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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)

(10) Chargeable Optional Features

Common Channel Signaling, Signaling System 7 (CCS/SS7) Network Connection (CCSNC) Service provides a signaling path between a customer's designated Signaling Point of Interface (SPOI) and a Telephone Company's Signaling Transfer Point (STP). CCSNC is provided as set forth in 6.10.3 following.

800 Data Base Access Service is provided to all customers in conjunction with FGC and FGD switched access service. A Basic or Vertical Feature Query charge, as set forth in Section 20 (B) following, is assessed for each completed query returned from the 800 data base whether or not the actual call is delivered to the customer. The query is considered completed when the appropriate call routing information is returned to the Service Switching Point (SSP) that launched the query. 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 800 series calls by telephone companies to different interexchange carriers based on the Local Access Transport Area (LATA) in which the call originates. The Vertical Feature 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 series numbers (which is generally necessary for the routing of 800 series calls);
(3) alternate POTS translation (which allows subscribers to vary the routing of 800 series 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)).

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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

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, the terminations of calls at Telephone Company Intercept Operators or recordings, the STP costs, and the SS7 signaling function between the end office and the Signaling Transfer Point.

Local Switching does not apply to Feature Groups B and D Switched Access Services associated with Wireless Switching Center (WSCs) directly interconnected to a Telephone Company access tandem 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 Groups C and 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 FGC or FGD equipped end office.

Rates for Local Switching are set forth in Section 20 following. The application of these rates with respect to individual Feature Groups is as set forth in 6.4.1(C) following.

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.

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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)

(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 6.9 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 6.10.1 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 6.10.2 following.

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

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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)

(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 Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices.

The above 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 Telephone 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.

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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)

(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 Section 20 following. The application of these rates with respect to individual Feature Groups is as set forth in 6.4.1(C) following.

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

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

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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

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

(1) Interim NXX Translation

The Interim NXX Translation rate element provides for customer identification of non-data base services 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 NANP Coordinator. The Telephone 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 Section 20 following, is associated with this optional feature. This nonrecurring charge is assessed by the Telephone Company on a per order, per LATA or Market Area basis and is applied in lieu of the Access Order Charge specified in Section 20 following. The nonrecurring charge is assessed only by the Telephone Company that provides the final translation function. A Telephone 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 Feature Group C and Feature Group D is as set forth in 6.4.1(B)(2) and 6.4.1(C)(2) following.

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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) Operator Transfer Services

Operator Transfer Service may be provided with Feature Group C or Feature Group D Switched Access Service at Telephone Company designated Operator Services location. Operator Transfer Service is an originating service. The rate is assessed per 0- call transferred to a customer's operator. An 0- call is considered transferred when the Telephone Company Operator activates the switch transferring the call to the designated customer and the customer acknowledges receipt.

In addition to the Operator Transfer Service charge described above and in 6.10.3(B) following, Feature Group C or Feature Group D Switched Access rates and charges as set forth in section 20 following and Carrier Common Line Charges set forth in section 20, will apply per minute of use for Operator Transfer Service.

Operator Transfer Service charges, provided for in this tariff, are applied only to those calls actually transferred by the Telephone Company to the customer's operator.

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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)

(3) 800 Data Base Access Service

800 Data Base Access Service is provided to all customers in conjunction with FGC and FGD switched access service. When a 1+800 series+NXX-XXXX call is originated by an end user, the Telephone Company will utilize the Signaling System 7 (SS7) network to query an 800 data base 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 FGC or FGD switched access. The 800 series includes the following service access codes: 800, 888, 877, 866, 855, 844, 833 and 822.

A Basic or Vertical Feature Query charge, as set forth in Section 20 following, is assessed for each completed query returned from the data base identifying the customer to whom the call will be delivered whether or not the actual call is delivered to the customer. The query is considered completed when the appropriate call routing information is returned to the Service Switching Point (SSP) that launched the query. 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 800 series calls by telephone companies to different interexchange carriers based on the Local Access Transport Area (LATA) in which the call originates. The Vertical Feature Query provides the same customer identification as the basic query and vertical features which may include: (1) call validation, (ensuring that calls originate from subscribed service areas); (2) POTS translation of 800 series numbers; (3) alternate POTS translation (which allows subscribers to 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)).

The description and application of this charge with respect to Feature Group C or Feature Group D is as set forth in 6.4.1(C)(2) and 6.4.1(C)(8) following.

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6.1.4 Special Facilities Routing

Any customer may request that the facilities used to provide Switched Access Service be specially routed. The regulations for Special Facilities Routing (i.e., Avoidance, Diversity and Cable-Only) are set forth in Section 11 following.

6.1.5 Design Layout Report

At the request of the customer, the Telephone Company will provide to the customer the makeup of the facilities and services provided from the customer's premises to the first point of switching. This information will be provided in the form of a Design Layout Report. The Design Layout Report will be provided to the customer at no charge, and will be reissued or updated whenever these facilities are materially changed.

6.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

In addition to the obligations of the Telephone Company set forth in Section 2. preceding, the Telephone Company has certain other obligations concerning only the provision of Switched Access Service. These obligations are as follows:

6.2.1 Network Management

The Telephone Company will administer its network to insure the provision of acceptable service levels to all telecommunications users of the Telephone 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 Telephone Company network. The Telephone 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 Telephone Company or customer facilities, natural disasters, mass calling or national security demands. In the event that the protective controls applied by the Telephone 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.

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6.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

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. The available transmission specifications are set forth in 15.1.2 following. Data Transmission Parameters are also provided with each Switched Access Service transmission path. The Telephone Company will, upon notification by the customer that the data parameters set forth in 15.1.3 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 Telephone 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 in 15.1.2 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 Telephone Company. The transmission specifications are set forth in 15.1.2 following. Acceptance limits are set forth in Technical Reference GR-334-CORE. This Technical Reference also provides the basis for determining Switched Access Service maintenance limits.

Feature Group C and Feature Group D trunks equipped for Operator Transfer Service are subject to Feature Group C and Feature Group D transmission specifications, respectively, unless otherwise specified.

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6.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

6.2.3 Provision of Service Performance Data

Subject to availability, end-to-end service performance data available to the Telephone 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 Telephone 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.

(B) Routine Testing

At no additional charge, the Telephone Company will, at the customer's request, test after installation on an automatic or manual basis, 1004 Hz loss, C-message noise and Balance (Improved 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 Telephone 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 participation 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 Section 20 following.

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6.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

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 Groups C and 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 Telephone Company will determine the number of Switched Access Service transmission paths to be provided for the Switched Access Feature Group C and D busy hour minutes of capacity ordered. The number of transmission paths will be developed using the total busy hour minutes of capacity by type (as described in 6.1.1(B) preceding) for the end offices for each Feature Group ordered from a customer's designated premises. The total busy hour minutes of capacity by type (e.g., originating, terminating, IDDD, Operator) for the end office will be converted to transmission paths using standard Telephone Company traffic engineering methods. 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 the end office switches only, or (3) the use of the tandem switches only.

6.2.6 Trunk Group Measurement Reports

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

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6.3 Obligations of the Customer

In addition to the obligations of the customer set forth in Section 2 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

Customers are responsible for providing the following reports to the Telephone Company, when applicable.

(A) Jurisdictional Reports

When a customer orders Switched Access Service for both interstate and intrastate use, the customer is responsible for providing reports . 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 ordered.

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 Telephone 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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6.3 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 Telephone 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 telephone Company may invoke network management controls, (e.g., call gapping and code blocking) to reduce the probability of excessive network congestion. The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine the appropriate level of such control.

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 and per call charges are accumulated over a monthly period.

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

(B) Nonrecurring Charges

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 NXX Translation optional feature, and service rearrangements. These charges, with the exception of the Interim NXX Translation optional feature, are in addition to the Access Order Charge as specified in Section 20 following.

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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 Charges (Cont'd)

(1) Installation of Service (Cont'd)

For Entrance Facilities, a Local Transport nonrecurring installation charge, as set forth in Section 20 following, will be applied at the serving wire center for each Entrance Facility installed.

For Direct Trunked Transport ordered to the end office, a Local Transport nonrecurring trunk activation charge, as set forth in Section 20 following, will be applied at the end office on a per order basis for each group of 24 Direct Trunked Transport trunks or fraction thereof that is activated at the end office.

For Direct Trunked Transport ordered to the access tandem, a Local Transport nonrecurring trunk activation charge, as set forth in Section 20 following, will be applied at the access tandem on a per order basis for each group of 24 Direct Trunked Transport trunks or fraction thereof that is activated at the access tandem.

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.

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 requests 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 Section 20 following.

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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 Charges (Cont'd)

(2) Interim NXX Translation Optional Feature

This nonrecurring charge applies to the initial order for the installation of the Interim NXX Translation optional feature with Feature Group C or Feature Group D Switched Access Service and for each subsequent order received to add or change 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 Telephone Company per order, per LATA or Market Area. 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 charged for as set forth in 6.4.4 following.

- If, due to technical limitations of the Telephone 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.

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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 Charges (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 Telephone Company initiated network reconfigurations, and required to provide the same grade of service to the customer that existed prior to the reconfiguration. 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.

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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 Charges (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 or vice versa, are subject to the Access Order Charge as set forth in Section 20 following.

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 Section 20 following will apply (with the exception of the addition of 64 Clear Channel Capability to an existing service). 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).

When the 64 Clear Channel Capability optional feature is installed on an existing facility, the addition will be treated as a discontinuance and start of service and all associated non-recurring charges will apply.

For conversion of FGC and 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 Section 20.

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6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

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

(C) Application of Rates

Rates are applied either as premium or non-premium rates.

The application of these rates is dependent upon the Feature Group, type of Entrance Facility, type of transport (e.g., Direct Trunked Transport, Tandem Switched Transport, type of Multiplexing) and the availability of equal access capabilities in the end office to which the service is provided.

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

(1) Premium Rates

Premium rates apply to all FGC access minutes when the service is provided to customers which furnish interstate MTS/WATS, 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 Wireless Switching Center (WSC) that is directly connected to a Telephone Company access tandem office. In addition, premium rates apply to FGA and FGB access minutes when utilized in the provision of MTS/WATS service.

In addition, premium rates always apply to the following Local Transport rate elements:

- Entrance Facility
- Direct Trunked Facility
- Direct Trunked Termination
- Multiplexing
- Tandem Switched Facility
- Tandem Switched Termination
- Tandem Switching

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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)

(2) Non-premium Rates

Non-premium rates do not apply to the following Local Transport rate elements:

- Entrance Facility
- Direct Trunked Facility
- Direct Trunked Termination
- Multiplexing
- Tandem Switched Facility
- Tandem Switched Termination
- Tandem Switching

Non-premium rates (i.e., discounted access minute rates) apply to all FGA and FGB access minutes (measured or assumed) originating or terminating in an end office which is not equipped with equal access capabilities. Non-premium rates do not apply to FGA and FGB access minutes when utilized in the provision of MTS/WATS service.

In addition, non-premium rates apply to FGC access minutes originating in an end office which is not equipped with equal access capabilities when the FGC service is used in conjunction with the Interim NXX Translation optional feature or 800 Data Base services by customers who do not furnish interstate MTS/WATS.

Non-premium rates do not apply to FGB ADA access minutes.

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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) Abbreviated Dialing Arrangement (ADA)

At end offices that are equipped with equal access capabilities, premium rates apply to all FGB with ADA access minutes.

At end offices that are not equipped with equal access capabilities:

- Premium rates multiplied by the ADA rate factor set forth in Section 20 following apply to the following FGB rate elements:

  - Local Switching
  - Information Surcharge
  - Transport Interconnection Charge

- Premium rates apply to the following FGB rate elements with ADA access minutes:

  - Entrance Facility
  - Direct Trunked Termination
  - Directed Trunked Facility
  - Tandem Switched Termination
  - Tandem Switched Facility
  - Tandem Switching
  - Multiplexing

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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) Transition Billing Arrangement

When FGA, or FGB Switched Access Service, except as set forth in (1) preceding, provided to an entry switch (i.e., dial tone office for FGA and access tandem for FGB) has usage originating from and/or terminating at both end offices that have been converted to equal access and end offices that have not been converted, the premium and non-premium rates will apply in the following manner:

(a) All access minutes that originate from or terminate at the equal access end office(s) will be billed at premium rates. Access minutes that originate from or terminate at end offices not equipped with equal access capabilities, hereinafter referred to as non-premium access minutes, will continue to be billed at non-premium rates. Non-premium rates will apply as follows depending on the type of service.

(i) For FGA and FGB services, the number of non-premium access minutes to be billed at non-premium rates is derived by subtracting the number of premium rated access minutes from the total number of access minutes.

(ii) Premium access minutes will be determined as set forth in (b) following.

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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) Transition Billing Arrangement (Cont'd)

(b) The number of access minutes to be rated as premium access minutes is determined as follows:

(i) Where end office specific usage data is available, premium rates apply to the measured access minutes originating from or terminating at the equal access end office(s).

(ii) Where end office specific usage data is not available for originating and/or terminating FGA or FGB, the total originating and/or terminating usage will be measured or assumed usage at the entry switch as set forth respectively in 6.5.4 and 6.6.4 following. Originating and/or terminating usage will then be apportioned between premium and non-premium access minutes.

Such apportionment will be based on the ratio of the number of subscriber lines in the access area (i.e., local calling areas for FGA originating minutes, LATA for FGA terminating minutes and end offices subtending the access tandem for FGB minutes) of the first point of switching that are served by equal access end offices to the total number of subscriber lines in that access area. The ratio thus developed is applied to the total measured or assumed originating FGA usage, terminating FGA usage, originating FGB usage or terminating FGB usage, as applicable, to determine the usage to be billed at premium rates, unless adjusted as set forth in (iii) following.

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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) Transition Billing Arrangement (Cont'd)

(b) (Cont'd)

(ii) (Cont'd)

The ratios used to calculate the premium usage will be determined on a quarterly basis. The ratios to be used for the succeeding quarter will be provided to the customer with the last bill rendered in the quarter or mailed separately within five working days after the first day of the new quarter (i.e., January, April, July and October).

For purposes of administering this provision: (1) subscriber lines are defined as exchange service lines, Centrex lines and Centrex-type lines provided by the Telephone Company under its local and/or general exchange service tariff; (2) the access area is defined as the local calling area of the dial tone office for originating FGA, the entire LATA for terminating FGA, and all end offices subtending the access tandem for originating and terminating FGB; and (3) the local calling area of the dial tone office is as defined in the Telephone Company's local and/or general exchange service tariff.

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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) Transition Billing Arrangement (Cont'd)

(b) (Cont'd)

(iii) Where FGD Switched Access Service is provided to a customer in an end office(s) where that customer's FGA or FGB premium access minutes have been determined in accordance with (ii) preceding, such premium access minutes will be adjusted in the following manner. For each FGD access minute originating from or terminating at that end office, excluding those FGD minutes of use associated with Operator Transfer Service, the originating or terminating FGA or FGB premium access minutes determined as set forth in (ii) preceding will be reduced on a one for one basis, but in no event shall the reduction exceed the total number of FGA or FGB premium access minutes originating from or terminating at that end office. For each FGA or FGB premium minute of use reduction in either the originating or terminating direction, a corresponding originating or terminating non-premium minute of use will be apportioned to those end offices in the access area that are non-equal. Such apportionment will be based upon a ratio of the number of subscriber lines in each non-equal end office to the total subscriber lines that are served by all non-equal end offices in the access area. The customer will be billed for the revised number of premium or non-premium access minutes.

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6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

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

(C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)

(5) Unmeasured FGA and FGB Access Services

Where originating and/or terminating measurement capability does not exist for Feature Group A or Feature Group B Switched Access Services provided to the first point of switching, the number of access minutes that will be assumed are as set forth following in 6.5.4 and 6.6.4 respectively.

(6) Notice of Equal Access Conversion

The Telephone Company will provide written notification to all access customers of record within a particular LATA that an end office in that LATA is scheduled to be converted to an equal access end office. This notification will be sent, via certified U.S. Mail, to each customer of record in the LATA where the conversion is scheduled to occur, at least six months in advance of the conversion date.

The customer will have the choice of converting all or part of the existing services to equal access (i.e., Feature Group D) or retaining the existing services. The conversion of existing services will be at no charge provided the order to convert such services to Feature Group D is received as set forth in 6.4.3 following. Premium rates will apply to the total access minutes beginning on the actual conversion date, whether the customer chooses to convert to FGD or retain existing services.

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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)

(7) Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 (CCS/SS7) Network Connection Service

The CCS/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.

(8) 800 Data Base Access Service

A Basic Query or Vertical Feature Query charge applies for each completed query that is returned from the 800 data base identifying the customer to whom the call will be delivered whether or not the actual call is delivered to the customer. The query is considered completed when the appropriate call routing information is returned to the Service Switching Point (SSP) that launched the query. Query charges, as set forth in Section 20, will only be applied by those companies whose wire centers are identified as assessing query charges in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

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6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

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

(C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)

(8) 800 Data Base Access Service (Cont'd)

When Feature Group C or Feature Group D switched access service is used for the provision of 800 Data Base 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 can not 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 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 800 series 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:

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

  EO-1 measures 2,000 minutes of 800 use
  EO-2 measures 3,000 minutes of 800 use
  EO-3 measures 5,000 minutes of 800 use
  10,000 TOTAL

- The tandem delivers 800 usage to two customers:

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

- The allocation ratio for EO-1 is 20%

  2,000/10,000

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

  800 to IC-A (20% X 4,000)
  1,200 to IC-B (20% X 6,000)
  2,000 TOTAL

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

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 set forth in Section 20 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.

For flat rated Local Transport rate elements, the minimum monthly charge is the sum of the recurring charges set forth in Section 20 following prorated to the number of days or major fraction of days on a 30 day month.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

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, with one exception. When a customer upgrades a Feature Group A or B service to a Feature Group D service and when Feature Group C is upgraded to Feature Group D coincident with the availability of Feature Group D in an end office, the nonrecurring charges associated with the equal access conversion will not apply. Nonrecurring charges for other associated service requests, (e.g., a simultaneous change from multifrequency address signaling to SS7 signaling) will apply. Minimum period obligations will not change, i.e., the time elapsed in the existing minimum period obligation will be credited to the minimum period obligations for FGD service, subject to the following limitations.

In order to avoid the imposition of nonrecurring charges a customer which is a participant in the presubscription allocation process (i.e., is on the presubscription ballot) must:

- submit its order to disconnect Feature Group A and/or B within 30 days after the date the results of the final allocation of customers in an end office are actually received by the customer, and

- make the effective date for disconnection of the Feature Group A and/or B Access Services no later than 60 days after the final allocation results are received by the customer.

A customer which is not a participant in the allocation process (i.e., is not on the presubscription ballot) is subject to the same rules preceding. The time frames for the non-participating customer(s) are the same as those which apply to the last customer to receive the results of the final allocation of customers in an end office who is a participant in the allocation process. For all other changes from one type of Feature Group to another, new minimum period obligations will be established.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

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.

(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 Section 20 following. There will be no change in the minimum period requirements.

(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 Services

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 Section 20 following. In addition, the charges per call as specified under the Telephone Company's local and/or general exchange service tariffs, e.g., 976 (DIAL-IT) Network Services, will also apply.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

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 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 Switched Transport is ordered between the tandem and the end office, mileage is calculated separately for each segment. Exceptions to these methods are as set forth in (B) through (I) 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 Telephone Company wire center providing the STP Port.

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 F.C.C. NO. 4 for Wire Center Information (V&H coordinates).

Mileage rates are as set forth in Section 20 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 and non-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 coordinates 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.

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6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.6 Mileage Measurement (Cont'd)

(B) Feature Group A - Terminating Usage

The Local Transport mileage for terminating Feature Group A Switched Access Service when the Telephone Company provides Direct Trunked Transport 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, C and D - Alternate Traffic Routing

When the Alternate Traffic Routing optional feature is provided with Feature Groups B, C 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 Telephone Company traffic engineering methodology and will be based on the last trunk CCS desired for the high usage group, as described in 6.10.1(L) following (Alternate Traffic Routing), and the total busy hour minutes of capacity ordered to the end office, when the feature is provided at an end office switch, or to the subtending end offices when the feature is provided at an access tandem switch, or (3) an apportionment mutually agreed to by the Telephone Company and the customer. This apportionment will serve as the basis for Local Transport calculation.

(D) Feature Group C - Multiple CDPs

When terminating Feature Group C Switched Access Service is provided from multiple customer designated premises to an end office not equipped with measurement capabilities, the total Local Transport access minutes for that end office will be apportioned among the trunk groups accessing the end office on the basis of the individual busy hour minutes of capacity ordered for each of those trunk groups. This apportionment will serve as the basis for Local Transport mileage calculation.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.6 Mileage Measurement (Cont'd)

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

The Local Transport Facility for Feature Groups A, B, C and D Switched Access Service connected with Special Access Service at a WATS Serving Office will be measured between the WATS Serving Office (when measured access minutes of use are used) or between the Feature Group A entry switch (when assumed minutes of use are used) and the serving wire center for the customer designated premises.

(F) Feature Groups B and D - WSCs Directly Interconnected to Access Tandems

The Local Transport mileage for Feature Groups B and D switched access service provided to Wireless Switching Centers (WSCs) directly interconnected to a Telephone 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 Telephone Company access tandem office to which the WSC is interconnected.

(G) Feature Groups B, C, and D - Remote Offices

Local Transport mileage for Feature Groups B, C, 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 Switching charge will not apply.

When the facility is routed through a tandem to the Host Office, 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. A Tandem Switching charge will be applicable at the tandem.

(H) Use of Telephone Company Hub

When multiplexing is performed at Telephone 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, Hub to Hub, and/or Hub to end office).

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6. 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 or Synchronous Optical Channel facilities 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.

The Telephone Company will designate the first point(s) of switching and routing to be used where equal access traffic is provided through a centralized equal access arrangement. Those Telephone Company offices providing equal access through centralized arrangements are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

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 Telephone 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 Telephone Company's local and/or general exchange service tariffs. When the customer is provided FGA service where measurement capability does not exist, the credit will apply to access minutes not to exceed the assumed originating access minutes. 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 Telephone Company.

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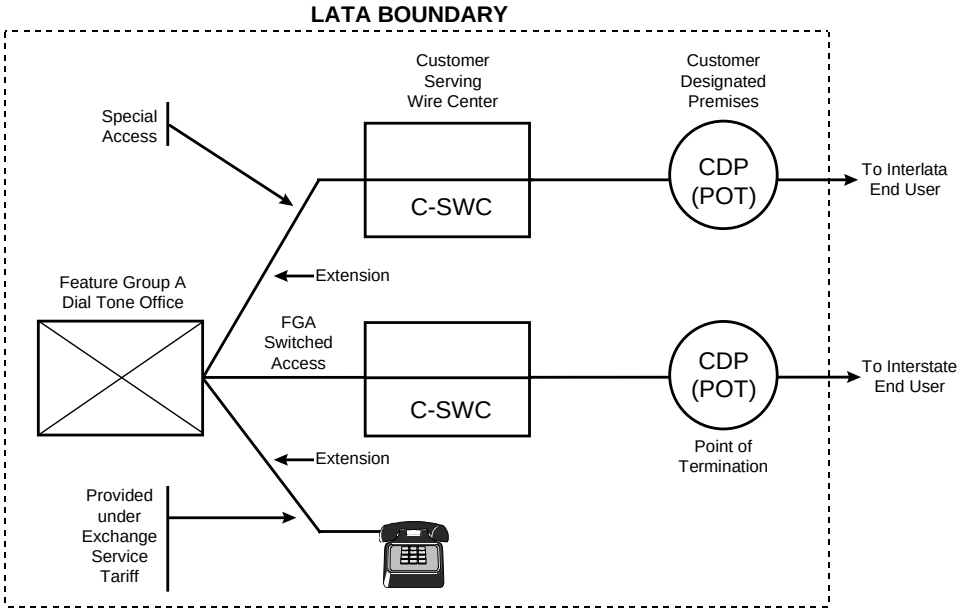
6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.9 Application of Rates for Feature Group A Extension Service

Feature Group A Switched Access Service is available with extensions, i.e., additional terminations of the service at different customer designated premises in the same LATA as the FGA dial tone office or a LATA other than the LATA where the FGA dial tone office is located. Feature Group A extensions within the same LATA and same state as the dial tone office are provided and charged under the Telephone Company's local and/or general exchange service tariffs. Feature Group A extensions located in a LATA other than the LATA where the dial tone office is located or in a different state in the same LATA as the dial tone office 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 Section 20 following will apply.



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In the above example, two CDPs are utilized to better illustrate the concept. From a practical standpoint, both the Switched Access and Special Access Services could be routed via the same CDP.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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 Telephone 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 another state. Special Access Services utilized for connection with FGA at Telephone 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 Telephone Company shall select the first point of switching, within the selected LATA, at which the line side termination is to be provided unless the customer requests a different first point of switching and Telephone Company facilities and measurement capabilities, where necessary, are available to accommodate such a request.

(E) A seven digit local telephone number assigned by the Telephone 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 Telephone Company can, with reasonable effort, comply with that request, the requested number will be assigned to the customer.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)

6.5.1 Description (Cont'd)

(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.

(G) No address signaling is provided by the Telephone 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 Telephone 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 LATA, 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 Telephone Company, community information services of an information service provider, and other customers' 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 (0- and 0+) calls, (2) calls to certain community information services, for which rates are applicable under Telephone Company exchange service tariffs, e.g., 976 (DIAL IT) Network Services, and, (3) calls from a FGA line to another customer's service in accordance with that customer's applicable service rates when the Telephone Company performs the billing function for that customer.

For calls to Directory Assistance (411 and 555-1212, whichever is available), 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 Section 20 following.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)

6.5.1 Description (Cont'd)

(I) When a FGA switching arrangement for an individual customer (a single 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 has 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 (i.e., the end office switch where FGA switching dial tone is provided) 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. The Tandem Switching charge will not apply.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)

6.5.2 Optional Features

Following are the various nonchargeable optional features that are available in lieu of, or in addition to, the standard features provided with Feature Group A. They are provided as Common Switching, Transport Termination or Local Transport options.

(A) Common Switching Options

Descriptions of the common switching optional features are set forth in 6.10 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

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6. 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

(1) Two-way operation with dial pulse address signaling and loop start supervisory 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
(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 15.1.1(E) following)
(2) Customer Specified Entry Switch Receive Level (as set forth in 15.1.1(E) following)

6.5.3 Optional Features Provided In Local Tariffs

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

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA) (Cont'd)

6.5.4 Measuring Access Minutes

Customer Feature Group A traffic to end offices will be measured (i.e., recorded) or assumed by the Telephone Company at end office switches. Originating and terminating calls will be measured (i.e., recorded) or assumed by the Telephone Company to determine the basis for computing chargeable access minutes. In the event the customer message detail is not available because the Telephone Company lost or damaged tapes or incurred recording system outages, the Telephone 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 using the same formula as set forth in 6.7.4 following for Feature Group C.

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.

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.

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6. 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)

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.

Assumed minutes are used for FGA services which originate or terminate in end offices not equipped with measurement capabilities and where actual usage is unavailable from another local exchange telephone company. In such cases, the assumed minutes are the chargeable access minutes.

Actual minutes of use are required in an end office where at least one access customer in that office has in excess of 24 FGA lines. Actual minutes for that end office must be obtained from measurement equipment installed in the end office or obtained from another local exchange telephone company willing and able to provide actual measurement data to the telephone company. During the interim period when the telephone company is installing measurement equipment or working with an alternate source to obtain actual data, access customer's FGA lines totaling more than 24 will be billed using assumed minutes of use. Upon 60 days advance notification of the telephone company's conversion to actual measurement, all FGA customers, regardless of line size, served by that end office would be billed based upon actual minutes.

Where originating and terminating measurement capability does not exist for Feature Group A provided to the first point of switching, the number of access minutes will be assumed as set forth in Section 20 following.

Where measurement capability exists for either originating or terminating usage, but not both, on a line arranged for two way calling, the number of access minutes per line per month will be assumed usage, as set forth in Section 20 following, or the measured usage, whichever is greater. If the usage in the measured direction exceeds the assumed access minutes per line per month, no usage will be assigned in the unmeasured direction. If the measured usage is less than the assumed access minutes per line per month, the usage in the unmeasured direction will be the assumed usage, as set forth in Section 20 following, direction except that the total of measured and assumed minutes in such instances will not exceed the total assumed usage designated for two way calling set forth in Section 20 following. If the total exceeds the assumed minutes set forth in Section 20 following, the assigned minutes shall be reduced so that the total of measured and unmeasured minutes equals the assumed minutes for two way calling set forth in Section 20 following.

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6. 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)

Additionally, when the line is arranged for one way calling and there is no measurement capability for that direction, assumed originating access minutes, as set forth in Section 20 following, will be assigned for originating calling only lines and assumed terminating access minutes, as set forth in Section 20 following, will be assigned for terminating calling only lines.

The following matrix illustrates the application of assumed access minutes for FGA as set forth in Section 20 following.

Service Ordered As	Can Measure Originating	Can't Measure Originating	Can Measure Terminating	Can't Measure Terminating
Originating Only	Actual	1,510	N/A	N/A
Terminating Only	N/A	N/A	Actual	2,685
Both Originating and Terminating (originating measurement greater than 4195)	Actual	N/A	N/A	0
Both Originating and Terminating (originating measurement equal or less than 4195)	Actual	N/A	N/A	0 to 2685*
Both Originating and Terminating (terminating measurement greater than 4195)	N/A	0	Actual	N/A
Both Originating and Terminating (terminating measurement equal or less than 4195)	N/A	0 to 1510*	Actual	N/A

* Sum of actual and assumed cannot exceed 4195. Reduce assumed minutes of use if necessary.

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6. 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)

Notwithstanding the preceding, when Feature Group A is used for the provision of WATS-type service where measurement capability exists at the WATS Serving Office but not at the Feature Group A first point of switching, the measured WATS-type originating and/or terminating minutes of use shall be separately summed and compared to their respective total assumed originating and/or terminating minutes of use. The number of access minutes per line per month will be the assumed or the measured usage, whichever is greater.

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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 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 Telephone Company end office switches with an associated uniform 950-XXXX 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 Telephone 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 Telephone Company electronic end office switches. When provided via Telephone Company designated electronic access tandem switches, FGB switching is provided at Telephone Company electronic and electromechanical 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 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 6.10.1(F) and 6.10.2(A) 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 Telephone Company and will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Local Transport provided.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)

6.6.1 Description (Cont'd)

(E) The access code for FGB switching is a uniform access code. The form of the uniform access code is 950-XXXX. 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 Telephone Company.

(F) The Telephone 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 Telephone Company.

(G) FGB switching, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the LATA, time or weather announcement services of the Telephone Company, community information services of an information service provider and other customers' 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 may be accessed.

The customer will also be billed additional non-access charges for calls to certain community information services for which rates are applicable under Telephone Company exchange service tariffs, e.g., 976 (DIAL-IT) Network Service. Additionally, non-access charges will also be billed for calls from a FGB trunk to another customer's service in accordance with that customer's applicable service rates when the Telephone Company performs the billing function for that customer.

Calls in the terminating direction will not be completed to the 950-XXXX access code, local operator assistance (0- and 0+), Directory Assistance (411 and 555-1212), service codes 611 and 911 or 101XXXX 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, C and D.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)

6.6.1 Description (Cont'd)

(H) When all FGB switching arrangements are discontinued at an end office and/or in a LATA, 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) The Telephone Companies listed in Section 20 following will make available in certain Telephone Company designated end offices FGB with an Abbreviated Dialing Arrangement (ADA). Such FGB with an ADA will be provisioned in the same manner in which FGB is provisioned with the exceptions described in 6.9.2(A) following. When FGB with an ADA is made available in a non-equal end office, the Telephone Company will continue to make FGB with an associated 950-XXXX access code available to customers at non-premium rates.

(J) For FGB switched access service to a Wireless Switching Center (WSC) directly interconnected to a Telephone 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(G) preceding.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)

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 Feature Group B. They are set forth in (A), (B) and (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.

(A) Common Switching Options

Descriptions of the common switching optional features are set forth in 6.10 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 Terminations Options

(1) Rotary Dial Station Signaling

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)

6.6.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)

(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 15.1.1 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 Telephone Company's local and/or general exchange service tariffs.

6.6.3 Design and Traffic Routing

For Feature Group B, 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; except the Telephone Company will designate the first point(s) of switching and routing to be used where equal access is provided through a centralized equal access arrangement. Those Telephone Company offices providing equal access through centralized arrangements are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4. Additionally, the customer may order the optional feature Customer Specification of Local Transport Termination as set forth in 15.1.1 following.

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

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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)

6.6.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Assumed minutes are used for FGB services which originate or terminate in end offices not equipped with measurement capabilities and in such cases are the chargeable access minutes.

Where originating and terminating measurement capability does not exist for Feature Group B provided to the first point of switching, the number of access minutes will be assumed, as set forth in Section 20 following, when the trunk is arranged for two way calling.

Where measurement capability exists for either originating or terminating usage, but not both, on a trunk arranged for two way calling, the number of access minutes per trunk per month will be assumed usage, as set forth in Section 20 following, or the measured usage, whichever is greater. If the usage in the measured direction exceeds the assumed access minutes per trunk per month, no usage will be assigned in the unmeasured direction. If the measured usage is less than the assumed access minutes per trunk per month, the usage in the unmeasured direction will be the assumed usage, as set forth in Section 20 following, for that unmeasured direction except that the total of measured and assumed minutes in such instances will not exceed the total assumed usage designated for two way calling set forth in Section 20 following. If the total exceeds the assumed minutes set forth in Section 20 following, the assigned minutes shall be reduced so that the total of measured and unmeasured minutes equals the assumed minutes for two way calling set forth in Section 20 following.

Additionally, when the trunk is arranged for one way calling and there is no measurement capability for that direction, assumed originating access minutes, as set forth in Section 20 following, will be assigned for originating calling only lines and assumed terminating access minutes, as set forth in Section 20 following, will be assigned for terminating calling only lines.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)

6.6.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

The following matrix illustrates the application of assumed access minutes for FGB as set forth in Section 20 following.

Service Ordered As	Can Measure Originating	Can't Measure Originating	Can Measure Terminating	Can't Measure Terminating
Originating Only	Actual	3,132	N/A	N/A
Terminating Only	N/A	N/A	Actual	5,568
Both Originating and Terminating (originating measurement greater than 8700)	Actual	N/A	N/A	0
Both Originating and Terminating (originating measurement equal or less than 8700)	Actual	N/A	Actual	0 to 5568*
Both Originating and Terminating (terminating measurement greater than 8700)	N/A	0	Actual	N/A
Both Originating and Terminating (terminating measurement equal or less than 8700)	N/A	0 to 3132*	Actual	N/A

* Sum of actual and assumed cannot exceed 8700. Reduce assumed minutes of use if necessary.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd)

6.6.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Notwithstanding the preceding, when Feature Group B is used for the provision of WATS or WATS-type service where measurement capability exists at the WATS Serving Office but not at the Feature Group B first point of switching, the measured WATS or WATS-type originating and/or terminating minutes of use shall be separately summed and compared to their respective total assumed originating and/or terminating minutes of use. The number of minutes per trunk per month will be the assumed or the measured usage, whichever is greater.

When Feature Group B is ordered at an access tandem and end office specific usage measurement is not available, the actual or assumed originating and/or terminating minutes of use as determined by the exchange carrier providing the access tandem will be apportioned among all subtending end offices. For each end office, such apportionment shall be based on the ratio of the total number of subscriber lines in each end office subtending the access tandem to the total number of subscriber lines associated with all end offices subtending the access tandem. For purposes of administering this regulation, subscriber lines are defined as exchange service lines, Centrex lines and Centrex-type lines provided by the telephone companies under local and/or general exchange service tariffs. The resulting ratio for each end office is then applied to the total access area originating and/or terminating minutes of use to determine originating and/or terminating minutes of use to be assigned for billing purposes to each subtending end office in the access area.

The ratio used to calculate the access minutes will be determined by the Telephone Company and provided to the customer upon his request within 15 days of the receipt of such request.

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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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC)

6.7.1 Description

(A) FGC Access provides trunk side access to Telephone Company end office switches for the customer's use in originating and terminating communications. Originating and terminating FGC Access is available to providers of MTS and WATS. Originating FGC Access is available to all customers when used to provide the Interim NXX Translation optional feature or 800 Data Base service. Terminating FGC access is available to all customers other than providers of MTS and WATS when such access is used in conjunction with the provision of the Interim NXX Translation optional feature or 800 Data Base service, but only for purposes of testing. Existing FGC Access will be converted to Feature Group D Access when Feature Group D Access becomes available in an end office. Special Access Services utilized for connection with FGC at Telephone 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 FGC Switched Access Service (i.e., a provider of MTS and WATS) for the provision of WATS Services. Special Access Services are ordered as set forth in 5.2 preceding.

(B) Feature Group C switching is provided at all end office switches unless Feature Group D end office switching is provided in the same office. When FGD switching is available, FGC switching will not be provided. FGC is provided at Telephone Company end office switches on a direct trunk basis or via Telephone Company designated access tandem switches. Feature Group C switching is furnished to providers of MTS and WATS. Additionally, originating Feature Group C switching is available to all customers when used to provide the Interim NXX Translation optional feature or 800 Data Base service. Terminating Feature Group C switching is available to all customers who are not MTS and WATS providers only when such terminating access is for purposes of testing Feature Group C facilities provided in conjunction with the Interim NXX Translation optional feature or 800 Data Base Service.

(C) FGC 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 answer and disconnect supervisory signaling. Wink start start-pulsing signals are provided in all offices where available. In those offices where wink start start-pulsing signals are not available, delay dial start- pulsing signals will be provided, unless immediate dial pulse signaling is provided, in which case no start-pulsing signals are provided.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.1 Description (Cont'd)

(D) FGC is provided with multifrequency address signaling except in certain electromechanical end office switches where multifrequency signaling is not available. In such switches, the address signaling will be dial pulse or immediate dial pulse signaling, whichever is available. 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 Telephone Company equipment to the customer's premises where the Switched Access Service terminates. Such called party number signals will be subject to the ordinary transmission capabilities of the Local Transport provided.

(E) No access code is required for FGC switching. The telephone 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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.1 Description (Cont'd)

(F) FGC switching, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the LATA, time or weather announcement services of the Telephone Company, community information services of an information provider, and other customer's services (by dialing the appropriate codes) when the 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 codes served by offices subtending the access tandem may be accessed. Where measurement capabilities exist, the customer will also be billed additional non-access charges for calls to certain community information services, for which rates are applicable under Telephone Company exchange service tariffs, e.g., 976 (DIAL IT) Network Services. Additionally, non-access charges will also be billed for calls from a FGC trunk to another customer's service in accordance with that customer's applicable service rates when the Telephone Company performs the billing function for that customer. Calls in the terminating direction will not be completed to 950-XXXX access codes, local operator assistance (0- and 0+), Directory Assistance (411 and 555-1212), service codes 611 and 911 and 101XXXX access codes. Calls will be completed to Directory Assistance (NPA-555-1212 or 555-1212) when FGC switching is combined with Directory Assistance switching. The combination of FGC Switched Access Service with DA Service is provided as set forth in Section 9. following. FGC may not be switched, in the terminating direction, to Switched Access Service Feature Groups B, C or D.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.1 Description (Cont'd)

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

(H) Unless prohibited by technical limitations the providers of MTS and WATS may, at their option, combine Interim NXX Translation and/or 800 Data Base traffic in the same trunk group arrangement with their non-Interim NXX Translation traffic. When required by technical considerations, or when provided to a customer other than the provider of MTS and WATS, or at the request of the customer (i.e., provider of MTS and WATS), a separate trunk group will be established for Interim NXX Translation traffic and/or 800 Data Base.

(I) Operator Transfer Service may be provided with FGC Switched Access Service at Telephone Company designated Operator Services locations.

The Telephone Company will provide Operator Transfer Service for calls originating from telephone numbers associated with exchange service lines in end offices subtending the Operator Services location. Operator Transfer Service is provided as set forth in 6.10.3 following.

(J) FGC switching is provided with multifrequency address signaling or out of band SS7 signaling where technically feasible. 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 Telephone 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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.2 Optional Features

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

(A) Common Switching Options

Descriptions of the common switching optional features are set forth in 6.10 following.

(1) Automatic Number Identification (ANI)

(2) Signaling Options

(a) Delay Dial Start-Pulsing Signaling

(b) Immediate Dial Pulse Address Signaling

(c) Dial Pulse Address Signaling

(3) Service Class Routing

(4) Alternate Traffic Routing

(5) Trunk Access Limitation

(6) Band Advance Arrangement Associated with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS Service

(7) End Office End User Line Service Screening for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS Service

(8) Hunt Group Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS Service

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)

(A) Common Switching Options (Cont'd)

(9) Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS Services

(10) 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 Services

(11) Digital Switched 56 Service

(B) Transport Termination Options

(1) Operator Trunk - Coin, Non-Coin, or Combined Coin and Non-Coin

The Operator Trunk option is set forth in 6.10.2(B) following.

(C) Local Transport Options

(1) Supervisory Signaling

The Supervisory Signaling optional feature, due to its technical nature, is set forth in 15.1.1 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 Feature Group C. This option requires the establishment of a signaling connection between the customer's designated premises/Signaling Point of Interface (SPOI) and a Telephone Company Signaling Transfer Point (STP).

SS7 is provided in both the originating and terminating direction on FGC and each signaling connection is provisioned for two way SS7 signaling information.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)

(C) Local Transport Options (Cont'd)

(3) Multifrequency Address Signaling

(4) Calling Party Number (CPN)

(5) Charge Number Parameter (CNP)

(6) 64 Clear Channel Capability

The 64 Clear Channel Capability optional feature, due to its technical nature, is set forth in 15.1.1 following.

(D) Chargeable Optional Features

(1) Interim NXX Translation

The Interim NXX Translation Optional Feature is set forth in 6.10.3(A) following.

(2) The Operator Transfer Service Optional Feature is provided as set forth in 6.10.3 following.

(3) Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 (CCS/SS7) Network Connection Service (CCSNC)

The CCSNC Optional Feature is provided as set forth in 6.10.3 following.

6.7.3 Design and Traffic Routing

For Feature Group C, the Telephone Company shall design and determine the routing of Switched Access Service. Additionally, for Tandem Switched Transport the Telephone Company will design and determine the routing from the first point of switching to the end office. The Telephone Company shall also decide if capacity is to be provided by originating only, terminating only, or two-way trunk groups. Finally, the Telephone Company will decide whether trunk side access will be provided through the use of two-wire or four-wire trunk terminating equipment.

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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.4 Measuring Access Minutes

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

For terminating calls over FGC when measurement capability exists, the measured minutes are the chargeable access minutes. For originating calls over FGC, chargeable originating access minutes are derived from recorded minutes in the following manner:

Step 1: Obtain recorded originating minutes and messages from the appropriate recording data.

Step 2: Obtain the total attempts by dividing the originating measured messages by the completion ratio. Completion ratios (CR) are obtained separately for the major call categories such as DDD, operator, 800 series, 900, directory assistance and international from a sample study which analyzes the ultimate completion status of the total attempts which receive acknowledgement from the customer. That is, Measured Messages divided by Completion Ratio equals Total Attempts.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Step 3: Obtain the total non-conversation time additive (NCTA) by multiplying the total attempts (obtained in Step 2) by the NCTA per attempt ratio. The NCTA per attempt ratio is obtained from the sample study identified in Step 2 by measuring the non-conversation time associated with both completed and incompleted attempts. The total NCTA is the time on a completed attempt from customer acknowledgement of receipt of call to called party answer (set up and ringing) plus the time on an incompleted attempt from customer acknowledgment of call until the access tandem or end office receives a disconnect signal (ring - no answer, busy or network blockage). That is, Total Attempts times Non-Conversation Time per Attempt Ratio equals Total NCTA.

Step 4: Obtain total chargeable originating access minutes by adding the total NCTA (obtained in Step 3) to the recorded originating measured minutes (obtained in Step 1). That is, Measured Minutes plus NCTA equals Chargeable Originating Access Minutes.

Following is an example which illustrates how the chargeable originating access minutes are derived from the measured originating minutes using this formula.

Where: Measured Minutes (M. Min.) = 7,000
Measured Messages (M. Mes.) = 1,000
Completion Ratio (CR) = .75
NCTA per Attempt = .4

(1) Total Attempts = 1,000(M. Mes.) = 1,333.33
.75 (CR)

(2) Total NCTA = .4 (NCTA per Attempt) x 1,333.33
= 533.33

(3) Total Chargeable Originating Access Minutes = 7,000 (M. Min) + 533.33 (NCTA) =7,533.33

FGC 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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Originating Usage

For originating calls over FGC, provided with Multi-Frequency Signaling, usage measurement begins when the originating FGC first point of switching receives answer supervision from the customer's point of termination, indicating the called party has answered.

For originating calls over FGC provided with Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling when the FGC 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).

For originating calls over FGC provided with Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling when the FGC end office is routed through a tandem for connection to the customer, usage measurement begins when the FGC end office receives the SS7 Exit Message from the tandem.

The measurement of originating call usage over FGC provided with Multi-Frequency Signaling ends when the originating FGC 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 FGC provided with SS7 Signaling ends when the originating FGC end office receives an SS7 Release Message indicating either the originating or terminating end user has disconnected.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Terminating Usage

For terminating calls over FGC the chargeable access minutes are either measured or derived. For terminating calls over FGC where measurement capability does not exist, terminating FGC usage is derived from originating usage, excluding usage from calls to closed end services or Directory Assistance Services.

For terminating calls over FGC provided with Multi-Frequency Signaling, where measurement capability exists, the measurement of chargeable access minutes begins when the terminating FGC 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 FGC first point of switching receives an on-hook supervisory signal from 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 FGC with SS7 signaling, usage measurement begins when the terminating recording switch receives answer supervision from the terminating end user. The Telephone Company switch receives answer supervision and sends the indication to the customer in the form of an answer message. The measurement of terminating FGC call usage ends when the entry switch receives or sends a Release Message, whichever occurs first.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.5 Design Blocking Probability

The Telephone Company will design the facilities used in the provision of Switched Access Service FGC to meet the blocking probability criteria as set forth in (A) and (B) following.

(A) For Feature Group C, 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 first point of switching when traffic is directly routed without an alternate route. Standard traffic engineering methods will be used by the Telephone Company to determine the number of transmission paths required to achieve this level of blocking.

(B) The Telephone Company will perform routine measurement functions to assure that an adequate number of transmission paths are in service. The Telephone Company will recommend that additional capacity (i.e., busy hour minutes of capacity) 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 C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.5 Design Blocking Probability (Cont'd)

(B) (Cont'd)

(1) For transmission paths carrying only first routed traffic direct between an end office and customer's designated premises without an alternate route, and for paths carrying only overflow traffic, the measured blocking thresholds are as follows:

Number of Transmission Paths Per Trunk Group	Measured Blocking Thresholds in the Time Consistent Busy Hour for the Number of Measurements Taken Between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Per Trunk Group			
	5-20 Measurements	11-14 Measurements	7-10 Measurements	3-6 Measurements
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:

Number of Transmission Paths Per Trunk Group	Measured Blocking Thresholds in the Time Consistent Busy Hour for the Number of Measurements Taken Between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Per Trunk Group			
	15-20 Measurements	11-14 Measurements	7-10 Measurements	3-6 Measurements
2	4.5%	5.5%	6.0%	9.5%
3	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	6.0%
4	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	5.5%
5-6	2.5%	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%
7 or more	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	4.0%

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC) (Cont'd)

6.7.6 Testing Capabilities

FGC 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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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD)

6.8.1 Description

(A) FGD Access, which is available to all customers, provides trunk side access to Telephone Company end office switches. Special Access Services utilized for connection with FGD at Telephone 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 Telephone Company designated end office switches whether routed directly or via Telephone Company designated electronic access tandem switches. The Telephone Company will designate the first point(s) of switching for FGD services where the Telephone Company elects to provide equal access through a centralized equal access arrangement. Those Telephone Company offices providing equal access through centralized arrangements are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

(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 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 Telephone 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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.8.1 Description (Cont'd)

(E) FGD switching, when used in the terminating direction, may be used to access valid NXXs in the LATA, time or weather announcement services of the Telephone 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 codes served by end offices subtending the access tandem may be accessed. The customer will also be billed additional non-access charges for calls to certain community information services, for which rates are applicable under Telephone Company exchange service tariffs, e.g., 976 (DIAL-IT) Network Service. Additionally, non-access charges will also be billed for calls from a FGD trunk to another customer's service in accordance with that customer's applicable service rates when the Telephone Company performs the billing function for that customer. Calls in the terminating direction will not be completed to 950-XXXX access codes, local operator assistance (0- and 0+), Directory Assistance (411 and 555-1212), service codes 611 and 911 and 101XXXX 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, C or D.

(F) The Telephone 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 switching arrangement provided. Different types of FGD or other switching arrangements may be combined in a single trunk group at the option of the Telephone Company.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.8.1 Description (Cont'd)

(G) The access code for FGD switching is a uniform access code of the form 101XXXX. A uniform access code(s) will be the assigned number of all FGD access provided to the customer by the Telephone 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 101XXXX 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 Telephone Company's emergency reporting service, or the end-of-dialing digit (#) for cut-through access to the customer designated premises.

(H) FGD switching will be arranged to accept calls from telephone exchange service locations without the need for dialing the 101XXXX uniform access code. Each telephone exchange service line may be marked with a code to identify which 101XXXX code its calls will be directed to for interLATA
service.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.8.1 Description (Cont'd)

(I) Unless prohibited by technical limitations, the customer's Interim NXX Translation and/or 800 Data Base traffic may, at the option of the customer, be combined in the same trunk group arrangement with the customer's non-Interim NXX Translation and/or 800 Data Base traffic. When required by technical limitations, or at the request of the customer, a separate trunk group will be established for Interim NXX Translation and/or 800 Data Base traffic.

(J) 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 Telephone Company, the Telephone 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 Telephone Company may, with 90 days' written notice to the customer, discontinue this arrangement.

(K) For FGD switched access service to a Wireless Switching Center (WSC) directly interconnected to a Telephone 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(G) preceding.

(L) Operator Transfer Service (forwarding of 0- calls) may be provided with FGD Switched Access Service at Telephone Company designated Operator Services locations.

The Telephone Company will provide Operator Transfer Service for calls originating from telephone numbers associated with exchange service lines in end office subtending the Operator Services location. Operator Transfer Service is provided as set forth in 6.10.3 following.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.8.2 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 Feature Group D. Nonchargeable Optional Features are provided as Common Switching, Transport Termination and Local Transport options as set forth in (A) through (C) following. Chargeable optional features are set forth in (D) following.

(A) Common Switching Options

Descriptions of the common switching optional features are set forth in 6.10 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

(11) 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

(12) Digital Switched 56 Service

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.8.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)

(B) Transport Termination Options

(1) Operator Trunk - Full Feature

The Operator Trunk optional feature is set forth in 6.10.2(C) following.

(C) Local Transport Options

(1) Supervisory Signaling

The Supervisory Signaling optional feature, due to its technical nature, is set forth in 15.1.1 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 Feature Group D. This option requires the establishment of a signaling connection between the customer's designated premises/ Signaling Point of Interface (SPOI) and a Telephone Company's 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)

(7) 64 Clear Channel Capability

The 64 Clear Channel Capability optional feature, due to its technical nature, is set forth in 15.1.1 following.

(8) Carrier Identification Parameter (CIP)

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.8.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)

(D) Chargeable Optional Features

(1) Interim NXX Translation

The Interim NXX Translation Optional Feature is set forth in 6.10.3(A) following.

(2) Operator Transfer Service

The Operator Transfer Service Optional Feature is provided as set forth in 6.10.3 following.

(3) Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 (CCS/SS7) Network Connection Service (CCSNC)

The CCSNC Optional Feature is provided as set forth in 6.10.3 following.

6.8.3 Design and Traffic Routing

For Feature Group D, the Telephone Company shall design and determine the routing of Tandem Switched 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 where busy hour minutes of capacity are ordered. The Telephone Company shall also decide if capacity is to be provided by originating only, terminating only, or two-way trunk groups. Finally, the Telephone Company will decide whether trunk side access will be provided through the use of two-wire or four-wire trunk terminating equipment.

For Feature Group D Direct Trunked Transport service, the Telephone 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 is based on standard engineering methods, available facilities and equipment, and actual traffic patterns. The Telephone Company will designate the first point(s) of switching and routing to be used where equal access is provided through a centralized equal access arrangement. Those Telephone Company offices providing equal access through centralized arrangements are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO 4.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.8.4 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 Telephone Company lost or damaged tapes or incurred recording system outages, the Telephone Company will estimate the volume of lost customer access minutes of use based on previously known values.

FGD 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.

Originating Usage

For originating calls over FGD the measured minutes are the chargeable access minutes.

For originating calls over FGD, provided with Multi-Frequency 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 originating calls over FGD provided with Signaling System 7 (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).

For originating calls over FGD provided with Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling when 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 Multi-Frequency 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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.8.4 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 Multi-Frequency 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, where measurement capability does not exist, terminating FGD usage is derived from originating usage, excluding usage from calls to closed end services or Directory Assistance Services.

For terminating calls over FGD with SS7 signaling, usage measurement begins when the terminating recording switch receives answer supervision from the terminating end user. The Telephone 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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.8.5 Design Blocking Probability

The Telephone 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 Feature Group D, 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 Telephone Company to determine the number of transmission paths required to achieve this level of blocking.

(B) The Telephone Company will perform routine measurement functions to assure that an adequate number of transmission paths are in service. The Telephone 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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6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD) (Cont'd)

6.8.5 Design Blocking Probability (Cont'd)

(B) (Cont'd)

(1) For transmission paths carrying only first routed traffic direct between an end office and customer's designated premises without an alternate route, and for paths carrying only overflow traffic, the measured blocking thresholds are as follows:

Number of Transmission Paths Per Trunk Group	Measured Blocking Thresholds in the Time Consistent Busy Hour for the Number of Measurements Taken Between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Per Trunk Group			
	15-20 Measurements	11-14 Measurements	7-10 Measurements	3-6 Measurements
2	7%	8.0%	9%	14.0%
3	5%	6.0%	7%	9.0%
4	5%	6.0%	7%	8.0%
5-6	4%	5.0%	6%	7.0%
7 or more	3%	3.5%	4%	6.0%

(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:

Number of Transmission Paths Per Trunk Group	Measured Blocking Thresholds in the Time Consistent Busy Hour for the Number of Measurements Taken Between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Per Trunk Group			
	15-20 Measurements	11-14 Measurements	7-10 Measurements	3-6 Measurements
2	4.5%	5.5%	6.0%	9.5%
3	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	6.0%
4	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	5.5%
5-6	2.5%	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%
7 or more	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	4.0%

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.8.6 Network Blocking Charge

The customer will be notified by the Telephone Company to increase its capacity (busy hour minutes of capacity or quantities of trunks) when excessive trunk group blocking occurs on groups carrying Feature Group D 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 Telephone Company within 15 days of the notification, the Telephone Company will bill the customer, at the rate set forth in Section 20 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.

Blocking Thresholds

Trunks in Service	1%	1/2%
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 direct (without an alternate route) between an end office and a customer's premises. 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.

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

6.8.7 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 Telephone Company and the customer as specified in Technical References TR-TSV 000905.

6.9 Interim Access

6.9.1 Abbreviated Dialing Arrangement (ADA)

FGB Switched Access Service with an ADA (FGB ADA) is available to all customers, other than providers of MTS/WATS, from Telephone Company designated end offices. FGB ADA enables end users to utilize a one or two digit access code to access customers who have ordered this service.

(A) FGB ADA Exceptions

FGB ADA is available to all customers other than providers of MTS/WATS and is provisioned like FGB Switched Access Service as set forth in 6.6.1 preceding with the following exceptions:

(1) FGB ADA is available as originating only service, or as both originating and terminating service (2-way). FGB ADA is not available as terminating only service.

(2) FGB ADA is only provided by direct routing to an end office switch.

(3) The forms of the access code for originating FGB ADA switching are N or NX.* Assignment of FGB ADA access codes will be on a first-come, first-served basis and is subject to the availability of access code numbers.

(4) Calls in the terminating direction will not be completed to FGB with an ADA access code (N and NX.)

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 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, Interim NXX Translation options or Operator Transfer Service option. Local Transport options associated with Common Channel Signaling Network Connection Service (CCSNC) are described in 6.10.1 following. All other Local Transport options, due to their technical nature, are described in 15.1.1 following.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features

The following table shows the Feature Groups with which the optional features are available.

Option	Available Feature Groups A	B	C	D	
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	X	
G) Up to 7 Digit Outpulsing of Access Digits to Customer			X		
H) Delay Dial Start-Pulsing Signaling			X		
I) Immediate Dial Pulse Address Signaling			X		
J) Dial Pulse Address Signaling			X		
K) Service Class Routing			X	X	
L) Alternate Traffic Routing		X	X	X	
M) Trunk Access Limitation			X	X	
N) Call Gapping Arrangement				X	
O) International Carrier Option				X	
P) Band Advance Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services	X	X	X	X	
Q) End Office End User Line Service Screening for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services			X	X	
R) Hunt Group Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services	X	X	X	X	
S) Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services	X	X	X	X	
T) 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	X	
U) Digital Switched 56 Service		X	X		
V) Multifrequency Address Signaling		X	X		
W) Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling		X	X		
X) Calling Party Number (CPN)		X	X		
Y) Carrier Selection Parameter (CSP)			X		
Z) Charge Number Parameter (CNP)			X	X	
AA) Flexible Automatic Number Identification(Flex ANI)			X		
AB) Carrier Identification Parameter (CIP)					X

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(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 series and a Telephone Company specified set of NXXs within the Telephone 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 LATA, i.e., the call cannot be further switched or routed out of the LATA nor will calls be completed to 411 or 555-1212 whichever is available, 611, 911 or 800 series. All other calls are routed to a reorder tone or recorded announcement. Arrangement 1 is provided in all Telephone Company electronic end offices and, where available, in electromechanical end offices. Arrangement 2 is provided where available. This feature is available with Feature Group A.

(B) Service Code Denial on Line or Hunt Group

This option allows for the screening of terminating calls within the LATA, 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 Telephone Company end offices. It is available with Feature Group A.

(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 Telephone Company end offices. It is available with Feature Group A. All Feature Group A 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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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(D) Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement

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 Telephone Company electronic end offices only. It is available with Feature Group A.

(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 Telephone Company electronic end offices only. It is available with Feature Group A.

(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 calls originating in the LATA, 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 premises or, where technically feasible, with

(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 premises.

(2) The seven digit ANI telephone number is generally available with Feature Groups B and C. With these Feature Groups, technical limitations may exist in Telephone Company switching facilities which require ANI to be provided only on a directly trunked basis. ANI will be transmitted on all calls except those originating from multiparty lines, pay telephones using Feature Group B, or when an ANI failure has occurred. Seven digit ANI is not available with SS7 Signaling.

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6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(F) Automatic Number Identification (ANI) (Cont'd)

(3) The ten digit ANI telephone number is only available with Feature Group D. 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 those identified as multiparty line or ANI failure, in which case only the NPA will be transmitted (in addition to the information digit described below). Ten digit ANI is provided with multifrequency address signaling or SS7 signaling.

(4) With Feature Group C, at the option of the customer, ANI may be ordered from end offices where Telephone Company recording for end user billing is not provided. Additionally, ANI is provided from end offices where message detail recording is not required by the Telephone Company; as with 800 series service. ANI is not provided from end offices where the Telephone Company forwards ANI to its recording equipment.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(F) Automatic Number Identification (ANI) (Cont'd)

(5) Where complete ANI detail cannot be provided, e.g., on calls from 4 and 8 party services, information digits will be provided to the customer.

The information digits identify:

(a) telephone number is the station billing number - no special treatment required,

(b) multiparty line - telephone number is a 4- or 8- party line and cannot be identified - number must be obtained via an operator or in some other manner,

(c) ANI failure has occurred in the end office switch which prevents identification of calling telephone number - must be obtained by operator or in some other manner,

(d) hotel/motel originated call which requires room number identification,

(e) coinless station, hospital, inmate, etc. call which requires special screening or handling by the customer, and

(f) call is an Automatic Identified Outward Dialed (AIOD) call from customer premises equipment. The AIOD ANI telephone number is the listed telephone number of the customer and is not the telephone number of the calling party.

These ANI information digits are generally available with Feature Groups B, C, and D.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(F) Automatic Number Identification (ANI) (Cont'd)

(6) Additional ANI information digits are available with Feature Group D also. They include:

(a) InterLATA restricted - telephone number is identified line

(b) InterLATA restricted - hotel/motel line

(c) InterLATA restricted - coinless, hospital, inmate, etc., line

These information digits will be transmitted as agreed to by the customer and the Telephone Company.

Flexible Automatic Number Identification (Flex ANI) is an enhancement to ANI and is offered as a Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Feature of Feature Group D as described in 6.10.1(AA) following.

(7) Restrictions on Use and Sale of ANI

(a) Interstate access customers of this tariff may use ANI in the following manner:

(i) For billing and collection information, for routing, screening, and completing the originating subscriber's call or transaction, or for services directly related to the originating telephone subscriber's call or transaction.

The customer may use ANI to offer a product or service that is directly related to the products or services previously acquired from the customer by the originating subscriber.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(F) Automatic Number Identification (ANI) (Cont'd)

(7) Restrictions on Use and Sale of ANI (Cont'd)

(b) Interstate access customers of this tariff may not use ANI in the following manner:

(i) Reusing or selling the telephone number or billing information without first notifying the originating telephone subscriber and obtaining the affirmative consent of such subscriber for such reuse or sale.

(ii) Disclosing (except as permitted in (a), preceding), any information derived from the ANI for any purpose other than 1) performing the services or transactions that are the subject of the originating subscriber's call, 2) ensuring network performance security and the effectiveness of call delivery, 3) compiling, using, and disclosing aggregate information, and 4) complying with applicable law or legal process.

(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-XXXX) 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. This feature is available with Feature Group B.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(H) Delay Dial Start-Pulsing Signaling

Where available, this option provides a method of indicating to the near end trunk circuit readiness to accept address signaling information by the far end trunk circuit. Delay dial is often referred to as an off-hook, on-hook signaling sequence. The delay dial signal is the off-hook interval and the start-pulsing signal is the on-hook interval. With integrity check, the calling office will not outpulse until a delay dial (off-hook) signal followed by a start-pulsing (on-hook) signal has been identified at the calling office. This option is available with Feature Group C.

(I) Immediate Dial Pulse Address Signaling

Where available, this option provides for the forwarding of dial pulses from the Telephone Company end office to the customer without the need of a start-pulsing signal from the customer. It is available with Feature Group C.

(J) Dial Pulse Address Signaling

Where available, this trunk side option provides for the transmission of number information, e.g., called number, between the end office switching system and the customer designated premises (in either direction) by means of direct current pulses. It is available with Feature Group C.

(K) Service Class Routing

This option provides the capability of directing originating traffic from an end office to a trunk group to a customer designated premises, 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. It is available with Feature Groups C and D.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(L) 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 group (the "final" group) to a second customer designated premises. The customer shall specify the last trunk CCS desired for the high usage group. It is provided in suitably equipped end office or access tandem switches. It is available with Feature Groups B, C and D.

(M) 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 Telephone Company electronic end offices and where available in electromechanical end offices. It is available with Feature Groups C and D.

(N) 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 (choke) the completion of such traffic to the customer. Calls to the designated service which are denied access by this feature, i.e., the choked calls, would be routed to a no-circuit announcement. It is provided in selected Feature Group D equipped end offices and is available only with Feature Group D.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(O) International Carrier Option

This option allows for Feature Group D 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 Telephone Company is able to route originating international calls to a customer other than the one designated by the end user either through presubscription or 101XXXX dialing). This arrangement requires provision of written verification to the Telephone 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 Telephone Company end offices or access tandems equipped for International Direct Distance Dialing and is available only with Feature Group D.

(P) Band Advance Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services

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. This option is available with Feature Groups A, B, C and D.

(Q) 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 Telephone Company) which is in accordance with that end user's service agreement with the customer, e.g., WATS. This option is provided in all Telephone Company electronic end offices and, where available, in electromechanical end offices which are designated as WATS Serving Offices. It is available with Feature Groups C and D.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(R) 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 Series 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 Telephone Company. This feature is provided in all Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices. It is available with Feature Groups A, B, C and D.

(S) 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 Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices. It is available with Feature Groups A, B, C and D.

(T) 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 hunt or uniform call distribution group when it is idle or provides busy tone when it is busy, when the nonhunting number is dialed, without hunting to the next idle number. Where available, this feature is only provided in Telephone Company designated WATS Serving Offices. It is available with Feature Groups A, B, C and D.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(U) Digital Switched 56 Service

This option provides for a connection between a customer's premise 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 Feature Group C and Feature Group D offices as set forth in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

(V) Multifrequency Address Signaling

Multifrequency Address Signaling is available as an optional feature with FGC and FGD. 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.

(W) 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 Network Connection Service (CCSNC) as specified in 6.1.3(A)(10) preceding. This feature is available with FGC and FGD and will be provided in accordance with the SS7 Interconnect specifications described in Technical Reference TR-TSV-000905.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(X) Calling Party Number (CPN)

This feature provides for the automatic transmission of the ten digit telephone number, associated with a calling station, to the customer's premises for calls originating in the LATA. The ten digit telephone number consists of the NPA plus the seven digit telephone number, which may or may not be the same number as the calling station's charge number. The ten digit telephone number will be coded as presented, or restricted via a "privacy indicator" for delivery to the called end user. This feature is automatically provided with originating FGC and FGD with SS7 signaling. CPN is available where technically feasible.

(1) Restrictions on Use and Sale of CPN

(a) Interstate access customers of this tariff may use CPN in the following manner:

(i) For billing and collection information, for routing, screening, and completing the originating subscriber's call or transaction, or for services directly related to the originating telephone subscriber's call or transaction.

The customer may use CPN to offer a product or service that is directly related to the products or services previously acquired from the customer by the originating subscriber.

(b) Interstate access customers of this tariff may not use CPN in the following manner:

(i) Reusing or selling the telephone number or billing information without first notifying the originating telephone subscriber and obtaining the affirmative consent of such subscriber for such reuse or sale.

(ii) Disclosing (except as permitted in (a), preceding) any information derived from the CPN for any purpose other than 1) performing the services or transactions that are the subject of the originating subscriber's call, 2) ensuring network performance security and the effectiveness of call delivery, 3) compiling, using, and disclosing aggregate information, and 4) complying with applicable law or legal process.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(Y) 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 101XXXX. This feature is provided with originating FGD with SS7 signaling.

(Z) Charge Number Parameter (CNP)

(1) The CNP is equivalent to the existing ten digit Automatic Number Identification (ANI) available with FGC where technically feasible and FGD with MF signaling. The CNP 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 FGC and FGD with SS7 signaling.

(2) Restrictions on Use and Sale of CNP

(a) Interstate access customers of this tariff may use CNP in the following manner:

(i) For billing and collection information, for routing, screening and completing the originating subscriber's call or transaction, or for services directly related to the originating telephone subscriber's call or transaction.

The customer may use CNP to offer a product or service that is directly related to the products or services previously acquired from the customer by the originating subscriber.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(Z) Charge Number Parameter (CNP) (Cont'd)

(2) Restrictions on Use and Sale of CNP (Cont'd)

(b) Interstate access customers of this tariff may not use CNP in the following manner:

(i) Reusing or selling the telephone number or billing information without first notifying the originating telephone subscriber and obtaining the affirmative consent of such subscriber for such reuse or sale.

(ii) Disclosing, except as permitted in (a), preceding, any information derived from the CNP for any purpose other than 1) performing the services or transactions that are the subject of the originating subscribers call, 2) ensuring network performance security and the effectiveness of call delivery, 3) compiling, using, and disclosing aggregate information, and 4) complying with applicable law or legal process.

(AA) Flexible Automatic Number Identification (Flex ANI)

Flex ANI is a Common Switching Optional Feature that enhances the existing Automatic Number Identification (ANI) optional feature (described in 6.10.1 (F) preceding) by allowing Feature Group D (FGD) customers to receive additional information digits. Flex ANI provides additional values for these information digits over and above the values currently available with ANI and is used to identify additional call types, e.g., 27 for pay telephones requiring central office coin supervision capability, 29 for prison/inmate pay telephones, and 70 for pay telephones not requiring central office coin supervision. Flex ANI can also be used to provide Originating Line Screening (OLS) service. OLS service is described in 13.10 following.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(AA) Flexible Automatic Number Identification (Flex ANI) (Cont'd)

Flex ANI information digits are two digits in length and are activated through switched software program updates. These codes precede the 10-digit directory number of the calling line and are part of the signaling protocol in equal access end offices. The information digits are outpulsed by the switching system along with the directory number from the originating end office and are sent to the receiving office for billing, routing, or special handling purposes.

Customers who have ANI but do not order Flex ANI, will continue to receive the information digits associated with ANI. Flex ANI digits are assigned by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator. The Telephone Company will make available those information digits that are mutually agreed to by the customer and the Telephone Company.

Flex ANI is available to customers with FGD Switched Access Service equipped with ANI. Flex ANI is available in suitably equipped end offices as identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

(AB) Carrier Identification Parameter (CIP)

Carrier Identification Parameter (CIP) provides for the automatic transmission of the Carrier Identification Code (CIC) to the Customer Designated Premises for FG D calls originating in the LATA. The CIC is included in the Signaling System 7 information provided to the customer when the call originates from a presubscribed line or when the end user dials the customer's 101XXXX access code. CIP is available from suitably equipped end office and access tandems as identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, when used in conjunction with Common Channel Signaling/ Signaling System 7 Network Connection Service (CCSNC) as described in 6.10.3(C) following and Signaling System 7 Signaling as described in 6.10.1(W) preceding.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.2 Transport Termination Nonchargeable Optional Features

(A) Rotary Dial Station Signaling

This option provides for the transmission of called party address signaling from rotary dial stations to the customer designated premises for originating calls. This option is provided in the form of a specific type of Transport Termination. It is available with Feature Group B, only on a directly trunked basis.

(B) Operator Trunk - Coin, Non-Coin, or Combined Coin and Non-Coin

This option may be ordered to provide coin, non- coin, or combined coin and non-coin operation. It is available only with Feature Group C and is provided in electronic end offices and other Telephone Company end offices where equipment is available. It is provided as a trunk type of Transport Termination.

Coin, Non-Coin:

This arrangement provides for initial coin return control, except in the case of non-coin, and routing of 0+, 0-, 1+, 01+ or 011+ prefixed originating coin and non-coin calls requiring operator assistance to the customer designated premises. Because operator assisted coin calling traffic is routed over a trunk group dedicated to operator assisted calls, this arrangement is only provided in association with the Service Class Routing option.

This arrangement is normally ordered by the customer in conjunction with the ANI optional feature, since the preponderance of trunk groups equipped with this arrangement will be terminated in the customer's automated operator services systems, rather than in the customer's manual cord boards.

Combined Coin and Non-Coin:

When so equipped, the ANI optional feature provides for the forwarding of information digits which identify that the call has originated from a hotel or motel, and whether room number identification is required, or that special screening is required, e.g., for coinless pay telephones, dormitory or inmate stations, or other screening arrangements agreed to between the customer and the Telephone Company.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.2 Transport Termination Nonchargeable Optional Features

(C) Operator Trunk - Full Feature

This option provides the initial coin return control function to the customer's operator. It is available with Feature Group D and is provided as a trunk type for Transport Termination. This feature is not available with SS7 signaling.

6.10.3 Chargeable Optional Features

(A) Interim 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 a 1+900+NXX-XXXX call is originated by an end user, the Telephone 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. If the call originates from an end office switch not equipped to provide the customer identification function, the call will be routed to an office at which the function is available. Once customer identification has been established, the call will be routed to that customer. Calls originating from an end office switch at which the customer identification function is performed, but to which the customer has not ordered Interim NXX Translation, will be blocked.

Calls to a 900 number dialed via 1+ from coin telephones, 0-, 101XXXX, Inmate Service, and Hotel/Motel Service will be blocked. Calls to a 900 number dialed via 0+ will normally be blocked. Orders received from customers to unblock 0+ calls to a 900 number will be accommodated where suitably equipped facilities exist.

The manner in which Interim NXX Translation is provided is dependent on the status of the end office from which the service is provided (i.e., equipped with equal access capabilities or not equipped with equal access capabilities). When Interim NXX Translation is provided from an end office not equipped with equal access capabilities, it will be provided in conjunction with FGC Switched Access Service.

The charge for Interim NXX Translation is as set forth in Section 20 following.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.3 Chargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(B) Operator Transfer Service

At the option of the customer, Operator Transfer Service as specified following, is available for use with Feature Group C and Feature Group D Switched Access Service. Operator Transfer Service is ordered as set forth in 5.2 preceding and is provided to the customer via separate FGC or FGD trunks dedicated to Operator Transfer Service traffic.

Operator Transfer Service is an arrangement in which Telephone Company operators transfer 0 minus (0-) calls (calls for which the end user dials 0 with no additional digits) to the customer designated by the end user.

The operator transfer function will be performed in the following manner:

- The operator answers the 0- call.

- Initially, the Operator will suggest that the end user dial the customer on a direct basis. If the end user insists that the Operator transfer the call, the Operator will ask the end user to identify the desired customer and will then transfer the call as directed.

- If the end user has no preference, or the identified customer has not subscribed to Operator Transfer Service, the end user will be asked to select from a list of available customers.

The list of available Operator Transfer Service customers will be updated monthly. The order in which customers will be read to end users will be initially determined by the sequence in which customers have ordered the Operator Transfer Service. For each subsequent month, following the initial order for Operator Transfer Service, the customer in the first position on the list will be moved to the last position on the list. All other customers on the list will be moved up one position, e.g. to , to first, etc. New Operator Transfer Service customers will initially be placed at the bottom of the list of customers.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.3 Chargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(B) Operator Transfer Service (Cont'd)

0 minus pay telephone coin calls will be transferred to the end user designated customer. In order to accept coin sent- paid calls, the customer must order signaling as specified in TR-TSY-000506 and TR-NPL-000258.

The customer may receive inband, multi-wink, or expanded inband coin control signaling, where available, from end offices served by an Operator Services Access Point. Different signaling types cannot be mixed on a signal trunk group.

All non-recurring and usage sensitive rates and charges normally applicable to Feature Groups C or D apply to Operator Transfer Service. Additionally, a charge as specified in 6.1.3 (C)(2) preceding and Section 20 following, is assessed the customer per 0 minus call transferred.

(C) Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 Network Connection Service (CCSNC)

Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 (CCS/SS7) Network Connection Service (CCSNC), which is available with Feature Group C and D, where technically feasible as designated in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, WIRE CENTER INFORMATION, 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 parts; a Signaling Network Access Link (SNAL, consisting of Signaling Mileage Facility, Signaling Mileage Termination and Signaling Entrance Facility) 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.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.3 Chargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(C) Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 Network Connection Service (CCSNC) (Cont'd)

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 Telephone Company shall not be held liable for service outages if the customer employs technology related to the interconnection of signaling networks that do 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 Section 20 following.

(D) 800 Data Base Access Service

800 Data Base Access Service is provided with FGC or FGD Switched Access Service. When a 1+800series+NXX-XXXX call is originated by an end user, the Telephone Company will utilize the Signaling System 7 (SS7) network to query an 800 data base to perform the identification function. The call will then be routed to the identified customer over FGC or FGD switched access. The 800 series includes the following service area codes: 800, 888, 877, 866, 855, 844, 833 and 822.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.3 Chargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(D) 800 Data Base Access Service (Cont'd)

The manner in which 800 data base 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:

- When 800 data base access service originates at an end office equipped with Service Switching Point (SSP) capability for querying centralized data bases or at a non-SSP equipped end office that can accommodate direct trunking of originating 800 series calls, all such service will be provisioned from that end office.

- When 800 data base 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 for 800 series service and which is equipped with the SSP feature to query centralized data bases.

- When 800 data base access service originates at an end office equipped with SSP capability that is not capable of accommodating direct trunking of originating 800 series (other than the 800 service access codes) calls, the 800 series (other than the 800 service access codes) 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 data bases.

Query charges as set forth in Section 20 following are in addition to those charges applicable for the Feature Group C or Feature Group D switched access service.

The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has concluded that hoarding, defined as the acquisition of more toll free numbers than one intends to use for the provision of toll free service, as well as the sale of a toll free number by a private entity for a fee, is contrary to the public interest in the conservation of the scarce toll free number resource and contrary to the FCC's responsibility to promote the orderly use and allocation of toll free numbers.

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6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.11 Switched Access Cross Connect

The Switched Access Cross Connect charge provides the communications path between Telephone Company provided Switched Access Services and a customer's transmission equipment and facilities where the customer is provided EIS as defined in Section 17. The DS0 Cross Connect arrangement may connect directly to a Telephone Company provided Switched Access Voiceband Direct Trunked Transport, The DS1 Cross Connect arrangement may connect directly to Telephone Company provided Switched Access Services at a DS1 interface, to DS1 Direct Trunked Transport, or to a Telephone Company provided DS1 multiplexing arrangement. The DS3 Cross Connect arrangement May connect directly to DS3 Direct Trunked Transport or a Telephone Company provided DS3 to DS1 multiplexing arrangement. When a DS3 Direct Trunked Transport or Cross Connect arrangement is requested for connection to Switched Access Services, a DS3/DS1 multiplexing arrangement is required. The Cross Connect charge applies per DS1 or DS3 connection. Rates for DS1 and DS3 Cross Connect arrangements are listed in section 20.

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7. Special Access Service

7.1 General

Special Access Service provides a transmission path to connect customer designated premises *, directly, or through a Telephone Company hub or hubs where bridging or multiplexing functions are performed, or to connect a customer designated premises and a WATS Serving Office, or to connect a customer designated premises to a DSL Access Service Connection Point, or to connect a customer designated premises to a Public Packet Data Network Service. Special Access Service includes all exchange access not utilizing Telephone Company end office switches.

The connections provided by Special Access Service can be either analog, digital or optical. Analog connections are differentiated by spectrum and bandwidth. Digital and optical connections are differentiated by bit rate.

7.1.1 Channel Types

There are eight types of channels used to provide Special Access Services. Each type has its own characteristics. All are subdivided by one or more of the following:

- Transmission specifications,
- Bandwidth,
- Speed (i.e., bit rate),
- Spectrum

Customers can order a basic channel and select from a list of those available transmission parameters and channel interfaces that they desire in order to meet specific communications requirements.

For purposes of ordering channels, each has been identified as a type of Special Access Service. However, such identification is not intended to limit a customer's use of the channel nor to imply that the channel is limited to a particular use. For example, if a customer's equipment is capable of transmitting voice over a channel that is identified as a Metallic Service in this tariff, there is no restriction against doing so.

* Telephone Company Centrex CO and CO-like switches and packet switches included in Public Packet Switching Network (PPSN) Service are considered to be a customer designated premises for purposes of this tariff.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.1 Channel Types (Cont'd)

Following is a brief description of each type of channel:

Metallic - a channel for the transmission of low speed varying signals at rates up to 30 baud.

Telegraph Grade - a channel for the transmission of binary signals at rates of 0 to 75 baud or 0 to 150 baud.

Voice Grade - a channel for the transmission of analog signals within an approximate bandwidth of 300 to 3000 Hz.

Program Audio - a channel for the transmission of audio signals. The nominal frequency bandwidths are from 200 to 3500 Hz, from 100 to 5000 Hz, from 50 to 8000 Hz, or from 50 to 15000 Hz.

Video - a channel for the transmission of standard 525 line 60 field monochrome or National Television Systems Committee color video signal and one or two associated 5 or 15 kHz audio signals. The bandwidth is either 30 Hz to 4.5 MHz or 30 Hz to 6.6 MHz.

Digital Data - a channel for the digital transmission of synchronous serial data at rates of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2, 56.0 or 64.0 Kbps.

High Capacity - a channel for the transmission of isochronous serial digital data at rates of 1.544, 3.152, 6.312, 44.736 or 274.176 Mbps.

Fractional T1 (FT1) facilities are furnished for the transmission of isochronous bipolar serial data and at transmission rate groupings of N x 56 Kbps or N x 64Kbps where N equals 2, 4, or 6.

Synchronous Optical - a high speed channel for the transmission of synchronous full duplex data over optical fiber at rates of 155.52 or 622.08 Mbps.

Detailed descriptions of each of the channel types are provided in 7.4 through 7.11 following.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.1 Channel Types (Cont'd)

The customer also has the option of ordering Voice Grade and High Capacity facilities (e.g., 1.544 Mbps and 44.736 Mbps) to Telephone Company hubs for multiplexing to individual channels of a lower capacity or bandwidth. Descriptions of the types of multiplexing available at the hubs, as well as the number of individual channels which may be derived from each type of facility, are set forth in 7.6 and 7.10 following. Additionally, the customer may specify optional features for the individual channels derived from the facility to further tailor the channel to meet specific communications requirements. Descriptions of the optional features and functions available are set forth in 7.2.1(C) following.

For example, a customer may order a 44.736 Mbps High Capacity channel from a customer designated premises to a Telephone Company hub for multiplexing to twenty-eight 1.544 Mbps channels. The 1.544 Mbps channels may be further multiplexed at the same or a different hub to Voice Grade channels or may be extended to other customer designated premises or hubs. Optional features may be added to either the 1.544 Mbps or the Voice Grade channels.

Similarly, the customer has the option of ordering Synchronous Optical Channel Service to a wire center equipped for Add/Drop Multiplexing. This allows lower level signals to be added or dropped from a high speed optical carrier channel for delivery to a customer designated premises, WATS office, Public Packet Data Network Service, or another wire center. A description of Add/Drop Multiplexing is set forth in 7.11.3(C) following.

For the purposes of ordering, there are eight categories of Special Access Service. These are:

	Service Designator Codes
Metallic	MT
Telegraph Grade	TG
Voice	VG
Program Audio	AP
Video	TV
Digital Data	DA
High Capacity	HC
Synchronous Optical	OC

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.2 Service Descriptions

Each service consists of a basic channel to which a technical specifications package (customized or predefined), channel interface(s) and, when desired, optional features and functions are added to construct the service desired by the customer. Technical specifications packages are described in Section 15. following, optional features and functions are described in this section. Channel interfaces are described in 15.2 following.

Customized technical specifications packages will be provided where technically feasible. If the Telephone Company determines that the requested parameter specifications are not compatible, the customer will be advised and given the opportunity to change the order.

When a customized channel is ordered the customer will be notified whether Additional Engineering Charges apply. In such cases, the customer will be advised and given the opportunity to change the order.

The channel descriptions provided in 7.4 through 7.11 following, specify the characteristics of the basic channel and indicate whether the channel is provided between customer designated premises, between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub where bridging or multiplexing functions are performed, between hubs, between a customer designated premises and a WATS Serving Office, or between a customer designated premises and a DSL Access Service Connection Point, or between a customer designated premises and a wire center equipped for Frame Relay Access Service.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.2 Service Descriptions (Cont'd)

(A) Information pertaining to the technical specifications packages indicates the transmission parameters that are available with each package. This information is displayed in matrices set forth in 15.2 following.

(B) Channel interfaces at each Point of Termination on a two-point service may be symmetrical or asymmetrical. On a multipoint service they may also be symmetrical or asymmetrical, but communications can only be provided between compatible channel interfaces. Only certain channel interfaces are compatible. These are set forth in 15.2 following, in a combination format.

(C) Only certain channel interface combinations are available with the predefined technical specifications packages. These are delineated in the Technical References set forth in (F) following. When a customized channel is requested, all channel interface combinations available with the specified type of service are available with the customized channel.

(D) The optional features and functions available with each type of Special Access Service are described in this section. The optional features and functions information also indicates with which technical specifications packages they are available. Such information is displayed in matrices set forth in 15.2 following with the optional feature or function listed down the left side and the technical specifications package listed across the top.

(E) The Telephone Company will maintain services installed prior to April 1, 1985, at their existing transmission specifications, provided such performance specifications do not exceed the standards listed in this provision. Those services exceeding the standards listed will be maintained at the performance levels specified in this tariff.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.2 Service Descriptions (Cont'd)

(F) All services installed after April 1, 1985 will conform to the transmission specifications standards contained in this tariff or in the following Technical References for each category of service:

Metallic	TR-NPL-000336	
Telegraph Grade	TR-NPL-000336	
Voice Grade	TR-TSY-000335	
		PUB 41004, Table 4
Program Audio and associated Addendum		TR-NPL-000337
Video		TR-NPL-000338
Digital Data	TR-NWT-000341	
For 2.4,4.8,9.6&56.0 Kbps		Telcordia Technologies, Inc. Pub 62310 (MDP-326-726)
For 19.2 Kbps	INC Bulletin CB-INC-100	
For 64.0 Kbps	AT&T PUB 62310	
High Capacity	TR-INS-000342	
		TR-NPL-000054
		PUB 62411
Synchronous Optical		GR-253-CORE
For OC3, OC3c and OC12		GR-1374-CORE
		ANSI T1.105
		ANSI T1.102

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.3 Service Configurations

There are three types of service configurations over which Special Access Services are provided: two-point service, multipoint service and Synchronous Optical Channel Service.

(A) Two-Point Service

A two-point service connects two customer designated premises, either on a directly connected basis or through a hub where multiplexing functions are performed, or a customer designated premises and a DSL Access Service Connection Point, or a customer designated premises and a wire center equipped for Frame Relay Access Service, or a customer designated premises and a WATS Serving Office (WSO).

Applicable rate elements are:
- Channel Terminations
- Channel Mileage (as applicable)
- Optional Features and Functions (when applicable)

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

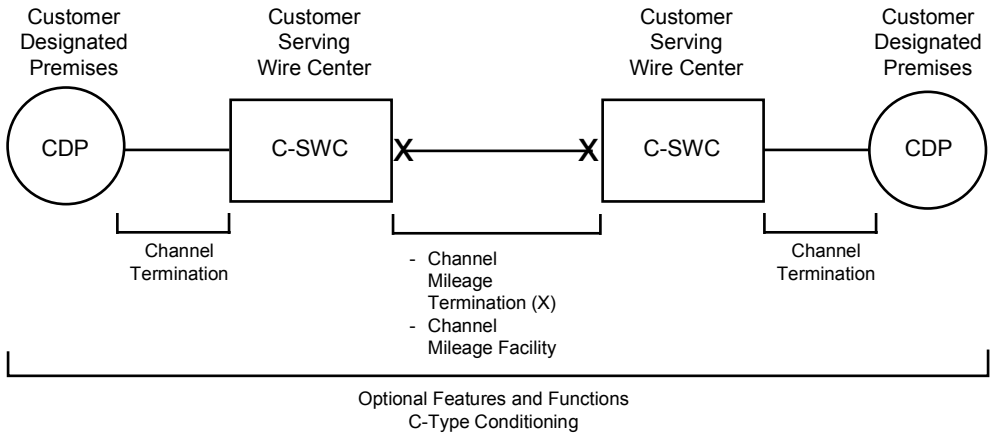
7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.3 Service Configurations (Cont'd)

(A) Two-Point Service (Cont'd)

A Special Access Surcharge, as set forth in 7.3 following, may be applicable.

The following diagram depicts a two-point Voice Grade service connecting two Customer Designated Premises (CDP). The service is provided with
C-Type conditioning.



Applicable rate elements are:

- Channel Terminations (applicable one (1) per CDP)
- Channel Mileage
  - 2 Channel Mileage Terminations plus
  - 1 section, Channel Mileage Facility per mile
- C-Type Conditioning Optional Feature

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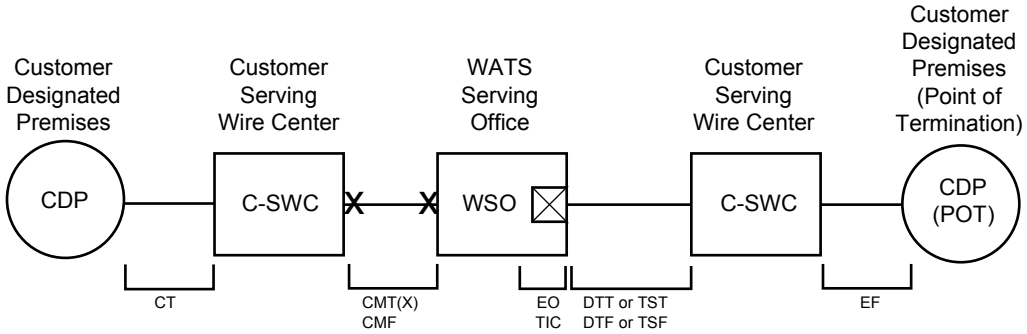
7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.3 Service Configurations (Cont'd)

(A) Two-Point Service (Cont'd)

The following diagram depicts a two-point Voice Grade service connecting a customer designated premises to a WATS serving office.



Special Access

CT - Channel Termination
CMT - Channel Mileage Termination
CMF - Channel Mileage Facility

Switched Access

EO - End Office Elements
TIC - Transport Interconnection Charge
DTT - Direct Trunked Termination
TST - Tandem Switched Termination
DTF - Direct Trunked Facility
TSF - Tandem Switched Facility
EF - Entrance Facility

Applicable rate elements for Special Access are:

- Channel Termination
- Channel Mileage
  . 2 Channel Mileage Terminations plus
  . 1 section, Channel Mileage Facility per mile
- Special Access Surcharge*

* May not apply if exemption certification is provided.

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7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.3 Service Configurations (Cont'd)

(B) Multipoint Service

Multipoint service connects three or more customer designated premises through one or more Telephone Company hubs. Only certain types of Special Access Service are provided as multipoint service. These are so designated in the descriptions for the appropriate channel.

The channel between hubs (i.e., bridging locations) on a multipoint service is a mid-link. There is no limitation on the number of mid-links available with a multipoint service. However, when more than three mid-links in tandem are provided the quality of the overall service may be degraded.

Multipoint service utilizing a customized technical specifications package, as set forth in 7.1.2 preceding and 15.2 following, will be provided when technically possible. If the Telephone Company determines that the requested characteristics for a multipoint service are not compatible, the customer will be advised and given the opportunity to change the order.

When ordering, the customer will specify the desired bridging hub(s). NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4 identifies serving wire centers, hub locations and the type of bridging functions available.

Applicable Rate Elements are:

- Channel Terminations (one per customer designated premises)
- Channel Mileage (as applicable between the serving wire center for each customer designated premises and the hub and between hubs).
- Bridging
- Additional Optional Features and Functions (when applicable).

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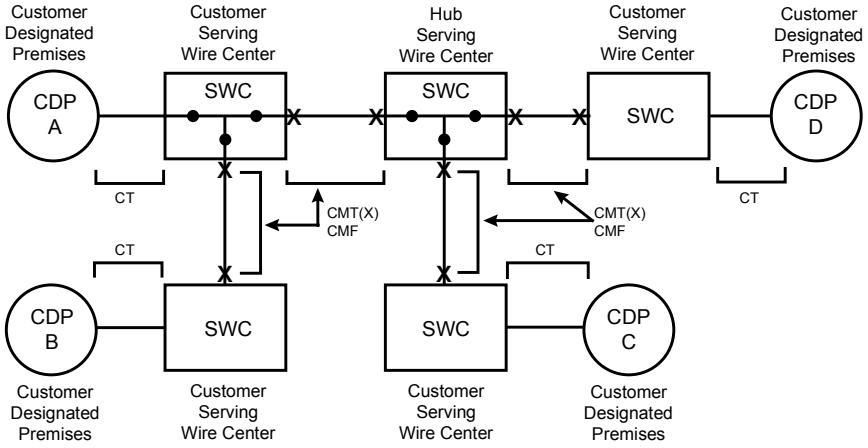
7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.3 Service Configurations (Cont'd)

(B) Multipoint Service (Cont'd)

The Special Access Surcharge, as set forth in 7.3 following, may be applicable.

Example: Voice Grade multipoint service connecting four customer designated premises (CDP) via two customer specified bridging hubs.



CT - Channel Termination
CMT - Channel Mileage Termination
CMF - Channel Mileage Facility
o - Bridging Port

Applicable rate elements are:

- Channel Terminations (4 applicable)
- Channel Mileage
  - o 2 Channel Mileage Terminations per Channel Mileage Facility section for a total of 8, plus
  - o 4 sections, Channel Mileage Facility per mile
- Bridging Optional Feature (6 applicable, i.e., each bridge port)

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

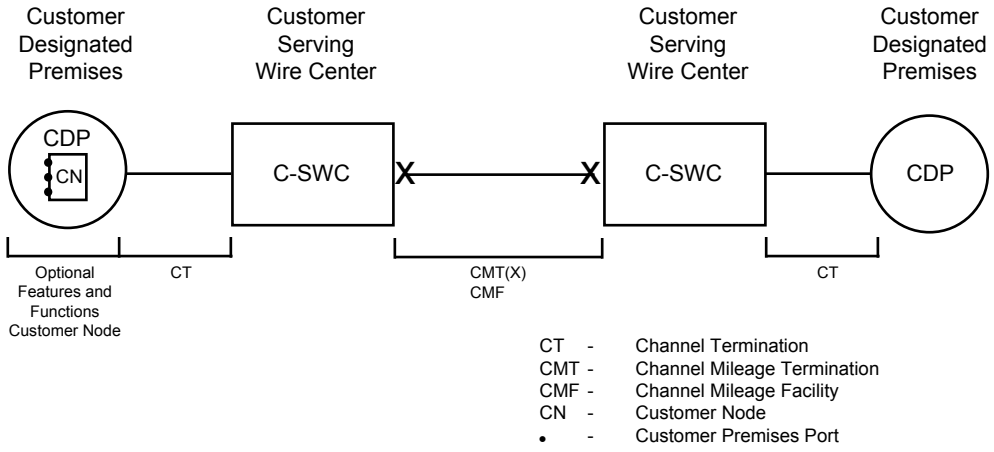
7.1.3 Service Configurations (Cont'd)

(C) Synchronous Optical Channel Service

A Synchronous Optical Channel Service connects two customer designated premises or a customer designated premises and a wire center equipped for Add/Drop Multiplexing. The connection is provided via a high speed optical carrier communications path delivering an optical handoff.

Applicable rate elements are:
- Channel Terminations
- Channel Mileage (where applicable)
- Optional Features and Functions

(1) The following diagram depicts a synchronous optical channel service connecting two Customer Designated Premises (CDP). The Optional Feature and Function of a Customer Node was ordered at one CDP.



Applicable rate elements are:

- Channel Terminations
  2 Channel Terminations (1 per CDP)
- Channel Mileage
  2 Channel Mileage Terminations plus
  1 Segment Channel Mileage Facility (per mile)
- Optional Feature
  1 Customer Node, plus
  3 Customer Premises Ports

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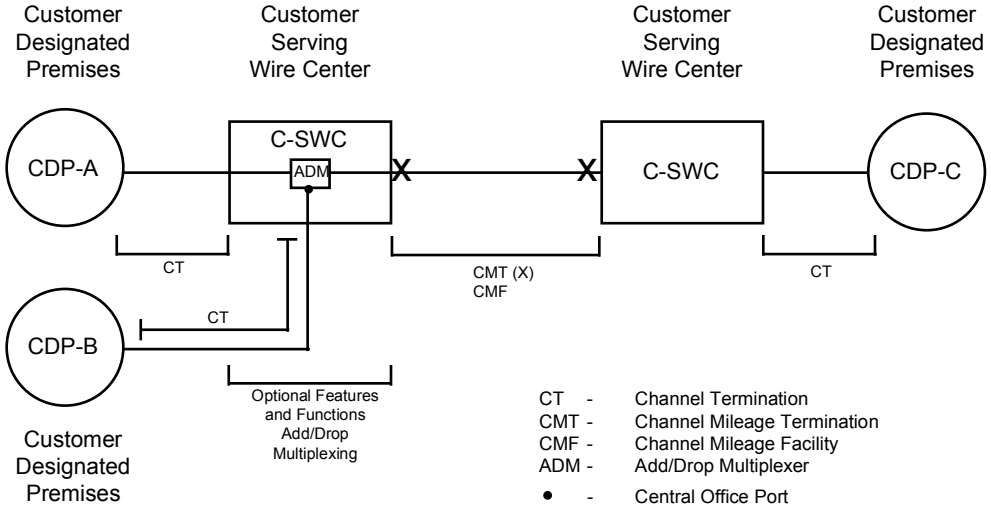
7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.3 Service Configurations (Cont'd)

(C) Synchronous Optical Channel Service (Cont'd)

(2) The following diagram depicts a Synchronous Optical Channel Service connecting three Customer Designated Premises. CDP-A and
CDP-B are connected using an Add/Drop Multiplexer. At the Add/Drop Multiplexer, the customer may drop off lower speed special access services. Rates and charges are as set forth in Section 20.



Applicable rate elements are:

- Channel Terminations (applicable one (1) per CDP)
- Channel Mileage
  - Channel Mileage Termination (2 applicable)
  - 1 Section, Channel Mileage Facility per mile
- Add/Drop Multiplexing Optional Feature
  (1 Central Office Port applicable, i.e.,
  each port)

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.4 Alternate Use

Alternate Use occurs when a service is arranged by the Telephone Company so that the customer can select different types of transmission at different times. A customer may use a service in any privately beneficial manner. However, where technical or engineering changes are required to effectuate an alternate use, the Telephone Company will make such special arrangements available on an individual case basis.

The arrangement required to transfer the service from one operation to the other (i.e., the transfer relay and control leads) will be rated and provided on an individual case basis and filed in Section 12. following, Specialized Service or Arrangements. The customer will pay the stated tariff rates for the Access Service rate elements for the service ordered [i.e., Channel Terminations, Channel Mileage (as applicable) and Optional Features and Functions (if any)].

7.1.5 Special Facilities Routing

A customer may request that the facilities used to provide Special Access Service be specially routed. The regulations, rates and charges for Special Facilities Routing (i.e., Avoidance, Diversity and Cable-Only) are set forth in Section 20. following.

7.1.6 Design Layout Report

At the request of the customer, the Telephone Company will provide to the customer the make-up of the facilities and services provided under this tariff as Special Access Service to aid the customer in designing its overall service. This information will be provided in the form of a Design Layout Report. The Design Layout Report will be provided to the customer at no charge, and will be reissued or updated whenever these facilities are materially changed.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.7 Acceptance Testing

At no additional charge, the Telephone Company will, at the customer's request, cooperatively test the following at the time of installation:

(A) For Voice Grade analog services, the acceptance test will include tests for loss, 3-tone slope, DC continuity, operational signaling, C-notched noise, and C-message noise when these parameters are applicable and specified in the order of service. Additionally, for Voice Grade services, a balance (improved loss) test will be made if the customer has ordered the improved loss optional feature.

(B) For other analog services (i.e., Metallic, Telegraph, Program Audio, and Video) and for digital services (i.e., Digital Data and High Capacity), acceptance tests will include tests applicable to the service as specified by the customer in the order for service.

In addition to the above tests, Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing for Voice Grade service to test other parameters, as described in 13.3.1(B) following, is available at the customer's request. All test results will be made available to the customer upon request.

7.1.8 Ordering Options and Conditions

Special Access Service is ordered under the Access Order provisions set forth in Section 5. preceding. Also included in that section are other charges which may be associated with ordering Special Access Service (e.g., Service Date Change Charges, Cancellation Charges, etc.).

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations

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

7.2.1 Rate Categories

There are three basic rate categories which apply to Special Access Service:
- Channel Terminations (described in 7.2.1(A) following)
- Channel Mileage (described in 7.2.1(B) following)
- Optional Features and Functions (described in 7.2.1(C) following).

(A) Channel Terminations

The Channel Termination rate category recovers 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 Channel Termination 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 Point of Termination (POT) and the type of signaling capability, if any. The signaling capability is provided as an optional feature as set forth in (C) following.

For Synchronous Optical Channel Service the high speed optical communications path is between the Optical Line Termination (OLT) at the customer designated premises and the serving wire center of that premises.

One Channel Termination charge applies per customer designated premises at which the channel is terminated. This charge will apply even if the customer designated premises and the serving wire center are collocated in a Telephone Company building. For a Special Access Digital Data Service 56.0 or 64.0 Kbps Bit Rate or for a 1.544 Mbps or 44.736 Mbps High Capacity Service connecting a customer designated premises to a Public Packet Data Network Service as described in Section 16, following, there will be a charge for only one Channel Termination. For a 1.544 Mbps or 44.736 Mbps High Capacity Service or for an OC3/OC3c Synchronous Optical Channel Service connecting a customer designated premises to a DSL Access Service Connection Point as described in Section 8, following, there will be a charge for only one Channel Termination.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.1 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Channel Terminations (Cont'd)

For DS3 High Capacity Service, the Channel Termination rates are made up of the DS3 Capacity Interface rate and the DS3 Channel Installed rate. The Capacity Interface rate is dependent upon the capacity ordered (i.e., Capacity Interface of 1, 3, 6 or 12) and is applicable at each customer designated premises. The capacity ordered is the maximum number of DS3 services that can be terminated on a given service at the customer designated premises (e.g., a capacity of 3 can terminate 1, 2, or 3 DS3 services). One DS3 Channel Installed rate applies per customer designated premises at which the channel is terminated for each DS3 channel that is ordered. These charges will apply even if the customer designated premises and the serving wire center are collocated in a Telephone Company building.

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7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.1 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(B) Channel Mileage

The Channel Mileage rate category recovers the costs associated with the end office equipment and the transmission facilities between the serving wire centers associated with two customer designated premises, between a serving wire center associated with a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub, between two Telephone Company hubs, between a serving wire center associated with a customer designated premises and a wire center equipped for Add/Drop Multiplexing (ADM) or between two ADM equipped wire centers. Channel Mileage rates are made up of the Channel Mileage Facility rate and the Channel Mileage Termination rate.

(1) Channel Mileage Facility

The Channel Mileage Facility rate recovers the per mile cost for the transmission path which extends between the Telephone Company serving wire centers and/or hub(s) or between the Telephone Company serving wire center and another wire center equipped for Frame Relay Access Service.

The Synchronous Optical Channel Service Channel Mileage Facility provides high speed transmission facilities between the Telephone Company serving wire centers or between a Telephone Company serving wire center and another wire center equipped for Add/Drop Multiplexing (ADM) or between two ADM equipped wire centers.

(2) Channel Mileage Termination

The Channel Mileage Termination rate recovers the cost for end office equipment associated with terminating the facility (i.e., basic circuit equipment and terminations at serving wire centers and hubs). The Channel Mileage Termination rate will apply at the serving wire center(s) for each customer designated premises and Telephone Company hub where the channel is terminated. If the Channel Mileage is between Telephone Company bridging hubs, the Channel Mileage Termination rate will apply per Telephone

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.1 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(B) Channel Mileage (Cont'd)

(2) Channel Mileage Termination (Cont'd)

Company designated hub. If the Channel Mileage is between the serving wire center for a customer designated premises and a WATS Serving Office, the Channel Mileage Termination rate will apply at both the serving wire center associated with the customer designated premises and the WATS Serving Office. If the Channel Mileage is between the serving wire center for a customer designated premises and another wire center equipped for Frame Relay Access Service, the Channel Mileage Termination Rate will apply only at the serving wire center for the customer designated premises.

If the Channel Mileage for Synchronous Optical Channel Service is between the serving wire center for a customer designated premises and a wire center equipped for Add/Drop Multiplexing, the Channel Mileage Termination Rate will apply at both the serving wire center associated with the Customer Designated Premises and the wire center equipped for Add/Drop Multiplexing. If the Channel Mileage is between two wire centers equipped for Add/Drop Multiplexing, the Channel Mileage Termination rate will apply at both wire centers equipped for Add/Drop Multiplexing.

When the Channel Mileage Facility is zero (i.e., collocated serving wire centers), neither the Channel Mileage Facility rate nor the Channel Mileage Termination rate will apply.

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7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.1 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(C) Optional Features and Functions

The Optional Features and Functions rate category recovers the costs associated with optional features and functions which may be added to a Special Access Service to improve its quality or utility to meet specific communications requirements. These are not necessarily identifiable with specific equipment, but rather represent the end result in terms of performance characteristics which may be obtained. These characteristics may be obtained by using various combinations of equipment. Although the equipment necessary to perform a specified function may be installed at various locations along the path of the service, they will be charged for as a single rate element.

Examples of Optional Features and Functions that are available include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Signaling Capability
- Hubbing Functions
- Conditioning
- Transfer Arrangements

Descriptions for each of the available Optional Features and Functions are set forth in 7.4 through 7.11 following.

A hub is a Telephone Company designated serving wire center at which bridging or multiplexing functions are performed. The bridging functions performed are to connect three or more customer designated premises in a multipoint arrangement. The multiplexing functions are to channelize analog or digital facilities to individual services requiring a lower capacity or bandwidth.

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7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.2 Types of Rates and Charges

There are three types of rates and charges. These are monthly rates, daily rates and nonrecurring charges. The rates and charges are described as follows:

(A) Monthly Rates

Monthly rates are recurring rates that apply each month or fraction thereof that a Special Access Service is provided. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have 30 days.

(B) Daily Rates

Daily rates are recurring rates that apply to each 24 hour period or fraction thereof that a Program Audio or Video Special Access Service is provided for part-time use. For purposes of applying daily rates, the 24 hour period is not limited to a calendar day.

Part-time Video or Program Audio Service provided within a consecutive 30 day period will be charged the daily rate, not to exceed the monthly rate. For each day or partial day after a consecutive 30 day period of service, a charge equal to 1/30th of the monthly rate shall apply.

(C) Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring charges are one-time charges that apply for specific work activity (i.e., installation or change to an existing service). The types of nonrecurring charges that apply for Special Access Service are: installation of service, installation of optional features and functions, and service rearrangements. These charges are in addition to the Access Order Charge as specified in Section 20 following.

(1) Installation of Service

Nonrecurring charges apply to each service installed. The nonrecurring charges for the installation of service are set for each channel type as a nonrecurring charge for the Channel Termination.

(2) Installation of Optional Features and Functions

When optional features and functions are installed coincident with the initial installation of service, no separate nonrecurring charge is applicable. When optional features and functions are installed or changed subsequent to the installation of service, an Access Order Charge as specified in Section 20 following will apply per order.

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7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.2 Types of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(C) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(3) Service Rearrangements

Service rearrangements are changes to existing (installed) services which may be administrative only in nature, as set forth following, or that involve actual physical change to the service. Changes to pending orders are set forth in 5.4 preceding.

Changes in the physical location of the point of termination or customer designated premises are moves as set forth in 7.2.3 following.

Changes in the type of Service or Channel Termination which result in a change of the minimum period requirement will be treated as a discontinuance of the service and an installation of a new service.

Changes in ownership or transfer of responsibility from one customer to another will be treated as a discontinuance of the service and an installation of a new service. In the event the change in ownership or transfer of responsibility is as set forth in 2.1.2(A) preceding where there is no change in facilities or arrangements, the change will be treated as an administrative change.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.2 Types of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(C) Nonrecurring Charges (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 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.

All other service rearrangements will be charged as follows:

- If the change involves the addition of other customer designated premises to an existing service, the nonrecurring charge for the channel termination rate element will apply. The charge(s) will apply only for the location(s) that is being added. The charge(s) will be in addition to an Access Order Charge as set forth in Section 20 following.

- If the change involves the addition of an optional feature or function (with the exception of the addition of Clear Channel Capability to an existing service), or if the change involves changing the type of signaling on a Voice Grade service, and for all other changes the Access Order Charge as set forth in Section 20 following will apply.

- When the Clear Channel Capability optional feature is installed on an existing facility, the addition will be treated as a discontinuance and start of service and all associated non-recurring charges will apply.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.3 Moves

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

- The Point of Termination at the customer's premises
- The customer's 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.

(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 nonrecurring (i.e., installation) charge for the service termination affected. There will be no change in the minimum period requirements. This charge is in addition to the Access Order Charge as specified in Section 20 following.

(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 services. The customer will also remain responsible for satisfying all outstanding minimum period charges for the discontinued service.

7.2.4 Minimum Periods

The minimum service period for all services except part-time Video and Program Audio services, DS3 High Capacity Service and Synchronous Optical Channel Service is one month and the full monthly rate will apply to the first month. Adjustments for the quantities of services established or discontinued in any billing period beyond the minimum period are as set forth in 2.4.1(F) preceding. The minimum service period for part-time Video and Program Audio services is a continuous 24-hour period, not limited to a calendar day. The minimum service period for DS3 High Capacity Service and Synchronous Optical Channel Service is twelve months.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.5 Mileage Measurement

The mileage to be used to determine the monthly rate for the Channel Mileage Facility is calculated on the airline distance between the locations involved, i.e.,

- the serving wire centers associated with two customer designated premises,
- a serving wire center associated with a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub,
- a serving wire center associated with a customer designated premises and a wire center equipped for Frame Relay Access Service,
- a serving wire center associated with a customer designated premises and a DSL Access Service Connection Point,
- two Telephone Company hubs,
- a serving wire center associated with a customer designated premises and a wire center equipped for Add/Drop Multiplexing,
- two wire centers equipped for Add/Drop Multiplexing,
- or between the serving wire center associated with a customer designated premises and a WATS Serving Office.

The serving wire center associated with a customer designated premises is the serving wire center from which this customer designated premises would normally obtain dial tone.

Mileage charges are shown with each channel type. To determine the rate to be billed, first compute the mileage using the V&H coordinates method, as set forth in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, then multiply the resulting number of miles times the Channel Mileage Facility per mile rate, and add the Channel Mileage Termination rate for each termination. When 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. When more than one Telephone Company is involved in the provision of service, billing will be accomplished as set forth in 2.4.7 preceding.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.5 Mileage Measurement (Cont'd)

When hubs are involved, mileage is computed and rates applied separately for each section of the Channel Mileage, i.e.,

- customer designated premises serving wire center to hub,
- hub to hub and/or
- hub to customer designated premises serving wire center.

However, when any service is routed through a hub for purposes other than customer specified bridging or multiplexing (e.g., the Telephone Company chooses to so route for test access purposes), rates will be applied only to the distance calculated between the serving wire centers associated with the customer designated premises.

See the service configuration example for multipoint service as set forth in 7.1.3(B) preceding.

When Add/Drop Multiplexing is offered in connection with Synchronous Optical Channel Service, mileage is computed and rates applied separately for each section of the Channel Mileage, i.e.,

- customer designated premises serving wire center to an Add/Drop Multiplexing (ADM) equipped wire center,
- ADM equipped wire center to ADM equipped wire center,
- ADM equipped wire center to a customer designated premises serving wire center.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.6 Facility Hubs (Cont'd)

A customer has the option of ordering Voice Grade service or High Capacity services (i.e., DS1, DS1C, DS2, DS3 or DS4) to a facility hub for channelizing to individual services requiring lower capacity facilities (e.g., Telegraph, Voice, Program Audio, etc.).

Different locations may be designated as hubs for different facility capacities, e.g., multiplexing from digital to digital may occur at one location while multiplexing from digital to analog may occur at a different location. When placing an Access Order the customer will specify the desired hub.

NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4 identifies serving wire centers, hub locations, hub level (i.e., Hub, Terminus Hub, Intermediate Hub, or Super-Intermediate Hub) and the type of multiplexing functions available. Additionally, subtending wire centers are identified for Intermediate and Super-Intermediate Hubs.

Some of the types of multiplexing available include the following:

- from higher to lower bit rate
- from higher to lower bandwidth
- from high capacity to voice frequency channels.

Point to point services may be provided on channels of these services to a hub. The transmission performance for the point to point service provided between customer designated premises will be that of the lower capacity or bit rate. For example, when a 1.544 Mbps channel is multiplexed to voice frequency channels, the transmission performance of the channelized services will be Voice Grade, not High Capacity.

The Telephone Company will commence billing the monthly rate for the service to the hub on the date specified by the customer on the Access Order. Individual channels utilizing these services may be installed coincident with the installation of the service to the hub or may be ordered and/or installed at a later date, at the option of the customer. The customer will be billed for a Voice Grade or a High Capacity Channel Termination, Channel Mileage (when applicable), and the multiplexer at the time the service is installed. Individual service rates (by service type) will apply for a Channel Termination and additional Channel Mileage (as required) for each channelized service. These will be billed to the customer as each individual service is installed.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.6 Facility Hubs (Cont'd)

Cascading multiplexing occurs when a High Capacity service is de-multiplexed to provide channels with a lesser capacity and one of the lesser capacity channels is further de-multiplexed. For example, a 6.312 Mbps High Capacity service is de-multiplexed to four DS1 channels and then one of the DS1 channels is further de-multiplexed to 24 individual Voice Grade channels.

When cascading multiplexing is performed, whether in the same or a different hub, a charge for the additional multiplexing unit also applies. When cascading multiplexing is performed at different hubbing locations, Channel Mileage charges also apply between the hubs.

The Telephone Company will designate hubs for Program Audio and Video Services. Full-time or part-time service may be provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a hub and billed accordingly at the monthly rates set forth in Section 20 following for a Channel Termination, Channel Mileage and Optional Features and Functions, as applicable. When the service is ordered to a hub, the customer may order full-time or part-time Video and Program Audio services as needed between that hub and additional customer designated premises. The rate elements required to provide the part-time service (i.e., Channel Termination, Channel Mileage and Optional Features and Functions, as applicable) will be billed at daily rates for the duration of the service requested.

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7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.7 Mixed Use

Mixed use refers to a rate applicable when the customer orders High Capacity or Synchronous Optical Channel Service Special Access facilities between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or ADM equipped wire center where the Telephone Company performs multiplexing/de-multiplexing functions and the same customer then orders the derived channels as Special and Switched Access Services. Mixed use also applies when the customer orders Switched Access Service between a customer designated premises and an end office that is multiplexed at a Telephone Company hub or ADM equipped wire center and the same customer then orders the derived channels as Special and Switched Access Service. Rates and charges will apply for the existing facilities and new facilities as if the service were ordered as mixed use.

Except as noted above, the High Capacity or Synchronous Optical Channel Service facility will be ordered, provided and rated as Special Access Service (i.e., Channel Termination, Channel Mileage, as appropriate, Multiplexing, Customer Node, Customer Premises Port, and Add/Drop Multiplexing). The nonrecurring charge that applies when the mixed use facility is installed will be the nonrecurring charge associated with the appropriate Special Access High Capacity or Synchronous Optical Channel Service Channel Termination.

Rating as Special Access will continue until such time as the customer chooses to use a portion of the available capacity for Switched Access Service. Individual service (i.e., Switched or Special Access) nonrecurring charges will not apply to the individual channels of the mixed use facility.

When Special Access Service is provided utilizing a channel of the mixed use facility to a hub, High Capacity rates and charges will apply for the facility to the hub, as set forth preceding, and individual service rates and charges will apply from the hub to the customer designated premises.

The rates and charges that will apply to the portion from the hub to the customer designated premises will be dependent on the specific type of Special Access Service that is provided (e.g., Voice Grade, Telegraph, etc.). The applicable rates and charges will include a Channel Termination and Channel Mileage, if applicable. Rates and charges for optional features and functions associated with the service, if any, will apply for the appropriate channel type.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.7 Mixed Use (Cont'd)

As each individual channel of a Special Access High Capacity Service is activated for Switched Access Service, the Special Access Channel Termination, Channel Mileage and Multiplexing rates will be reduced accordingly (e.g., 1/2 for a DS1 service, 1/67 for a DS3 service).

Similarly, as each individual channel of a Special Access Synchronous Optical Channel Service is activated for Switched Access Service, the Special Access Channel Termination, Channel Mileage, Customer Node, Customer Premises Port, and Add/Drop Multiplexing rates will be reduced accordingly (e.g., 1/201 for an OC3 service, 1/806 for an OC12 service).

If the Special Access charges for the mixed use facility are subject to Optional Rate Plan discounts (e.g., Term Discount Optional Rate Plan) as set forth in section 19 following, the Special Access charges will be reduced to reflect mixed use before the Optional Rate Plan discounts are applied.

Switched Access Service rates and charges, as set forth in Section 20 following, will apply for each channel that is used to provide a Switched Access Service. The Switched Access Service Entrance Facility charge will be reduced by multiplying its rate by a rate reduction factor (i.e., the ratio of derived Switched Access Service channels to the total number of channels that can be derived). If the Telephone Company is providing Direct Trunked Transport, then the Direct Trunked Transport, Multiplexing, Customer Node, Customer Premises Port, and Add/Drop Multiplexing charges will be reduced by multiplying their respective rates by the rate reduction factor.

The following table shows the total voice grade equivalents for each of the services that may be used for Mixed Use.

High Capacity or Synchronous Optical Channel Service	DS3 Quantities	DS1 Quantities	Voice Grade Equivalents
DS1	n/a	1	24
DS3	1	28	672
OC3	3	84	2,016
OC12	12	336	8,064

The customer must place an order for each individual Switched or Special Access Service utilizing the Mixed Use facilities and specify the channel assignment for each such service.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.3 Surcharge for Special Access Service

7.3.1 General

Special Access Services provided under this tariff may be subject to the monthly Special Access Surcharge.

7.3.2 Application

(A) The Special Access Surcharge will apply to each interstate Special Access Service that terminates on an end user's PBX or other device, where through a function of the device, the Special Access Service interconnects to the local exchange network. Interconnection functions include, but are not limited to, wiring and software functions, bridging, switching or patching of calls or stations. The Surcharge will apply irrespective of whether the interconnection function is performed in equipment located at the customer's premises or in a Centrex CO-type switch.

(B) Special Access Service will be exempted from the Surcharge by the Telephone Company upon receipt of the customer's written certification for the following Special Access Service terminations:

(1) an open-end termination in a Telephone Company switch of an FX line, including CCSA and CCSA- equivalent ONALs; or

(2) an analog channel termination that is used for radio or television program transmission; or

(3) a termination used for TELEX service; or

(4) a termination that by the nature of its operating characteristics could not make use of Telephone Company common lines such as, terminations which are restricted through hardware or software; or

(5) a termination that interconnects either directly or indirectly to the local exchange network where the usage is subject to Carrier Common Line charges such as, where the Special Access Service accesses only FGA and no local exchange lines, or Special Access Service between customer points of termination, or Special Access Service connecting CCSA or CCSA-type equipment (inter-machine trunks); or

(6) a termination that the customer certifies to the Telephone Company is not connected to a PBX or other device which interconnects the Special Access Service to a local exchange subscriber line.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.3 Surcharge for Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.3.3 Exemption of Special Access Service

(A) Special Access Services which are terminated as set forth in 7.3.2(B) preceding will be exempted from the Special Access Surcharge if the customer provides the Telephone Company with written exemption certification. The certification may be provided to the Telephone Company as follows:

- at the time the Special Access Service is ordered or installed;

- at such time as the service is terminated to a device which does not interconnect the service to local exchange facilities; or

- at such time as the service becomes associated with a Switched Access Service that is subject to Carrier Common Line Charges.

(B) The exemption certification is to be provided by the customer ordering the service. The certification must be signed by the customer or authorized representative and include the category of exemption, as set forth in 7.3.2(B) preceding, for each termination, and the date which the exemption is effective.

(C) The customer shall also notify the Telephone Company when an exempted Special Access Service is changed or terminated such that the exemption is no longer applicable.

(D) The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to resolve any questions regarding the exemption certification. In addition, the Telephone Company may withhold exemption of the service until the questions are resolved.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.3 Surcharge for Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.3.4 Rate Regulations

(A) The surcharge will apply as set forth in 7.3.2(A) preceding, except that a surcharge will be assessed on a per voice grade equivalent basis for Special Access Services derived from High Capacity Special Access Services as illustrated in the following example:

Special Access Service	Voice Grade Equivalent		Surcharge		Monthly Charge
DS1	24	x	$25	=	$600.00

The preceding example illustrates the maximum number of surcharges applicable to a DS1. If the customer claims exemption(s) as set forth in 7.3.3 preceding or, is not utilizing all available voice grade equivalents and has spare capacity, the number of surcharges would be reduced accordingly.

In the case of multipoint Special Access Services, one Special Access Surcharge will apply for each termination of a Special Access Channel at an end user's premises.

(B) The Telephone Company will bill the appropriate Special Access Surcharge to the ordering customer for each interstate Special Access Service installed unless exemption certification is provided as set forth in 7.3.3 preceding.

(C) If a written certification is not received at the time the Special Access Service is obtained, the Surcharge will be applied. Exempt status will become effective on the certification date indicated by the customer, subject to the regulations set forth in (D) following.

(D) Crediting the Surcharge

The Telephone Company will cease billing the Special Access Surcharge when certification, as set forth in 7.3.3. preceding, is received. If the status of the Special Access Service was changed prior to receipt of the exemption certification, the Telephone Company will credit the customer's account, not to exceed ninety (90) days, based on the effective date of the change as specified by the customer in the letter of certification.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.4 Metallic Service

7.4.1 Basic Channel Description

A Metallic channel is an unconditioned two-wire channel arranged to transmit direct current and capable of transmitting low speed varying signals at rates up to 30 baud. This channel is provided by metallic or equivalent facilities. Metallic channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or hubs where bridging functions are performed. Interoffice metallic facilities will be limited in length to a total of five miles per channel.

Metallic Special Access Services are typically used for applications such as alarm, pilot wire protective relaying, and dc tripping protective relaying. These examples of applications are not intended to limit a customer's use of the channel nor to imply that the channel is limited to a particular use.

Rates and charges for Special Access Metallic Service are as set forth in Section 20 following.

7.4.2 Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel Interfaces

Technical Specifications Packages are set forth in 15.2.1(A) following. Compatible network channel interfaces are set forth in 15.2.2(C)(1) following.

7.4.3 Optional Features and Functions

Central Office Bridging Capability

(A) Three Premises Bridging - Provision of tip-to-tip and ring-to-ring connection in a central office of a metallic pair to a third customer designated premises.

(B) Series Bridging of up to 26 customer designated premises.

The table set forth in 15.2.1(A) following shows the technical specifications packages with which the optional features and functions are available.

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7.5 Telegraph Grade Service

7.5.1 Basic Channel Description

Telegraph Grade channel is an unconditioned channel capable of transmitting binary signals at rates of 0-75 baud or 0-150 baud. This channel is furnished for half- duplex or duplex operation. Telegraph Grade channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or hubs.

Telegraph Grade Special Access Services are typically Used for applications such as teletypewriter, telegraph grade control/remote metering, telegraph grade channel, telegraph grade extension, and telegraph grade entrance facilities. These examples of applications are not intended to limit a customer's use of the channel nor to imply that the channel is limited to a particular use.

Rates and charges for Special Access Telegraph Grade Service are as set forth in Section 20 following.

7.5.2 Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel Interfaces

Technical Specifications Packages are set forth in 15.2.1(B) following. Compatible network channel interfaces are set forth in 15.2.2(C)(2) following.

7.5.3 Optional Features and Functions

Telegraph Bridging (two-wire and four-wire)

The table set forth in 15.2.1(B) following shows the technical specifications packages with which the optional features and functions are available.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.6 Voice Grade Service

7.6.1 Basic Channel Description

A Voice Grade channel is a channel which provides voice frequency transmission capability in the nominal frequency range of 300 to 3000 Hz and may be terminated as two-wire or four-wire. Voice Grade channels are provided between customer designated premises, between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or hubs, or between a customer designated premises and a WATS Serving Office (WSO).

Voice Grade Special Access Services are typically used For voice and voiceband data applications. Typical examples of voice grade circuits are Foreign Exchange lines (station end only), multipoint private line, voice trunk type, two-point voice grade data (one-way or simultaneous two-way), multipoint voice grade data, and voice grade telephoto or facsimile. These examples of applications are not intended to limit a customer's use of the channel nor to imply that the channel is limited to a particular use.

Rates and charges for Special Access Voice Grade Service are as set forth in Section 20 following.

7.6.2 Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel Interfaces

Technical Specifications Packages are set forth in 15.2.1(C) following. Compatible network channel interfaces are set forth in 15.2.2(C)(3) following.

7.6.3 Optional Features and Functions

(A) Central Office Bridging Capability

(1) Voice Bridging (two-wire and four-wire)

(2) Data Bridging (two-wire and four-wire)

(3) Telephoto Bridging (two-wire and four-wire)

(4) DATAPHONE Select-A-Station Bridging with sequential arrangement ports or addressable arrangement ports

(5) Telemetry and Alarm Bridging

Split Band, Active Bridging
Passive Bridging
Summation, Active Bridging

The rates for these options are set forth in Section 20 following.

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7.6 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

7.6.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(B) Central Office Multiplexing

Voice to Telegraph Grade. An arrangement that converts a Voice Grade channel to Telegraph Grade channels using frequency division multiplexing.

The rate for this option is set forth in Section 20 following.

(C) Conditioning

Conditioning provides more specific transmission characteristics for Voice Grade services. The rates for these options are set forth in Section 20 following.

For two-point services, the parameters apply to each service as measured end-to-end. For multipoint services, the parameters apply as measured on each mid-link or as measured on each end link. C-Type conditioning and Data Capability may be combined on the same service.

(1) C-Type Conditioning

C-Type Conditioning is provided for the additional control of attenuation distortion and envelope delay distortion on data services. The attenuation distortion and envelope delay distortion specifications for C-Type Conditioning are delineated in Technical Reference TR-TSY-000335.

(2) Improved Attenuation Distortion

Improved Attenuation Distortion upgrades the frequency versus loss limits of the channel. The technical specifications for Improved Attenuation Distortion are delineated in Technical Reference TR-TSY-000335. This option is available only when ordered in combination with C-Type Conditioning.

(3) Improved Envelope Delay Distortion

Improved Envelope Delay Distortion upgrades the frequency versus delay response limits of the channel. The technical specifications for Improved Envelope Delay Distortion are delineated in Technical Reference TR-TSY-000335. This option is available only when ordered in combination with C-Type Conditioning.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.6 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

7.6.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(C) Conditioning (Cont'd)

(4) Data Capability (D Conditioning)

Data Capability provides transmission characteristics suitable for data communications. Specifically, Data Capability provides for the control of Signal to C-Notched Noise Ratio and intermodulation distortion. It is available for two-point services or three-point multipoint services.

The Signal to C-Notched Noise Ratio and intermodulation distortion parameter for Data Capability are delineated in Technical Reference TR-TSY-000335. The rate for this option is set forth in Section 20 following.

When a service equipped with Data Capability is used for voice communications, the quality of the voice transmission may not be satisfactory.

(5) Telephoto Capability

Telephoto Capability provides transmission characteristics suitable for telephotographic communications. Specifically, Telephoto Capability is provided for the control of attenuation distortion and envelope delay distortion on telephotographic services. The attenuation distortion and envelope delay distortion parameters for Telephoto Capability are delineated in Technical Reference TR-TSY-000335. The rate for this option is set forth in Section 20 following.

(6) Sealing Current Conditioning

Sealing Current Conditioning is provided to help maintain continuity on dry metallic loops. It is usually associated with four-wire DA or NO type network channel interfaces.

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7.6 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

7.6.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(D) Customer Specified Premises Receive Level

This option allows the customer to specify the receive level at the Point of Termination. The level must be within a specific range on effective four-wire transmission. The ranges are delineated in Technical Reference TR-TSY-000335. The rate for this option is set forth in Section 20 following.

(E) Improved Return Loss

(1) On Effective Four-Wire Transmission at Four-Wire Point of Termination (applicable to each two-wire port): Provides for a fixed 600 ohm impedance, variable level range and simplex reversal. Telephone Company equipment is required at the customer's premises where this option is ordered. The Improved Return Loss parameters are delineated in Technical Reference TR-TSY-000335. The rate for this option is set forth in Section 20 following.

(2) On Effective Two-Wire Transmission at Two-Wire Point of Termination: Provides for more stringent Echo Control specifications. In order for this option to be applicable, the transmission path must be four-wire at one POT and two-wire at the other POT. Placement of Telephone Company equipment may be required at the customer's premises with the two-wire POT. The Improved Return Loss parameters are delineated in Technical Reference TR-TSY-000335. The rate for this option is set forth in Section 20 following.

(F) Signaling Capability

Signaling Capability provides for the ability to transmit signals from one customer premises to another customer premises on the same service. The rate for this option is set forth in Section 20 following.

The following network channel interfaces for Voice Grade service do not require signaling capability: AH, DA, DB, DD, DE, DS, NO, PR and TF.

The following network channel interfaces for Voice Grade service require signaling capability: AB, AC, CT, DX, DY, EA, EB, EC, EX, GO, GS, LA, LB, LC, LO, LR, LS, RV and SF. The signaling capability charge will not apply when used in the provision of WATS access service.

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7.6 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

7.6.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(G) Selective Signaling Arrangement

An arrangement that permits code selective ringing for up to ten codes on a multipoint service. The rate for this option is set forth in Section 20 following.

(H) Transfer Arrangement

An arrangement that affords the customer an additional measure of flexibility in the use of an access channel(s). The arrangement can be utilized to transfer a leg of a Special Access Service to another channel that terminates in either the same or a different customer premises. A key activated or dial-up control service is required to operate the transfer arrangement. A spare channel, if required, is not included as part of the option. The rate for this option is set forth in Section 20 following.

(I) Public Packet Switching Network (PPSN) Interface Arrangement

An arrangement that provides the interface requirements that permit a Voice Grade service to interface with a Public Packet Switching Network packet switch located in a Telephone Company premises. The interface is compatible with X.25 and X.75 packet switching protocols as defined by the CCITT. This option is provided on an Individual Case Basis as set forth in Section 20 following.

(J) Four-Wire/Two-Wire Conversions

When a customer requests that an effective four-wire channel be terminated with a two-wire channel interface at the customer designated premises, a four-wire to two-wire conversion is required. The customer will be charged the four-wire Channel Termination rate as set forth in Section 20 following when an effective four-wire is specified in the order for service. The rate for the conversion is included as part of the basic four-wire Channel Termination rate.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.6 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

7.6.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(K) Improved Two-Wire Voice Transmission

(1) Loss Deviation

The maximum Loss Deviation of the 1004 Hz loss relative to the Expected Measured Loss (EML) is -4.0 dB to +4.0 dB.

(2) Attenuation Distortion

The maximum Attenuation Distortion in the 404 to 280 Hz frequency band relative to loss at 1004 Hz is -2.0 dB to +6.0 dB.

(3) C-Message Noise

The maximum C-Message Noise for the transmission path at the route miles listed is less than:

Route Miles	C-Message Noise
less than 50	35 dBrnco
51 to 100	37 dBrnco
101 to 200	40 dBrnco
201 to 400	43 dBrnco
401 to 1000	45 dBrnco

(4) Return Loss

The Return Loss, expressed as Echo Return Loss (ERL) and Singing Return Loss (SRL), is equal to or greater than:

ERL	13.0 dB
SRL	6.0 dB

The rate for the provision of Improved Two-Wire Voice Transmission is included as part of the basic Channel Termination rate.

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7.7 Program Audio Service

7.7.1 Basic Channel Description

A Program Audio channel is a channel with bandwidth measured in Hz for the transmission of a complex signal voltage. The actual bandwidth is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. Only one-way transmission is provided. Program Audio channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or hubs.

Program Audio Special Access services are typically used in full-time and part-time applications for radio broadcasting, noncommercial educational audio, and wired music. These examples of applications are not intended to limit a customer's use of the channel nor to imply that the channel is limited to a particular use.

Rates and charges for Special Access Program Audio Service are as set forth in Section 20 following.

7.7.2 Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel Interfaces

Technical Specifications Packages are set forth in 15.2.1(D) following. Compatible network channel interfaces are set forth in 15.2.2(C)(4) following.

7.7.3 Optional Features and Functions

(A) Central Office Bridging Capability

Distribution Amplifier

(B) Gain Conditioning

Control of 1004 Hz AML at initiation of service to 0 dB 0.5 dB.

(C) Stereo

Provision of a pair of gain/phase equalized channels for stereo applications. (An additional Program Audio channel must be ordered separately.)

The table set forth in 15.2.1(D) following shows the technical specifications packages with which the optional features and functions are available.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.8 Video Service

7.8.1 Basic Channel Description

A Video channel is a channel with one-way transmission capability for a standard 525 line/60 field monochrome, or National Television Systems Committee color, video signal and one or two associated 5 or 15 kHz audio signal(s). The associated audio signal(s) may be either diplexed or provided as one or two separate channels. The provision and the bandwidth of the associated audio signal(s) is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. Video channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or hubs.

Rates and charges for Special Access Video Service are as set forth in Section 20 following.

7.8.2 Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel Interfaces

Technical Specifications Packages are set forth in 15.2.1(E) following. Compatible network channel interfaces are set forth in 15.2.2(C)(5) following.

The following network channel interfaces (NCIs) define the bandwidth and the provision of the audio signal(s) associated with a Video channel:

NCI	Audio Bandwidth	Provision
2TV6-1	15kHz	1 Channel, diplexed
2TV6-2	15kHz	2 Channels, diplexed
2TV7-1	15kHz	1 Channel, diplexed
2TV7-2	15kHz	2 Channels, diplexed
4TV6-5	5kHz	1 Channel, separate
4TV6-15	15kHz	1 Channel, separate
4TV7-5	5kHz	1 Channel, separate
4TV7-15	15kHz	1 Channel, separate
6TV6-5	5kHz	2 Channels, separate
6TV6-15	15kHz	2 Channels, separate
6TV7-5	5kHz	2 Channels, separate
6TV7-15	15kHz	2 Channels, separate

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7.9 Digital Data Service

7.9.1 Basic Channel Description

A Digital Data channel is a channel for duplex four-wire transmission of synchronous serial data at the rate of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2, 56.0 or 64.0* Kbps. The actual bit rate is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. The channel provides a synchronous service with timing provided by the Telephone Company through the Telephone Company's facilities to the customer in the received bit stream. Digital Data channels are provided as either hubbed or non-hubbed services between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or hubs. The hubs providing hubbed digital service and the wire centers providing non-hubbed digital service are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., WIRE CENTER INFORMATION, TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

The customer may provide the Channel Service Unit-type equipment or other Network Channel Terminating Equipment associated with the Digital Data channel at the customer premises.

The Telephone Company will provide a channel capable of meeting a monthly average performance equal to or greater than 99.875% error-free seconds (if provided through a Digital Data hub) while the channel is in service, if it is measured through a CSU equivalent which is designed, manufactured, and maintained to conform with the specifications contained in Technical Reference PUB 62310.

Rates and charges for Special Access Digital Data Service are as set forth in Section 20 following.

7.9.2 Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel Interfaces

Technical Specifications Packages are set forth in 15.2.1(F) following. Compatible channel interfaces are set forth in 15.2.2(C)(6) following.

* When 64.0 Kbps service is multiplexed on a DS1 High Capacity service, the DS1 must be equipped to provide Clear Channel Capability.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.9 Digital Data Service (Cont'd)

7.9.2 Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)

The following network channel interfaces (NCIs) define the bit rates that are available for a Digital Data channel:

NCI	Bit Rate
DU-24	2.4 Kbps
DU-48	4.8 Kbps
DU-96	9.6 Kbps
DU-19	19.2 Kbps
DU-56	56.0 Kbps
DU-64	64.0 Kbps

7.9.3 Optional Features and Functions

The Optional Features and Functions described in (A), (B), and (C) following are only available where Digital Data Service is provided via a hub. The Optional Features and Functions described in (D) following are available where Digital Data Service is provided on a non-hubbed basis.

(A) Central Office Bridging Capability

Bridging is not available on a 64.0 Kbps channel.

(B) Transfer Arrangement

An arrangement that affords the customer an additional measure of protection and/or flexibility in the use of their access channel(s) on a 1xN basis. The arrangement can be utilized to transfer a leg of a Special Access Service to either a spare or working channel that terminates in either the same or a different customer designated premises. This arrangement is only available at a Telephone Company designated hub. A key activated or dial-up control service is required to operate the transfer arrangement. A spare channel, if required, is not included as a part of the option.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.9 Digital Data Service (Cont'd)

7.9.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(C) Public Packet Switching Network (PPSN) Interface Arrangement

An arrangement that provides the interface requirements that permit a Digital Data Service to interface with a Public Packet Switching Network packet switch located in a Telephone Company premises. The interface is compatible with X.25 and X.75 packet switching protocols as defined by the CCITT.

The table set forth in 15.2.1(F) following shows the technical specifications packages with which the optional features and functions are available.

(D) Public Packet Data Service Interface Arrangement

An arrangement that provides for the interface requirements that permit a Digital Data Service to interface with a Public Packet Data switch located in a Telephone Company premises. The interface is compatible with Frame Relay packet switching protocols. The interface is only available for 56.0 kbps and 64.0 kbps rates.

The table set forth in 15.2.1(F) following shows the technical specifications packages with which the optional features and functions are available.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.10 High Capacity Service

7.10.1 Basic Channel Description

A High Capacity channel is a channel for the transmission of nominal 64.0 Kbps* or 1.544, 3.152, 6.312, 44.736, or 274.176 Mbps isochronous serial data. The actual bit rate is a function of the channel interface selected by the customer. High Capacity channels are provided between customer designated premises or between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub or hubs. In addition, 1.544 Mbps and 44.736 Mbps High Capacity Service channels may be provided between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company designated DSL Access Service Connection Point.

The customer may provide the Network Channel Terminating Equipment associated with the High Capacity channel at the customer's premises.

A channel with technical specifications package HC1 will be capable of an error-free second performance of 98.75% over a continuous 24 hour period as measured at the 1.544 Mbps rate through a CSU equivalent which is designed, manufactured, and maintained to conform with the specifications contained in Technical Reference PUB 62411.

Rates and charges for Special Access High Capacity Service are as set forth in Section 20 following.

* Available only as a channel of a 1.544 Mbps facility to a Telephone Company Digital Data hub or as a cross connect of two 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 56.0 or 64.0 Kbps channels of two 1.544 Mbps facilities to a Digital Data hub(s). The customer must provide system and channel assignment data.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.10 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

7.10.2 Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel Interfaces

Technical Specifications Packages are set forth in 15.2.1(G) following. Compatible channel interfaces are set forth in 15.2.2(C)(7) following.

The following network channel interfaces (NCIs) define the bit rates that are available for a High Capacity channel:

NCI	Bit Rate
DS-15*	1.544 Mbps (DS1)
DS-27	274.176 Mbps (DS4)
DS-31	3.152 Mbps (DS1C)
DS-44	44.736 Mbps (DS3)
DS-63	6.312 Mbps (DS2)

7.10.3 Optional Features and Functions

(A) Automatic Loop Transfer

The Automatic Loop Transfer provides protection on a 1xN basis against failure of the facilities between a customer designated premises and the wire center serving that premises. Protection is furnished through the use of a switching arrangement that automatically switches to a spare channel line when a working line fails. The spare channel is not included as a part of the option. This option requires compatible equipment at both the serving wire center and the customer designated premises. The customer is responsible for providing the equipment at its designated premises. Equipment at the customer designated premises will be provided under tariff only if it existed in the Telephone Company inventory as of November 18, 1983.

* A 64.0 Kbps channel is available as a channel(s) of a 1.544 Mbps channel to a Telephone Company hub.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.10 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

(B) Transfer Arrangement

An arrangement that affords the customer an additional measure of flexibility in the use of their access channel(s). The arrangement can be utilized to transfer a leg of a Special Access Service to either a spare or working channel that terminates in either the same or a different customer designated premises. A key activated or dial-up control service is required to operate the transfer arrangement. A spare channel, if required, is not included as part of the option.

(C) Fractional T1 (FT1)

FT1 facilities are furnished for the transmission of isochronous bipolar serial data and are available at transmission rate groupings of N x 56 Kbps or N x 64Kbps where N equals 2, 4, or 6. FT1 channels are contiguous within the network and can be used to create a wideband circuit using customer provided equipment.

When N x 64 FT1 is ordered in conjunction with DS1 service for multiplexing purposes, the DS1 must have Clear Channel Capability

FT1 Service at a rate of N x 64 Kbps will only be provided where Clear Channel Capability is available in the network. Where Clear Channel Capability is not available, N x 56 Kbps service can be provided in lieu of N x 64Kbps.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.10 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

7.10.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(D) Central Office Multiplexing

(1) DS4 to DS1

An arrangement that converts a 274.176 Mbps channel to 168 DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

(2) DS3 to DS1

An arrangement that converts a 44.736 Mbps channel to 28 DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

(3) DS2 to DS1

An arrangement that converts a 6.312 Mbps channel to four DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

(4) DS1C to DS1

An arrangement that converts a 3.152 Mbps channel to two DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

(5) DS1 to Voice

An arrangement that converts a 1.544 Mbps channel to 24 channels for use with Voice Grade Services. A channel(s) of this DS1 to the Hub can also be used for a Digital Data Service.

(6) DS1 to DS0

An arrangement that converts a 1.544 Mbps channel to 23 64.0 Kbps channels utilizing digital time division multiplexing.

(7) DS0 to Subrate

An arrangement that converts a 64.0 Kbps channel to subspeeds of up to twenty 2.4 Kbps, ten 4.8 Kbps, or five 9.6 Kbps channels using digital time division multiplexing.

The table set forth in 15.2.1(G) following shows the technical specifications packages with which the optional features and functions are available.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.10 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

7.10.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(E) Clear Channel Capability (CCC)

(1) CCC is an arrangement that allows a customer to transport 1.536 Mbps information rate signals over a 1.544 Mbps High Capacity channel or over a 1.544 Mbps High Capacity channel derived from a multiplexed 44.736 Mbps High Capacity channel with no constraint on the quantity or sequence of one and zero bits. This arrangement requires the customer signal at the channel interface to conform to Bipolar with Eight Zero Substitution (B8ZS) line code as described in Technical Reference TR-NPL-000054 and Technical Reference TR-INS-000342.

(2) CCC is provided, subject to availability of facilities, on DS1/1.544 Mbps High Capacity channels between two customer designated premises and on multiplexed DS3/44.736 Mbps High Capacity channels or multiplexed DS1/1.544 Mbps High Capacity channels* between a Telephone Company hub office and a customer designated premises. The wire centers providing CCC are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, WIRE CENTER INFORMATION.

(3) The CCC optional feature may be ordered at the same time the High Capacity service is ordered or it may be ordered as an addition to an existing High Capacity Service. The customer must agree to out-of-service periods required to add this feature to an existing High Capacity Service. The charges for the CCC optional feature are as set forth in 7.2.2(C)(3) preceding.

* Available only on a DS1-to-Digital multiplexed configuration.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.10 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

7.10.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(F) Shared SONET Ring Interoffice Transport

(1) Shared SONET Ring Interoffice Transport (SSRIT) is a non-chargeable optional feature which provides interoffice transmission of a DS3 High Capacity Service over a SONET-based facility deployed in a ring configuration. Shared SONET Ring Interoffice Transport provides increased reliability and functionality using a self-healing ring topology designed to continually monitor service quality, detect any failure within the system, and automatically self-heal within 50 milliseconds around the point of failure by switching to a protect path to ensure the flow of services between locations within the self-healing ring.

(2) Shared SONET Ring Interoffice Transport is provided for the interoffice portion of DS3 High Capacity Service, subject to availability of SONET ring facilities. The wire centers offering Shared SONET Ring Interoffice Transport are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., WIRE CENTER INFORMATION, TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

(3) The Shared SONET Ring Interoffice Transport optional feature may be ordered at the same time the DS3 High Capacity service is ordered or it may be ordered as an addition to an existing DS3 High Capacity Service. The customer must agree to out-of-service periods required to add this feature to an existing DS3 High Capacity Service. The charges for the Shared SONET Ring Interoffice Transport optional feature are as set forth in 7.2.2.(C)(3) preceding.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.10 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

7.10.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(G) DSL Access Service Connection

(1) The DSL Access Service Connection function provides for the interconnection of a 1.544 Mbps or 44.736 Mbps High Capacity Service with ADSL Access Service as described in 8.1, following and Technical Reference ANSI T1.413-1998, and with SDSL Access Service as described in 8.2, following.

Rates and charges for the DSL Access Service Connection function are as set forth in Section 20, following. This function applies to each 1.544 Mbps or 44.736 Mbps High Capacity Service terminated at an DSL Access Service Connection Point.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.11 Synchronous Optical Channel Service

7.11.1 Basic Channel Description

A Synchronous Optical Channel Service channel provides dedicated transport utilizing Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) transmission standards. Synchronous Optical Channel Service provides optical network capability to customers requiring connections at transmission rates of 155.52 Mbps (OC3) and 622.08 Mbps (OC12). Synchronous Optical Channel Service is provided between two customer designated premises (CDP) through one or more Telephone Company wire centers or between a CDP and a wire center equipped for Add/Drop Multiplexing (ADM). In addition, customers at an ADM equipped wire center may add or drop bandwidth capacity from the synchronous optical channel for delivery to a customer designated premises, WATS office, Public Packet Data Network Service, or another wire center.

OC3/OC3c Synchronous Optical Channel Service may also be provided between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company designated DSL Access Service Connection Point.

Each channel will be configured with one working and one protect fiber pair within the same sheath between the CDP and the serving wire center of the CDP which provides redundancy to protect the customer's service. Should a failure occur, the SONET technology will automatically switch the customer's transmission to the dedicated protect fiber pair.

The customer may provide node and port equipment at the CDP which allows the high speed optical carrier channel to be converted to an electrical signal at a lower speed. The provision of such equipment by the customer is subject to compatibility with the Telephone Company's equipment in the serving wire center and must comply with the standards specified in GR-253-CORE.

The OC3 channel is available in a non-concatenated format (OC3) which provides three individual signals. The OC3 channel is also available in a concatenated format (OC3c) which provides a single signal appropriate for data transmissions.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.11 Synchronous Optical Channel Service (Cont'd)

7.11.1 Basic Channel Description (Cont'd)

A term discount is available for Synchronous Optical Channel Service rate elements and optional features and functions. The term discount period for any applicable DS3 Capacity Discount Plan with an associated Term Discount Plan must be reestablished or upgraded at the time of conversion to Synchronous Optical Channel Service. A term discount is only available from those Telephone Companies listed in Section 20 following. Section 7.2.8(B) preceding specifies the conditions under which a term discount is applicable.

Synchronous Optical Channel Service is available at the wire centers as identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

Rates and charges for Synchronous Optical Channel Service are as set forth in Section 20 following.

Any customer converting from an existing DS3 Capacity Discount Plan to Synchronous Optical Channel Service will not incur nonrecurring charges provided the conditions specified in 7.2.8(A)(2) preceding are met.

7.11.2 Network Channel Interfaces

Compatible channel interfaces for Synchronous Optical Channel Service are as set forth in 15.2.2(C)(8) following.

The following network channel interfaces (NCIs) define the bit rates that are available for a synchronous optical channel:

NCI	Bit Rate
FCF-B	155.52 Mbps (OC3, OC3c)
FCF-D	622.08 Mbps (OC12)

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.11 Synchronous Optical Channel Service (Cont'd)

7.11.3 Optional Features and Functions

(A) Customer Node

A Customer Node charge applies when the Telephone Company provides terminal equipment at the customer designated premises for termination of a Synchronous Optical Channel Service Channel Termination. Such equipment may be used to convert the signal from an optical to electrical format. The Customer Node charge is determined by the level of optical service (i.e., OC3, OC3c or OC12) delivered to the premises. Each Customer Node must be configured with one or more Customer Premises Ports.

Rates and charges for the Customer Node are as set forth in Section 20 following.

(B) Customer Premises Port

Customer Premises Port charges apply in conjunction with the Customer Node charge. Each Customer Premises Port provides the interface to derive a lower capacity service at the customer premises. The type and quantity of ports is determined by the customer and is based on the type of Customer Node selected and the number of DS1, DS3, STS-1 and/or OC3/OC3c channels ordered. Customer Premises Ports are available at the following speeds:

Customer Premises Port	Speed	
OC3, OC3c	155.52	Mbps
STS-1	51.84	Mbps
DS3	44.736	Mbps
DS1	1.544	Mbps

Rates and charges for the Customer Premises Port are as set forth in Section 20 following.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.11 Synchronous Optical Channel Service (Cont'd)

7.11.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(C) Add/Drop Multiplexing

An Add/Drop Multiplexing Central Office Port charge applies to the interface provided at a Telephone Company wire center for the purpose of adding or dropping lower capacity services from Synchronous Optical Channel Service Channel Termination or Channel Mileage transport facilities. Central Office Ports are available at the following speeds:

Central Office Port	Speed
OC3, OC3c	155.52 Mbps
DS3	44.736 Mbps
DS1	1.544 Mbps

OC12 service may only be multiplexed to OC3/OC3c channels.

When an OC3 channel is derived from an OC12 service and is further multiplexed to obtain DS3 service, a DS3 port charge will apply in addition to the OC3 port charge.

When a DS3 channel is derived from an OC3 service and is further multiplexed to obtain DS1 service, a DS3 to DS1 Multiplexing charge as set forth in Section 20 will apply in addition to the DS3 port charge.

When a DS1 channel is directly derived from an OC3 service, a DS1 port charge will apply.

When a DS1 channel is further multiplexed to a lower level signal, a DS1 to Voice Grade Multiplexing charge as set forth in Section 20 will also apply.

Rates and charges for the Central Office Port are as set forth in Section 20 following.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.11 Synchronous Optical Channel Service (Cont'd)

7.11.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(D) Shared SONET Ring Interoffice Transport

(1) Shared SONET Ring Interoffice Transport (SSRIT) is a non-chargeable optional feature which provides interoffice transmission of a Synchronous Optical Channel Service over a SONET-based facility deployed in a ring configuration. Shared SONET Ring Interoffice Transport provides increased reliability and functionality using a self-healing ring topology designed to continually monitor service quality, detect any failure within the system, and automatically self-heal within 50 milliseconds around the point of failure by switching to a protect path to ensure the flow of services between locations within the self-healing ring.

(2) Shared SONET Ring Interoffice Transport is provided for the interoffice portion of Synchronous Optical Channel Service, subject to availability of SONET ring facilities. The wire centers offering Shared SONET Ring Interoffice Transport are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., WIRE CENTER INFORMATION, TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

(3) The Shared SONET Ring Interoffice Transport optional feature may be ordered at the same time the Synchronous Optical Channel Service is ordered or it may be ordered as an addition to an existing Synchronous Optical Channel Service. The customer must agree to out-of-service periods required to add this feature to an existing Synchronous Optical Channel Service. The charges for the Shared SONET Ring Interoffice Transport optional feature are as set forth in 7.2.2.(C)(3) preceding.

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7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.11 Synchronous Optical Channel Service (Cont'd)

7.11.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(E) DSL Access Service Connection

(1) The DSL Access Service Connection function provides for the interconnection of an OC3 or OC3c Synchronous Optical Channel Service with ADSL Access Service as described in 8.1, following and Technical Reference ANSI T1.413-1998, and with SDSL Access Service as described in 8.2, following.

Rates and charges for the DSL Access Service Connection function are as set forth in Section 20, following. This function applies to each OC3 or OC3c Synchronous Optical Channel terminated at an DSL Access Service Connection Point.

7.12 Individual Case Filings

Certain services set forth in Special Access Service, Section 7. are provided on an Individual Case Basis. Rates and charges for Special Access Service provided on an Individual Case Basis are set forth in Section 20 following.

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8. ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS

8.1 Windstream's Enhanced Digital Subscriber Line Service

General

This section contains the rules and regulations pertaining to the provision of WINDSTREAM Digital Subscriber Line Services (DSL). Digital Subscriber Line Service provides a high-speed connection service over existing copper facilities, which are also used to provision customers' local exchange service. The regulations and rates specified herein are in addition to the applicable regulations and rates specified in other sections of this tariff.

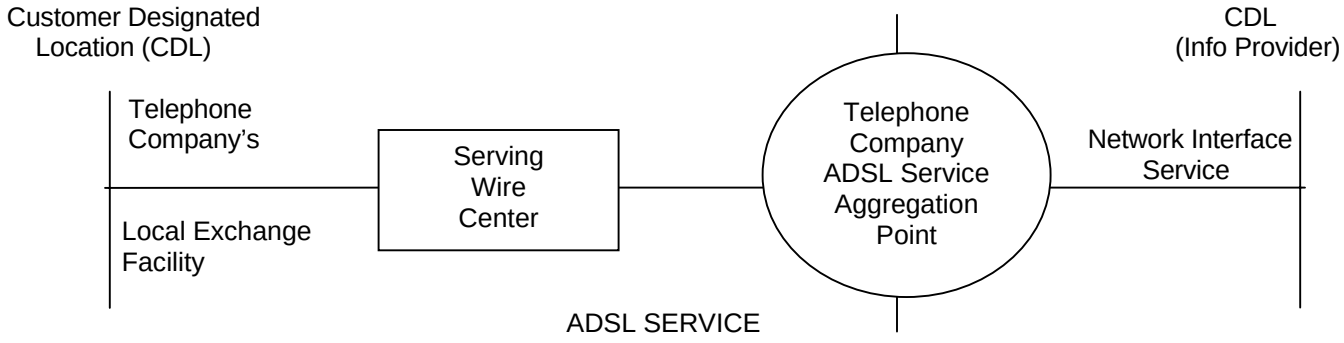
ADSL Service

(A) Service Description

Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line (ADSL) Service is an access data technology service offered in speed levels of 384 Kbps Down/384 Kbps Up, 768 Kbps Down/128 Kbps Up and 1.5 Mbps Down/512 Kbps Up. The "up" speeds represent "transmission speeds in kilobits", from the customer designated location (CDL) to the Telephone Company's ADSL Termination point, while the "down" speeds represent "transmission speeds in kilobits and megabits", from the Telephone Company's ADSL Termination point to the CDL. The Telephone Company will set the transmission speeds to the speed levels for the service package selected by the customer. The loop condition and distance from the CDL to the serving wire center can affect the transmission speeds. Depending on this distance, actual speeds set may be less than the transmission speeds set by the Telephone Company.

The Service Aggregation Connection (SAC) point is the service provider access point for service aggregation of multiple ADSL terminations. The Service Aggregation Connection point central office is the access point designated by the Telephone Company for connecting multiple Telephone Company serving wire centers of ADSL Terminations. Depending on the central office, the SAC is available at speed levels of DS1 and DS3 and network protocols of Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) and Inverse Multiplexing over ATM (IMA) at rates of nxDS1 (from 2xDS1 to 8xDS1) and DS3 ATM. All ADSL service must be provisioned between an ADSL Termination point and a SAC.

The following diagram depicts an ADSL configuration:



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8. ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS (Cont'd)

8.1 Windstream's Enhanced Digital Subscriber Line Service

General (Cont'd)

(B) Service Provisioning

ADSL Service is provisioned over existing Telephone Company copper facilities and transported to the Telephone Company's backbone network. ADSL Service provides a connection from the customer's designated location (CDL) to the ADSL Termination point.

Access from the Telephone Company's ADSL Termination point will be provided via a Service Aggregation Connection, where facilities permit. The SAC must be of sufficient bandwidth to support the maximum speed of the ADSL Service being provided. Service Aggregation Connections are available from this Section of the tariff. The associated regulations, rates and charges for such facilities shall apply in addition to the rates and charges associated with the ADSL Service rate element.

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8. ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS (Cont'd)

8.1 Windstream's Enhanced Digital Subscriber Line Service (Cont'd)

(B) Service Provisioning (Cont'd)

The Telephone Company will qualify the ADSL Service between the CDL and the serving wire center. The purpose of qualification is to determine the availability and suitability of existing Telephone Company copper facilities to provide the service. The Telephone Company will not provision this service on facilities which are not suitable for ADSL.

The Telephone Company does not undertake to originate data, but offers the use of its service components, where available, to customers for transporting customer-originated data.

A listing of the CDL host wire centers capable of providing ADSL Service is furnished in section 8.1(G) of this tariff. ADSL Service will be provided subject to the availability and limitations of Telephone Company wire centers and outside plant facilities and is only available where technical capabilities permit. Downstream and upstream data rates depend on a number of factors, including, but not limited to (1) the distance from the CDL to the serving wire center, (2) the type of copper facility (wire gauge) and (3) the physical plant.

A listing of wire centers that will serve as Service Aggregation Connection points is furnished in section 8.1(H) of this tariff. The Service Aggregation Connection point host listing includes the ADSL Service host wire centers served by each Service Aggregation Connection point host.

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8. ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS (Cont'd)

8.1 Windstream's Enhanced Digital Subscriber Line Service (Cont'd)

(C) Responsibility of the Telephone Company

The Telephone Company will provision and maintain ADSL Service and ADSL Service Aggregation Connection services for the customer up to and including the Network Interface Device (NID) .

The Telephone Company will advise the customer of the equipment necessary to support ADSL Service.

(D) Rights of the Telephone Company

The Telephone Company will not provision ADSL Service if the Telephone Company reasonably determines that (a) it is not technically feasible over existing facilities or (b) it will cause interference problems with existing services.

During the Telephone Company's network maintenance and software updates period, it may be necessary to place the ADSL wire center out of service. The Telephone Company reserves the right to temporarily interrupt ADSL Service at other times in emergency situations.

(E) Responsibility of the Customer

The customer is responsible for providing compatible customer provided equipment (CPE) that is used for connection to ADSL Service and Service Aggregation Connection.

The customer is responsible for providing the Telephone Company with the necessary information (e.g., Data Link Connection Identifier(s) (DLCI), Permanent Virtual Circuit (PVC) and/or Internet Protocol) to provision ADSL Service.

The Service Aggregation Connection customer ordering ADSL Service on behalf of its subscriber(s) must obtain a Letter of Authorization.

The Service Aggregation Connection customer will be responsible for obtaining permission from its subscriber(s) for the Telephone Company's agents or employees to enter the customer's designated location(s) at any reasonable hour for the purpose of installing, inspecting, repairing, or upon termination of the service, removing the service components of the Telephone Company.

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8. ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS (Cont'd)

8.1 Windstream's Enhanced Digital Subscriber Line Service (Cont'd)

(F) Rate Regulation

(1) General

(a) ADSL Service

ADSL Service arrangement is available as a 1 year Term.

ADSL Service is available in three service level packages, which are based on the "downstream and upstream" speeds chosen by the customer. The service level packages are Windstream FastNet, Windstream PlusNet and Windstream PowerNet. A customer may have multiple packages, however, the downstream and upstream speeds may not be substituted within a service level, as the packages are defined by the downstream and upstream speeds.

	Downstream	Upstream	Term Periods
Windstream FastNet	768 Kbps	128 Kbps	1yr
Windstream PlusNet	384 Kbps	384 Kbps	1yr
Windstream PowerNet	1.5 Mbps	512 Kbps	1yr

Data speeds set forth above are peak speeds. Actual speeds may be affected by loop distance and other factors, therefore, data speeds are not guaranteed.

The Telephone Company will provide sales, customer service, billing services and trouble and repair service directly to the Telephone Company's end users who purchase ADSL Service.

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8. ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS (Cont'd)

8.1 Windstream's Enhanced Digital Subscriber Line Service (Cont'd)

(F) Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

(1) General (Cont'd)

(a) ADSL Service Aggregation Connection (SAC)

The ADSL Service Aggregation Connection arrangement is available in a 1 year Plan. A nonrecurring charge for the installation and a monthly rate are applicable for all ADSL Service Aggregation Connection arrangements. These charges cover installation and activation of the service.

The Service Aggregation Connection provides for a User to Carrier connection for the purpose of aggregating ADSL Service. The Service Aggregation Connection provides the aggregation port at speeds of DS1, DS1 IMA (2xDS1, 3xDS1, 4xDS1, 5xDS1, 6xDS1, 7xDS1, 8xDS1) and DS3. The aggregation port is currently available using ATM Forum defined protocols.

Access arrangements for the port and facilities to connect the customer's designated location (CDL) to the service Aggregation Connection point are available under two scenarios, within the exchange and outside the exchange of Windstream.

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8. ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS (Cont'd)

8.1 Windstream's Enhanced Digital Subscriber Line Service (Cont'd)

(F) Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

(2) Rate Application

(a) ADSL Service

A Monthly Recurring Charge (MRC) is applicable for each ADSL Termination based on the service plan and term plan selected along with any associated fees and taxes. There is no Nonrecurring Charge (NRC) for Installation of ADSL Service.

(b) ADSL Service Aggregation Connection

A Monthly Recurring Charge and Non-Recurring Charge are applicable for each Service Aggregation Connection service selected. The Service Aggregation Connection charge is billed as follows:

1) If the customer's designated location (CDL) is in the same exchange as the service aggregation connection (SAC) and the CDL is less than or equal to one mile from the SAC, the arrangement is on an aggregated port/access option that includes the port and facilities to connect to the SAC. Port/access charges for SAC are found in section 20.4.9 (C)(1). If the customer's designated location (CDL) is in the same exchange as the service aggregation connection (SAC) and the CDL is more than one mile from the SAC, the arrangement is on a segregated port and access facilities basis. The access facilities charges including nonrecurring charges are available from Section 7 of this tariff. The customer must purchase a DS1 or DS3 channel termination and special transport, if applicable, from Section 7 of this tariff for the number of DS1 or DS3 ports selected. Port charges for SAC are found in section 20.4.9 (C)(1).

2) If the customer's designated location (CDL) is in a different exchange as the service aggregation connection (SAC), the arrangement is on a segregated port and access facilities basis to connect to the SAC. Access facilities charges including nonrecurring charges are found in Section 7 of this tariff. For each DS1 or DS3 port the customer must purchase a DS1 or DS3 channel termination and special transport from Section 7 of this tariff for the number of DS1 or DS3 ports selected (i.e., for 2 DS1 ports the customer must purchase two (2) Channel Terminations, special transport, plus two (2) nonrecurring installation charges. Port charges for SAC are found in section 20.4.9 (C)(1).

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8. ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS (Cont'd)

8.1 Windstream's Enhanced Digital Subscriber Line Service (Cont'd)

(F) Rate Regulations

(3) Service Rearrangements and Software Changes

A Service Rearrangement charge is applicable for service level (bandwidth) downgrades, i.e., FastNet to PlusNet, and for changing to a different Content Provider, i.e., Internet Service Provider (ISP). The customer may request multiple service rearrangements within one wire center on one order. A separate order is required for rearrangements on a per wire center basis. The Service Rearrangement charge applies on a per service rearrangement basis.

A customer may order bandwidth level changes subject to the following conditions:

- Both the existing and the new services are provided solely by the Telephone Company.
- The new service will be provided at the same customer location as the discontinued service.
- The monthly rates for the new service(s) and/or service elements will be those in effect at the time of the service change.

A nonrecurring charge applies for software changes such as remapping of Permanent Virtual Circuits (PVCs) and other software changes associated with ADSL Services. This charge applies on a per software change basis.

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8. ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS (Cont'd)

8.1 Windstream's Enhanced Digital Subscriber Line Service (Cont'd)

(F) Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

(4) Termination Liabilities

A) ADSL SERVICE:
The termination liability applies when a customer cancels its ADSL Service prior to the expiration of the commitment period. This termination liability would apply to the 1 year plan.

The customer will be liable for 50% of the payments remaining for the rest of the term commitment.

B) SERVICE AGGREGATION CONNECTION (SAC):
The termination liability applies when a customer cancels its SAC prior to the expiration of the commitment period. This termination liability would apply to the 1-year plan.

The customer will be liable for 50% of the payments remaining for the rest of the term commitment.

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8. ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS (Cont'd)

8.1 Windstream's Enhanced Digital Subscriber Line Service (Cont'd)

(G) ADSL WIRE CENTERS and IN-SERVICE DATES

State	Wire Center Name	CLLI Code	In-Service Date*
TX	Texarkana Main	TXRKTXXAD	4th Quarter 2001
TX	Texarkana West	TXRKTXXBD	4th Quarter 2001
TX	Texarkana 71N	TXRKTXXAD52	1st Quarter 2002
TX	Texarkana Cooks Lane	TXRKTXXBD50	1st Quarter 2002

NOTE: This schedule is subject to change.

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* ADSL Service is available in the wire centers listed, no later than the dates shown.

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8. ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS (Cont'd)

8.1 Windstream's Enhanced Digital Subscriber Line Service (Cont'd)

(H) ADSL WIRE CENTER AGGREGATION POINTS

State	Wire Center Name	CLLI Code	Aggregated Wire Centers *
TX	Texarkana Main	TXRKTXXAD	Texarkana Main Texarkana West Texarkana 71N Texarkana Cooks Lane

* The ADSL Wire Center and the ADSL Wire Center Aggregation Point will be the same unless otherwise listed in 8.1(H).

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9. Operator Services

Operator Services described in this Section will be provided to customers as an optional feature in conjunction with FGC, FGD, BSA-C or BSA-D Switched Access Services from Telephone Company Operator Service switching locations. Operator Services include Operator Transfer and Inward Operator Assistance functions which enable a customer to provide operator related services to their end users. A customer may order both Operator Transfer and Inward Assistance services or may order them individually.

9.1 General Description

9.1.1 Operator Transfer Service

Operator Transfer Service is an originating service that provides call routing of 0- (the digit 0 with no additional digits) interLATA calls to a participating customer as requested by the calling end user. Operator Transfer Service is provided when an end user dials "0" and is routed to the Telephone Company's operator requesting assistance in completing an interLATA call.

When a 0- call originates from an end office not converted to equal access, the operator will transfer the 0- call, via FGC or BSA-C, to AT&T. When a 0- call originates from an end office converted to equal access, the operator will ask the end user to identify the participating customer to which they desire to be connected. The operator will then transfer the 0- call, via FGD or BSA-D, along with Automatic Number Identification to the designated customer.

If the end user has no preference, or the identified customer has not subscribed to Operator Transfer Service, the end user will be asked to select from a list of participating customer. The list of participating Operator Transfer Service customers will be updated monthly. The order in which participating customers will appear on the list will be initially determined by use of a lottery. For each subsequent monthly update, following the initial selection, the customers in the first position will be moved to the last position on the list. All other customers will be moved up on position. New Operator Transfer Service customers will be placed at the bottom of the list of participating customers pending the next monthly update.

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9. Operator Services (Cont'd)

9.1 General Description (Cont'd)

9.1.2 Inward Operator Assistance

Inward Operator Assistance services provides for operator assistance on inward calls received from customer operators. Three Inward Operator Assistance functions are provided as follows:

(A)

Busy Line Verification - The Telephone Company operator, at the request of the customer's operator, will determine the status of an exchange service line (e.g., conversation in progress, available to receive a call, or out of service) and report the status to the customer's operator. The Telephone Company operator will not complete the call after performing Busy Line Verification. Only one telephone number per call will be handled by the operator.

(B)

Interrupt - The Telephone Company operator, at the request of the customer's operator, will interrupt conversation on a verified busy line and inform the called party that an attempt to place a call to that line is being made. The Telephone Company operator will not complete the call after performing Interrupt. Only one telephone number per call will be handled by the

(C) operator.

Operator Assistance - The Telephone Company operator will provide the customer with dialing

9.1.3 or routing assistance.

(A) Undertaking of the Telephone Company

The Telephone Company will provide Operator Service for call originating from end offices served by the Operator Service switching location. The Telephone Company will provide Inward Operator Assistance Services for calls associated with exchange service lines in end

(B) offices served by the Operator Service switching locations.

Operator Services will be provided over FGC, FGD, BSA-C or BSA-D switched service trunks, arranged for either one-way or two-way calling from the Operator Service switching location to the customer's premises. Where required by technical limitations, a separate FGC, FGD, BSA-C or BSA-D trunk will be established for Operator Service. Both Operator Transfer and Inward Assistance traffic may be combined on the same trunk group. The Operator Service switching location will provide trunk answer and disconnect supervisory signaling to the customer.

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9. Operator Services (Cont'd)

9.1 General Description (Cont'd)

9.1.3 Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(C) Operator Services will be provisioned in accordance with the technical specifications and requirements set forth in Section 6 preceding for FGC, FGD, BSA-C or BSA-D Switched Access Services.

9.1.4 Obligations of the Customer

(A) Operator Services are provided to all customers via FGD or BSA-D Switched Access Service for calls associated with end offices converted to equal access. Operator Services are provided for calls associated with end offices not converted to equal access via FGC or BSA-C Switched Access Service to AT&T only. Operator Service customers must order, if none exists, sufficient Switched Access trunking facilities between their premises and the Telephone Company designated Operator Service switching locations in accordance with the ordering requirements set forth in Section 5.1.2(A) preceding. If the customer has existing Switched Access Service trunks to the Operator Service switching location, additional capacity may only be required. The customer, at its premises, shall provide the necessary on-hook, off-hook

(B) answering supervision and disconnect supervision.

(C) Percentage of Interstate Usage (PIU) will be reported and determined as required in Section 6.5.5(H) preceding.

The customer shall indemnify and save the Telephone Company harmless against all claims that may arise from either party to call interrupted in the provisioning of Inward Service or any other person.

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9. Operator Services (Cont'd)

9.2 Rate Regulations

Rates and charges applicable to Operator Services are set forth in 20 following. In addition to the rates and charges applicable to Operator Services described in this Section, all nonrecurring charges associated with the ordering, installation, rearrangement and movement of FGC, FGD, BSA-C or BSA-D services as set forth in 6.5.4 and 6.8 preceding, as well as Access Order Charges set forth in 5.3 preceding, will apply.

9.2.1 Operator Transfer Service

(A) Operator Transfer Rate

The Operator Transfer Rate is assessed per 0- call transferred to a customer's operator. A 0- call is considered transferred when the Telephone Company operator activates the switch transferring the call to the designated customer.

(B) Switched Access Charges

Premium FGC, FGD, BSA-C or BSA-D Switched Access rates and charges as set forth in section 20, and Carrier Common Line Charges as set forth in 20 following will apply per minute of use for Operator Transfer Service.

9.2.2 Inward Operator Assistance Services

(A) Busy Line Verification and Interrupt Rates

Rates and charges for Busy Line Verification and Interrupt Service are specific to the inward call type. The charge for Busy Line Verification applies per verification attempt. The charge for Interrupt applies per call interruption attempted. The Operator Assistance charge applies per assistance request.

(B) Switched Access Charges

Switched Access Service per access minute charges do not apply to Inward Assistance Services. Recurring usage costs are included in the flat rate charges specified in (A) preceding.

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9. Operator Services (Cont'd)

9.3 Rates and Charges

Operator Service rates and charges as set forth in section 20, will apply only to the following Telephone Company jurisdictions:

Arkansas	Missouri
Contel of California	
Illinois	Texas
Indiana	Virginia
Iowa	

9.3.1 Operator Transfer Rate

- Per Call Transferred

9.3.2 Inward Operator Assistance Rates

- Busy Line Verification per attempt
- Interrupt per attempt
- Operator Assistance per request

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10. Special Federal Government Access Services

10.1 General

This section covers Special Access Services that are provided to a customer for use only by agencies or branches of the Federal Government and other users authorized by the Federal Government. Services provided to state emergency operations centers are included. These services provide for command and control communications, including communications for national security, emergency preparedness and presidential requirements. They are required to assure continuity of Government in emergency and crisis situations and to provide for national security.

Services for command and control communications and for national security and emergency preparedness sometimes require short notice and short duration service provisions. These provisions are especially needed to meet presidential requirements or in response to natural, man-made, or declared emergencies. Requirements of this type cannot be forecasted and are usually needed for a relatively short period. The provision of service under these conditions may require the availability of facilities, such as portable microwave equipment, which are provided on a temporary basis by the Telephone Company or customer.

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10. Special Federal Government Access Services (Cont'd)

10.2 Emergency Conditions

These services will be provided on the date requested or as soon as possible thereafter when the emergency falls into one of the following categories:

- State of crisis declared by the National Command Authorities (includes commitments made to the National Communications System in the "National Plan for Emergencies and Major Disasters").

- Efforts to protect endangered U.S. personnel or property both in the U.S. and abroad. (Includes space vehicle recovery and protection efforts.)

- Communications requirements resulting from hostile action, a major disaster or a major civil disturbance.

- The Director (Cabinet level) of a Federal department, Commander of a Unified/Specified Command, or head of a military department has certified that a communications requirement is so critical to the protection of life and property or to the National Defense that it must be processed immediately.

- Political unrest in foreign countries which affect the national interest.

- Presidential service.

10.3 Facility Availability

In order to insure communications during periods of emergency, the Telephone Company will, within the limits of good management, make available the necessary facilities to restore service in the event of damage or to provide temporary emergency service.

In order to meet the requirements of agencies or branches of the Federal Government, the Telephone Company may utilize Government-owned facilities, when necessary to provide service.

10.4 Federal Government Regulations

In accordance with Federal Government Regulations, all service provided to the Federal Government will be billed in arrears. However, this provision does not apply to other customers that obtain services under the provisions of this tariff to provide their services to the Federal Government.

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10. Special Federal Government Access Services (Cont'd)

10.5 Service Offerings to the Federal Government

The following unique services are provided to a customer for use only by agencies or branches of the Federal Government, other authorized users and state emergency operations centers. The rates and charges for these services shall be developed on an individual case basis and shall be consistent with the rates and charges for services offered in section 20 of this tariff.

10.5.1 Type and Description

(A) Voice Grade Special Access Services

(1) Voice Grade Secure Communications Type I

Approximate bandwidth of 10-50,000 Hz. Furnished for two-point secure communications on two-wire or four-wire metallic facilities between a customer designated premises and an end user's premises. Services are conditioned as follows:

T-3 Conditioning - The absolute loss (referenced to 1 milliwatt) with respect to frequency shall not exceed:

15 dB at 10 Hz
13 dB at 100 Hz
9 dB at 1,000 Hz
20 dB at 10,000 Hz
30 dB at 50,000 Hz

Additional conditioning (available in one or two directions on four-wire facilities only) to provide the following characteristics:

The absolute loss (referenced to one milliwatt) with respect to frequency shall not exceed:

0 dB at 1,000 Hz
± 1 dB between 1,000 Hz and 40,000 Hz
± 2 dB between 10 Hz and 50,000 Hz
(+ means more loss)

The net loss of the conditioned service (with or without additional conditioning) shall not vary by more than four dB at 1,000 Hz from the levels specified preceding. Voice frequency signaling or supervisory tones can be transmitted.

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10. Special Federal Government Access Services (Cont'd)

10.5 Service Offerings to the Federal Government (Cont'd)

10.5.1 Type and Description (Cont'd)

(A) Voice Grade Special Access Services (Cont'd)

(2) Voice Grade Secure Communications Type II

Approximate bandwidth 10-50,000 Hz. Furnished on four-wire metallic facilities for duplex operation for two-point secure communications between a customer designated premises and an end user's premises. Services are conditioned as follows:

G-1 Conditioning - The absolute loss with respect to frequency and the net loss variation shall be the same as Voice Grade Secure Communications Type I services without additional conditioning. Voice frequency signaling or supervisory tones can be transmitted.

(3) Voice Grade Secure Communications Type III

Approximate bandwidth 10-50,000 Hz. Furnished on four-wire metallic facilities for duplex operation for two-point secure communications between a customer designated premises and an end user's premises. Services are conditioned as follows:

G-2 Conditioning - The absolute loss with respect to frequency and the net loss variation from the customer designated premises to the end user's premises shall be the same as Voice Grade Secure Communications Type I services without additional conditioning; from the end user's premises to the customer designated premises shall be the same as Voice Grade Secure Communications Type I services with additional conditioning. Voice frequency signaling or supervisory tones can be transmitted.

(4) Voice Grade Secure Communications Type IV

Approximate bandwidth 10-50,000 Hz. Furnished on four-wire metallic facilities for duplex operation for two-point secure communication between two customer designated premises. Services are conditioned as follows:

G-3 Conditioning - The absolute loss with respect to frequency and the net loss variation shall be the same in both directions of transmission as Voice Grade Secure Communications Type I services with additional conditioning. Voice frequency signaling or supervisory tones can be transmitted.

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10. Special Federal Government Access Services (Cont'd)

10.5 Service Offerings to the Federal Government (Cont'd)

10.5.1 Type and Description (Cont'd)

(B) Wideband Digital Special Access Service

Service arrangements for secured communications to accommodate the transmission of binary digital baseband signals in a random polar format.

(1) Wideband Secure Communications Type I

For transmission at the rate of 18,750 bits per second.

(2) Wideband Secure Communications Type II

For transmission at the rate of 50,000 bits per second.

(3) Wideband Secure Communications Type III

To accommodate the transmission of restored polar two-level facsimile signals with a minimum signal element width of twenty micro-seconds at a rate of 50,000 bits per second.

To accommodate the transmission of binary digital baseband signals in a random polar format at the rate of 50,000 bits per second.

10.5.2 Mileage Application

Mileage, when used for rate application between the serving wire centers of two customer designated premises, shall be determined by the V and H Coordinates Method as set forth in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4 and administered as set forth in 7.2.5 preceding.

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10. Special Federal Government Access Services (Cont'd)

10.6 Rate Regulations

10.6.1 General

The rates and charges for special offerings to the Federal Government, are developed on an individual case basis and are set forth in Section 20 following.

10.6.2 Voice Grade Special Access

The provision of T-3 and G conditioned services contemplates station and tandem switching operations, using customer provided equipment, as well as Special Access Service. Separate narrowband or voice grade services, where required by the customer provided equipment or switching operation, are furnished in accordance with the applicable sections of this tariff.

10.6.3 Move Charges

(A) When a service without a termination charge associated with that service, as set forth in Section 20 following, is moved to a different building, the nonrecurring charge applies; when moved to a new location in the same building, a charge of one-half of the nonrecurring charge applies.

(B) When service with a termination charge associated with that service, as set forth in Section 20 following, is moved and reinstalled at a new location, the customer may elect:

- to pay the unexpired portion of the termination charge for the service, if any, with the application of a nonrecurring charge and the establishment of a new termination charge for such service at the new location, or

- to continue service subject to the unexpired portion of the termination charge, if any, and pay the estimated costs of moving such service, provided that the customer requests these charges be quoted prior to ordering the service move. Charges for moving such service will be based on estimated costs attributable to the move.

Move charges include the estimated costs of removal, restoration of services or facilities necessitated by the move, transportation, storage, reinstallation, engineering, labor, supervision, materials, administration, and any other specific items of cost directly attributable to the move.

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11. Special Facilities Routing of Access Services

11.1 Description

The services provided under this tariff are provided over such routes and facilities as the Telephone Company may elect. Special Facilities Routing is involved when, in order to comply with requirements specified by the customer, the Telephone Company provides Switched Access Service, Special Access Service or Special Federal Government Access Service in a manner which includes one or more of the following conditions:

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 Telephone Company.

Avoidance and Diversity are available on Switched Access Service as set forth in Section 6. preceding; Metallic, Telegraph Grade and Voice Grade Special Access Services as set forth respectively in 7.4, 7.5 and 7.6 preceding and Special Federal Government Access Services as set forth in 10.5 preceding. Cable-Only Facilities are available for Switched Access Service as set forth in Section 6. preceding; Voice Grade Special Access Services as set forth in 7.6 preceding and Special Federal Government Access Services as set forth in 10.5 preceding.

In order to avoid the compromise of special routing information, the Telephone 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 Section 20 following and are in addition to all other rates and charges that may be applicable for services provided under this tariff.

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12. Specialized Service or Arrangements

12.1 General

Specialized Service or Arrangements may be provided by the Telephone 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 Telephone Company in furnishing its other services.
- The requested service or arrangements are provided within a LATA.
- The requested service or arrangements are compatible with other Telephone Company services, facilities, and its engineering and maintenance practices.
- This offering is subject to the availability of the necessary Telephone Company personnel and capital resources.

12.2 Rates and Charges

Rates and charges and additional regulations, if applicable, for specialized service or arrangements provided on an individual case basis are filed following:

This service is now provided under general tariff rates for a three-year option in Section 7.11.5.
* The customer may switch to another rate plan without penalty.

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12.2 Specialized Service or Arrangements

Rates and Charges

Reserved for Future Use

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13. Miscellaneous Services

In this section normally scheduled working hours are an employee's scheduled work period in any given calendar day (e.g., 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) for the application of rates based on working hours. Basic Time is that time during normally scheduled working hours. Overtime is that time outside of normally scheduled working hours on scheduled working days. Premium Time is that time outside of normally scheduled working days.

A call-out of a Telephone Company employee at a time not consecutive with the employee's scheduled work period is subject to a minimum charge of four hours. Work subject to Premium Time is always subject to a minimum charge of four hours.

13.1 Additional Engineering

Additional Engineering will be provided by the Telephone Company at the request of the customer or when the Telephone Company determines that Additional Engineering is necessary to accommodate a customer's request.

Additional Engineering is provided when:

(A) A customer requests additional technical information beyond that normally included by the Telephone Company on the Design Layout Report (DLR) as set forth in 6.4(F) and 7.1.6.

(B) Additional engineering time is incurred by the Telephone Company to engineer a customer's specific written request for a customized service or additional engineering activities which are not normally performed in the provision of services under this tariff.

The Telephone Company will notify the customer that Additional Engineering charges, as set forth in 13.1.1 following, will apply before any additional engineering is undertaken. 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 Telephone 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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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.2 Additional Labor

Additional labor is that labor requested and authorized by the customer on a given service and agreed to by the Telephone Company as set forth in 13.2.1 through 13.2.5 following. The Telephone Company will notify the customer that additional labor charges as set forth in 13.2.7 following will apply before any additional labor is undertaken.

13.2.1 Overtime Installation

Overtime installation is that Telephone Company installation effort performed outside of normally scheduled working hours.

13.2.2 Overtime Repair

Overtime repair is that Telephone Company maintenance 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 Telephone Company personnel stand by to make installation acceptance tests or cooperative tests with a customer on a given service.

13.2.4 Maintenance with Other Telephone Companies

Additional labor charges apply to additional maintenance or repair of facilities which connect to facilities of other telephone companies. This is in addition to the normal efforts required to maintain or repair facilities provided solely by the Telephone Company, as set forth in 2.1.1(C).

13.2.5 Other Labor

Other labor is that additional labor not included in 13.2.1 through 13.2.4 preceding. This includes labor incurred to accommodate a specified customer request that involves only labor which is not covered by any other section of this tariff.

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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3 Maintenance of Service

(A) The customer will be responsible for reporting troubles sectionalized to Telephone Company facilities and/or equipment. When trouble cannot be clearly sectionalized to the Telephone Company facilities and/or equipment, the Telephone Company will test cooperatively or independently to assist in trouble sectionalization.

When a customer reports a trouble to the Telephone Company for clearance and no trouble is found in the Telephone Company's facilities, the customer shall be responsible for payment of a Maintenance of Service charge for the period of time from when Telephone Company personnel are dispatched to the customer's or customer's end user premises to when the work is completed. Failure of Telephone Company personnel to find trouble in Telephone Company facilities will result in no charge if the trouble is actually in those facilities, but not
(B) discovered at the time.

The customer shall be responsible for payment of a Maintenance of Service charge when the Telephone Company dispatches personnel to the customer's premises, and the trouble is in equipment or communications systems provided by other than the Telephone Company or in detariffed CPE provided by the Telephone Company.

In either (A) or (B) preceding, no credit allowance will be applicable for the interruption
(C) involved if the Maintenance of Service Charge applies.

The charge for Maintenance of Service are as follows:

Maintenance of Service Periods	Per Technician
Per occurrence	The charges for Maintenance of Service are the same as those set for Additional Labor as set forth in 20 preceding.

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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.4 Additional Testing

Testing Services provides for the use of a Telephone Company technician in performing specific tests authorized by the customer including additional testing of facilities which connect to facilities of other telephone companies. Testing Services offered under this section of the tariff are optional and are in addition to acceptance tests and in-service tests performed by the Telephone Company as described in 6.4 (G) and 7.1.7 preceding. Testing Services are made subject to the availability of the necessary qualified personnel and test equipment at the requested test locations.

Testing Services consist of Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing (ACAT) which is performed during installation of Access Services and Nonscheduled Testing (NST) which is performed after acceptance of Access Services by the customer. Rates and charges for Testing Service are set forth in 20 following.

(A) The Telephone Company will provide, upon request, documentation that lists the results of the tests performed. Trunk test failures requiring customer participation for trouble resolution will be provided to the customer on an as-occurs basis.

Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing

(1) Rates and charges for Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing of Switched and Special Access Services apply per technician used.

Switched Access Service

Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing (ACAT) of Switched Access Service is performed at the time of installation and involves the Telephone Company provision of a technician at its office(s) and the customer provides a technician at its premises, with suitable test equipment to perform the required tests. The Telephone Company may, at the request of the customer, supply a technician at the customer's premises to perform the required tests.

Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing may, for example, consist of the following tests:

- C-Notched Noise
- Impulse Noise
- Phase Jitter

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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.4 Additional Testing (Cont'd)

- Signal to C-Notched Noise Ratio
- Intermodulation Distortion (Nonlinear)
- Frequency Shift (Offset)
- Envelope Delay Distortion
- Dial Pulse Percent Break

(2) Special Access Service

When a customer provides a technician at its premises or at an end user's premises, with suitable test equipment to perform the requested tests, the Telephone Company may provide a technician at its office for the purpose of conducting Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing on Voice Grade Services at the time of installation. At the customer's request, the Telephone Company may provide a technician at the customer's premises or at the end user premises: These tests may, e.g., consist of the following:

- Attenuation Distortion (i.e., frequency response)
- Intermodulation Distortion (i.e., harmonic distortion)
- Phase Jitter
- Impulse Noise
- Envelope Delay Distortion
- Echo Control
- Frequency Shift

(B) Nonscheduled Testing

Nonscheduled tests are performed by the Telephone Company "on demand." When a customer provides a technician at its premises with suitable test equipment to perform the required tests, the Telephone Company may provide a technician at its office for the purpose of conducting Nonscheduled Testing of Switched or Special Access services. At the customer's request, the Telephone Company may provide a technician at the customer's premises. Nonscheduled tests may consist of any tests, e.g., loss, noise, slope, envelope delay, which the customer may require. Rates and charges for Nonscheduled Testing apply per technician used.

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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.5 Presubscription (Cont'd)

(E) Presubscription Charge

The nonrecurring charge for Presubscription will be applied as follows:

(1) Initial end user, end user agent and a local service provider who resells services (herein referred to as reseller) selection of a primary IC by ballot or appearing on an IC list will not incur a charge. The nonrecurring charge for Presubscription does not apply to any change in selection of a primary IC made prior to the equal access conversion date. After the end office equal access conversion date, for any change in the end user's, end user agent's or reseller's selection of a primary IC, a nonrecurring charge as set forth in (6) following will apply to the end user or agent.

(2) An allocated end user, end user agent or reseller may use the second ballot as described in (B) preceding or contact the Telephone Company to make an IC selection after allocation has taken place. There will be no charge for this selection if it is done within 6 months after the

(3) equal access conversion date.

Changes in an end user's, end user agent's or reseller's primary IC made as a result of the resolution of an end user, end user agent or reseller choice discrepancy, as set forth in (D) preceding, will not incur the nonrecurring charge provided the change is made within 6 months after the equal access conversion date.

Manual methods are personal interaction between a customer, or a person acting on behalf of a customer, and a Telephone Company employee; and also any facsimile or written submissions from a customer, or a person acting on behalf of a customer, to a Telephone Company service center.

Electronically processed orders are orders where the customer contacts the IXC that they want to switch to. In return, the IXC sends the LEC electronic files, which automatically updates which IXC the customer has chosen without human intervention.

The Telephone Company will make post conversion changes in the end user's, end user agent's or reseller's PIC assignment pursuant to an IC provided list of customers, accepted by the Telephone Company under conditions set forth in (C) and (D). Should an end user, end user agent, or reseller dispute authorization of the change within 90 days of the PIC assignment, and if the IC cannot produce a letter of agency of confirmation from the end user, end user agent or reseller, the Telephone Company will place the end user on the previous IC network where possible and the IC billed according to the following options:

If the IC has submitted a letter requesting the Telephone Company settle end user disputes without investigation, the IC will be charged two PIC change charges, in (6). One PIC change charge is for the change to the disputed IC and one is for placing the end user on their previous IC network or the IC network of their choice. By virtue of the IC's letter requesting no investigation, the Telephone Company will perform no investigation and will not accept nor request at a later date any letter of authorization regarding an end user's disputed assignment. This option does not apply to Pay telephones nor Coinless telephone lines. This option also does not relieve the IC of the conditions set forth in (C) and (D) preceding.

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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.5 Presubscription (Cont'd)

(E) Presubscription Charge (Cont'd)

(3) (Cont'd)

If the IC does not request in writing that end user PIC disputes be resolved without investigation as in the preceding paragraph, the IC will be billed one Unauthorized PIC charge, in 13.5(E)(7), for the change to the disputed IC and one PIC change charge, in 13.5(E)(6), for placing the end user on the IC network of their choice.

If the IC produces the letter of agency or confirmation of choice within 30 days of the Telephone Company request, the end user, end user agent or reseller will be billed two PIC change charges, in 13.5(E)(6) in lieu of charges to the IC. Charges are only applicable if a change in an end user's or end user agent's or reseller's IC selection has actually been implemented in the switch.

(4) An IC will be charged the Presubscription Charge if the IC submits a request for a change in an end user's, end user agent's or reseller's primary IC, the end user, end user agent or reseller disputes that request, and the IC is unable to produce a signed letter of agency from the end user, end user agent or reseller designating that IC as the end user's, end user agent's or reseller's primary IC. End users, end user agents or resellers will not be charged the Presubscription Charge for any changes made as a result of an error on the part of the IC or the Telephone Company.

An IC will also be charged the nonrecurring charge when it requests a change in the customer identification code assigned to an existing individual end user's service. This type of change does not require a change in the end user's primary IC, only a change in the type of service provided by the IC.

(5) If an IC elects to discontinue all of its Feature Group D or BSA-D service in the converting end office prior to the conversion date or within two years after the introduction of Feature Group D or BSA-D in the converting end office, the IC must notify in writing all end users, end user agents or resellers who have selected or been allocated to that IC, inform these end users, end user agents or resellers of the cancellation, request the end users, end user agents or resellers to select a new IC and state that the canceling IC will pay for the change charge. For a period of two years from the discontinuance of FGD or BSA-D service the Telephone Company will bill a canceling IC the nonrecurring charge as set forth in (6) following for each end user, end user agent or reseller the IC currently has designated to it.

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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.5 Presubscription (Cont'd)

(F) Balloting and Allocation Procedure for Pay Telephones

(1) An agent of Pay Telephone service may select and designate to the telephone company an IC for the routing of 0+ interLATA calls. This IC is referred to as the agent's primary IC.

(2) (Reserved for Future Use)

(3) The 1+ interLATA calls from a pay telephone will be handled by the agent's primary IC if the IC handles 1+ traffic, by a secondary service provider selected by an agent's primary IC, or by the default carrier if the agent's primary IC has made no arrangements for handling 1+ traffic from a pay telephone. If the agent's primary IC elects not to submit an order for its 1+ interLATA sent-paid traffic or fails to select a secondary service provider to handle its 1+ interLATA calls from the Telephone Company's pay telephones, the 1+ interLATA coin sent-paid traffic will continue to be routed to the existing 1+ default carrier (provided such carrier continues to accept it) until the 0+ carrier notifies the Telephone Company as set forth in Section 14.

(4) The Telephone Company will notify agents of Pay Telephones of the availability of equal access for Pay Telephone services through the mailing of an equal access ballot. The mailing of initial ballots will take place 90 days prior to end office conversion. Agents of Pay Telephones will be requested to return their respective ballot to the Telephone Company within 45 days after the mailing date.

(5) An IC obtaining service commitments from agents directly, must obtain signed authorization from those agents. The IC will be required to provide that authorization to the Telephone Company within 15 days of the Telephone Company's request for the resolution of disputes.

(6) Agents of Pay Telephones who have not made a primary IC selection, either through the payphone equal access ballot, or directly with an IC, will be sent a second ballot by the Telephone Company in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 13.5(B) preceding. Agents who do not return the second ballot by the specified due date will be presubscribed to the IC indicated on that ballot. Allocated agents will have six months after the date that presubscription of Pay Telephones is made available to change to an IC of their choice without charge.

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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.5 Presubscription (Cont'd)

(F) Balloting and Allocation Procedure for Pay Telephones (Cont'd)

(7) The Telephone Company will make post conversion changes in a Pay Telephone agent's PIC assignment pursuant to an IC provided list. Should an agent dispute authorization for an IC submitted change within 90 days of the PIC assignment to the IC, and if the IC cannot produce a letter of agency or confirmation of choice from the agent within 30 days of a request by the Telephone Company to do so, the Telephone Company will place the pay telephone on the agent's previously selected IC network. The IC will be billed one unauthorized PIC change charge in 13.5(E)(7) for the change to the disputed network and one nonrecurring charge in 13.5(E)(6) for returning the pay telephone to its originally selected IC network.

If the IC produces the letter of agency or confirmation of choice within 30 days of the request by the Telephone Company to do so, and if the service of the disputing agent has been switched back to its originally selected IC network, the agent will be billed two nonrecurring charges in 13.5(E)(6) in lieu of charges to the IC, one for the switch to the IC providing the letter of agency or confirmation of choice and one for the subsequent switch back to the agent's original IC.

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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.5 Presubscription (Cont'd)

(G) IC CIC Consolidation

IC requests to consolidate multiple CICs (Carrier Identification Codes) will be subject to an IC CIC Consolidation Charge. This charge is only assessed when all lines or trunks associated with the former CIC(s) are changed on a one-time realignment basis within the Telephone Company's databases at a nationwide level to a single existing CIC. Requests for an IC CIC Consolidation must be provided to the Telephone Company in writing, but no ASR Ordering Charge is applicable for this request.

The IC CIC Consolidation charge does not apply to normal PIC change activity, whereby carrier selection is changed and no consolidation of CICs occurs.

The Telephone Company will negotiate a due date for an IC CIC Consolidation with the IC. It is the sole responsibility of the IC to notify affected end users of the change.

If an IC elects to change a CIC due to surrendering a CIC to the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) Administrator for reassignment, the IC CIC Consolidation Charge will be waived. The waiver is applied only when the IC surrenders the CIC on a nationwide basis. Additionally, the CIC must be relinquished within ninety (90) days from the completed conversion date. Confirmation of relinquished code(s) must be in writing and come from the NANP Administrator.

Note: This charge is billed to an IC who requests customer CIC changes in order to consolidate multiple CICs provided that all lines or trunks associated with the former CIC(s) are changed at the same time to a single existing CIC.

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13. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES (Cont'd)

13.5 Presubscription (Cont'd)

13.5.1 End User/Agent Lists

(A) Presubscription Lists

Prior to conversion to equal access (i.e., introduction of FGD or BSA-D in an end office switch) an IC may request a list of the Telephone Company's end users and agents of record served from that end office switch. The Presubscription List will be provided as follows:

(1) The Telephone Company will provide a list from its customer data base. The list may be provided on magnetic tape, electronic transmission, or paper printout, at the option of the IC, at rates provided in 20. Foreign listings, PBX stations, CU Centrex stations and numbers not in service will not be provided.

(a) The Initial List will be provided to the IC no later than 30 days after receipt of the order and payment by the IC of charges in 13.5.2. The nonrecurring charge for the Initial List applies per state, per order. A single order may contain all end offices within a state having the same equal access conversion date. The telephone number will not be provided if an end user or

(b) agent has a nonpublished number.

(2) The Account Activity List, which includes a listing of all changes to the customer data base since the Initial List was produced, will be provided on a cyclic basis. The Account Activity List will only include information for those end users and agents that are presubcribed to the IC (including end users and agents with nonpublished numbers) for the sole purpose of updating the IC's customer account information. There is no charge for this list.

The IC agrees to use the Initial and Account Activity Lists for the sole purpose of either contacting potential customers/agents, or existing customers/agents, regarding interexchange telecommunications services available through equal access to be obtained from the Telephone Company or for the purpose of updating IC customer/agent account information. The IC agrees not to sell, or reproduce in any manner, in whole or in part, the lists or permit such to be done.

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13. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES (Cont'd)

13.5 Presubscription (Cont'd)

13.5.1 End User/Agent Lists (Cont'd)

(A) Presubscription Lists (Cont'd)

(3) The IC shall indemnify, protect and save harmless the Telephone Company from and against any and all loss, liability, damages and expense arising out of any demand, claim, suit or judgment for damages which may arise out of the Telephone Company's supplying of listing information, services or records.

(4)

The Telephone Company and the IC agree that the mutual objective of the parties is to conduct their respective businesses to avoid confusion by the end users and agents as to the separate and independent identity of the respective companies and their services. Neither the Telephone Company nor the IC shall make any representation to end users, the public, prospective advertisers, expressed or implied, written or oral, which would imply that the IC is

(5) the same as, a part of, or associated with the Telephone Company.

This service may be terminated by either the Telephone Company or the IC upon 30 days' written notice. The Telephone Company reserves the right to terminate this service immediately upon written notice if the IC misuses the list information. Performance by the Telephone Company shall be excused in the event of strike, riot, act of God or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the Telephone Company.

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13. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES (Cont'd)

13.5 Presubscription (Cont'd)

13.5.1 End User/Agent Lists (Cont'd)

(B) Allocation Lists

(1) The Telephone Company will provide to the IC, at no charge, a list of end users and agents that have been allocated to the IC as described in 13.5(B). This list will be provided after the Balloting and Allocation process occurs.

(2) A list of all end users and agents who have been allocated, in accordance with 13.5(B), will be available to an IC upon request. Charges in 13.5.2 will apply. The nonrecurring charge for the Allocation List applies each time the IC orders the service. A single order may contain all end offices within a state having the same equal access conversion date.

(C) Snapshot List

The Snapshot List is a summary of selected end user and agent information for specific ICs which reside in the Telephone Company customer data base. The Snapshot List may be provided on magnetic tape, electronic transmission, or paper printout, at the option of the IC, at rates provided in 20. Foreign listings, PBX stations, CU centrex stations and numbers not in service will not be provided.

The Snapshot List will be provided to the IC no later than 30 days after receipt of the order. The nonrecurring charge for the Snapshot List applies per state, per order.

The purpose, liability and objectives associated with the provision of the Snapshot List are in 13.5.1(A)(2), (3), (4) and (5).

(D)

Line Range Reports - Lines Not Available For Subscription
(USOC - OHB; OHC; OHD)

The Line Range Report provides information to the IC regarding a line or series of lines (telephone numbers) that are not available for subscription. The lines may be in a central office that has not been converted to equal access or may have services/equipment which make it not available for subscription.

The Line Range Report can be provided on a monthly basis as requested by the customer. Each monthly report provided will incur a nonrecurring charge as set forth in 13.5.2(C).

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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.6 Billing Name and Address Services

The Telephone Company will, upon request, provide Billing Name and Address Service (BNAS) to a Telecommunications Service Provider (customer), or its authorized billing and collection agent. Telecommunications Service Providers include interexchange carriers, operator service providers, enhanced service providers, and any other provider of interstate telecommunications services. There are three BNAS offerings available pursuant to this tariff, Per Call/Periodic BNA, Data Gathering Service (DGS), and End User Validation List.

13.6.1 Per Call/Periodic BNA and Data Gathering Service

Per Call/Periodic BNA is the billing name and address and Data Gathering is the billing telephone number, name, address and associated working telephone number information for customer provided ten digit end user telephone numbers required by the Telecommunications Service Provider customer to bill for calls placed within a specific time period. Per Call/Periodic BNA and DGS are offered subject to the following conditions:

A standard format for the receipt and provision of telephone number and billing name and address information will be established by the Telephone Company. Charges for each Per Call/Periodic BNA searched for and found or searched for and not found will be billed at rates in 20. Charges for each record accessed for DGS are set forth under 13.6.3(B). Per Call/Periodic BNA and DGS will be provided via magnetic tape, electronic transmission, or paper format, at the option of the customer, at rates in section 20 respectively. The processing fee will be applied on a per state basis, once per calendar year for BNAS processing done within that calendar year.

The customer must order Per Call/Periodic BNA or DGS and provide test data tape at least 30 days prior to delivery of the first customer order.

The frequency for receipt of the customer provided orders for Per Call/Periodic BNA or DGS will be no more than twice monthly and at intervals mutually agreed upon between the Telephone Company and the customer. The customer provided end user telephone numbers will be programmed by the Telephone Company with the proper end user's billing name and address contained in the Telephone Company's file at that time.

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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.6 Billing Name and Address Services (Cont'd)

13.6.1 Per Call/Periodic BNA and Data Gathering Service (Cont'd)

Per Call/Periodic BNA and DGS information for nonlisted/nonpublished end user telephone numbers will be provided unless the nonlisted/nonpublished end user provides written notice to the Telephone Company of nonconsent to the release of the BNA/DGS data. Within 30 days of receipt of such notice, the Telephone Company will discontinue disclosure of the end user's nonlisted/nonpublished BNA/DGS data.

For other than electronic transmission, the output records will be sent to the customer via first class U. S. Mail. The output records will normally be made available for mailing ten workdays after receipt of the customer order or at an interval mutually agreed upon. Availability may be delayed in case of input errors in the customer provided order.

The customer may request data be transmitted. Data transmission charges will be determined on an ICB. Data transmission hardware and software specifications will be mutually agreed upon by the Telephone Company and the customer.

Per Call/Periodic BNA and DGS detail will not be retained by the Telephone Company longer than 45 days. If the customer requests that the output be made available on a second occasion, such request must occur within 30 days from the date the first was made.

Any customer, provided Per Call/Periodic BNA or DGS pursuant to this tariff, agrees to abide by all applicable rules, decisions, orders, statutes and laws concerning the disclosure of published and nonpublished telephone numbers, and further agrees to use the information contained therein only for the purpose of billing for services provided to their end users.

In no case shall any customer or authorized billing and collection agent of a customer disclose the billing name and address information of any subscriber to any third party, except that a customer may disclose BNA/DGS information to its authorized billing and collection agent or to governmental law enforcement agencies.

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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.6 Billing Name and Address Services (Cont'd)

13.6.2 End User Validation List

End User Validation Lists provide for the disclosure of all or a portion of end user/agent data available from the Telephone Company's records, to a Telecommunications Service Provider (customer), for purposes other than billing, and in compliance with the conditions set forth in Part 64.1201(c)(1) of the FCC's Rules and Regulations. In addition, End User Validation List Service is offered subject to the following:

Standard End User Validation Lists will be provided in three (3) files, business, coin (semi-public and public paystations) and residence. Nonlisted/nonpublished information will be excluded, with the exception of nonlisted public paystations. The lists may be ordered on a national, multi-state or state level basis, at the option of the customer, for any of the Telephone Company's jurisdictions subject to this tariff, unless prohibited by federal regulation or federal statute. Rates for the standard End User Validation List are set forth under section 20.

Per calendar year, the customer may request up to two (2) lists per state for business, coin, and residence listings.

A standard format will be established by the Telephone Company. Requests for special list sorts will be limited to an end user list separating those that are presubscribed to the requesting customer, and/or those that are not. The rate, per record, applicable to special sorts is set forth under 13.6.3 (C).

Each request shall be treated as a new request. Requests for updates from previous lists will not be provided.

The customer shall have fifteen (15) business days from the date of delivery of a list to request any investigation of issues arising from the provision of the list.

End User Validation Lists will normally be provided to the customer within thirty calendar days after receipt of a request and within ten (10) business days of extraction, or at an interval mutually agreed upon. The administrative fee set forth under 13.6.3 (C) applies per request, whether ordered on a per state, multi-state, or national level.

In no case shall any customer or authorized billing and collection agent of a customer disclose the billing name and address information of any subscriber to any third party, except that a customer may disclose BNA information to its authorized billing and collection agent or to governmental law enforcement agencies.

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13. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES (Cont'd)

13.7 Denial/Restoral Service

The Telephone Company will, upon request, provide Denial/Restoral service to ICs for those end users that have designated the IC as their primary interexchange carrier.

(A) Denial/Restoral service provides for Telephone Company notification to an IC that an end user's local exchange service has been temporarily suspended due to non-payment of the end user's local exchange service. Subsequently, the Telephone Company will provide notification to the IC if the end user's service has been restored from temporary suspension.

(B) Notification shall be provided via the Customer Account Record Exchange electronic interface.

(C) The IC agrees to abide by all applicable rules, decisions, orders, statutes and laws concerning the disclosure of published and nonpublished telephone numbers, and further agrees to use the information provided by Denial/Restoral service only for the purposes of billing services provided to their end users.

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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.8 Telecommunications Service Priority

13.8.1 General

The Telephone Company will arrange a Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) installation and service restoration classification on receipt of certification in conformance with Part 64, Subpart D, Appendix A of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations.

The TSP System is a service, developed to meet the requirements of the Federal Government, for the priority installation and/or restoration of NSEP telecommunications services. These include both Switched and Special Access Services. The TSP System applies only to NSEP telecommunications services and requires and authorizes priority action by the Telephone Company.

The TSP System 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" (NCS) H 3-1-2 dated July 9, 1990 and "Telecommunications Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Service User Manual" (NCS) M 3-1-1.

13.8.2 Priority Installation

Expedited order charges, as set forth in Section 5.3.1.(D), are applicable to access orders submitted with a TSP installation priority. Access orders requiring the special construction of facilities will be subject to the regulations, rates and charges of Valor Tariff F.C.C. No. 2, Special Construction.

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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.8 Telecommunications Service Priority (Cont'd)

13.8.3 Priority Restoration

(A) New orders with priority level assignments will be provisioned in accordance with the guidelines established for TSP. The Telephone Company will not accept orders for new Restoration Priority System (RP) circuits after September 10, 1990. Applications for circuits previously provisioned under RP must be resubmitted for provisioning in accordance with the guidelines established for TSP during the 30-month transition period between September 10, 1990 through March 10, 1993. The Nonrecurring Charge as set forth in 13.13.4(B) will apply to RP orders resubmitted for provisioning under the TSP System. After the transition period, the Telephone Company will discontinue any RP assignments remaining on record.

(B) Under certain conditions it may be necessary to preempt one or more customer services with a lower or no restoration priority in order to install or restore NSEP telecommunications service(s) of a higher priority. If such preemption is necessary, and if circumstances permit, the Telephone Company will make reasonable effort to notify the preempted service customer

(C) of the action to be taken.

No additional charge applies to the implementation of a Priority Restoration level submitted concurrent with the initial order to install the Switched or Special Access Service. The nonrecurring charge set forth in 13.13.4(B) following will apply to any request to change or add a Priority Restoration level on an existing Switched or Special Access Service.

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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.9 International Blocking Service

The Telephone Company, upon request, will provide end office blocking of only end user direct dialed 011+ and 101XXXX+011+ calls from an end user's location. This optional service is offered on a per line basis where facilities permit and is available for use with local business exchange service offered in the Telephone Company's general or local exchange tariff.

13.10 Service Access Code 900 Blocking

Service Access Code 900 Blocking provides for the blocking of all calls originated to the 900 service access code. The service is provided upon request where facilities permit and is provided free of charge to customers for the first blocking request. For 900 blocking requests after the first request a nonrecurring charge is applicable per telephone number blocked. Customer requests to remove 900 blocking, i.e., to unblock the service must be in writing. There is no charge for unblocking.

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13. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES (Cont'd)

13.11 Selective Class of Call Screening (SCOCS)

(A) Selective Class of Call Screening is an optional service available, where facilities permit, in Telephone Company electronic end offices. This service restricts outgoing 1+, 0+ and 0- calls placed over the Telephone Company's network, to only those calls which are charged to a number other than the originating number, i.e., collect, third number billed or Calling Card. Selective Class of Call Screening is available for use with line side General Exchange Tariff services that are provided for the provision of telecommunication services to transient members of the public.

The customer will specify, at the time of the order, the restriction or restrictions desired. The customer may specify any combination of the following to restrict the billing of outgoing toll calls to:

- A Credit Card
- A Third Number
- Collect to the Called Number

Option 1

An outgoing 1+ call will not be permitted unless the end user makes arrangements to have the call billed to a called telephone number (Collect), a third number or a Calling Card account.

Option 2

An outgoing 0+ or 0- call will not be permitted unless the end user makes arrangements to have the call billed to a called telephone number (Collect), a third number or a Calling Card account.

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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.12 Miscellaneous Equipment

(A) Controller Arrangement

This arrangement enables the customer to control up to 413 transfer functions at a Telephone Company central office via a remote keyboard terminal capable of either 300 or 1200 bps operation. Included as part of the Controller Arrangement is a dial-up data station located at the Telephone company Central office to provide access to the Controller Arrangement. This dial-up data station consists of 212A DATAPHONE data set and an appropriate Telephone Company provided channel.

The Controller Arrangement must be located in the same Telephone Company central office as the transfer functions which it controls.

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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.13 Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Line Port

End users subscribing to Integrated Services Digital Network-Basic Rate Interface (ISDN BRI) and Integrated Services Digital Network-Primary Rate Interface (ISDN PRI) will be assessed an ISDN Line Port Charge.

When end user ISDN BRI or ISDN PRI is provided by a local service provider that resells local service (reseller), the reseller will be assessed the ISDN Line Port charge.

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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.14 Service Provider Number Portability Fee

The Service Provider Number Portability (SPNP) Fee recovers the costs of implementing long-term number portability. The SPNP Fee shall be assessed to each end user in the 100 largest Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and each end user served from a number-portability-capable wire center outside the 100 largest MSAs with the following exceptions.

- Each PBX Trunk shall be assessed nine (9) monthly SPNP Fees as calculated below
- Each ISDN PRI arrangement shall be assessed five (5) monthly SPNP Fees as calculated below
- Lifeline customers shall not be assessed the SPNP Fee

The SPNP Fee shall also be assessed to carriers that purchase Telephone Company unbundled switching ports and resellers of the Telephone Company's local service.

The Telephone Company shall recover the SPNP Fee for a five-year period from initial billing implementation date of March 10, 1999 with the following exception.

- Not applicable in Texas until July, 1999.

SPNP Monthly Rate Per Line	SPNP Monthly Rate Per PBX Trunk	SPNP Monthly Rate Per ISDN PRI Arrangement
$.36	$3.24	$1.130

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13. Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.15 Payphone-Specific Coding Digits

The Telephone Company will equip local exchange telephone lines ordered by Payphone Service Providers (PSPs) from the Telephone Company's general and/or local exchange tariff with the capability to transmit three (3) payphone specific coding digits. The digits which will be transmitted to the Interexchange Carrier are: 27 for pay telephones requiring central office supervision, 29 for prison/inmate pay telephones, and 70 for pay telephones not requiring central office supervision. These digits will be transmitted via Flexible Automatic Number Identification (Flex ANI) to Interexchange Carriers who have trunks equipped with the Flex ANI optional feature. The Interexchange Carriers will use this information to compensate the PSPs for subscriber 1300 series calls, dial-around access code calls (e.g., 101XXXX) and any other calls placed from pay telephones and deemed compensable by the FCC.

The Telephone Company will apply a monthly Payphone-Specific Coding Digits Service charge to each pay telephone service line. This charge recovers the initial costs of deploying the Flex ANI capability and will be assessed for a thirty-six month period beginning in September 1, 1999.

13.16 Universal Service Fund Charge

The Universal Service Fund (USF) charge provides for affordable local telephone service for all customers and provides a discount to schools, libraries and low-income families. The USF charge, as shown in this section of the tariff, shall be assessed to customers that are billed end user common line charges. The USF charge will not be assessed to Lifeline customers.

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14. Exceptions to Access Service Offerings

The service offered under the provisions of this tariff are subject to availability as set forth in 2.1.4 preceding. In addition, the following exceptions apply:

(Paragraphs 13.1 through 13.5 following are reserved for future listing. In the meantime, in planning an end-to-end service, the customer should contact the Telephone Company in each customer premises city to assure itself that all of the service or service components required for a given customer service are currently available).

14.1 The following service(s) is (are) not offered in the operating territory of listed Issuing Carriers.

(Reserved for future use.)

14.2 The following offering(s) is (are) limited to existing locations. No inside moves, rearrangements or additions will be permitted.

(Reserved for future use.)

14.3 The following offering(s) is (are) limited to existing locations. Inside moves or rearrangements may be undertaken. However, no additions will be permitted.

(Reserved for future use.)

14.4 The following offering(s) is (are) limited to existing locations where additional units may be added for growth. Inside moves or rearrangements may be undertaken.

(Reserved for future use.)

14.5 The following offering(s) is (are) limited to existing locations where additional units may be added for growth. However inside moves or rearrangements will not be permitted.

(Reserved for future use.)

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications

15.1 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 15.1.1 following.

As a result of the customer's access order and the type of Telephone 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 Telephone Company equipment be placed at the customer designated premises. For example, if a voice frequency interface is ordered by the customer and the Telephone Company facilities serving the customer designated premises are digital, then Telephone Company channel bank equipment must be placed at the customer designated premises in order to provide the voice frequency interface ordered by the customer.

15.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups

Interface Groups are combinations of technical parameters which describe the Telephone 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 15.1.2(C) following, and Interface Groups 2 through 10 are provided with Type A or B Transmission Specifications, as set forth respectively in 15.1.2(E) and (F) 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.

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.1 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 FGC and FGD when the first point of switching is an access tandem. In addition, Interface Group 1 is not provided in association with FGB, FGC 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, FGC or FGD, such signaling, except for two-way calling which is E&M signaling, will be reverse battery signaling.

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15.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)

(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 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 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, FGC or FGD, such signaling, except for two-way calling which is E&M signaling, will be reverse battery signaling.

(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 Telephone Company use, e.g., pilot and carrier group alarm tones. Before the first point of switching, the Telephone 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 Identification No.	Transmission Frequency Bandwidth	Analog Hierarchy Level	Maximum No. of Channelized Voice Freq. Trans. Paths
3	60 - 108 kHz	Group	12
4	312 - 552 kHz	Supergroup	60
5	564 - 3084 kHz	Mastergroup	600

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15.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)

(D) Interface Groups 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 in section 20 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 Telephone 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 Telephone Company will provide, a DS1 signal(s) in D3/D4 format.

The interfaces are provided with individual transmission path bit stream supervisory signaling.

Interface Group Identification No.	Nominal Bit Rate (Mbps)	Digital Hierarchy Level	Max. 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

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15.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)

(E) Local Transport Optional Features

Where transmission facilities permit, the Telephone Company will, at the option of the customer, provide the following features in association with Local Transport. An Access Order Charge as specified in Section 20 following is applicable on a per order basis when nonchargeable optional features are added subsequent to the installation of service (with the exception of the addition of 64 Clear Channel Capability to an existing service).

When the 64 Clear Channel Capability optional feature is installed on an existing facility, the addition will be treated as a discontinuance and start of service and all associated nonrecurring charges will apply.

- 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 described in Technical Reference GR-334-CORE. This feature is available with Interface Groups 2 through 10 for Feature Groups A and B.

- Customer Specification of Local Transport Termination

  Customer Specification of Local 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 Local Transport at the first point of switching in lieu of a Telephone Company selected two-wire termination. This option is available only when the Feature Group B arrangement is provided with Type B Transmission Specifications.

- 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.

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)

(E) Local Transport Optional Features (Cont'd)

- 64 Clear Channel Capability

64 Clear Channel Capability allows the customer to transport voice or data signals over a 64 Kbps channel with no constraints on the quantity or sequence of ones and zero bits. This option employs the Bipolar 8 Zero Suppression (B8ZS) technique to permit customers to use the full 64 Kpbs bandwidth of a DS0 channel. It is only available in suitably equipped electronic end offices as identified in WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS SOUTHWEST TARIFF NO. 4. 64 Clear Channel Capability, as described in Technical Reference GR-334-CORE, is available with Interface Groups 6 and 9 for Feature Groups C and D with Signaling System 7 (SS&) signaling.

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 the signaling arrangements standardly associated with the Interface Groups.

- For Interface Groups 1 and 2 associated with FGB, FGC 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, FGC 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 Telephone 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.

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)

(E) Local Transport Optional Features (Cont'd)

These optional Supervisory Signaling arrangements not available in combination with the SS7 optional feature as described in 6.8.2(C)(2) preceding.

Additionally, in (F) following, there is a matrix of available Premises Interface Codes as a function of Interface Group, Telephone 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 Telephone Company switch supervisory signaling and Feature Group. For explanations of these codes, see the Parameter Codes and Options as set forth in 15.2.2(A) following.

Interface Group	Telephone Company Switch Supervisory Signaling	Premises Interface Code	Feature Group A	B	C	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	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4EA3-E		X	X	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4EA3-M		X	X	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	6EB3-E		X	X	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	6EB3-M		X	X	X
	EA, EB, EC	6EC3			X	X
	RV	2RV3-0		X	X	X
	RV	2RV3-T		X	X	X
	SS7	2NO2			X	X
2	LO, GO	4SF2	X			
	LO, GO	4SF3	X			
	LO	4LS2	X			
	LO	4LS3	X			
	LO	6LS2	X			

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15.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)

(F) Available Premises Interface Codes (Cont'd)

Interface Group	Telephone Company Switch Supervisory Signaling	Premises Interface Code	Feature Group A	B	C	D
2 (Cont'd)	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	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4SF3		X		
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DX2		X	X	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DX3		X		
	RV, EA, EB, EC	6DX2		X		
	RV, EA, EB, EC	6EA2-E		X	X	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	6EA2-M		X	X	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	8EB2-E		X	X	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	8EB2-M		X	X	X
	EA, EB, EC	8EC2-M			X	X
	RV	4RV2-O		X	X	X
	RV	4RV2-T		X	X	X
	RV	4RV3-O		X	X	X
	RV	4RV3-T		X	X	X
	SS7	4NO2			X	X
3	LO, GO	4AH5-B	X			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4AH5-B		X	X	X
	SS7	4AH5-B			X	X
4	LO, GO	4AH6-C	X			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4AH6-C		X	X	X
	SS7	4AH6-C			X	X
5	LO, GO	4AH6-D	X			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4AH6-D		X	X	X
	SS7	4AH6-D			X	X

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15.1.1 Local Transport Interface Groups (Cont'd)

(F) Available Premises Interface Codes (Cont'd)

Interface Group	Telephone Company Switch Supervisory Signaling	Premises Interface Code	Feature Group A	B	C	D
6	LO, GO	4DS9-15	X			
	LO, GO	4DS9-15L		X		
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS9-15	X	X	X	
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS9-15L	X	X	X	
	SS74DS9-15			X	X	
7	LO, GO	4DS9-31	X			
	LO, GO	4DS9-31L	X			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS9-31		X	X	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS9-31L		X	X	X
	SS7	4DS9-31			X	X
8	LO, GO	4DS0-63	X			
	LO, GO	4DS0-63L	X			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS0-63		X	X	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS0-63L		X	X	X
	SS7	4DS0-63			X	X
9	LO, GO	4DS6-44	X			
	LO, GO	4DS6-44L	X			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS6-44		X	X	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS6-44L		X	X	X
	SS7	4DS6-44			X	X
10	LO, GO	4DS6-27	X			
	LO, GO	4DS6-27L	X			
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS6-27		X	X	X
	RV, EA, EB, EC	4DS6-27L		X	X	X
	SS7	4DS6-27			X	X

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.2 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 the these Standard Transmission Specifications and the two Data Transmission Parameters mentioned are set forth respectively in (E) through (G) and 15.1.3(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.

(B) Feature Group B

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 Group 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.

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.2 Standard Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(C) Feature Group C

FGC is provided with either Type B or Type C Transmission Specifications as follows:

- When routed directly to the end office either Type B or Type C is provided.

- When routed to an access tandem only Type B is provided.

- Type B or Type C is provided on the transmission path from the access tandem to the end office.

Type C Transmission Specifications are provided with Interface Group 1 when routed directly to an end office. Type B is provided with Interface Groups 2 through 10, whether routed directly to an end office or to an access tandem.

Type DB Data Transmission Parameters are provided with FGC for the transmission path between the customer designated premises and the end office when directly routed to the end office, and between the customer designated premises and the access tandem and between the access tandem and the end office when routed via an access tandem.

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.2 Standard Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(D) 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 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.

(E) 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 dB to +3.0 dB.

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15.1.2 Standard Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(E) 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:

Route Miles	C-Message Noise
less than 50	32 dBrnCO
51 to 100	34 dBrnCO
101 to 200	37 dBrnCO
201 to 400	40 dBrnCO
401 to 1000	42 dBrnCO

(4) C-Notch Noise

The maximum C-Notch Noise, utilizing a -16 dBmO holding tone, is less than or equal to 45 dBrnCO.

(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:

	Echo Return Loss	Singing Return Loss
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:

Echo Return Loss	Singing Return Loss
5 dB	2.5 dB

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15.1.2 Standard Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(F) 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.

(3) C-Message Noise

The maximum C-Message Noise for the transmission path at the route miles listed is less than or equal to:

	C-Message Noise*	
Route Miles	Type B1	Type B2
less than 50	32 dBrnCO	35 dBrnCO
51 to 100	33 dBrnCO	37 dBrnCO
101 to 200	35 dBrnCO	40 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 dBm0 holding tone is less than or equal to 47 dBrnCO.

* For Feature Groups C and D only Type B2 will be provided. For Feature Groups A and B, Type B1 or B2 will be provided as set forth in Technical Reference GR-334-CORE.

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.2 Standard Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(F) Type B Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(5) Echo Control

Echo Control, identified as Impedance Balance for FGA and FGB and Equal Level Echo Path Loss for FGC and 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:

	Echo Return Loss	Singing Return Loss
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
For FGC access (Effective 4-Wire transmission path at end office)	16 dB	11 dB
For FGC access (Effective 2-Wire transmission path at end office)	13 dB	6 dB

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15.1.2 Standard Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(F) Type B Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(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:

Echo Return Loss	Singing Return Loss
5 dB	2.5 dB

(G) 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.

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15.1.2 Standard Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(G) Type C 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:

	C-Message Noise*	
Route Miles	Type C1	Type C2
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 dBm0 holding tone is less than or equal to 47 dBrnCO.

* For Feature Groups C and D only Type C2 will be provided. For Feature Groups A and B, Type C1 or C2 will be provided as set forth in Technical Reference GR-334-CORE.

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15.1.2 Standard Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(G) Type C Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(5) Echo Control

Echo Control, identified 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:

	Echo Return Loss	Singing Return Loss
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

15.1.3 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, B and C 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.

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15.1.3 Data Transmission Parameters (Cont'd)

(A) Data Transmission Parameters Type DA (Cont'd)

(2) Envelope Delay Distortion

The maximum Envelope Delay Distortion for the frequency bands and route miles specified is:

604 to 2804 Hz

less than 50 route miles	500 microseconds
equal to or greater than 50 route miles	900 microseconds

1004 to 2404 Hz

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 dBrnCO 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 5^{o} peak-to-peak.

(6) Frequency Shift

The maximum Frequency Shift does not exceed
2 to +2 Hz.

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15.1.3 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:

604 to 2804 Hz

less than 50 route miles	800 microseconds
equal to or greater than 50 route miles	1000 microseconds

1004 to 2404 Hz

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 dBrnCO 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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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service

This section explains and lists the codes that the customer must specify when ordering Special Access Service, Switched Access Entrance Facilities, and Voice Grade and High Capacity Direct Trunked Transport. These codes provide a standardized means to relate the services being ordered to Switched Access Service and Special Access Service offerings contained in Sections 6 and 7 preceding.

When ordering, the type of Special Access Service or Switched Access Entrance Facility or Direct Trunked Transport is described by two code sets, the Network Channel (NC) code and the Network Channel Interface (NCI) codes.

The Network Channel (NC) code consists of two elements. Element one is a Channel Service Code (character positions 1 and 2) that describes the channel service type in an abbreviated form. Element two is an Optional Feature Code (character positions 3 and 4) that identifies option codes available for each channel service code, such as C-conditioning or Improved Return Loss.

The Network Channel Interface (NCI) is used to identify interface specifications associated with a particular channel. This code describes the total wires, protocol, impedance, protocol options and transmission level point(s) reflecting physical and electrical characteristics between the Telephone Company and the customer.

On the following 3 pages are examples which explain the specific characters of the codes and which reference matrices and charts used in developing the codes. Included in the matrices are Service Designator (SD) codes which are used to identify variations of service within service types (e.g., TG1 = Telegraph). The SD and NC codes are displayed as components of the matrices designated as Technical Specifications packages in (A) through (G) following. Through the use of these matrices, SD codes may be converted to NC codes for service ordering purposes.

A chart is also provided in 15.2.2(A) following which contains information necessary to develop NCI codes.

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Comprehensive lists of allowed Network Channel (NC) and Network Channel Interface (NCI) codes are contained in Special Report SR-STS-000307. However, not all services contained in this Special Report may be offered by the Telephone Company at this time.

Lastly, 15.2.2(C) following provides a list of compatible Network Channel Interfaces inasmuch as the Network Channel Interfaces associated with a given service need not always be the same, but all must be compatible.

Example No. 1: If the customer wishes to order a 4-wire voice grade circuit with 600 Ohms impedance, capable of data transmission, and with improved return loss, the customer might specify the following:

NC	NCI	SECNCI
LG-R	04DB2	04DA2-S

NC Code:
- LG = Voice Grade Channel Service, VG6
- -R = Improved Return Loss

NCI Code:
- 04 = Number of physical wires at CDP
- DB = Data stream in VF frequency band at the customer designated main terminal location
- 2 = 600 Ohms impedance

SECNCI (Secondary NCI Code):
- 04 = Number of physical wires at CDP
- DA = Data stream in VG frequency at the customer designated secondary terminal location
- 2 = 600 Ohms impedance
- S = Sealing current option for 4-wire transmission

In the above example the NCI (Network Channel Interface) code is the interface requested at the customer's POT (Point of Termination) and the SECNCI (Secondary Network Channel Interface) code represents the interface at the end office serving the End User.

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Example No. 2: If the customer wishes to order a FX circuit to a station, with 600 Ohms impedance, loop start signaling, which is 4-wire at the CDP and 2-wire at the end-user, the customer might specify:

NC	NCI	SECNCI
LC--	04LO2	02LS2

NC Code:
- LC = Voice Grade Channel Service, VG2
- -- = No Optional Features

NCI Code:
- 04 = Number of physical wires at CDP
- LO = Loop start, loop signaling - open end
- 2 = 600 Ohms impedance

SECNCI (Secondary NCI Code):
- 02 = Number of physical wires at CDP
- LS = Loop start signaling - closed end
- 2 = 600 Ohms impedance

Example No. 3: If the customer wishes to order a 1.544 Mbps Hi-cap facility with no channel options such as CO multiplexing, the customer might specify the following:

NC	NCI	SECNCI
HC--	04DS9-15	04DS9-15

NC Code:
- HC = High Capacity Channel Service, HC1
- -- = No Optional Features

NCI, SECNCI Code:
- 04 = Number of physical wires at CDP
- DS = Digital hierarchy interface
- 9 = 100 Ohms impedance
- 15 = 1.544 Mbps (DS1) format

The preceding three examples use information contained in Special Report SR-STS-000307.

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.1 Network Channel (NC) Codes

In order to determine the NC code appropriate for the service to be ordered, the type of Special Access Service the customer wishes must be identified. This identification is accomplished by a Service Designator (SD) code. The broad categories of Service Designator codes (e.g., VG, MT, TG, etc.) are set forth in Section 7. preceding. Variations within service type (e.g., VG1, MTC, TG2, etc.) are described in the various Technical Publications cited in (A) through (H) following.

Having determined the specific service type to be ordered and its SD code, and having used the appropriate Technical Publication, the customer should match the SD code to the NC code using the following matrices. Once the NC code has been determined, the Network Channel Interface (NCI) code may be developed using the information set forth in 15.2.2 following and the guidelines concerning specific parameters available for each service type as set forth in the specified Technical Publication.

(A) Technical Specifications Packages Metallic Service

	Package			
SD Code	MTC*	MT1	MT2	MT3
NC Code	MQ	NT	NU	NV
Parameter				
DC Resistance Between Conductors	X	X	X	
Loop Resistance	X			X
Shunt Capacitance	X			X
Optional Features and Functions				
Three Premises Bridging	X	X		X
Series Bridging	X		X	

The technical specifications are described in Technical Reference TR-NPL-000336.

* All parameters are available within ranges selected by the customer where technically feasible.

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15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.1 Network Channel (NC) Codes (Cont'd)

(B) Technical Specifications Packages Telegraph Grade Service

	Package		
SD Code	TGC*	TG1	TG2
NC Code	NQ	NW	NY
Parameter			
Telegraph Distortion	X	X	X
Optional Features and Functions			
Telegraph Bridging	X	X	X

The technical specifications are described in Technical Reference TR-NPL-000336.

* All parameters are available within ranges selected by the customer where technically feasible.

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.1 Network Channel (NC) Codes (Cont'd)

(C) Technical Specifications Packages Voice Grade Service

Package VG-

SD Code	C	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	W
NC Code	LQ	LB	LC	LD	LE	LF	LG	LH	LJ	LK	LN	LP	LR	SE
Parameter														
Attenuation Distortion	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
C-Message Noise	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Echo Control	X	X	X	X		X		X	X			X	X	X
Envelope Delay Distortion	X						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Frequency Shift	X						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Impulse Noise	X					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Intermodulation Distortion	X						X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Loss Deviation	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Phase Hits, Gain Hits, and Dropouts	X													
Phase Jitter	X						X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Signal-to-C Message Noise					X									
Signal-to-C Notch Noise	X					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

The technical specifications for these parameters (except for dropouts, phase hits, and gain hits) are described in Technical References GR-334-CORE and TR-TSY-000335. The technical specifications for dropouts, phase hits, and gain hits are described in Technical Reference PUB 41004, Table 4.

* The desired parameters are selected by the customer from the list of available parameters.

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15.2.1 Network Channel (NC) Codes (Cont'd)

(C) Technical Specifications Packages Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

	Package VG-													
SD Code	C*	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	W
NC Code	LQ	LB	LC	LD	LE	LF	LG	LH	LJ	LK	LN	LP	LR	SE
Optional Features and Functions														
Central Office Bridging Capability	X		X			X	X				X	X	X	
Central Office Multiplexing	X						X							
Conditioning:														
. C-Type	X					X	X	X	X	X	X			
. Improved Attenuation Distortion	X					X	X	X	X	X	X			
. Improved Envelope Delay Distortion	X					X	X	X	X	X	X			
. Sealing Current	X						X							
. Data Capability	X						X	X			X			
. Telephoto Capability	X											X		
Customer Specified Premises Receive Level X		X	X				X	X	X					
Improved Return Loss for Effective Four-Wire Transmission	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
For Effective Two-Wire Transmission	X		X	X				X						
Improved Two-Wire Voice Transmission														X
PPSN Interface Arrangement	X									X				
Selective Signaling Arrangement	X		X			X	X				X	X	X	
Signaling Capability	X	X	X	X				X	X	X				
Transfer Arrangement	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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15.2.1 Network Channel (NC) Codes (Cont'd)

(D) Technical Specifications Packages Program Audio Service

	Package				
SD Code	APC*	AP1	AP2	AP3	AP4
NC Code	PQ	PE	PF	PJ	PK
Parameter					
Actual Measured Loss	X	X	X	X	X
Amplitude Tracking	X				
Crosstalk	X	X	X	X	X
Distortion Tracking	X				
Gain/Frequency Distortion	X	X	X	X	X
Group Delay	X				
Noise	X	X	X	X	X
Phrase Tracking	X				
Short-Term Gain Stability	X				
Short-Term Loss	X				
Total Distortion	X	X	X	X	X
Optional Features and Functions					
Central Office Bridging Capability	X	X	X	X	X
Gain Conditioning	X	X	X	X	X
Stereo	X				X

The technical specifications are described in Technical Reference TR-NPL-000337 and associated Addendum.

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15.2.1 Network Channel (NC) Codes (Cont'd)

(E) Technical Specifications Packages Video Service

	Package		
SD Code	TVC*	TV1	TV2
NC Code	TQ	TV	TW
Video Parameters			
Insertion Gain	X	X	X
Field-Time Distortion	X	X	X
Line-Time DistortionX	X	X	
Short-Time Distortion	X	X	X
Chrominance-Luminance Gain Inequality	X	X	X
Chrominance-Luminance Delay Inequality	X	X	X
Amplitude/Frequency Characteristic	X	X	X
Luminance Non-Linear Distortion	X	X	X
Chrominance Non-Linear Gain Distortion	X	X	X
Chrominance Non-Linear Phase Distortion	X	X	X
Transient Synchronizing Signal Non-Linearty	X	X	X
Dynamic Gain Distortion			
- Picture Signal	X	X	X
- Synchronizing Signal	X	X	X
Differential Gain	X	X	X
Differential Phase	X	X	X
Chrominance-Luminance Intermodulation	X	X	X

* The desired parameters are selected by the customer from the list of available parameters.

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.1 Network Channel (NC) Codes (Cont'd)

(E) Technical Specifications Packages Video Service (Cont'd)

	Package		
SD Code	TVC*	TV1	TV2
NC Code	TQ	TV	TW
Audio Channel Parameters Associated with Video Service			
Insertion Gain	X	X	X
Amplitude/Frequency Characteristic	X	X	X
Total Harmonic Distortion & Noise	X	X	X
Maximum Steady-State Test Levels	X	X	X
Gain Differential Between Channels	X	X	
Phase Differential Between Channels	X	X	
Crosstalk	X	X	X
Audio-To-Video Time Differential	X	X	X

The technical specifications are described in Technical Reference TR-NPL-000338.

* The desired parameters are selected by the customer from the list of available parameters.

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.1 Network Channel (NC) Codes (Cont'd)

(F) Technical Specifications Packages Digital Data Service

	Package					
SD Code / NC Code	DA1 XA	DA2 XB	DA3 XG	DA4 XH	DA5 XE	DA6 YN
Parameter/Hubbed						
Error-Free Seconds	X	X	X	X	X	X
Optional Features and Functions/Hubbed						
Central Office Bridging Capability	X	X	X	X	X	X
PPSN Interface Transfer Arrangement	X	X	X	X	X	X
Transfer Arrangement	X	X	X	X	X	X

The Telephone Company will provide a channel capable of meeting a monthly average performance equal to or greater than 99.875% error-free seconds (if provided through a Digital Data hub) while the channel is in service, if it is measured through a CSU equivalent which is designed, manufactured, and maintained to conform with the specifications contained in Technical Reference PUB 62310.

Optional Features and Functions/Non-Hubbed						
Public Packet Data Arrangement				X		X

Voltages which are compatible with Digital Data Service are delineated in Technical Reference TR-NWT-000341.

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15.2.1 Network Channel (NC) Codes (Cont'd)

(G) Technical Specifications Packages High Capacity Service

	Package					
SD Code	HC0	HC1	HC1C	HC2	HC3	HC4
NC Code	HS	HC	HD	HE	HF	HG
Parameters						
Error-Free Seconds	X					
Optional Features and Functions						
Automatic Loop Transfer		X				
Central Office Multiplexing:						
DS4 to DS1						X
DS3 to DS1						X
DS2 to DS1					X	
DS1C to DS1				X		
DS1 to Voice		X				
DS1 to DS0		X				
DS0 to Subrate*		X				
Transfer Arrangement		X				
Clear Channel Capability		X				

A channel with technical specifications package HC1 will be capable of an error-free second performance of 98.75% over a continuous 24 hour period as measured at the 1.544 Mbps rate through a CSU equivalent which is designed, manufactured, and maintained to conform with the specifications contained in Technical Reference PUB 62411.

* Available only on a channel of 1.544 Mbps facility to a Telephone Company Hub.

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.1 Network Channel (NC) Codes (Cont'd)

(H) Technical Specifications Packages Synchronous Optical Channel Service

	Package	
SD Code / NC Code	OC3 OB	OC12 OD
Parameters		
Error-Free Seconds	X	X
Optional Features and Functions		
Customer Premises Multiplexing:		
OC12 to OC3	X	
OC12 to OC3c		X
OC12 to DS3	X	
OC12 to DS1	X	
OC3 to STS-1	X	
OC3 to DS3 X		
OC3 to DS1 X		
Central Office Multiplexing:		
OC12 to OC3	X	
OC12 to OC3c		X
OC3 to DS3	X	
OC3 to DS1	X	

Technical specifications are delineated in Technical Reference GR-253-CORE, GR-1374-CORE, ANSI T1.102-1993 and ANSI T1.105-1995.

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15.2.2 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes

The electrical interface with the Telephone Company for Special Access Services, is defined by an interface code. There are interface codes for both the customer designated premises and the point of termination. Three examples of NCI codes are found in 15.2 preceding.

(A) Parameter Codes and Options

Parameter

Code		Option	Definition
AB	-		accepts 20 Hz ringing signal at customer's point of termination
AC	-		accepts 20 Hz ringing signal at customer's end user's point of termination
AH	-		analog high capacity interface
	-	B	60 kHz to 108 kHz (12 channels)
	-	C	312 kHz to 552 kHz (60 channels)
	-	D	564 kHz to 3084 kHz (600 channels)
CT	-		Centrex Tie Trunk Termination
CS	-		digital hierarchy interface at Digital Cross Connect System (DCS)
	-	15	1.544 Mbps (DS1) ANSI Extended Superframe (ESF) Format and B8ZS Clear Channel Capability
	-	15A	1.544 Mbps (DS1) Superframe (SF) format
	-	15B	1.544 Mbps (DS1) Superframe (SF) format and B8ZS Clear Channel Capability
	-	15K	1.544 Mbps (DS1) Extended Superframe (ESF)
DA	-		data stream in VF frequency band at customer's end user's point of termination
DB	-		data stream in VF frequency band at customer's point of termination
	-	10	VF for TG1 and TG2
	-	43	VF for 43 Telegraph Carrier type signals, TG1 and TG2
DC	-		direct current or voltage
	-	1	monitoring interface with series RC combination (McCulloh format)
	-	2	Telephone Company energized alarm channel
	-	3	Metallic facilities (DC continuity) for direct current/low frequency control signals or slow speed data (30 baud)
DD	-		DATAPHONE Select-A-Station (and TABS) interface at customer's point of termination
DE	-		DATAPHONE Select-A-Station (and TABS) interface at the customer's end user's point of termination

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)

(A) Parameter Codes and Options (Cont'd)

Code	Option	Definition
DS	-	digital hierarchy interface
	- 15	1.544 Mbps (DS1) format per PUB 62411 plus D4
	- 15E	8-bit PCM encoded in one 64 kbps of the DS1 signal
	- 15F	8-bit PCM encoded in two 64 kbps of the DS1 signal
	- 15G	8-bit PCM encoded in three 64 kbps of the DS1 signal
	- 15H	14/11-bit PCM encoded in six 64 kbps of the DS1 signal
	- 15J	1.544 Mbps format per PUB 62411
	- 15K	1.544 Mbps format per PUB 62411 plus extended framing format
	- 15L	1.544 Mbps (DS1) with SF signaling
	- 27	274.176 Mbps (DS4)
	- 27L	274.176 Mbps (DS4) with SF signaling
	- 31	3.152 Mbps (DS1C)
	- 31L	3.152 Mbps (DS1C) with SF signaling
	- 44	44.736 Mbps (DS3)
	- 44L	44.736 Mbps (DS3) with SF signaling
	- 63	6.312 Mbps (DS2)
	- 63L	6.312 Mbps (DS2) with SF signaling
DU	-	digital access interface
	- 24	2.4 kbps
	- 48	4.8 kbps
	- 19	19.2 kbps
	- 56	56.0 kbps
	- 96	9.6 kbps
	- 64	64.0 kbps
	- A	1.544 Mbps format per PUB 62411
	- B	1.544 Mbps format per PUB 62411 plus D4
	- C	1.544 Mbps format per PUB 62411 plus extended framing format
	- 1KN	1.544 Mbps ANSI Extended Superframe (ESF) Format without line power
	- 1SN	1.544 Mbps ANSI Extended Superframe (ESF) Format with B8ZS Clear Channel Capability and without line power
	- AN	1.544 Mbps free-framing format without line power (only avail. to U.S. Govt. agencies)
	- BN	1.544 Mbps Superframe (SF) Format without line power
	- DN	1.544 Mbps Superframe (SF) Format with B8ZS Clear Channel Capability without line power
DX	-	duplex signaling interface at customer's point of termination
DY	-	duplex signaling interface at customer's end user's point of termination
EA	- E	Type I E&M Lead Signaling. Customer at POT or customer's end user at POT originates on E Lead.
EA	- M	Type I E&M Lead Signaling. Customer at POT or customer's end user at POT originates on M Lead.

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)

(A) Parameter Codes and Options (Cont'd)

Code	Option	Definition
EB	- E	Type II E&M Lead Signaling. Customer at POT or customer's end user at POT originates on E Lead.
EB	- M	Type II E&M Lead Signaling. Customer at POT or customer's end user at POT originates on M Lead.
EC	-	Type III E&M signaling at customer POT
EX	- A	tandem channel unit signaling for loop start or ground start and customer supplies open end (dial tone, etc.) functions.
EX	- B	tandem channel unit signaling for loop start or ground start and customer supplies closed end (dial pulsing, etc.) functions.
FC	-	Fiber Optic Interface
	- B	OC3, OC3c
	- D	OC12
GO	-	ground start loop signaling - open end function by customer or customer's end user
GS	-	ground start loop signaling - closed end function by customer or customer's end user
IA	-	E.I.A. (25 pin RS-232)
LA	-	end user loop start loop signaling - Type A OPS registered port open end
LB	-	end user loop start loop signaling - Type B OPS registered port open end
LC	-	end user loop start loop signaling - Type C OPS registered port open end
LO	-	loop start loop signaling - open end function by customer or customer's end user
LR	-	20 Hz automatic ringdown interface at customer with Telephone Company provided PLAR
LS	-	loop start loop signaling - closed end function by customer or customer's end user
NO	-	no signaling interface, transmission only
PG	-	program transmission - no dc signaling
	- 1	nominal frequency from 50 to 15000 Hz
	- 3	nominal frequency from 200 to 3500 Hz
	- 5	nominal frequency from 100 to 5000 Hz
	- 8	nominal frequency from 50 to 8000 Hz
PR	-	protective relaying*
RV	- 0	reverse battery signaling, one way operation, originate by customer
	- T	reverse battery signaling, one way operation, terminate function by customer or customer's end user

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)

(A) Parameter Codes and Options (Cont'd)

Code	Option	Definition
SF	-	single frequency signaling with VF band at either customer POT or customer's end user POT
SO	-	SONET Optical
	- AB	Long Range Multilongitudinal Mode (LR1-MLM) Bidirectional Ring
	- AU	LR1-MLM Unidirectional Ring
	- BB	Long Range Single Longitudinal Mode (LR1-SLM) Bidirectional Ring
	- BU	LR1-SLM Unidirectional Ring
	- CB	Intermediate Range Multilongitudinal Mode (IR1-MLM) Bidirectional Ring
	- CU	IR1-MLM Unidirectional Ring
	- DB	Intermediate Range Single Longitudinal Mode(IR1-SLM) Bidirectional Ring
	- DU	IR1-SLM Unidirectional Ring
	- EB	Short Range Multilongitudinal Mode Light Emitting Diode (SR-MLM/LED) Bidirectional Ring
	- EU	SR-MLM/LED Unidirectional Ring
	- FB	Short Range Multilongitudinal Mode (SR-MLM) Bidirectional Ring
	- FU	SR-MLM Unidirectional Ring
ST	-	Synchronous Transmission Signal (STS)
	- A	STS1
TF	-	telephotograph interface
TT	-	telegraph/teletypewriter interface at either customer POT or customer's end user POT
	- 2	20.0 milliamperes
	- 3	3.0 milliamperes
	- 6	62.5 milliamperes
TV	-	television interface
	- 1	combined (diplexed) video and one audio signal
	- 2	combined (diplexed) video and two audio signals
	- 5	video plus one (or two) audio 5 kHz signal(s) or one (or two) two wire
	- 15	video plus one (or two) audio 15 kHz signal(s)

* Available only for the transmission of audio tone protective relaying signals used in the protection of electric power systems during fault conditions.

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)

(B) Impedance

The nominal reference impedance with which the channel will be terminated for the purpose of evaluating transmission performance:

Value (ohms)	Code(s)
110	0
150	1
600	2
900	3+
135	5
75	6
124	7
Variable	8
100	9
Fiber	F
Radio	R

+ For those interface codes with a 4-wire transmission path at the customer designated POT, rather than a standard 900 ohm impedance the code (3) denotes a customer provided transmission equipment termination. Such terminations were provided to customers in accordance with the F.C.C. Docket No. 20099 Settlement Agreement.

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)

(C) Compatible Network Channel Interfaces

The following tables show the Network Channel Interface codes (NCIs) which are compatible:

(1) Metallic

Compatible CIs	
2DC8-1	2DC8-2
2DC8-3	2DC8-3
4DS8-	2DC8-1
4DS8-	2DC8-2

(2) Telegraph Grade

Compatible CIs	
2DB2-10	10IA8
	2TT2-2
	4TT2-2
2DB2-43*	10IA8
	2TT2-2
	2TT2-6
	4TT2-2
2TT2-2	2TT2-2
2TT2-3	2TT2-2
	4TT2-2
2TT2-6	2TT2-6
	4TT2-6

Compatible CIs	
4DB2-10	10IA8
	2TT2-2
	4TT2-2
4DB2-43*	10IA8
	2TT2-6
	4TT2-2
4DS8-	10IA8
	2TT2-2
	2TT2-6
	4TT2-2
	4TT2-6
4TT2-2	4TT2-2
4TT2-6	2TT2-6

* Supplemental Channel Assignment information required.

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)

(C) Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)

(3) Voice Grade

Compatible Cis		Compatible Cis			Compatible CIs	
2AB2	2AC2	2DB2	2DA2		2LR2	2LR2
2AB3	2AC2	2DB3	2DA2		2LR3	2LR2
2CT3	2DY2	2DX3	2LA2		2LS	2GS
	4DS8		2LB2			2LS
	4DX2		2LC2			4GS
	4DX3		2LO3			4LS
	4DY2		2LS2			
	4EA2-E		2LS3		2LS2	2LA2
	4EA2-M					2LB2
	4SF2	2GO2	2GS2			2LC2
	4SF3		2GS3			
	6DX2				2LS3	2LA2
	6DY2	2GO3	2GS2			2LB2
	6DY3		2GS3			2LC2
	6EA2-E					
	6EA2-M	2GS2GS		2NO2	2DA2	
	6EB2-E		2LS			2NO2
	6EB2-M		4GS			
	6EB3-E		4LS		2NO3	2NO2
	8EB2-E					2PR2
	8EB2-M	2L02	2LS2			
	8EC2	2LS3			2TF3	2TF2
	9DY2					
	9DY3	2L03	2LS2			
	9EA2		2LS3			
	9EA3					
4AB2	2AC2					
	4AB2					
	4AC2					
	4SF2					
4AB3	2AC2					
	4AC2					
	4SF2					
4AC2	2AC2					
	4AC2					
		4DS8	2AC2		4DS8-	4DG2
			2DA2			4LR2
			2DY2			4LS2
			2GO2			4NO2

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15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)

(C) Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)

(3) Voice Grade (Cont'd)

Compatible Cis		Compatible Cis	Compatible CIs
4DA2	4DA2	2GO3	4PR2
		2GS2	4RV2-T
4DB2	2DA2	2GS3	4SF2
	2NO2	2LA2	4SF3
	2PR2	2LB2	4TF2
	4DA2	2LC2	6DA2
	4DB2	2LO2	6DY2
	4NO2	2LO3	6DY3
	4PR2	2LR2	6EA2-E
	6DA2	2LS2	6EA2-M
		2LS3	6EB2-E
4DD3	2DE2	2NO2	6EB2-M
	4DE2	2PR2	6GS2
		2RV2-T	6LS2
		2TF2	8EB2-E
		4AC2	8EB2-M
		4DA2	9DY2
		4DE2	9DY3
		4DX2	9EA2
		4DX3	9EA3
		4DY2	
		4EA2-E	
		4EA2-M	

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)

(C) Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)

(3) Voice Grade (Cont'd)

Compatible Cis		Compatible CIs		Compatible CIs	
4DX2	2DY2	4DX2	8EB2-E	4DX3	6DY2
	2LA2		8EB2-M		6DY3
	2LB2		9DY2		6EA2-E
	2LC2		9DY3		6EA2-M
	2LO3		9EA2		6EB2-E
	2LS2		9EA3		6EB2-M
	2LS3				6LS2
	2RV2-T	4DX3	2DY2		8EB2-E
	4DX2		2LA2		8EB2-M
	4DY2		2LB2		9DY2
	4EA2-E		2LC2		9DY3
	4EA2-M		2LO3		9EA2
	4LS2		2LS2		9EA3
	4RV2-T		2LS3		
	4SF2		2RV2-T	4DY2	2DY2
	4SF3		4DX2		4DY2
	6DY2		4DX3		
	6DY3		4DY2		
	6EA2-E		4EA2-E		
	6EA2-M		4EA2-M		
	6EB2-E		4LS2		
	6EB2-M		4RV2-T		
	6LS2		4SF2		
			4SF3		
4EA2-E	2DY2	4EA3-E	2DY2	4GO2	2GO2
	4DY2		4DY2		2GO3
	4EA2-E		4EA2-E		2GS2
	4EA2-M		4EA2-M		2GS3
	4SF2		4SF2		4GS2
	6DY2		6DY2		4SF2
	6DY3		6DY3		6GS2
	6EB2-E		6EA2-E		
	6EB2-M		6EA2-M	4GO3	2GO2
	8EB2-E		6EB2-E		2GS2
	8EB2-M		6EB2-M		2GS3
	9DY2		8EB2-E		4GS2
	9DY3		8EB2-M		4SF2
			9DY2		6GS2

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15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)

(C) Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)

(3) Voice Grade (Cont'd)

Compatible CIs		Compatible CIs		Compatible CIs	
4EA2-M	2DY2		9DY3		
	4DY2		9EA2		
	4EA2-M	9EA3		4GS	2GS
	4SF2				2LS
	6DY2				4GS
	6DY3				4LS
	6EB2-E				
	6EB2-M				
	8EB2-E				
	8EB2-M				
	9DY2				
	9DY3				
4LO2	2LS2	4LS3	2LA2	4SF2	2LO3
	2LS3		2LB2		2LR2
	4LS2		2LC2		2LS2
	4SF2		2LO2		2LS3
	6LS2		2LO3		2RV2-T
			4SF2		4AC2
4LO3	2LS2				4DY2
	2LS3	4NO2	2DA2		4LS2
	4LS2		2DE2		4RV2-T
	4SF2		2NO2		4SF2
	6LS2		4DA2		6DY2
			4DE2		6DY3
4LR2	2LR2		4NO2		6GS2
	4LR2		6DA2		9DY2
	4SF2				9DY3
		4RV2-0	2RV2-T		
4LR3	2LR2		4RV2-T	4SF3	2DY2
	4LR2		4SF2		2GO3
	4SF2				2GS2
					2GS3
4LS	2GS	4SF2	2AC2		2LA2
	2LS		2DY2		2LB2
	4GS		2GS2		2LC2
	4LS		2GS3		2LO3
			2LA2		2LR2
4LS2	2LA2		2LB2		
	2LB2		2LC2		
	2LC2				
	2LO2				
	2LO3				

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15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)

(C) Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)

(3) Voice Grade (Cont'd)

Compatible CIs		Compatible CIs		Compatible CIs	
4SF3	2LS2	6DA	4DA2	6DY3	2DY2
	2LS3		6DA2		4DY2
	2RV2-T				6DY2
	4DY2	6DX2	2DY2		6DY3
	4EA2-E		4DY2		
	4EA2-M		4EA2-E	6EA2-E	2AC2
	4GS2				
	4LR2		4EA2-M		2DY2
	4LS2		4SF2		2LA2
	4RV2-T		6DY2		2LB2
	4SF2		6DY3		2LC2
	4SF3		6EA2-E		2LO3
	6DY2		6EA2-M		2LS2
	6DY3		6EB2-E		2LS3
	6EB2-E		6EB2-M		2RV2-T
	6EB2-M		8EB2-E		4AC2
	6GS2		8EB2-M		4DY2
	6LS2		9DY2		4EA2-E
	9DY2		9DY3		4EA2-M
	9DY3		9EA2		4LS2
	9EA2		9EA3		4RV2-T
	9EA3				4SF2
		6DY2	2DY2		4SF3
4TF2	2TF2		4DY2		6DY2
	4TF2		6DY2		6DY3
					6EA2-E
					6EA2-M
6EA2-E	6EB2-E	6EA2-M	6DY2	6EB3-E	2DY2
	6EB2-M		6DY3		4DY2
	6LS2		6EA2-M		4EA2-E
	8EB2-E		6EB2-E		4EA2-M
	8EB2-M		6EB2-M		4SF2
	9DY2		6LS2		6DY2
	9DY3		8EB2-E		6DY3
			8EB2-M		6EA2-E

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15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)

(C) Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)

(3) Voice Grade (Cont'd)

Compatible Cis		Compatible Cis		Compatible CIs	
6EA2-M	2AC2		9DY2		6EA2-M
	2DY2		9DY3		8EB2-E
	2LA2				8EB2-M
	2LB2	6EB2-E	2DY2		9DY2
	2LC2		4DY2		9DY3
	2LO3		4SF2		9EA2
	2LS2		6DY2		9EA3
	2LS3		6DY3		
	2RV2-T		6EB2-E	6EX2-A	2GS2
	4AC2		6EB2-M		2GS3
	4DY2		9DY2		2LS2
	4EA2-E		9DY3		2LS3
	4EA2-M				4GS2
	4LS2	6EB2-M	2DY2		4LS2
	4RV2-T		4DY2		4SF2
	4SF2		4SF2		6GS2
	4SF3		6DY2		6LS2
			6DY3		
			6EB2-M		
			9DY2		
			9DY3		
6EX2-B	2GO3	8EB2-E	2AC2	8EB2-M	2AC2
	2LA2		2DY2		2DY2
	2LB2		2LA2		2LA2
	2LC2		2LB2		2LB2
	2LO2		2LC2		2LC2
	2LO3		2LO3		2LO3
	2LR2		2LS2		2LS2
	4LR2		2LS3		2LS3
	4SF2		2RV2-T		2RV2-T
			4AC2		4AC2
6GO2	2GO2		4DY2		4DY2
	2GS2		4LS2		4LS2
	2GS3		4RV2-T		4RV2-T
	4GS2		4SF2		4SF2
	4SF2		4SF3		4SF3
	6GS2		6DY2		6DY2
			6DY3		6DY3

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15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)

(C) Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)

(3) Voice Grade (Cont'd)

Compatible Cis		Compatible Cis		Compatible CIs	
6LO2	2LS2		6EB2-E		6EB2-E
	2LS3		6EB2-M		6EB2-M
	4LS2		6LS2		6LS2
	4SF2		8EB2-E		8EB2-M
	6LS2		8EB2-M		9DY2
			9DY2		9DY3
6LS2	2LA2		9DY3		
	2LB2				
	2LC2				
	2LO2				
	2LO3				
	4SF2				
8EC2	2DY2	9DY2	2DY2	9EA3	2DY2
	4DY2		4DY2		4DY2
	4EA2-E		6DY2		4EA2-E
	4EA2-M	6DY3			4EA2-M
	4SF2		9DY2		6DY2
	6DY2				6DY3
	6DY3	9DY3	2DY2		6EA2-E
	6EA2-E		4DY2		6EA2-M
	6EA2-M	6DY2			6EB2-E
	6EB2-E		6DY3		6EB2-M
	6EB2-M	9DY2			8EB2-E
	8EB2-E		9DY3		8EB2-M
	8EB2-M				9DY2
	9DY2	9EA2	2DY2		9DY3
	9DY3		4DY2		9EA3
	9EA2		4EA2-E		
	9EA3		4EA2-M		
			6DY2		
			6DY3		
			6EA2-E		
			6EA2-M		
			6EB2-E		
			6EB2-M		
			8EB2-E		
			8EB2-M		
			9DY2		
			9DY3		
			9EA2		
			9EA3		

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15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)

(C) Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)

(4) Program Audio

Compatible CIs		Compatible CIs	
2PG2-1	2PG1-1 2PG2-1	4DS8-15E	2PG1-3 2PG2-3
2PG2-3	2PG1-3 2PG2-3	4DS8-15F	2PG1-5 2PG2-5
2PG2-5	2PG1-5 2PG2-5	4DS8-15G	2PG1-8 2PG2-8
2PG2-8	2PG1-8 2PG2-8	4DA8-15H	2PG1-1 2PG2-1

(5) Video

Compatible CIs			Compatible CIs
2TV6-1	4TV6-15 4TV7-15	4TV7-5	4TV6-5 4TV7-5
2TV6-2	6TV6-15 6TV7-15	4TV7-15	4TV6-15 4TV7-15
2TV7-1	4TV6-15 4TV7-15	6TV6-5	6TV6-5 6TV7-5
2TV7-2	6TV6-15 6TV7-15	6TV6-15	6TV6-15 6TV7-15
4TV6-5	4TV6-5 4TV7-5	6TV7-5	6TV6-5 6TV7-5
4TV6-15	4TV6-15 4TV7-15	6TV7-15	6TV6-15 6TV7-15

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15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes (Cont'd)

(C) Compatible Network Channel Interfaces (Cont'd)

(6) Digital Data

Compatible CIs		Compatible CIs		Compatible CIs	
4DS8-15	4DS8-15+	4DU5-24	4DU5-24	6DU5-24	6DU5-24
	4DU5-24				
	4DU5-48	4DU5-48	4DU5-48	6DU5-48	6DU5-48
	4DU5-56				
	4DU5-96	4DU5-96	4DU5-96	6DU5-56	6DU5-56
	6DU5-24				
	6DU5-48	4DU8-56	4DU5-56	6DU5-96	6DU5-96
	6DU5-96				

(7) High Capacity

Compatible CIs		Compatible CIs	
4DS0-63	4DS0-63	4DS8-15J	4DU8-A
	4DU8-A,B or C		6DU8-A
	6DU8-A,B or C		
		4DS8-15K	4DU8-B
4DS6-27	4DS6-27		4DU8-C
	4DU8-A,B or C		6DU8-B
	6DU8-A,B or C		6DU8-C
4DS6-44	4DS6-44	4DS8-31	4DS8-31
	4DU8-A,B or C		4DU8-A,B or C
	6DU8-A,B or C		6DU8-A,B or C
4DS8-15	4DS8-15+	4DU8-A,B	
	4DU8-B or C		4DU8-A,B or C
	6DU8-8		

(8) Synchronous Optical Channel Service

Compatible CIs		Compatible CIs	
4DS9-1S	4DU9-1S	2SOF-A	2SOF-A
4DS9-1K	4DU9-1K	2SOF-B	2SOF-B
		2SOF-C	2SOF-C
		2SOF-D	2SOF-D
		2SOF-E	2SOF-E
		2SOF-F	2SOF-F

+ Available only as a cross connect of two digital channels at appropriate digital speeds at a Telephone Company hub.
+ Available only as a cross connect of two individual channels of 1.544 Mbps facilities at a Telephone Company hub.

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15.3 Directory Access Service

15.3.1 Interface Group and Premise Interface Codes

When Directory Access Service is combined with Feature Group B, C 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, C or D Switched Access Service ordered by the customer. Premises Interface Codes are described in 15.1.1(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 15.1.1 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	4RV2-0
4DS9-31	6EA2-M	4AH5-B
4DS0-63	4SF3	4AH6-C
4DS6-44		4AH6-D
4DS6-27		

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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.3 Directory Access Service (Cont'd)

15.3.2 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 15.1.2(E) and (F) preceding.

	Transmission Specifications	
Directory Access Service Provided in Combination with Switched Access Service	Type A	Type B
- Feature Group B (Interface Groups 2 through 10)		X
- Feature Group C		X
- Feature Group D	X	
Directory Access Service Not Combined with Switched Access Service		
- 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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16. Public Packet Data Network

16.1 Frame Relay Service

16.1.1 General

Frame Relay Service (FRS) is a "fast packet" network service that permits the transmission of data at speeds of 56/64* Kbps, 128 Kbps, 256 Kbps, 384 Kbps, 1.544 Mbps, or 45 Mbps using Permanent Virtual Circuits (PVCs).

PVCs are logical circuits that define a specific path for data sent by the customer to another location. These circuits are virtual because they are established in software tables and do not tie up capacity when not in use. This also allows multiple paths (PVCs) to be defined on any given port, thereby providing a single access line the capability to transmit data to multiple destinations.

In operation of Frame Relay Service, customer premises equipment, such as routers, encapsulate arriving data into variable length frames. These frames contain information identifying which PVC in the network should be used to forward the frame to the proper destination. The customer premises equipment then sends the frame into the Frame Relay network. The Frame Relay switch reads identifying information and routes the frame to the proper destination based on a pre-established PVC path.

The statistical multiplexing Frame Relay switches are able to provide shared network resources to end users of this service.

Frame Relay Service conforms to ITU-T (Telecommunication Standardization Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union, formerly Consultative Committee for International Telegraph and Telephone ([CCITT]) and American National Standards Institute (ANSI) publications T1.602, T1.606, T1.617 and T1.618. The Committed Information Rate (CIR) and the Maximum Burst Size (Be) are traffic management parameters that allow the customer to fine tune implementation of Frame Relay Service.

The Term Payment Plan (TPP) arrangements are available as set forth under 19.7.

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16. Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

16.1 Frame Relay Service (Cont'd

16.1.2 Service Provisioning

Frame Relay is a transport service that facilitates the exchange of variable length information units (frames) between end user connections by way of assigned virtual connections. Each frame is passed to the Frame Relay network with an address that specifies the virtual connection.

Variable frame length capability is useful in communications between asynchronous Local Area Networks (LANs) and for transport of synchronous data traffic. Frame Relay is capable of handling the requirements of bursty data sources because of the ability of the service to allocate additional bandwidth when not in use by other sources.

Frame Relay is provided to the customer in the form of the Frame Relay User-to-Network Interface (UNI) Port with Access Line, or Frame Relay UNI Port Only, Frame Relay Network-to- Network (NNI) Port Only, and Permanent Virtual Circuits (PVCs). The Frame Relay Access Line forms the component which provides the customer access to the customer's serving wire center and interoffice transport from the customer's serving wire center to the Frame Relay Switch. The Frame Relay Access line is provided for use only with Frame Relay Service. 45 Mbps is not offered bundled with the Frame Relay Access Line. 45 Mbps is available on a UNI or NNI port only basis and the DS3 access line is obtained from Section 5. The Frame Relay UNI and NNI Port Only offerings are provided for digital special access line connections to the network supporting Frame Relay Service. Digital special access lines are available from Section 5. For unbundled services, both the port and the digital special access line must be ordered by and billed to one customer.

Ports are provisioned on a specified speed and Committed Information Rate (CIR) basis, depending upon the customer's request. The actual throughput of customer traffic cannot exceed the bandwidth of the access line and the port speed. Since multiple PVCs may be defined on one physical port, it is possible for the cumulative CIRs to exceed the physical bandwidth of that port. This is referred to as over-subscription and when this occurs, there can be no guarantee that the CIR defined for that port and PVC will be available at any point in time.

No PVC can have a CIR greater bit rate than the lower of the two port speeds connected by the PVC segment.

A PVC must be associated with at least one Frame Relay Port. A Frame Relay Port can be associated with multiple PVCs.

* Upon request and where available.

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16. Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

16.1 Frame Relay Service (Cont'd)

16.1.2 Service Provisioning (Cont'd)

A customer subscribing to a FRS port or port with access line will be referred to as the Controller of the Frame Relay Port. A separate entity may subscribe, with written authorization from the Controller, to a PVC which allows communication between entities. A disconnect of a PVC does not result in the disconnect of the underlying access line and port. Only the Controller may order the disconnect of the Frame Relay Access Service. Both customers must have a Frame Relay Service. The Controller of each Frame Relay Access Service must have written permission from the Controller(S) of each of the Frame Relay Services to which a PVC is requested.

The Frame Relay Port and/or PVCs may be ordered and billed separately from an associated frame relay port and PVC and can have different customers as Controllers.

The customer must specify at service subscription the Committed Information Rate (CIR) and the maximum Burst Rate (Be) for each PVC ordered. CIR is the maximum information rate at which the customer's traffic will be admitted to the Frame Relay network without being designated eligible for discard.

The value for the Burst Rate will be the lower of the two port speeds connected by the PVC segment. For example, if customer location A has a 56 Kbps port and customer location B has a 45 Mbps port, the Be for the PVC linking these two locations will be 56 Kbps. Frame Relay to ATM PVC conversion is a Frame Relay Service option which permits PVC paths to be established between Frame Relay subscribers and ATM users when interworking is available.

Customers ordering a Frame Relay PVC must designate that the termination of the PVC will occur on an ATM service. In addition, the customer must designate the CIR of the PVC. A monthly recurring charge based upon the CIR of the PVC ordered, as set forth under section 29, will apply for each PVC interworked to an ATM service in addition to the PVC CIR Capacity charge under section 20.

The Telephone Company does not undertake to originate data, but offers the use of its service components, where available, to customers for the purpose of transporting customer-originated data.

Frame Relay Service is available where facilities and conditions permit.

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16. Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

16.1 Frame Relay Service (Cont'd)

16.1.3 Obligations of the Telephone Company

In addition to the general conditions described in Section 2, when a customer requests a path which is related to other Local Exchange Carriers, Interexchange Carriers or other Frame Relay networks, the Telephone Company will provide assistance in establishing the associated PVC.

The Telephone Company has the service responsibility up to and including the network interface.

Occasionally, in order to perform software updates and other maintenance, it may be necessary to take the Frame Relay Switch out of service, during the predetermined maintenance window. In these cases, all attempts will be made to notify the customer in advance as to the time and duration of these outages. The Telephone Company reserves the right to temporarily interrupt Frame Relay Service at other times in emergency situations.

16.1.4 Obligations of the Customer

In addition to the general conditions described in section 2:

- The customer's Frame Relay terminal equipment has the responsibility for retransmitting frames which are discarded due to errors or network congestion.
- The customer, upon request, shall furnish such information as may be required to permit the Telephone Company to design and maintain the Frame Relay Service it offers and to assure that the service arrangement is in compliance with the regulations contained herein. At service subscription, the customer will be expected to specify the PVC CIR capacity and Be for each PVC ordered.
- It shall be the responsibility of the customer to ensure the continuing compatibility of the customer-provided equipment (CPE) that is used in conjunction with the Frame Relay Service. The CPE shall be in compliance with FCC rules and regulations.
- The customer shall be responsible for obtaining permission for the Telephone Company's agents or employees to enter the premises of the customer or its users at any reasonable hour for the purpose of installing, inspecting, repairing, or, upon termination of the service, removing the service components of the Telephone Company.
- Error correction is the responsibility of the customer's terminal equipment and/or applications. If the FRS network experiences congestion or failures, customer data may be discarded. In addition, frames that are received in excess of the Be, with bad addresses, or other errors, will be discarded on ingress to the network.

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16. Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

16.1 Frame Relay Service (Cont'd)

16.1.5 Rate Regulations

(A) Minimum Period

The minimum period for Frame Relay Service is one month, except when provided under a Term Payment Plan (TPP) arrangement. The regulations applicable to Frame Relay Service provided under a TPP arrangement are specified under 19.7. 45 Mbps Frame Relay UNI Ports are offered on a 1 year, 3 year or 5 year basis.

(B) Rate Elements

(1) Frame Relay UNI Port and Access Line A nonrecurring charge and a monthly rate, based on the speed of the port connection (i.e., 56/64 Kbps, 384 Kbps or 1.544 Mbps), apply per port for each physical connection to the network supporting Frame Relay Service. Each port can accommodate multiple paths (PVCs). Clear channel capability, as necessary, is included at no additional charge.

(2) Frame Relay UNI or NNI Port only A nonrecurring charge and a monthly rate, based on the speed of the port connection (i.e., 56/64 Kbps or 1.544 Mbps), apply per port for each Frame Relay Access Line or digital private line connection to the network supporting Frame Relay Service. Each port can accommodate multiple paths (PVCs).

(a) Network-to-Network Interface (NNI) Port Only. The NNI port configuration is used for connecting two networks together for bidirectional messaging. Access facilities are available from section 5

(b) User-to-Network Interface (UNI) Port Only The UNI port provides for a user to carrier connection (i.e., end user customer to WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS SOUTHWEST). Access facilities are available from section 5.

(3) Frame Relay PVC CIR Capacity

A monthly rate applies for the PVC CIR capacity for each PVC requested by the customer.

(4) Frame Relay to ATM Conversion A monthly rate applies, based upon CIR ordered, for each PVC interworked to an ATM service as set forth under 16.1(F)(1)(e). This charge is in addition to the Frame Relay PVC rate element and its associated CIR capacity.

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16.1 Frame Relay Service (Cont'd)

16.1.5 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

(C) Rate Application

A customer may access Frame Relay Service via a Frame Relay Access Line or via Telephone Company provided digital access facilities offered under Section 5. If a customer utilizes a special access line to access FRS, the associated regulations, rates and charges for such facilities shall apply in addition to the rates and charges associated with the FRS rate elements.

A customer utilizing special access facilities to access FRS would incur the monthly rate and nonrecurring charge associated with the Frame Relay UNI or NNI Port Only charges set forth under this section respectively for standard arrangements. The UNI Port provides for a user to frame relay switch connection; the NNI Port provides for a frame relay switch to frame relay switch connection.

The Frame Relay Port (unbundled or bundled with an access line) and its associated PVC segment(s) may be ordered and billed separately from an associated frame relay port and PVC and can have different Controllers, as discussed under 16.1(B). A request by one customer to discontinue a PVC does not result in the disconnection of the Frame Relay Access Line and Port. Only the Controller of a Frame Relay Access Line may authorize a disconnect of that line.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES

17.1 Expanded Interconnection Services .

17.1.1 Service Description

Expanded Interconnection Service (EIS) provides customers with the capability to collocate customer provided transmission, concentration, and multiplexing equipment, at the Telephone Company premises. EIS customers may terminate basic fiber optic transmission facilities at the Telephone Company premises for connection to their equipment or may lease facilities from the Telephone Company. EIS customers may lease transport from the Telephone Company to connect to their collocation equipment in lieu of constructing their own facility to the Telephone Company premises. EIS is not available to Enhanced Service Providers. Customer premises equipment, protocol conversion equipment or other types of customer equipment not required for basic transmission shall not be installed at the Telephone Company premises.

17.2 Provision of EIS

17.2.1 General

(A) EIS will be provided as Physical EIS where transmission facilities of the customer interconnect with the facilities of the Telephone Company within the Telephone Company wire center or access tandem or as Virtual EIS where the interconnection with Telephone Company facilities occurs outside the wire center or access tandem in a manhole or other similar location.

(B) EIS arrangements are available for Switched Access and DS0 (64 Kbps), DS1 (1.544Mbps) and DS3 (44.736 Mbps) Special Access transmission facilities and terminating equipment to Telephone Company wire center or access tandem facilities in or near Telephone Company buildings.

(C) EIS will be available for microwave transmission on a case by case basis where reasonably feasible. EIS is not available on non-fiber optic facilities.

(D) Customer provided facilities and customer designated termination equipment are subject to the terms, conditions, and rates specified in this tariff.

(E) Customers requests for space for terminating equipment other than within an access tandem or wire center will be handled on a case by case basis where technically feasible on a first-come, first-served basis.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.2 Provision of EIS (Cont'd)

17.2.1 General (Cont'd)

(F) The Telephone Company is not responsible for the design, engineering, or performance of the customer designated termination equipment and customer provided facilities for virtual and physical EIS. The Telephone Company is not responsible for testing and maintenance of physical EIS arrangements.

(G) The Telephone Company is not required to purchase additional plant or equipment, to relinquish floor space or facilities designated for Telephone Company use, to undertake construction of new wire centers or access tandems, or to construct additions to existing wire centers or access tandems to satisfy a customer request.

17.2.2 Responsibility of the Telephone Company

(A) The Telephone Company will provide EIS, within the limitations of space and facilities.

(B) The emergency provisioning and restoration of interconnection service shall be in accordance with Part 64, Subpart D, Paragraph 64.401, of the FCC's Rules and Regulations, which specifies the priority for such activities.

(C) The Telephone Company will establish points of contact for the customer to place a request for EIS. The point of contact will provide the customer with a packet of general information and requirements, including a list of engineering and technical specifications, fire, safety, security policies and procedures and an Application Form.

(D) The Telephone Company will provide at least two separate points of entry to the wire center or access tandem where there are two entry points for the Telephone Company cable facilities, with the exception of situations where one entry of a two entry office is filled to capacity.

(E) The Telephone Company will not purchase customer designated termination equipment from a vendor for the customer's use. If the customer chooses, the Telephone Company will assist the customer in the purchase of terminating equipment by establishing a contact point with GTE Supply.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.2 Provision of EIS (Cont'd)

17.2.2 Responsibility of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(F) The Telephone Company will coordinate with the customer to ensure that services are installed in accordance with the service request. If the Telephone Company fails to install such equipment in accordance with the service request, the Telephone Company will correct the installation at its own expense.

(G) The Telephone Company will be held liable for the action and inactions of its employees, vendors, or contractors having access to the customer's equipment and facilities.

17.2.3 Rights of the Telephone Company

(A) The Telephone Company retains ownership of wire center or access tandem floor space and equipment used to provide EIS.

(B) The Telephone Company reserves the right to refuse use of customer's equipment or customer designated termination equipment which does not meet network reliability standards and fire and safety codes.

(C) The Telephone Company reserves the right, with five days' prior notice, to access the partitioned space to perform periodic inspections to ensure compliance with Telephone Company installation, safety and security practices.

(D) The Telephone Company reserves the right, without prior notice, to access the partitioned space in an emergency, such as fire or other unsafe conditions, or for purposes of averting any threat of harm imposed by the customer or the customer's equipment upon the operation of the Telephone Company's equipment, facilities and/or employees located outside the partitioned space. The Telephone company will notify the customer as soon as possible when such an event has occurred.

(E) The Telephone Company reserves the right to remove and dispose of the customer's equipment on physical EIS arrangements if the customer fails to remove and dispose of the equipment within the 30-day period following discontinuance of service whether the discontinuance was ordered by the customer, or by the Telephone Company in accordance with this tariff. The customer will be charged the appropriate Additional Labor charges for the removal and disposal of such equipment.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.2 Provision of EIS (Cont'd)

17.2.3 Rights of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(F) The Telephone Company reserves for itself and its successors and assignees, the right to utilize the wire center(s) or access tandem(s) space in such a manner as will best enable it to fulfill Telephone Company's service requirements.

(G) The Telephone Company shall have the right, for good cause shown, and upon six (6) months' notice, to reclaim any partitioned space, cable space or conduit space in order to fulfill its obligation under Public Service law and its tariffs to provide telecommunication services to its end user customers. In such cases, the Telephone Company will reimburse the customer for reasonable direct costs and expenses in connection with such reclamation or migration to virtual collocation. The Telephone Company will make every reasonable effort to find other alternatives before attempting to reclaim any such space.

17.3 Obligations of the Customer

17.3.1 Responsibility of the Customer

(A) The customer is responsible for coordinating with the Telephone Company to ensure that services are installed in accordance with the service request. The customer agrees to meet with the Telephone Company, if requested by the Telephone Company, to review design and work plans for installation of the customer's designated equipment within the Telephone Company premises.

(B) The customer will be responsible for costs incurred by the Telephone Company for installation or maintenance of customer designated Virtual EIS termination equipment. Installation or maintenance will not begin until agreed to by the customer.

(C) In the event of a Telephone Company work stoppage, the customer's employees, contractors or agents will comply with the emergency operation procedures established by the Telephone Company. Such emergency procedures should not directly impact the customer's access to its premises, or ability to provide service.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

17.3.1 Responsibility of the Customer

(D) On the date of discontinuance of service of physical EIS arrangements, the customer will disconnect and remove its equipment within 30 days from its partitioned space.

(E) The customer will provide access to the partitioned space at all times to allow the Telephone Company to react to emergencies, to maintain the building operating systems (where applicable and necessary) and to ensure compliance with OSHA/Telephone Company regulations and standards related to fire, safety, health and environment safeguards. The Telephone Company will attempt to notify the customer in advance of any such emergency access. If advance notification is not possible the Telephone Company will provide notification of any such entry to the customer as soon as possible following the entry, indicating the reasons for the entry and any actions taken which might impact the customer's facilities or equipment and its ability to provide service. The Telephone Company will restrict access to the customer's cage to persons necessary to handle such an emergency.

(F) The customer's employee, agent, or contractor with access to a Telephone Company wire center(s) or access tandem(s) shall adhere at all times to all applicable laws, regulations and ordinances and to rules of conduct established by the Telephone Company for the wire center or access tandem and the Telephone Company's employees, agents and contractors. The Telephone Company reserves the right to make changes to such procedures and rules to preserve the integrity and operation of the Telephone Company network or facilities or to comply with applicable laws and regulations. The Telephone Company will provide written notification 30 days in advance of such changes.

(G) The customer is responsible for payment of all charges as set forth in Section 2.4. Disputed bills will be subject to provisions in Section 2.4. Failure to make payment will result in disconnection of service in accordance with Section 2.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

17.3.1 Responsibility of the Customer) (Cont'd)

(H) The customer will be responsible to obtain appropriate insurance coverage, including but not limited to, fire, theft, and liability as described in this section for physical EIS arrangements.

(I) The customer will be held liable for the actions and inactions of its employees, vendors, or contractors having access to Telephone Company wire center or access tandem equipment, manholes and facilities.

(J) The customer is responsible for the purchase and delivery of customer designated termination equipment to be installed in the Telephone Company wire center or access tandem for virtual EIS. The customer must deliver all equipment specified on its Virtual EIS application to the designated wire center or access tandem. The Telephone Company will not accept equipment shipments without a packing list and labels, or incomplete shipments. See packet of general information for EIS shipment and receiving guidelines.

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17.3 Obligations of the Customer

17.3.2 Claims and Demands for Damage

In addition to the provisions in Section 2.3.11, the customer shall defend, indemnify and save harmless the Telephone Company from and against any and all suits, claims and demands by third persons caused by, arising out of or in any way related to the installation, maintenance, repair, replacement, presence, use or removal of the customer's equipment or by the proximity of such equipment to the equipment of other parties occupying space in the Telephone Company's wire center(s) or access tandem(s) or caused by, arising out of or in any way related to the customer's failure to comply with any of the terms of this tariff.

17.3.3 Limitations

(A) All customer facilities must terminate in the Telephone Company equipment.

(B) The customer shall not assign, sublease, rent or share with or without charge, partitioned space with another customer.

(C) Other than marking equipment for identification purposes, the customer shall not paint or affix any signs, posters, advertisements or notices on any portion of, or any equipment located in, the Telephone Company wire center(s) or access tandem(s).

(D) The customer shall not use cellular telephones within the wire center or access tandem locations. The customer may order local exchange business service to be installed within the customer's partitioned space.

17.3.4 Mechanic's or Materialmen's Liens

The customer shall not permit to be placed upon the wire center or access tandem or any of the Telephone Company's property any mechanic's or materialmen's liens caused by or resulting from any work performed, materials furnished or obligations incurred by or at the request of the customer. In the case of the filing of any such lien, the customer shall immediately pay the lien in full. If default in the payment continues for ten (10) days after written notice from the Telephone Company to the customer, the Telephone Company will have the right, at the Telephone

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

17.3.4 Mechanic's or Matrialmen's Liens (Cont'd)

Company's option, of paying the lien or any portion of the lien, without inquiry as to the validity of the lien, and the customer shall reimburse the Telephone Company for any amounts paid, including expenses and interest, within ten (10) days after delivery to the customer of an invoice. Failure to remit payment to the Telephone Company within ten (10) days will result in disconnection of service as set forth in

17.3.5 Confidentiality

The customer shall hold in confidence all information of a competitive nature provided to the customer by the Telephone Company in connection with EIS or known to the customer as a result of the customer's access to the Telephone Company's wire center(s) or access tandem(s) or as a result of the interconnection of the customer's equipment to the Telephone Company's facilities. Similarly, the Telephone Company shall hold in confidence all information of a competitive nature provided to it by the customer in connection with EIS or known to the Telephone Company as a result of the interconnection of the customer's equipment to the Telephone Company's facilities. Such information is to be considered proprietary and shared within the Telephone Company on a need to know basis only. Neither the Telephone Company or the customer shall be obligated to hold in confidence information that:

(1) was already known to the customer free of any obligation to keep such information confidential;

(2) was or becomes publicly available by other than unauthorized disclosure; or

(3) was rightfully obtained from a third party not obligated to hold such information in confidence.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

17.3.6 Network Outage, Damage and Reporting

(A) The customer shall be responsible for any damage or network outage occurring as a result of termination of customer owned or customer designated termination equipment in the Telephone Company wire center or access tandem.

(B) The customer is responsible for providing trouble report status when requested.

(C) The customer is responsible for providing a contact number that is readily accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

(D) The customer shall be responsible for notifying the Telephone Company of significant outages which could impact or degrade the Telephone Company's switches and services and provide estimated clearing time for restoral.

(E) The customer is responsible for testing its equipment to identify and clear a trouble report when the trouble has been sectionalized (isolated) to a customer service.

(F) Credit for interruption of service for physical EIS will be given only for the switched or special access facility and associated cross connect as set forth in Sections 4 and 5.

17.4 Discontinuance of Service

17.4.1 General

(A) Upon discontinuance of physical EIS service the customer shall disconnect and remove its equipment from the partitioned space. The Telephone Company reserves the right to remove the customer's equipment if the customer fails to remove and dispose of the equipment within the 30 days of discontinuance. The customer will be charged the appropriate Additional Labor charge in Section 13.2 for the removal of such equipment.

(B) The Telephone Company will make every effort to contact the customer in the event the customer's equipment disrupts the network. If the Telephone Company is unable to make contact with the customer, the Telephone Company shall temporarily disconnect the customer's service. The Telephone Company will notify the customer as soon as possible after any disconnect of customer's equipment.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.4 Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd)

17.4.1 General (Cont'd)

(C) The Telephone Company reserves the right to terminate EIS, in the event the customer is not in conformance with Telephone Company standards and requirements and/or in the event the customer imposes continued disruption and threat of harm to Telephone Company employees and/or network, or the Telephone Company's ability to provide service to other customers.

(D) Upon discontinuance of Virtual EIS service, the Telephone Company will disconnect and remove the customer designated termination equipment from the Telephone Company wire center or access tandem. The Telephone Company will work with the customer to coordinate return of the equipment to the customer.

17.5 Ordering Options for EIS

17.5.1 Physical EIS at Tariffed Locations

(A) Customers requesting physical EIS at a wire center or access tandem location appearing in 17.7.7 will be required to complete the Application Form and submit the Engineering Fee(s) as set forth in Section 20. Upon notification of available space, the customer will be required to place an EIS Access Service Order (ASR). In addition, the customer must submit 50% of the other applicable nonrecurring charges within 90 days after notification of available space or the customer will be required to submit a new Application Form and Engineering Fee(s).

(B) The Telephone Company will process Application Forms on a first-come, first-served basis as set forth in 17.6.1(B).

(C) Upon receipt of the completed EIS ASR, the Telephone Company will schedule a meeting with the customer to determine engineering and network requirements. The Telephone Company will provide to the customer the general information packet including lists of technical publications and procedures necessary to meet network, engineering, security and safety standards.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.5 Ordering Options for EIS (Cont'd)

17.5.1 Physical EIS at Tariffed Locations (Cont'd)

(D) Upon receipt of the ASR and 50% of the Site Preparation Charge, Cage Enclosure, DC Power charges and applicable nonrecurring charges (NRCs), the Telephone Company will initiate necessary modifications to the wire center or access tandem to accommodate the customer's request. The customer and the Telephone Company will work cooperatively to ensure that services are installed in accordance with the service requested. The balance of the Building Modification, Cage Enclosure and dc Power charges are due at the time the space is turned over to the customer.

(E) The customer is responsible to have cable and other equipment ready for installation on the date scheduled. If the customer fails to notify the Telephone Company of a delay in the installation date, the customer will be subject to the appropriate Additional Labor Charge in Section 20.

(F) The customer has the option of providing its own cables or the Telephone Company may, at the customer's request, provide the necessary transmission, power and grounding cables and bill the customer per the Cable Material Charge rates in Section 20.

(G) The Telephone Company will advise the customer of any delay in completion of the preparation of the wire center or access tandem space, and reschedule a new installation date for earliest possible date.

(H) The Telephone Company and the customer must meet and begin implementation of the request within six (6) months of receipt of the Application Form and the Physical Engineering Fee or the identified space becomes available for use by other customers.

(I) The Telephone Company shall notify the customer of the date the Physical EIS cage arrangement will be ready for walk through and inspection. The customer has 15 days to meet the Telephone Company on-site for inspection. If the customer does not attend the inspection within this timeframe, the Telephone Company will initiate customer billing for all monthly and nonrecurring charges.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.5 Ordering Options for EIS (Cont'd)

17.5.2 Virtual EIS

(A) Customers seeking virtual EIS shall submit a Application form and a $2500 non-refundable fee for each wire center or access tandem which will be applied toward the Engineering/ Installation Fee. The customer will be required to provide information such as, wire center or access tandem location, number and type of terminations, type of equipment, etc. The customer must provide all required information before the Telephone Company will begin work on the request.

(B) Upon receipt of the $2500 Fee, the Telephone Company will initiate a search of engineering records, an inspection of facilities, and other administrative activities required to process the request.

(C) Virtual EIS will be provided to customers at rates and charges, including the Engineering/Installation Fee, specific to the location and customer designated termination equipment installed.

17.5.3 Microwave Services

EIS through microwave service will be provided, where reasonably feasible, only on a case-by-case basis. Rules, regulations and rates will be developed and filed upon a bona fide request from customers to provide microwave interconnection.

17.5.4 Data Over Voice (DOV) Equipment

Data Over Voice (DOV) Equipment may be used within the interconnection arrangement for Special or Switched EIS. If the DOV equipment is an adjunct or stand-alone device, additional charges for engineering, installation, and maintenance will be tariffed as identified under the Bona Fide Request Process.

17.5.5 Other Technologies

EIS will not be provided through technologies other than fiber optic facilities and microwave.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.5 Ordering Options for EIS (Cont'd)

17.5.6 Augmentations

All requests for an addition or change to an existing EIS arrangement that has been inspected and turned over to the customer is considered an augmentation. The augmentation request will require the submission of a complete application form and the non-refundable Engineering or Augment Fee. Major Augments may include adding telecommunication equipment that requires AC or DC power or HVAC systems upgrade, or change in the size of the cage. A complete application and Engineering Fee will be required when submitting a physical or virtual request that requires a major augment.

Minor Augments of Physical or Virtual EIS arrangements will require the submission of a complete application form and the Augment Fee. Minor augments are those requests that do not require additional AC or DC power systems, HVAC system upgrades or additional cage space. The requirements for a minor augment request can not exceed the capacity of the existing electrical/power of HVAC system. Requests for customer to customer interconnects and DS0, DS1 and DS3 cross connects are included as minor augments. The installation of circuit cards for Virtual EIS is also included as a minor augment.

Minor augments that require an augment fee are those requests that require the Telephone Company to perform a service or function on behalf of the customer, including but not limited to, requests to pull cable for customer to customer EIS interconnections, DS0, DS1 and DS3 facility terminations and Virtual EIS circuit card installations.

Minor augments that do not require a fee are those augments performed solely by the customer, that do not necessitate the Telephone Company to provide a service or function on behalf of the customer, including but not limited to, requests to install additional equipment in the customer's cage. Before the installation of the additional equipment, the customer agrees to provide the Telephone Company with an application form that includes an updated list of the equipment to be installed in the customer's EIS arrangement. Once the updated equipment list is submitted to the Telephone Company, the customer may proceed with the augment. The customer agrees that changes in equipment performed by the customer under this provision will not exceed the engineering specifications for power and HVAC as requested on the original application.

All augments will be subject to Telephone Company inspection, in accordance with the terms of this Tariff for ensuring compliance with Telephone Company safety standards.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.6 EIS Service Request

17.6.1 Application Form for Physical EIS

(A) Customers requesting physical EIS will be required to submit the applicable Engineering Fee(s) as set forth in Section 20 for each wire center(s) or access tandem(s) location ordered.

(B) Receipt of a complete Application Form, Engineering Fee(s) and 50% of the applicable nonrecurring charges will determine the order of priority of the customers requesting physical EIS.

(C) The Application Form will require the customer to provide all engineering, floor space, power, environmental and other requirements necessary for the function of the service. The Telephone Company will notify the customer within 15 days, in writing, following receipt of the completed application if the customer's requirements cannot be accommodated as specified. Should the customer submit ten (10) or more applications within a ten (10) day period, the response interval will be increased by ten (10) days for every ten (10) additional applications or fraction thereof.

(D) If existing suitable space is not available, the Engineering Fee will be refunded. If the customer withdraws or cancels the request within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the Application Form, 50% of the Physical Engineering Fee will be refunded to the customer. If the customer withdraws or cancels the request after the fifteenth day, no refund of the Engineering Fee will be made.

(E) The Telephone Company will provide an information packet containing a list of engineering and technical specifications, fire, safety, security policies and procedures. Certain material appearing on this page formerly appeared on Page 333.

(F) Customers initiating an Application Form must have the capability of terminating transmission facilities at the Telephone Company wire center or access tandem within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed six (6) months from the date the request is initiated.

(G) The Telephone Company will not maintain a list of customers requesting space in a wire center or access tandem after the space is initially exhausted.

(H) Reserved for Future Use

(I) Reserved for Future Use

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.6 EIS Service Request (Cont'd)

17.6.1 Application Form for Physical EIS (Cont'd)

(J) The Telephone Company shall provide the customer with a price quote for the EIS required to accommodate the customer's request within thirty (30) days of the customer's application date. The quote will be honored for ninety (90) days from the date of issuance. If the quote is not accepted by the customer within such ninety (90) day period, the customer will be required to submit a new Application Form and Engineering Fee and a new quote will be provided based on the new Application Form.

(K) The first Application Form submitted by the customer shall be designated the original application. Original applications for EIS arrangements that have not been inspected and approved by the customer are subject to requests for minor or major changes to the services requested in the application. Changes will not be initiated until a completed application has been submitted along with the appropriate Engineering Fee if applicable. Major changes are requests that add telecommunications equipment that requires additional AC or DC power systems; HVAC system modifications; or change the size of the cage. At the election of the customer, major changes may be handled in one of the following two options to the extent technically feasible.

Option 1: Additional Application.

The customer may elect to have a major change to its original EIS application treated by the Telephone Company as an additional (new) application. An additional application is subject to the same provisioning process and conditions as an original application. On receipt of a complete additional Application and Engineering Fee, the Telephone Company will notify the customer in writing within fifteen (15) days following receipt of the completed additional application if the customer's additional requirements cannot be accommodated as specified.

Filing an additional application does not change the Telephone Company's obligation to process and fulfill the original application nor does it change the time intervals applicable to the processing and fulfillment of the original application. All of the provisions herein applicable to an original application similarly apply to an additional application.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.6 EIS Service Request (Cont'd)

17.6.1 Application Form for Physical EIS (Cont'd)

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Option 2: Supplemental Application.

The customer may elect to have a major change to its original EIS application treated by the Telephone Company as a supplemental application. A supplemental application may affect the Telephone Company's obligation to process and fulfill the original application. On receipt of a supplemental application and Engineering Fee, the Telephone Company will notify the customer in writing within fifteen (15) days following receipt of the completed supplemental application if the customer's requirements cannot be accommodated as specified.

Upon notification that the Telephone Company can accommodate the requirements of the supplemental application, the customer may elect to proceed with the supplemental application. The Telephone Company's obligations under the original application will be merged with the obligations of the supplemental application and the combined project timeline will be based on the date the supplemental application was received. All of the provisions herein applicable to an original application similarly apply to a supplemental application.

Minor changes are those requests that do not require additional AC or DC power systems, HVAC system upgrades, or changes in cage space. The customer will be required to submit a revised application, but the deliverable dates for the project will not change.

17.6.2 Relocation Within the Same Wire Center or Access Tandem

Customer requests for relocation of the termination equipment from one location to a different location for the same customer within the same wire center or access tandem will be handled on an individual case basis.

17.6.3 Expansion of Existing Space

Customer requests for expansion of existing space within a specific wire center or access tandem will be treated as a new service application.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.7 Physical EIS

17.7.1 Availability of Service

(A) Physical EIS will be made available where there is existing suitable space as defined in 17.7.2.

(B) The Telephone Company will notify the appropriate State Commissions when existing suitable space has been exhausted in a particular wire center or access tandem.

(C) Existing suitable space in Telephone Company wire centers or access tandems available for physical EIS will be provided to customers on a first-come, first-served basis as specified in 17.7.2.

(A) Existing suitable space is defined as space in which ac/dc power, heat and air conditioning, battery and/or generator back-up dc power, and other requirements necessary for provision of wire center or access tandem equipment currently exists and is not required space and facilities designated for use by the Telephone Company.

(B) The Telephone Company and the customer will work cooperatively to determine proper space requirements, and efficient use of space.

(C) The amount of floor space available to each customer at the time of the initial application will be 100 square feet per wire center or access tandem. The Telephone Company will enclose the customer's space in a cage.

(D) The customer is permitted to obtain additional floor space when their existing floor space is being used efficiently. Additional space will be ordered in increments of 100 square feet, where available. The maximum amount of space available to each customer will be limited only by the amount of existing suitable space available in a specific wire center or access tandem.

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17.7 EIS Service Request (Cont'd)

17.7.2 Existing Suitable Space (Cont'd)

(E) The Telephone Company reserves the right to require customers to relinquish such space which is not used within a reasonable time. Upon receipt of a collocation request that must be denied due to lack of existing space or the Telephone Company requires additional space for its own growth and the only available space is unused space for any existing collocated customer, existing customers must provide documentation for its use of unused space for the next twelve months. Otherwise, the customer must relinquish unused space to new requests on a first-come, first-served basis.

(F) The customer shall use the partitioned space solely for the purposes of installing, maintaining and operating the customer's equipment to interconnect with the facilities of the Telephone Company in accordance with Sections 64.1401 and 64.1402 of the FCC Rules and Regulations in 47 C.F.R. and for no other purposes.

(G) The customer shall not construct improvements or make alterations or repairs to the partitioned space without the prior written approval of the Telephone Company.

17.7.3 Power, Environmental Conditioning and DC Power

(A) The Telephone Company will provide, at rates set forth following, DC power with generator and/or battery back-up, heat, air conditioning and other environmental support to the customer's equipment in the same standards and parameters required for Telephone Company equipment.

(B) The customer will provide the Telephone Company with specifications for any non-standard or special requirements at the time of application. The Telephone Company reserves the right to assess the customer any additional charges on an individual case basis associated with complying with the requirements or to refuse an application where extensive modifications are required.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.7 EIS Service Request (Cont'd)

17.7.4 Customer Terminating Equipment Requirements

(A) Customer equipment installed in the Telephone Company wire center or access tandem must comply with either the Telephone Company's list of approved products, or equipment that complies with wire center or access tandem environmental and transmission standards in effect at the time the interconnection is made. The list of approved products and/or equipment is the same as used by the Telephone Company and its contractors. EIS customers will be notified of any change in the Telephone Company's list of approved products and/or equipment.

(B) The customer shall be responsible for servicing, supplying, repairing and maintaining the following:

Fiber Optic Cable and Fire Retardant Sheath (if customer provided) Equipment located within the wire center or access tandem Interconnection cable to the point of demarcation

(C) The customer shall be required to provide DS1 cable facilities in sufficient capacity for the Telephone Company to wire DS1 services in multiples of 28 or DS0 cable facilities in sufficient capacity for the Telephone Company to wire DS0 services in multiples of 24.

(D) The interconnection point for physical EIS is the point where the customer-owned cable facilities connect to the Telephone Company termination equipment. The Telephone Company will designate a DSX panel(s) as the point(s) of termination within each wire center or access tandem as the point(s) of physical demarcation between the customer's maintenance and ownership responsibilities and the Telephone Company's maintenance and ownership responsibilities. Maintenance and related activities up to the Telephone Company side of the point of termination will be the responsibility of the Telephone Company.

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17.7 EIS Service Request (Cont'd)

17.7.4 Customer Termination Equipment Requirements (Cont'd)

(E) If the customer provides their own fiber optic facility then the customer shall be responsible for bringing its fiber optic cable to the wire center or access tandem manhole and leave sufficient cable length for the Telephone Company to be able to fully extend such cable through to the customer's space. No splicing will be permitted in the manhole. Upon discontinuance of EIS, the customer relinquishes all rights, title and ownership of cable to the Telephone Company.

(F) The Telephone Company is responsible for installing customer provided fiber optic cable in the cable space or conduit from the manhole to the wire center or access tandem. This may be shared conduit with dedicated inner duct. The customer shall not be permitted to reserve wire center or access tandem cable space or conduit. If new conduit is required, the Telephone Company will negotiate with the customer to determine the specific location. The Telephone Company reserves the right to manage its own wire center and access tandem conduit requirements and to reserve vacant space for planned facility additions.

(G) The Telephone Company is responsible for installing a cable splice where the customer provided fiber optic cable meets customer provided fire retardant riser cable within the wire center or access tandem cable vault or designated splicing chamber. The Telephone Company will provide space and racking for the placement of the splice enclosure. The Telephone Company will tag all entrance facilities to indicate ownership. The Telephone Company is responsible for placing the customer's fire retardant riser cable from the cable vault to the partitioned space. The customer is responsible for providing fire retardant riser cable that meets Telephone Company standards.

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17.7 EIS Service Request (Cont'd)

17.7.4 Customer Termination Equipment Requirements (Cont'd)

(H) Customer interconnection equipment installed with the Telephone Company's wire center or access tandem facilities shall be subject to and comply with Telephone Company practices for ac/dc bonding and grounding requirements. This information will be provided to the customer in the general information packet.

(I) Upon installation of the customer's equipment, with prior notice, the Telephone Company will schedule time to work with the customer during the turn-up phase of the equipment to ensure proper functionality between the customer's equipment and the connections to the Telephone Company equipment. The time period for this to occur will correspond to the Telephone Company's maintenance window time period.

(J) All equipment installed within the Telephone Company wire center or access tandem facilities shall meet the industry standard requirements as shown in the following publications:

TR-NWT-000499
TR-NWT-000063
TR-TSY-000191
TR-TSY-000487
TR-NPL-000320
Part 15.109 47 C.F.R. FCC Rules and Regulations
ANSI T1.102
UL 94

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17.7 EIS Service Request (Cont'd)

17.7.5 Security Requirements for Customer Access to Telephone Company Buildings

(A) The Telephone Company will permit the customer's employees, agents, and contractors approved by the Telephone Company to have access to the customer's partitioned space at all times. The customer's employees, agents, or contractors must comply with the policies and practices of the Telephone Company pertaining to fire, safety, and security. The Telephone Company will also permit all approved employees, agents and contractors to have access to the customer's cable and associated equipment, e.g., repeaters. This will include access to riser cable, cableways, and any room or area through which necessary access is available.

(B) All employees, agents and contractors must meet certain minimum requirements established by the Telephone Company. This information will be provided to the customer as set forth in 17.5.1(B). At the time the customer places the EIS ASR for physical EIS, the customer must submit a list of employees, agents and contractors and the associated Telephone Company wire centers and/or access tandems where access is requested. The customer must also certify that each of the individuals on the list meets the minimum requirements. The information will be submitted to the Telephone Company's Security Department for approval.

(C) Access cards or keys will be provided to no more than six individuals per customer for each Telephone Company wire center or access tandem.

(D) Upon approval, the customer must provide all employees, agents and contractors a photo identification card which identifies the person by name and the name of the customer. The ID must be worn on the individual's exterior clothing while in the Telephone Company buildings. The Telephone Company will provide the customer with instructions and necessary access cards or keys to obtain access to Telephone Company buildings.

(E) The Telephone Company reserves the right to deny access to Telephone Company buildings for any customer's employee, agent or contractor who cannot meet the Telephone Company's established security standards.

(F) The Telephone Company also reserves the right to deny access to Telephone Company buildings for any customer's employee, agent and contractor for falsification of records, violation of fire, safety or security practices and policies or other just cause.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.7 EIS Service Request (Cont'd)

17.7.5 Security Requirements for customer Access to Telephone Company Buildings (Cont'd)

(G) The customer is required to immediately notify the Telephone Company by the most expeditious means, when any customer's employee, agent or contractor with access privileges to Telephone Company buildings is no longer in its employ, or when keys, access cards or other means of obtaining access to Telephone Company buildings are lost, stolen or not returned by an employee, agent or contractor no longer in its employ.

(H) The customer is responsible for the immediate retrieval and return to the Telephone Company of all keys, access cards or other means of obtaining access to Telephone Company buildings if lost, stolen or upon termination of employment of the customer's employee and/or discontinuance of service. The customer shall be responsible for the replacement cost of keys, access cards or other means of obtaining access when lost, stolen or failure of the customer or the customer's employee, agent or contractor to return to the Telephone Company.

17.7.6 Insurance & Liability Requirements

(A) The customer shall, at its sole cost and expense, obtain, maintain, pay for and keep in force insurance as specified following and underwritten by an insurance company(s) having a best insurance rating of at least AA-12.

(B) The Telephone Company shall be named as an additional insured and a loss payee on all applicable policies as specified following.

(1) Comprehensive general liability coverage on an occurrence basis in an amount of $2,000,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage with a policy aggregate of $4,000,000. This coverage shall include the contractual, independent contractors products/completed operations, broad form property and personal injury endorsements.

(2) Umbrella/Excess Liability coverage in an amount of $10,000,000 excess of coverage specified in (1) above.

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17.7 EIS Service Request (Cont'd)

17.7.7 Insurance and Liability Requirements (Cont'd)

(B) (Cont'd)

(3) All Risk Property coverage on a full replacement cost basis insuring all of the customer's real and personal property located on or within the Telephone Company wire centers. The customer may also elect to purchase business interruption and contingent business interruption insurance, knowing that the Telephone Company has no liability for loss of profit or revenues should an interruption of service occur.

(4) Statutory Workers Compensation coverage.

(5) Contractual Liability coverage.

(6) Automobile Liability coverage.

(7) Employers Liability coverage in an amount of $2,000,000.

(C) All policies purchased by the customer shall be deemed to be primary and not contributing to or in excess of any similar coverage purchased by the Telephone Company.

All insurance must be in effect on or before the customer occupies the partitioned space and shall remain in force as long as the customer's facilities remain within any space governed by this tariff. If the customer fails to maintain the coverage, the Telephone Company may pay the premiums and seek reimbursement from the customer. Failure to make a timely reimbursement will result in disconnection of service as set forth in Section 2.1.8.

(D) The customer shall submit certificates of insurance and copies of policies reflecting the coverage specified in (B) above at the time the ASR is placed. Commencement of work by the Telephone Company will not begin until these are received.

(E) The customer shall arrange for the customer's insurance company to provide the Telephone Company with thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.8 Virtual EIS

17.8.1 Availability of Service

(A) Virtual EIS will be available to customers at all wire centers and access tandems.

(B) Virtual EIS provides the means to interconnect, through an optical channel interface, to specified interstate Access Services. Virtual EIS provides:

(1) Connection between customer provided and Telephone Company provided fiber optic transport facilities at a meet point within the mutually agreed to Telephone Company designated space outside a Telephone Company wire center or access tandem, such as a manhole, and

(2) Conversion of optical to electrical signals, as appropriate, to allow interconnection between customer provided transport facilities and other specified interstate Telephone Company services.

(C) The interconnection point for virtual EIS is the demarcation between ownership of the cable facilities.

(D) The Telephone Company will designate locations close to the wire center or access tandem to be used as interconnection points for customer's facilities.

(E) None of the provisions of Section 17.5.4 apply or extend to any patron of the customer purchasing virtual EIS from the Telephone Company.

(F) Customers have the option of monitoring their Virtual EIS equipment, or having the Telephone Company monitor the equipment alarms. Information will be provided in the packet of general information.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.8 Virtual EIS

17.8.2 Obligations of the Customer

(A) When ordering virtual EIS, the customer shall designate the type of wire center or access tandem and the type of transmission equipment dedicated to their use. The customer may specify equipment which may be different from the equipment normally used by the Telephone Company to provide interstate Access Services.

(B) The customer may monitor and control the performance of all facilities and equipment used in the provision of virtual EIS.

(C) The customer is responsible for initiating a request for maintenance of customer's facilities and termination equipment.

(D) The customer is responsible for costs associated with training Telephone Company employees to install and maintain equipment other than equipment normally used by the Telephone Company.

(E) The Telephone Company and the customer will work cooperatively to determine proper equipment and facilities requirements.

(F) Unless the customer advises the Telephone Company pursuant to (b) of this subsection, the customer shall provide to the Telephone Company, and the Telephone Company will hold on-site, the vendor's recommended spare card package for all EIS equipment within the requested wire center or access tandem. The customer shall also provide shipping containers with destination labels and postage paid for the card to be shipped.

Upon the detection of a bad card, the Telephone Company will replace such card with a spare card, and will arrange to tag and prepare the defective card for prompt shipment to the customer, and arrange for mailing the container as specified on the label. Upon receipt of the card by the customer, the customer shall replace the defective card as quickly as possible to ensure that a full complement of spares are on-site.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.8 Virtual EIS

17.8.2 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

(F) The customer will be responsible for repairing and maintaining an adequate set of spares within its operation to minimize delays in replenishing spares on-site. Should the customer provide spare cards on-site, the Telephone Company will respond to virtual equipment outages at times consistent with the objectives that the Telephone Company sets for itself. The customer must advise the Telephone Company in writing if it will not provide the vendor's spare card package for virtual EIS equipment on-site, as required in (a) of this subsection. Should the customer not provide the vendor's recommended spare card package for the virtual EIS equipment on-site and the customer's equipment suffers an outage:

(1) The customer will be responsible for delivering the necessary spare card(s) to a Telephone Company Technician at the central where the outage has occurred;

(2) The Telephone Company will not be held accountable for any service degradation due to the absence of on-site spare cards;

(3) The Telephone Company will not be held to the same equipment outage restoration objectives, as if the spare cards were stored on-site; and,

(4) The customer is responsible for expenses incurred by the Telephone Company for the additional time the Telephone Company's personnel expended to correct the equipment outage due to waiting for the delivery of the spare cards. Charges will be based on the applicable Additional Labor Charges as set forth under Section 13.2

(G) The customer must execute a Bill of Sale for $1.00 to the Telephone Company to transfer ownership of the equipment from the customer to the Telephone Company. Upon termination of the Virtual EIS arrangement, the Telephone Company will execute a Bill of Sale for $1.00 to the customer to transfer ownership of the equipment from the Telephone Company to the customer. The Bill of Sale must be executed by the customer prior to the equipment being placed in–service.

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17.8 Virtual EIS

17.8.2 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

(H) Virtual equipment augmentation requests may only be provisioned upon receipt of a completed application and the applicable Engineering/Augment fee.

(I) The customer is responsible for providing all specialized test equipment required to monitor and maintain non-standard equipment that the Telephone Company virtually terminated on behalf of the customer.

17.8.3 Operation and Maintenance

Where the Telephone Company uses contractors for installation, maintenance or repair of services, the customer may hire the same contractor directly for installation, maintenance or repair of customer designated equipment. Where the Telephone Company does not use contractors, customer designated equipment and customer provided facilities used in the provision of virtual EIS will be installed, maintained and repaired by the Telephone Company. The Telephone Company will maintain and repair the customer designated termination equipment under the same time frame and standards as its own equipment. Customers are not allowed into Telephone Company wire centers and access tandems to work on Virtual EIS equipment.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.8 Virtual EIS

17.8.4 Customer Terminating Equipment Requirements

(A) Customer equipment installed in the Telephone Company manhole or similar location must comply with either the Telephone Company's list of approved products, or equipment that complies with wire center or access tandem environmental and transmission standards in effect at the time the interconnection is made. This list of approved products and/or equipment is the same as used by the Telephone Company and its contractors. EIS customers will be notified of any change in the Telephone Company's list of approved products and/or equipment.

(B) The customer shall be responsible for supplying the following: Fiber Optic Cable and Fire Retardant Sheath Equipment located within the wire center or access tandem

(C) The customer shall be required to provide DS1 cable facilities in sufficient capacity for the Telephone Company to wire DS1 services in multiples of 28.

(D) The customer shall be responsible for bringing its fiber optic cable to the wire center or access tandem manhole and leave sufficient cable length in order for the Telephone Company to be able to fully extend such cable through to the customer's space. No splicing will be permitted in the manhole. Upon discontinuance of EIS, the customer relinquishes all rights, title and ownership of cable to the Telephone Company.

(E) The Telephone Company is responsible for installing customer provided fiber optic cable in the cable space or conduit from the manhole to the wire center or access tandem. This may be shared conduit with dedicated inner duct. The customer shall not be permitted to reserve wire center or access tandem cable space or conduit. If new conduit is required, the Telephone Company will negotiate with the customer to determine the specific location. The Telephone Company reserves the right to manage its own wire center or access tandem conduit requirements and to reserve vacant space for planned facility additions.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.8 Virtual EIS

17.8.4 Customer Terminating Equipment Requirements (Cont'd)

(F) The Telephone Company is responsible for installing a cable splice where the customer provided fiber optic cable meets customer provided fire retardant riser cable within the wire center or access tandem cable vault or designated splicing chamber. The Telephone Company will provide space and racking for the placement of the splice enclosure. The Telephone Company will tag all entrance facilities to indicate ownership. The Telephone Company is responsible for placing the customer's fire retardant riser cable from the cable vault to the terminating equipment. The customer is responsible for providing fire retardant riser cable that meets Telephone Company standards.

(G) Customer interconnection equipment installed with the Telephone Company's wire center or access tandem facilities shall be subject to and comply with Telephone Company practices for ac/dc bonding and grounding requirements. This information will be provided to the customer in the general information packet.

(H) Upon installation of the customer's equipment, with prior notice, the Telephone Company will schedule time to work with the customer during the turn-up phase of the equipment to ensure proper functionality between the customer's equipment and the connections to the Telephone Company equipment. The time period for this to occur will correspond to the Telephone Company's maintenance window time period.

(I) All equipment installed within the Telephone Company wire center and access tandem facilities shall meet the industry standard requirements as applicable for Physical EIS as in Section 17.7.4.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.9 Rate Regulations

17.9.1 Types of Rates and Charges

This section contains specific regulations governing the rates and charges that apply for EIS. These charges are in addition to the applicable rates and charges for the Switched and Special Access Service ordered.

There are two types of rates and charges. These are monthly rates and nonrecurring charges and are described in section 20 of this tariff.

(A) Monthly Rates

Monthly rates are recurring charges that apply each month or fraction thereof that an EIS is provided. Monthly rates for EIS will commence upon completion of the customer's partitioned space, irrespective of when the Switched or Special Access service is connected.

(1) Partition Space Charge
Partition Space is a monthly recurring charge associated with the provision of the environmentally conditioned space in a specific wire center or access tandem. The Partition Space Charge applies on a per square foot basis for physical EIS.

(2) Cable Space Charge
The Cable Space Charge is a monthly recurring charge, applied per twelve fiber cable, associated with the space within the conduit, riser, cable racks, manhole and cable vault which the customer's cable occupies. This charge applies for physical or virtual EIS.

(3) DC Power
The DC Power Charge is a monthly recurring charge associated with the provision of DC power to the customer's space for physical or virtual EIS. The DC Power Charge applies on a per 40 amp increment.

(4) Maintenance

The Maintenance Charge is a monthly recurring charge associated with maintenance of the customer designated termination equipment. The charge is applicable per base module for virtual EIS.

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17.9 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

17.9.1 Types of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(B) Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring charges are one-time charges that apply for specific work activity. The types of nonrecurring charges that apply for EIS are those described below.

(1) Conversion Fee

The Conversion Fee is associated with the work performed to convert existing collocated services to virtual EIS arrangements where no changes in customer designated termination equipment or facilities or Telephone Company provided equipment and facilities are required. The customer may request multiple wire centers or access tandems to be converted on one order. The Conversion Fee applies per order in lieu of the Engineering/Installation Fee.

(2) Cable Pull Charge

The Cable Pull Charge is associated with the work performed by the Telephone Company to pull and splice the customer's cable from the manhole to the cage or to the customer designated termination equipment. This charge applies per wire center or access tandem, per twelve fiber cable terminated for physical or virtual EIS.

(3) Physical Engineering Fee

The Physical Engineering Fee is associated with work performed by the Telephone Company to determine space requirements, engineer adequate amounts of power, heat, ventilation and air conditioning, and ensure adequate fire protection for physical EIS. This charge applies to Physical EIS and minor augment requests on a per order, per wire center or access tandem basis.

(4) Reserved for Future Use

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17.9 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

17.9.1 Types of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(5) Cage Enclosure

The Cage Enclosure charge is associated with work performed by the Telephone Company to construct a cage for the customer's terminating equipment for physical EIS. This charge includes, one charge circuit system, and electrical sub-panel. This element also includes material cost for the cage enclosure. This element is optional, the customer may sub-contract this work to a Telephone Company approved contractor. This charge provides a 100 square foot enclosure. Upon request of the customer, additional space may be provided in increments of 100 square feet for $1,000.00 per additional 100 square feet.

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17.9 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

17.9.1 Types of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(6) Engineering/Installation Fee

The Engineering/Installation Fee is associated with work performed by the Telephone Company to determine space requirements, engineer adequate amounts of power to the equipment, ensure adequate fire protection and install customer designated termination equipment for virtual EIS. An Engineering/Installation Fee as shown in Section 20 apply for the installation of the base unit and each DS1, DS3, or DS0 card. DS0 card installations are also available in ranges of 144 to 224, 225 to 448, 449 to 784, 785 to 1232, 1233 to 1680, 1681 to 2128, 2129 to 2576 and 2577 to 3024 blocks.

The Engineering/Installation Fee for DS0 Blocks is applied for the initial installation of the block and determined by the range in which the number of DS0s ordered appears. Subsequent additions of DS0s to the block will be charged the Per DS0 Card Installed Fee. For example, an installation request for a block of 200 DS0s will be charged the DS0 Block Fee of the 144 to 224 range. A subsequent request for (30) more DS0s will be charged (30) DS0 Per Card Installed Fees. A subsequent request for another DS0 Block for an additional 150 DS0s will be charged the DS0 Block Fee of the 144 to 224 range.

(7) Overhead Superstructure

The Overhead Superstructure is associated with work performed by the Telephone Company for the extension of overhead racking for the placement of customer provided cable for physical EIS.

(8) DC Power

The DC power charge is associated with work performed by the Telephone Company for the extension of power to the customer's cage. This charge applies on a per 40 amp increment for physical or virtual EIS.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.9 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

17.9.1 Types of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(9) Training

The customer shall be solely responsible for all costs associated with training Telephone Company personnel on the installation, maintenance, monitoring and operation of EIS equipment that the Telephone Company does not use in normal operations within the requested wire center or access tandem. The customer will be responsible for:

(a) The arrangement and prepayment for required training seminars, including tuition, and related course materials.

(b) All travel expenses, including airfare and car rentals, associated with the training. All charges not prepaid by the customer will be passed on to the customer based on ticket stubs and/or receipts.

(c) Providing the Telephone Company personnel to be trained, a per diem for meals during the training period will be assessed.

(d) All expenses associated with follow up training necessitated by changes in technology or upgrades made to such non-standard equipment, and for additional training required within the Telephone Company's normal staffing levels and assignment policies. The customer will provide the supplemental training described herein, per the same terms and conditions provided in this Section.

(e) Reimburse to the Telephone Company for the hours spent in training by Telephone Company personnel, based on the labor rates as set forth in Section 20 and will be billed per hour or fraction thereof.

(f) The equipment training for all Telephone Company personnel responsible for the Virtual EIS equipment within the requested wire center or access tandem must be completed prior to placing the EIS equipment in-service.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.9 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

17.9.1 Types of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(10) Access Ordering Charge

The Switched Access Ordering Charge applies, per ASR, for the installation, addition, change, rearrangement or move of EIS Switched and Special Access Service facilities, except as specified in 4.5.2. The appropriate service installation charge for the service termination(s) will also apply. When an EIS is moved to a different CDL, a new minimum period will be established for the installed Switched or Special Access Service. The customer will remain responsible for all remaining minimum period charges associated with the disconnected Switched or Special Access Service. For Switched or Special Access Services subject to payment plan regulations, the same payment plan will remain in force.

(11) BITS Timing Charge

Cost to provide synchronized timing for electronic communications equipment provided from a central source. This cost includes all the common equipment and port cards to provide 50 ports of DS1 and 50 ports of CC (Composite Clock) capability. This charge is a monthly recurring and nonrecurring charge, based on each port requested by the customer.

(12) Cable Material Charge

The customer will be assessed the Cable Material charge if it elects to have the Telephone Company purchase all cables required to accommodate the EIS arrangement. The rate includes all costs associated with cable materials provided to the customer. This cost includes DS0, DS1, DS3 transmission cables, shielded cable, power cables and ground cables.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.9 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

17.9.1 Types of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(13) Minor Augment Fee

The fee submitted with an application to recover the cost to review and implement changes to an existing EIS arrangement. Minor augments are those requests that do not require more AC or DC power, additional equipment that generates more BTU's of heat, or increase the caged floor space, over what the customer requested in its original application. The requirements for a minor augment request can not exceed the capacity of the existing electrical/power or HVAC system.

(14) Site Preparation Charge

The Site Preparation charge includes all costs associated with preparing the EIS site in the wire center or access tandem to accommodate a Physical EIS arrangement. The Site Preparation Charge is a nonrecurring charge based on a 100 square foot cage request. Requests for cages greater than 100 square feet will be incrementally assessed 10% over 100% of the rate per 100 square foot of floor space.

For example, a request for a 100 Sq. Ft Cage = 100% of the Site Preparation Charge. Each additional 100 square feet will be at 10% of the first 100 square feet's Site Preparation Charge that is requested at the time of the initial 100 square feet.

Subsequent requests will be 100% for the first 100 square feet and 10% of the site preparation charge per each additional 100 square feet requested.

Costs include, but are not limited to, site modification, security access, security arrangements, electrical requirements, major HVAC and power system modifications and miscellaneous charges.

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17. EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION SERVICES (Cont'd)

17.9 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

17.9.1 Types of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

(B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(15) Access Card Charge

The costs associated with the issuance and replacement of access cards that allow a customer's employees to access Telephone Company wire centers and access tandems.

17.9.2 Minimum Periods

(A) The Minimum Period applicable to monthly EIS rate elements specified is six months.

(B) When EIS is discontinued prior to the expiration of the Minimum Period, charges are applicable for the remaining month(s) and/or fraction thereof of the Minimum Period.

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18. RATE ZONE WIRE CENTERS

18.1 Reserved for Future Use

ACCESS SERVICES

19. Discount Plans

19.1 Frame Relay Service Term Payment Plan (TPP)

19.1.1 Rate Regulations

(A) General

(1) The terms and conditions specified herein are applicable to Frame Relay Service and are in addition to other regulations as specified in this tariff.

(2) The Frame Relay UNI Port with Access Line, the Frame Relay UNI or NNI Port Only rate elements are available under a TPP. PVCs are not offered under a TPP. Digital special access lines and additional features are available at their tariffed rates and regulations.

(3) Frame Relay TPP rates will not be greater than standard month-to-month Frame Relay rates, for the same rate elements.

(4) Three year and five year TPP rates will be equal to or less than the one year TPP rates. Decreases to the one year TPP rates will flow through to the three year and five year TPP rates.

(5) Payment periods of one year, three year, and five year are available to all customers at the applicable rates set forth in this Section following, regardless of when they subscribe to a TPP arrangement. Rate elements must be ordered under the same TPP period.

(6) The customer must designate on the ASR the payment period for the TPP.

(7) Inside moves, provided in accordance with Section 22 of this tariff, will not incur termination liability charges.

(8) Outside moves, provided in accordance with Section 22 of this tariff, will allow the customer to retain the same TPP payment period. Any other move will be treated as a disconnect of the service and termination liability charges will apply.

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19. Discount Plans (Cont'd)

19.1 Frame Relay Service Term Payment Plan (TPP)

19.1.1 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

(B) Changes in Length of TTP Period

Prior to the completion of the selected TPP period, the customer may elect to convert to a new TPP period of the same or different length, subject to the following conditions:

- No credit toward the new payment period will be given for payments made under the original TPP arrangement.

- Nonrecurring charges will not be reapplied for existing service(s).

- If the new TPP period is shorter in length that the time remaining under the existing TPP, the change to the new TPP period constitutes a discontinuance of the existing TPP service and termination liability charges apply.

(C) Renewal Options

(1) At the expiration of a TPP period, the Telephone Company will automatically renew the service at the same TPP period unless the customer chooses to convert to a different TPP period, convert to month-to-month rates or discontinue service.

(2) Conversion to a different TPP period will require the customer to submit a change order ASR. Conversion of existing TPP service to a different TPP period will be allowed without application of any nonrecurring or ordering charges.

(3) Conversion to month-to-month rates will be treated as a disconnect of service and establishment of new service. However, if no other changes are ordered, no charge will apply.

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19. Discount Plans (Cont'd)

19.1 Frame Relay Service Term Payment Plan (TPP)

19.1.1 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

(D) Notification of Discontinuance

An ASR for discontinuance of a TPP arrangement must be received by the Telephone Company at least thirty (30) days prior to actual disconnect of service. Monthly charges will apply for a period of thirty (30) days from the date the Telephone Company receives disconnect notification or until the requested disconnect date, whichever period is longer.

(E) Upgrade to Higher Speed Service

Customers may elect to upgrade service(s) to a higher speed during a TPP period, subject to the following conditions:

- Both the existing and the new services are provided solely by the Company.

- The order to discontinue a service at an existing speed or capacity and the order for the upgraded service are received by the Company at the same time.

- The new service will be provided at the same customer location as the discontinued service.

- The fixed-period plan for the upgraded service(s) meets or exceeds the remaining length of the existing fixed-period plan.

- The total monthly rate of the new agreement is equal to or greater than the total monthly rate of the existing agreement period.

- The monthly rates for the upgraded services and/or service elements will be those in effect at the time of the service upgrade. The upgraded service will be subject to all appropriate nonrecurring charges.

- Termination liability charges will not apply as long as the upgraded service remains connected at the same point of termination(s) or meets the requirements set forth in Section 22 preceding.

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19. Discount Plans (Cont'd)

19.1 Frame Relay Service Term Payment Plan (TPP)

19.1.1 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

(F) Termination Liability

When a TPP arrangement is discontinued prior to the end of the period, termination liability charges, as set forth below, will apply based on the remainder of the TPP period in effect at the time of disconnect.

One Year TPP - 50% of any remaining portion of the first year's recurring charges for the in service quantity.

Three Year TPP - 50% of any remaining portion of the first year's recurring charges. In addition, for any remaining portion of the second and third years, the customer will be liable for 10% of the total monthly recurring charges in that time period for the in service quantity.

Five Year TPP - 50% of any remaining portion of the first year's recurring charges. In addition, for any remaining portion of the second through fifth years, the customer will be liable for 10% of the total monthly recurring charges in that time period for the in service quantity.

(A) Termination Without Liability

During a TPP period, should the currently effective rate for a customer's service increase, the customer may, at his/her option, terminate the TPP arrangement without penalty or liability.

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20. Rates and Charges

20.1 Common Line Access Service

20.1.1 Carrier Common Line Access Service

Regulations concerning Carrier Common Line Access are set forth in 3.8 preceding.

(A) Premium Access	Rate
- Terminating Per Access Minute	
Texas #1163	0.0000000
- Originating Per Access Minute	
Texas #1163	0.0000000

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20. Rates and Charges

20.1 Common Line Access Service

20.1.1 Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

(B) Non Premium Access Rate

- Terminating Per Access Minute

Texas #1163	0.0000000

- Originating Per Access Minute

Texas #1163	0.000000

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service

Regulations concerning Switched Access Services are set forth in 6.4 preceding.

20.2.1 Nonrecurring Charges

Regulations concerning Switched Access Services are set forth in 6.4.1 preceding.

(A) New Order Charge
Per order, per study area

	Rate
Texas #1163	100.00

(B) Local Transport – Installation
Per Entrance Facility

- Voice Grade Two-Wire

Texas #1163	200.00

- Voice Grade Four-Wire

Texas #1163	200.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service — Nonrecurring Rates

20.2.1 Nonrecurring Charges

(B) Local Transport – Installation (Cont'd)
Per Entrance Facility

- High Capacity DS1

Texas #1163	450.00

- High Capacity DS3
  - Electrical Interface

Texas #1163	1,000.00

- High Capacity DS3
  - Optical Interface

Texas #1163	1000.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.1 Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(C) CCS7 Access Service - Installation

Per 56 Kbps Digital Facilities

	Nonrecurring Rates
Texas #1163	100.00

Per DS1 Digital Facilities

Texas #1163	1,500.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.1 Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(D) Service Installation-Multiplexing

- DS1 to Voice	Nonrecurring Rate
Texas #1163	800.00

- DS3 to DS1

Texas #1163	450.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.1 Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd) Rate

(E) Interim NXX Translation Per Order

Per LATA or Market Area

Texas #1163 22.00

(F) FGC and FGD Conversion of Multifrequency Address Signaling to SS7 Signaling or SS7 Signaling to Multifrequency Address Signaling

- Per 24 Trunks Converted or Fraction thereof on a Per Order Basis

Texas #1163 ICB

(G) Trunk Activation

- Per 24 Trunks Activated or Fraction thereof, on a Per Order Basis

Texas #1163 ICB

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.1 Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)	Rate
(H) Miscellaneous Order Charge Per order per study area	
Texas #1163	50.00
(I) FGA Optional Toll Blocking	
- Per FGA Line	
Texas #1163	7.38
(J) FGD Maximum Per Trunk	
Cancellation Charge,	
Texas #1163	550.46

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.1 Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

	Rate
(K) 0+900 Service	
- Nonrecurring Charge per End Office	
Texas #1163	300.00
(L) FGA Usage Sensitive Credit Allowance	
- Credit Per Originating FGA Access Minute #	
Texas #1163	0.0013791

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.2 Local Transport-Dedicated Facilities

(A) Entrance Facility - Monthly Recurring

	Rate All or Zone 1	Rate Zone 2	Rate Zone 3
- Voice Grade Two-Wire			
Texas #1163	37.50		
- Voice Grade Four-Wire			
Texas #1163	52.35		
- High Cap DS1			
Texas #1	250.00	265.00	285.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.2 Local Transport-Dedicated Facilities (Cont'd)

Regulations concerning Local Transport-Dedicated Facilities are set forth in 6.1.3 preceding.

(A) Entrance Facility, Monthly Recurring (Cont'd)

- High Capacity DS3 Rate – Electrical Interface

	All or Zone 1	Rate Zone 2	Rate Zone 3
Texas #1163	1,089.98	1,089.98	1,089.98

- High Capacity DS3 – Optical Interface

Texas #1163	1,089.98	1,089.98	1,089.98

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.2 Local Transport-Dedicated Facilities (Cont'd)

(B) Direct Trunked Transport Facility
Per Airline Mile

- Voice Grade	Rate All or Zone 1	Rate Zone 2	Rate Zone 3
Texas #1163	4.95		
- High Capacity DS1			
Texas #1163	13.50	15.75	15.75
- High Capacity DS3			
Texas #1163	28.20	41.20	47.25

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.2 Local Transport-Dedicated Facilities (Cont'd)

(C) Direct Trunked Transport Termination
Per Termination

- Voice Grade	Rate All or Zone 1	Rate Zone 2	Rate Zone 3
Texas #1163	11.78		
- High Capacity DS1			
Texas #1163	54.65	54.65	54.65
- High Capacity DS3			
Texas #1163	261.53	408.05	450.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.2 Local Transport-Dedicated Facilities (Cont'd)

(D) Multiplexing (Monthly Rate)

- DS1 to Voice	Rate All or Zone 1	Rate Zone 2	Rate Zone 3
Texas #1163 *	175.00	200.00	210.00
- DS3 to DS1			
Texas #1163	277.13	419.15	468.25

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.3 Local Transport-Common Facilities

Regulations concerning Local Transport-Common Facilities are set forth in 6.1.3 preceding.

(A) Tandem Switched Transport-Premium

- Tandem Switched Facility
  Per Access Minute
  Per Airline Mile

	Rate All or Zone 1	Rate Zone 2	Rate Zone 3
Texas #1163	0.0002300	0.0001500	0.0001000

- Tandem Switched Termination
  Per Access Minute
  Per Termination

Texas #1163	0.0004500	0.0003000	0.0002500

- Tandem Switching
  Per Access Minute Per Tandem

Texas #1163	0.0002500	0.0002020	0.0001500

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.3 Local Transport-Common Facilities (Cont'd)

(A) Tandem Switched Transport-Premium (Cont'd)

- Shared Multiplexing

Per Access Minute

Texas #1163	0.0000529	0.0000529	0.0000529

* Excluding End Office Analog

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.3 Local Transport-Common Facilities (Cont'd)

(B) Tandem Switched Transport – Non-Premium Access

- Transport Interconnection Charge
  Per Access Minute

	Rate
Texas #1163	.000000

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.4 Local Transport-Other

(A) CCS7 Access Service

	Rate All or Zone 1	Rate Zone 2	Rate Zone 3
- DS1 (1.544 Mbps) Channel Termination			
Texas #1163	297.71		
- DS1 (1.544 Mbps) Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile			
Texas #1163	20.12		

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.4 Local Transport-Other (Cont'd)

(A) CCS7 Access Service (Cont'd)

- 56 Kbps Channel Termination

	Rate
Texas #1163	76.02

- 56 Kbps Channel Mileage Facility Per Airline Mile

Texas #1163	4.91

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.4 Local Transport-Other (Cont'd)

(A) CCS7 Access Service (Cont'd)

- SS7 Transport
Primary STP to Primary STP

	Rate
Texas #1163	600.00

- SS7 Transport
Primary STP to Local STP

Texas #1163	400.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.4 Local Transport-Other (Cont'd)

(A) CCS7 Access Service (Cont'd)
– Port Termination

	Rate
Texas #1163	537.00

Nonrecurring Charge

Texas #1163	65.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.5 End Office

Regulations concerning End Office Switching is set forth in 6.1.3 preceding.

(A) Local Switching

Regulations concerning Local Switching is set forth in 6.1.3 preceding.

Premium - Per Access Minute

- LS1 and LS2

Texas #1163	0.0057930

Non-Premium – Per Access Minute

Texas #1163	0.0026070

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.5 End Office

	Rate
(B) Information Surcharge	
- Premium - Per Access Minute	
Texas #1163	0.0000000
- Non-premium - Per Access Minute	
Texas #1163	0.0000000

(C) Operator Services

	Rate
Operator Transfer Per Call Transferred	
Texas #1163	0.3500

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.5 End Office (Cont'd)

(D) Local Switching Trunk Ports

(1) Shared Trunk Port

- Per Minute of Use	Rate
Texas #1163	0.0013222

(2) Dedicated Trunk Port – DS1

- Monthly Rate - Per Channel	
Texas #1163	10.10

(3) Dedicated Trunk Port – Voice Grade

- Monthly Rate - Per Channel	
Texas #1163	26.82

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.5 End Office (Cont'd)

(D) Local Switching Trunk Ports

(4) Dedicated Trunk Port – Access Tandem
Voice Grade

- Monthly Rate - Per Channel Rate

Texas #1163	16.15

(5) Dedicated Trunk Port – Access Tandem DS1

- Monthly Rate - Per Channel

Texas #1163	4.47

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.5 End Office (Cont'd)

(E) Network Blocking Charge per FGD Call

	Rate
Texas #1163	0.018

(F) 1% Blocking Threshold

	Trunks in Service			
	1-2	3-4	5-6	7 or more
Texas #1163	0.070	0.050	0.040	0.030

(G) 1/2% Blocking Threshold

	Trunks in Service			
	1-2	3-4	5-6	7 or more
Texas #1163	0.045	0.035	0.025	0.020

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ACCESS SERVICE

20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.5 End Office (Cont'd)

(H) 8XX Data Base Access Service Query

Basic Feature Per Attempt	Rate
Texas #1163	0.008797

Premium Feature Per Attempt	
Texas #1163	0.008797

(I) LIDB Query Service Transport Charge

Per Query	
Texas #1163	0.0046

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.5 End Office (Cont'd)

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(J) LIDB Query Charge

Per Query	Rate
Texas #1163	0.0350

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.6 Assumed Minutes of Use

Regulations concerning Assumed Minutes of Use are set forth in 6.5.4, 6.6.4, 6.7.4 and 6.8.4 preceding.

	Assumed Minutes Per Month Per Line or Trunk
(A) Feature Group A, Two Way Calling (1510 Originating, 2685 Terminating)	
Texas #1163	4703
(B) Feature Group A, Originating Only	
Texas #1163	2493

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.6 Assumed Minutes of Use (Cont'd)

	Assumed Minutes Per Month Per Line or Trunk
(C) Feature Group A, Terminating Only	
Texas #1163	2210
(D) Feature Group B, Two Way Calling (3132 Originating, 5568 Terminating)	
Texas #1163	5042
(E) Feature Group B, Originating Only	
Texas #1163	5042

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.6 Assumed Minutes of Use (Cont'd)

	Assumed Minutes Per Month Per Line or Trunk
(F) Feature Group B, Terminating Only	
Texas #1163	5042

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.7 Switched Access Cross Connect

Regulations concerning Switched Access Cross Connect are set forth in 6.11 preceding.

(A) DSO	Rate
Texas #1163	2.31

(B) DS1

Texas #1163	5.31

(C) DS3

Texas #1163	36.81

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

20.2.8 Carrier Identification Parameter

Regulations concerning Carrier Identification Parameter are set forth in 6.8.2 preceding.

(A) Nonrecurring Charge Per CIC
Per End Office Direct Trunk Group

	Rate
Texas #1163	80.00

(B) Nonrecurring Charge Per CIC
Per Access Tandem Direct Trunk Group

Texas #1163	1,120.00

(C) Monthly Recurring Charge Per Trunk

Texas #1163	0.46

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service

20.3.1 Surcharge for Special Access Service

Regulations concerning Surcharge for Special Access Services are set forth in 7.3 preceding.

	Monthly Rate
- Per Voice Grade Equivalent	
Texas #1163	25.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service

20.3.2 Metallic Service

Regulations concerning Metallic Service are set forth in 7.4 preceding.

(A) Channel Termination Per Termination

	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB

(B) Channel Mileage

	Monthly Rate Fixed	Monthly Rate Per Mile
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.3 Telegraph Grade Service

Regulations concerning Telegraph Grade Service are set forth in 7.5 preceding.

(A) Channel Termination
Per Termination

- Two-Wire	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charges
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.3 Telegraph Grade Service (Cont'd)

(A) Channel Termination (Cont'd) Per Termination	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
- Four-Wire		
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB

(B) Channel Mileage

Channel Mileage Monthly Rates	Fixed	Per Mile
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.3 Telegraph Grade Service (Cont'd)

	Monthly Rate
(C) Optional Features and Functions	
Telegraph Bridging Per Port	
- Two-Wire	
Texas #1163	ICB
- Four-Wire	
Texas #1163	ICB

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.4 Voice Grade Service

Regulations concerning Voice Grade Service are set forth in 7.6 preceding.

(A) Channel Termination Per Termination	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
- Two-Wire		
Texas #1163	31.00	100.00
- Four-Wire		
Texas #1163	46.71	100.00

(B) Channel Mileage	Monthly Rate Fixed	Monthly Rate Per Mile
Texas #1163	5.00	1.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.4 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

(C) Optional Features and Functions

(1) Bridging

(a) Voice Bridging Per Port

	Monthly Rate
Texas #1163	10.05

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.4 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(1) Bridging (Cont'd)

(b) Data Bridging per port	Rate
Texas #1163	9.73

(c) Telephoto Bridging per port	
Texas #1163	5.80

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.4 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(1) Bridging (Cont'd)

(d) DATAPHONE Select-A-Station Bridging

Sequential Arrangement, Ports
Per channel connected

- Two-wire	Rate
Texas #1163	21.23

- Four-wire

Texas #1163	112.80

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.4 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(1) Bridging (Cont'd)

(d) DATAPHONE Select-A-Station Bridging (Cont'd)

Addressable Arrangement, Ports
Per channel connected

- Two-wire	Rate
Texas #1163	22.76
- Four-wire	
Texas #1163	115.88

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.4 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(1) Bridging (Cont'd)

(e) Telemetry and Alarm Bridging

Alarm Distribution Bridging Common Equipment	Rate
Texas #1163	30.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.4 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(1) Bridging (Cont'd)

(f) Telemetry and Alarm Bridging

Active Bridging-Summation Per Circuit Connection	Rate
Texas #1163	2.00

Passive Bridging Channel Connections Per channel connected	
Texas #1163	0.20

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.4 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(2) Conditioning Per Termination

- C-Type	Rate
Texas #1163	3.15

- Improved Attenuation Distortion*

Texas #1163	2.00

- Improved Envelope Delay Distortion*

Texas #1163	11.12

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.4 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(2) Conditioning Per Termination (Cont'd)

- Data Capability	Rate
Texas #1163	2.99

- Telephoto Capability

Texas #1163	5.80

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.4 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

	Monthly Rate
(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)	
(3) Improved Return Loss for Effective Two-Wire or Four-Wire Transmission Per Termination	
- Two-Wire	
Texas #1163	3.75
- Four-Wire	
Texas #1163	3.75
(4) Customer Specified Receive Level Per two-wire termination	
Texas #1163	NONE

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.4 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)		
(5) Multiplexing Per arrangement Voice to Telegraph Grade		
Texas #1163	216.75	100.00
(6) Signaling Capability Per termination		
Texas #1163	10.00	
(7) Selective Signaling Arrangement Per arrangement		
Texas #1163	14.00	

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.4 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

	Monthly Rate
(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)	
(8) Transfer Arrangement (key activated* or Dial-Up**)	
- Per four port arrangement including control channel termination***	
Texas #1163	3.00
- Per five port arrangement including control channel termination***	
Texas #1163	6.85

* The key activated control channel is rated as a Metallic Channel Termination and Channel Mileage, if applicable.

** The Dial-Up option requires the customer to purchase the Controller Arrangement from 13.3.4 preceding.

*** An additional Channel Termination charge will apply whenever a spare channel is configured as a leg to the customer designated premises. Additional channel mileage charges will also apply when the transfer arrangement is not located in the customer designated premises serving wire center.

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.4 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

(C) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(9) Voiceband Facility Switching Arrangement

	Monthly Rate
Texas #1163	7.00

(10) Supplemental Features
Improved Equal Level Echo Path Loss,
Per Channel Termination

	Monthly Rate
Texas #1163	3.75

(11) Voiceband – Improved Termination per Special Access Line

	Monthly Rate
Texas #1163	10.00

(12) Voiceband – Improved Type C Conditioning

	Monthly Rate
Texas #1163	30.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.5 Program Audio Service

Regulations concerning Program Audio Service are set forth in 7.7 preceding.

A) Channel Termination Per Termination

- 200 to 3500 Hz

	Monthly Rate	Daily Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
Texas #1163	30.50	3.05	200.00

- 100 to 5000 Hz

Texas #1163	30.50	3.05	200.00

- 50 to 8000 Hz

Texas #1163	30.50	3.05	200.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.5 Program Audio Service (Cont'd)

	Monthly Rate	Daily Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
(A) Channel Termination Per Termination (Cont'd)			
- 50 to 15000 Hz			
Texas #1163	30.50	3.05	200.00

(B) Channel Mileage

	Monthly Rate	Daily* Rate
(1) Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile		
- 200 to 3500 Hz		
Texas #1163	13.80	1.38

* Daily rates will be topped and maximum rates derived as set forth in 7.2.2(B) preceding.

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.5 Program Audio Service (Cont'd)

(B) Channel Mileage (Cont'd)

	Monthly Rate	Daily* Rate
(1) Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile		
- 100 to 5000 Hz		
Texas #1163	13.80	1.38
- 50 to 8000 Hz		
Texas #1163	13.80	1.38
- 50 to 15000 Hz		
Texas #1163	13.80	1.38

* Daily rates will be topped and maximum rates derived as set forth in 7.2.2(B) preceding.

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.5 Program Audio Service (Cont'd)

(B) Channel Mileage (Cont'd)

(2) Channel Mileage Fixed	Monthly Rate	Daily Rate
- 200-3500 Hz Fixed		
Texas #1163	21.50 (I)	2.15 (I)
- 100-5000 Hz Fixed		
Texas #1163	21.50	2.15
- 50-8000 Hz Fixed		
Texas #1163	21.50	2.15
- 50-1500 Hz Fixed		
Texas #1163	21.50	2.15

* Daily rates will be topped and maximum rates derived as set forth in 7.2.2(B) preceding.

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.5 Program Audio Service (Cont'd)

(C) Optional Features and Functions

	Monthly Rate	Daily* Rate
(1) Bridging, Distribution Amplifier Per Port		
Texas #1163	1.00	0.10
(2) Gain Conditioning per service		
Texas #1163	1.00	0.10
(3) Stereo per service		
Texas #1163	NONE	NONE

* Daily rates will be topped and maximum rates derived as set forth in 7.2.2(B) preceding.

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.5 Program Audio Service (Cont'd)

(C) Optional Features and Functions

(4) Conditioning Program Audio, Zero Loss Per SAL

Zero Loss, Per Sal	Monthly Rate	Daily Rate
Texas #1163	12.00	1.20

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.6 Video Service
Regulations concerning Video Service are set forth in 7.8 preceding.

Rates will be calculaterd on an ICB Basis

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.7 Digital Data Service

Regulations concerning Digital Data Service are set forth in 7.9 preceding.

(A) Channel Termination Per termination	Monthly Rate	NRC Charge
- 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2 Kbps		
Texas #1163	68.00	300.00
- 56.0/64.0 kbps		
Texas #1163	85.00	300.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.7 Digital Data Service (Cont'd)

(B) Channel Mileage	Monthly Rate Fixed	Monthly Rate Per Mile
(1) Channel Mileage Facility		
- 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 19.2 Kbps		
Texas #1163	10.00	5.70
- 56.0/64.0 kbps		
Texas #1163	11.86	5.95

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.7 Digital Data Service (Cont'd)

	Monthly Rate
(C) Optional Features and Functions	
(1) Bridging Per port	
Texas #1163	13.50
Secondary Channel	
Texas #1163	7.00
(2) Loop Transfer Arrangement Per four port arrangement* Key activated** or Dial-Up***	
Texas #1163	ICB

* An additional Channel Termination charge will apply whenever a spare channel is configured as a leg to the customer designated premises. Additional Channel Mileage charges will also apply when the transfer arrangement is not located in the customer designated premises serving wire center. ICB Rates and Charges are filed in 20.3.9 following.

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*** The Dial-Up option requires the customer to purchase the Controller Arrangement from 13.3.4 preceding.

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.7 Digital Data Service (Cont'd)

(D) Multiplexing Arrangements

	Digital Data Carrier Multiplexer Nonrecurring Charge	Monthly Rate
Texas #1163	1,500.00	550.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.8 High Capacity Service

Regulations concerning High Capacity Service are set forth in 7.10 preceding.

(A) Channel Termination, Per Termination

(1) DS1 - 1.544 Mbps

	Nonrecurring Charge	Monthly Rate Zone 1 or All	Monthly Rate Zone 2	Monthly Rate Zone 3
Texas #1163	245.00	190.00	205.00	215.00

(2) High Capacity DS3 - Electrical - Initial

	Nonrecurring Charge	One Year Monthly Rate	Three Year Monthly Rate
Texas #1163, Zone 1	900.00	1,500.00	1,400.00
Texas #1163, Zone 2	900.00	1,500.00	1,400.00
Texas #1163, Zone 3	900.00	1,500.00	1,400.00

	FiveYear Monthly Rate	Seven Year Monthly Rate
Texas #1163, Zone 1	1,200.00	1,000.00
Texas #1163, Zone 2	1,200.00	1,000.00
Texas #1163, Zone 3	1,200.00	1,000.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.8 High Capacity Service

(A) Channel Termination, Per Termination (Cont'd)

(3) High Capacity DS3 – Electrical – Each Additional at Point of Termination

Non Recurring Charge $ 900.00

	One Year Monthly Rate	Three Year Monthly Rate	Five Year Monthly Rate	Seven Year Monthly Rate
Texas #1163, Zone 1	1,500.00	1,400.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
Texas #1163, Zone 2	1,500.00	1,400.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
Texas #1163, Zone 3	1,500.00	1,400.00	1,200.00	1,000.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.8 High Capacity Service

(A) Channel Termination, Per Termination (Cont'd)

(4) High Capacity DS3 - Optical - Initial

Non Recurring Charge 900.00

	One Year Monthly Rate	Three Year Monthly Rate	Five Year Monthly Rate	Seven Year Monthly Rate
Texas #1163, Zone 1	1,100.00	1,000.00	900.00	800.00
Texas #1163, Zone 2	1,100.00	1,000.00	900.00	800.00
Texas #1163, Zone 3	1,100.00	1,000.00	900.00	800.00

(5) High Capacity DS3 – Optical – Each Additional at Point of Termination

Non Recurring Charge 900.00

	One Year Monthly Rate	Three Year Monthly Rate	Five Year Monthly Rate	Seven Year Monthly Rate
Texas #1163, Zone 1	1,100.00	1,000.00	900.00	800.00
Texas #1163, Zone 2	1,100.00	1,000.00	900.00	800.00
Texas #1163, Zone 3	1,100.00	1,000.00	900.00	800.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.8 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

(B) Channel Mileage (1) Channel Mileage - 1.544 Mbps DS1	Monthly Rate Fixed	Monthly Rate Per Mile
Texas #1163, Zone 1	19.95	10.00
Texas #1163, Zone 2	19.95	15.50
Texas #1163, Zone 3	19.95	16.30

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20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.8 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

	Monthly Rate
(B) Channel Mileage (Cont'd)	
(1) Channel Mileage Facility (Cont'd) Per Mile	
- 44.736 Mbps DS3	
Texas #1163, Zone 1	21.50
Texas #1163, Zone 2	27.50
Texas #1163, Zone 3	30.00
(2) Channel Mileage Termination Per Termination	
- 44.736 Mbps	
Texas #1163, Zone 1	240.00
Texas #1163, Zone 2	240.00
Texas #1163, Zone 3	240.00

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20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.8 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

(C) High Capacity Digital FT1 Facilities

(1) Standard Arrangement – 2 X 56 Kbps or 2 X 64 Kbps

		Nonrecurring Charge	Channel Termination	Channel Mile Facility	Channel Mile Termination
Texas #3		450.00	105.00	7.15	20.00

(2) Standard Arrangement – 4 x 56 Kbps or 4 x 64 Kbps

		Nonrecurring Charge	Channel Termination	Channel Mile Facility	Channel Mile Termination
Texas #3		450.00	120.00	7.50	20.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.8 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

(C) High Capacity Digital FT1 Facilities

(3) Standard Arrangement - 6 X 56 Kbps or 6 X 64 Kbps

	Nonrecurring Charge	Channel Termination	Channel Mileage Facility	Channel Mileage Termination
Texas #1163	450.00	130.00	7.12	18.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.8 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

(D) Special Access Cross Connect

- Per DS0, DS1 or DS3 Connection

	DSO Monthly Rate	DS1 Monthly Rate	DS3 Monthly Rate
Texas #1163	2.31	5.31	36.81

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.8 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

(E) Multiplexing, per arrangement(Cont'd)

	DS3 to DS1			
	Nonrecurring Charge	Monthly Rate Zone 1 Or all	Monthly Rate Zone 2	Monthly Rate Zone 3
Texas #1163	250.00	500.00	500.00	500.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.8 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

(E) Multiplexing, per arrangement (Cont'd)

DS1 to Voice **

	Nonrecurring Charge	Monthly Rate Zone 1 Or all	Monthly Rate Zone 2	Monthly Rate Zone 3
Texas #1163	800.00	190.00	190.00	190.00

DS1 to DS0

Texas #1163	275.00

DS0 to Subrates

-Up to 20 2.4 kbps services

Texas #1163	800.00	160.00

** A channel of this DS1 to the Hub can be used for Digital Data service. ICB rates and charges are filed in 20.3.9 following.

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.8 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

(E) Multiplexing, per arrangement (Cont'd)

DS0 to Subrates (Cont'd)
- Up to 10, 4.8 kbps services

	Nonrecurring Charge	Monthly Rate
Texas #1163	800.00	120.00

Up to 5, 9.6 kbps services

Texas #1163	800.00	100.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.8 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

(F) Other Optional Features and Functions

	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
(1) Automatic Loop Transfer Per arrangement*		
Texas #1163	100.00	0.00

(2) DS1 (1.544 Mbps) Facilities

	Automatic Protection Switching Nonrecurring Charge	Automatic Protection Switching Monthly Rate
Texas #1163, Zone 1	700.00	100.00
Texas #1163, Zone 2	700.00	100.00
Texas #1163, Zone 3	700.00	100.00

An additional Channel Termination charge will apply whenever the spare line is provided as a leg to the customer designated premises.

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.8 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

(F) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
(3) Transfer Arrangement (key activated** or Dial-Up***) Per four port arrangement including control channel termination****		
Texas #1163	165.00	NONE
(4) Clear Channel Capability - per 1.544 Mbps transmission path		
Texas #1163, Zone 1	19.05	90.00
Texas #1163, Zone 2	19.05	90.00
Texas #1163, Zone 3	19.05	90.00

** The key activated control channel is rated as a Metallic Channel Termination and Channel Mileage, if applicable.

*** The Dial-Up option requires the customer to purchase the Controller Arrangement from 13.3.4 preceding.

**** An additional Channel Termination charge will apply whenever a spare channel is configured as a leg to the customer designated premises. Additional channel mileage charges will also apply when the transfer arrangement is not located in the customer designated premises serving wire center.

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.9 Individual Case Filings

Rate and charges for Special Access Service provided on an individual case basis are filed following:

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20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.9 Individual Case Filings (Cont'd)

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.9 Individual Case Filings (Cont'd)

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.9 Individual Case Filings (Cont'd)

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20.3.9 Individual Case Filings (Cont'd)

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.10 Synchronous Optical Channel Service

Regulations concerning Synchronous optical Channel Service are set forth in 7.11 preceding.

(A) Channel Termination Per Termination	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
- OC3/OC3c 155.52 Mbps		
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB
- OC12 622.08 Mbps		
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB
(B) Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile		
- OC3/OC3c 155.52 Mbps		
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB

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20.3 Speial Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.10 Synchronous Optical Channel Service (Cont'd)

	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
(B) Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile (Cont'd)		
- OC12 622.08 Mbps		
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB
(C) Channel Mileage Termination Per Termination		
- OC3/OC3c 155.52 Mbps		
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB
- OC12 622.08 Mbps		
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.10 Synchronous Optical Channel Service (Cont'd)

(D) Term Discounts — Percentage

OC3/OC3c and OC12 Services

36 months

Texas #1163

60 months

Texas #1163

(E)Optional Features and Functions

(1) Customer Node Per Node		Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
- OC3/OC3c	155.52 Mbps		
Texas #1163		ICB	ICB

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.10 Synchronous Optical Channel Service (Cont'd)

(E) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
(1) Customer Node Per Node (Cont'd)		
- OC12 622.08 Mbps		
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB
(2) Customer Premises Port Per Port		
- OC3/OC3c 155.52 Mbps		
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB
- STS-1 51.84 Mbps		
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.10 Synchronous Optical Channel Service (Cont'd)

(E) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
(2) Customer Premises Port Per Port (Cont'd)		
- DS3 44.736 Mbps		
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB
- DS1 1.544 Mbps		
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB
(3) Add/Drop Multiplexing Central Office Port Per Port		
- OC3/OC3c 155.52 Mbps		
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.10 Synchronous Optical Channel Service (Cont'd)

(E) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
(3) Add/Drop Multiplexing Central Office Port Per Port (Cont'd)		
- DS3 44.736 Mbps		
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB
- DS1 1.544 Mbps		
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.10 Synchronous Optical Channel Service (Cont'd)

(E) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
(4) Shared SONET Ring Interoffice Transport Per Channel Mileage Facility		
- OC3/OC3c		
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB
- OC12		
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB
(5) DSL Access Service Connection		
- Per OC3/OC3c		
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.11 Access Ordering

Regulations concerning Access Ordering are set forth in 5.4 preceding.

(A) Access Order Charge

	Rate
Per order	
Texas #1163	100.00

(B) Service Date Change Charge

A Service Date Change Charge will apply, on a per order per occurrence basis, for each service date changed. The Access Order Charge as specified in 20.4.1(A) preceding does not apply.

Texas #1163	50.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

20.3.11 Access Ordering (Cont'd)

(C) Design Change Charge

The Design Change Charge will apply on a per order per occurrence basis, for each order requiring design change. Design Change Charge, per order.

	Rate
Texas #1163	50.00

(D) Miscellaneous Service Order Charge

Per Occurrence

Texas #1163	50.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services

Regulations concerning Other Services are set forth in 13 preceding.

20.4.1 Additional Engineering

Regulations concerning Additional Engineering are set forth in 13.1 preceding.

(A) Basic Time Per Half Hour
normally scheduled work day.

- per engineer	Rate
Texas #1163	37.81

(B) Overtime Per Half Hour
outside of scheduled work day,

- per engineer	
Texas #1163	56.72

(C) Premium Time Per Half Hour
outside of scheduled work day,

- per engineer	
Texas #1163	75.63

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.2 Additional Labor

Regulations concerning Additional Labor are set forth in 13.2 preceding.

(A) Basic Time Per First Half Hour, normally scheduled work day

- Per technician*	Rate
Texas #1163	30.81

(B) Basic Time Per Additional Half Hour normally scheduled work day,

- Per Technician

Texas #1163	20.54

* A call out of a Telephone Company employee at a time not consecutive with the employee's scheduled work period is subject to a minimum charge of four hours.

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.2 Additional Labor (Cont'd)

(C) Overtime Per First Half Hour outside of scheduled work day

- Per Technician	Rate
Texas #1163	100.00

(D) Overtime Per Additional Half Hour outside of scheduled work day

- Per Technician	
Texas #1163	75.00

* A call out of a Telephone Company employee at a time not consecutive with the employee's scheduled work period is subject to a minimum charge of four hours.

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.2 Additional Labor (Cont'd)

(E) Premium Per First Half Hour outside of scheduled work day,

- Per Technician	Rate
Texas #1163	150.00

(F) Premium Per Additional Half Hour outside of scheduled work day,

- Per Technician	
Texas #1163	125.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.3 Additional Testing

Regulations concerning Additional Testing are set forth in 13.3 preceding.

(A) Basic Time Per Half Hour normally scheduled work day,

- per technician	Rate
Texas #1163	20.84

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.3 Additional Testing (Cont'd)

(B) Overtime Per Half Hour outside scheduled work day,

- per technician	Rate
Texas #1163	31.26

(C) Premium Time Per Half Hour outside scheduled work day,

- per technician,	
Texas #1163	41.67

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.3 Additional Testing (Cont'd)

(D) Automatic Schedule Testing

(1) Basic Offering to First Point of Switching

- Per Transmission Path
  Per Month

	Rate
Texas #1163	0.45

(E) Additional Cooperative Schedule Testing

(1) Basic Offering to First Point of Switching

- Per Transmission Path
  Per Month

	Rate
Texas #1163	1.51

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.3 Additional Testing (Cont'd)

(E) Additional Cooperative Schedule Testing (Cont'd)

(2) Gain Slope to First Point of Switching

- Per Transmission Path
  Per Month

	Rate
Texas #1163	0.64

(F) Additional Manual Schedule Testing

(1) Basic Offering to First Point of Switching

- Per Transmission Path
  Per Month

Texas #1163	3.02

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.3 Additional Testing (Cont'd)

(F) Additional Manual Schedule Testing (Cont'd)

(2) Gain Slope to First Point of Switching

- Per Transmission Path
  Per Month — Rate

Texas #1163 — 1.29

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.4 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

(A) Telecommunications Service Priority

Service Charge Per Circuit Nonrecurring Charge	Rate
Texas #1163	10.00

Restoration Priority Rates Monthly Rate per Circuit	
Texas #1163	4.90

Restoration Priority Level Implementation When added or changed on an existing service	
Texas #1163	ICB

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.4 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

(B) Controller Arrangement

Per Arrangement	Rate
Texas #1163	ICB

(C) Presubscription
Per Telephone Exchange Service line or trunk*

Manually Processed	
Texas #1163	5.50
Electronically Processed	
Texas #1163	1.25

Electronically and Manually Processed Interlata (PIC) Combined with IntraLata Change (LPIC/IPIC)

	Electronic	Manual
Texas #1163	0.62	2.75

(D) Unauthorized PIC Change-Residence/Business
Per Telephone Exchange Service line or trunk

Texas #1163	4.48

* This charge is generally billed to the end user who is the subscriber to the Telephone Exchange Service. In those instances where the IC both requests the presubscription change, and requests the associated charge be billed to it, the Telephone Company will bill the IC. In the event an end user is incorrectly presubscribed due to misassignment on the part of the Telephone 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 Telephone 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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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.4 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

(E) Unauthorized PIC Change (Cont'd)

- Per Pay Telephone Exchange Service line or trunk

Texas #1163	26.42

(F) International Blocking Service

- Per exchange service line or trunk

Texas #1163	19.95

(G) 900 Blocking Service

- Per number blocked after request

Texas #1163	5.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.4 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

(H) Billing Name and Address Service

(1) Per Call/Periodic BNA

	Rate
- BNA Found/Each	
Texas #1163	0.32
- BNA Not Found/Each	
Texas #1163	0.28
- Processing Fee* Paper Report, Electronic Transmission Or Magnetic Tape/Each State	
Texas #1163	50.00

*Applies once per calendar year for BNA processing done within that calendar year.

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.4 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

(H) Billing Name and Address Service (Cont'd)

(2) Data Gathering Service

- Per Record Accessed	Rate
Texas #1163	0.18

- Processing Fee* Paper Report, Electronic Transmission, or Magnetic Tape/Each State	
Texas #1163	75.00

* Applies once per calendar year for DGS processing done within that calendar year.

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.4 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

(H) Billing Name and Address Service (Cont'd)

(3) End User Validation List

	Rate
- Standard Sort Per Record Provided	
Texas #1163	0.100
- Special Sort, Per Record Provided	
Texas #1163	0.250
- Administrative Fee Paper Report, Electronic Transmission or Magnetic Tape/Per Request	
Texas #1163	78.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.4 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

(H) Billing Name and Address Service (Cont'd)

(3) End User Validation List (Cont'd)

- Optional Format Programming Charge
- Per each half hour or fraction thereof

Texas #1163 ICB

(I) Originating Line Screening (OLS) Service

- Per exchange service line

Texas #1163 0.31

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.4 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

(J) Coin Supervision Additive Service

	Monthly Rate
- Per exchange service line	
Texas #1163	ICB

(K) Payphone-Specific Coding Digits Service

Rate will be effective September 1, 1998 through August 31, 2001, as described in Section 13.13 preceding.

- Per pay telephone line	
Texas #1163	2.23

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.4 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

(L) Denial/Restoral Service

	Monthly Rate #
Texas #1163	0.10

(M) Service Provider Number Portability Fee

	Per Line	Per PBX Trunk	Per ISDN PRI
Texas #1163	0.36	3.24	1.80

(N) DS1 Span Power

	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
Texas #1163	71.00	340.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.4 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

(O) End User List

(1) Initial Charge, Per State, Per Order

	Rate
Texas #1163	50.00

(2) Initial List, Per Customer Account

Texas #1163	0.03

(3) Allocation List, Per Listing

Texas #1163	0.03

* For the purpose of the Initial Lists, customer and agent is defined in section 2. For the purpose of the Allocation list, a listing is defined as an end user or agent record eligible for a Primary Interexchange Carrier Selection.

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.4 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

(O) End User List (Cont'd)

(4) Snapshot List

- Nonrecurring Charge, Per State, Per Order

	Rate
Texas #1163	75.00

- Per Listing

Texas #1163	0.05

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.4 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

(P) ISDN Network Line Port
Per ISDN BRI Arrangement

	Monthly Rate
Texas #1163	2.39

(Q) ISDN Network Line Port
Per ISDN PRI Arrangement

	Monthly Rate
Texas #1163	10.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.5 Special Federal Government Access Services

Regulations concerning Special Federal Government Access Services are set forth in 10.4 preceding.

(A) Voice Grade Secure Communications	Monthly Rates	NRC Charges	Termination Charges
Type I, each T-3 Conditioning,			
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB	ICB
Additional Conditioning, per service termination			
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB	ICB
Type II, each G-1 Conditioning,			
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB	ICB

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.5 Special Federal Government Access Services (Cont'd)

(A) Voice Grade Secure Communications(Cont'd)	Monthly Rates	Nonrecurring Charges	Termination Charges
Type III, each G-2 Conditioning,			
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB	ICB
Additional Conditioning, per service termination			
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB	ICB
Type IV, each G-3 Conditioning,			
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB	ICB

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.5 Special Federal Government Access Services (Cont'd)

(A) Voice Grade Secure Communications(Cont'd)	Monthly Rates	NRC Charges	Termination Charges
Additional Conditioning, per service termination			
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB	ICB
(B) Wideband Digital Special Access Service			
Wideband Secure Communications			
Type I, each			
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB	ICB
Type II, each			
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB	ICB

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.5 Special Federal Government Access Services (Cont'd)

(B) Wideband Digital Special Access Service (Cont'd)

Wideband Secure Communications	Monthly Rates	NRC Charges	Termination Charges
Type III, each			
Texas #1163	ICB	ICB	ICB

20.4.6 Special Facilities Routing of Access Services

(A) Diversity

For each service provided in accordance with 11.1.1 preceding, the rates and charges will be developed on an individual case basis.

(B) Avoidance

For each service provided in accordance with 11.1.2 preceding, the rates and charges will be developed on an individual case basis.

(C) Diversity and Avoidance Combined

For each service provided in accordance with 11.1.1 and 11.1.2 preceding, combined, the rates and charges will be developed on an individual case basis.

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20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.6 Special Facilities Routing of Access Services (Cont'd)

(D) Cable-Only Facilities

For each service provided in accordance with 11.1.4 preceding, the rates and charges will be developed on an individual case basis.

20.4.7 Specialized Service or Arrangements

Specialized Service or Arrangements are provided on an individual case basis as set forth following:

(1) CyberPort TCP/IP Access for UUNET Communications

Jurisdiction	Billed Channel
Texas #1163	42.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.8 Public Packet Data Network

	Monthly Rate	NRC Charge
(A) Frame Relay Access Service		
Regulations concerning Frame Relay Access Service are set forth in 16.1 preceeding.		
Connections		
(1) Frame Relay Access Connection UNI Port and Access Line (FRAC) Per FRAC		
56.0/64.0 kbps		
Texas #1163	110.00	195.00
1.544 Mbps		
Texas #1163	530.00	395.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.8 Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

(A) Frame Relay Access Service (Cont'd)

Connections	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
(2) Frame Relay Network to Network Interconnection Port (FRIC) Per FRIC		
1.544 Mbps		
Texas #1163	180.00	295.00
44.736 Mbps		
Texas #1163	800.00	595.00
(3) End User Port (per port)		
56.0/64.0 kbps		
Texas #1163	24.00	95.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.8 Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

(A) Frame Relay Access Service (Cont'd)

Connections (Cont'd)	Monthly Rate	NRC Charge
(3) End User Port (per port)(Cont'd)		
1.544 Mbps		
Texas #1163	213.00	295.00
44.736 Mbps		
Texas #1163	1,080.00	395.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.8 Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

(A) Frame Relay Access Service (Cont'd)

(4) Permanent Virtual Connections (PVCs)

	Monthly Rate
0-32 kbps	
Texas #1163	8.00
33-64 kbps	
Texas #1163	15.00
65-96 kbps	
Texas #1163	22.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.8 Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

(A) Frame Relay Access Service (Cont'd)

(4) Permanent Virtual Connections (PVCs) (Cont'd)

97-128 kbps	Monthly Rate
Texas #1163	27.00
129-192 kbps	
Texas #1163	36.00
193-256 kbps	
Texas #1163	42.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.8 Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

(A) Frame Relay Access Service (Cont'd)

(4) Permanent Virtual Connections (PVCs) (Cont'd)

	Monthly Rate
257-320 kbps	
Texas #1163	48.00
321-384 kbps	
Texas #1163	54.00
385-512 kbps	
Texas #1163	60.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.8 Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

(A) Frame Relay Access Service (Cont'd)

(4) Permanent Virtual Connections (PVCs) (Cont'd)

	Monthly Rate
513-768 kbps	
Texas #1163	70.00
769-1152 kbps	
Texas #1163	80.00
1153-1536 kbps	
Texas #1163	90.00

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20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.8 Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

(A) Frame Relay Access Service (Cont'd)

(4) Permanent Virtual Connections (PVCs) (Cont'd)

	Monthly Rate
1537-4000 kbps	
Texas #1163	120.00
4000+ kbps	
Texas #1163	ICB

(5) PVC Installation Charge

	Nonrecurring Charge
Texas #1163	20.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.8 Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

(A) Frame Relay Access Service (Cont'd)

(6) PVC Rearrangement Charge	Nonrecurring Charge
Texas #1163	20.00

(7) Term Discounts	Percentage
36 months	
Texas #1163	
60 months	
Texas #1163	

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.8 Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

(A) Frame Relay Access Service (Cont'd)

8. Term Payment Plan

(A) Frame Relay UNI Port and Acess Line each

(1) 56/64 Kbps Monthly Rate

	Nonrecurring Charge	One Year	Three Year	Five Year
Texas #1163	195.00	105.00	95.00	85.00

(2) 128 Kbps Monthly Rate

	Nonrecurring Charge	One Year	Three Year	Five Year
Texas #1163	395.00	180.00	165.00	160.00

(3) 256 Kbps Monthly Rate

	Nonrecurring Charge	One Year	Three Year	Five Year
Texas #1163	395.00	250.00	235.00	220.00

(4) 384 Kbps Monthly Rate

	Nonrecurring Charge	One Year	Three Year	Five Year
Texas #1163	395.00	370.00	355.00	340.00

(5) 1.544 Mbps Monthly Rate

	Nonrecurring Charge	One Year	Three Year	Five Year
Texas #1163	395.00	510.00	490.00	470.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.8 Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

(B) Frame Relay Access Service (Cont'd)

8. Term Payment Plan

(B) Frame Relay UNI Port Only each

(1) 56/64 Kbps Monthly Rate

	Nonrecurring Charge	One Year	Three Year	Five Year
Texas #1163	95.00	23.00	22.00	21.00

(2) 128 Kbps Monthly Rate

	Nonrecurring Charge	One Year	Three Year	Five Year
Texas #1163	150.00	75.00	70.00	68.00

(3) 256 Kbps Monthly Rate

	Nonrecurring Charge	One Year	Three Year	Five Year
Texas #1163	150.00	110.00	105.00	100.00

(4) 384 Kbps Monthly Rate

	Nonrecurring Charge	One Year	Three Year	Five Year
Texas #1163	150.00	150.00	140.00	130.00

(5) 512 Kbps Monthly Rate

	Nonrecurring Charge	One Year	Three Year	Five Year
Texas #1163	150.00	170.00	160.00	145.00

(6) 768 Kbps Monthly Rate

150.00	190.00	175.00	155.00

(7) 45 Mbps Monthly Rate

Nonerecurring Charge	One Year	Three Year	Five Year
395.00	1,040.00	1,010.00	970.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.8 Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

(C) Frame Relay Access Service (Cont'd)

8. Term Payment Plan (Cont'd)

(B) Frame Relay UNI Port Only each (Cont'd)

(6) 1.544 Mbps Monthly Rate

	Nonrecurring Charge	One Year	Three Year	Five Year
Texas #1163	295.00	211.00	208.00	205.00

(C) Frame Relay NNI Port Only each@

(1) 384 Kbps (6x64 Kbps/FT1) Monthly Rate

	Nonrecurring Charge	One Year	Three Year	Five Year
Texas #1163	295.00	75.00	72.00	69.00

(2) 1.544 Mbps Monthly Rate

	Nonrecurring Charge	One Year	Three Year	Five Year
Texas #1163	295.00	170.00	160.00	150.00

(3) 45 Mbps Monthly Rate

	Nonrecurring Charge	One Year	Three Year	Five Year
Texas #1163	595.00	750.00	725.00	700.00

(C) Frame Relay NNI Port Only each@

(4) Excluding 45 Mbps Monthly Rate

	Nonrecurring Charge	One Year	Three Year	Five Year
Texas #1163	20.00	7.00	6.00	5.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.9 DSL Access Service Availability

A) Service Modifications

(1) ADSL Service

Service Rearrangements and Software Changes

Nonrecurring Charge

Jurisdiction	Non-Content Provider(End User)	Content Provider(ISP)
All WINDSTREAM Locations	$65.00	$65.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.9 DSL Access Service Availability (Cont'd)

(B) Standard Arrangements

(1) ADSL Service

Monthly Rate

Windstream FastNet – (768 Kbps Down / 128 Kbps Up)

	Monthly Recurring Charge – 4 months
All WINDSTREAM Locations	$30.00

Windstream PlusNet – (384 Kbps Down / 384 Kbps Up)

	Monthly Recurring Charge – 4 months
All WINDSTREAM Locations	$75.00

Windstream PowerNet – (1.5 Mbps Down / 512 Kbps Up)

	Monthly Recurring Charge – 4 months
All WINDSTREAM Locations	$295.00

Windstream SaveNet – (384 Kbps Down / 128 Kbps Up)

	Monthly Recurring Charge – 4 months
All WINDSTREAM Locations	$25.00

Windstream PlusNet II – (1.0 Mbps Down / 256 Kbps Up)

	Monthly Recurring Charge – 4 months
All WINDSTREAM Locations	$50.00

Windstream PowerNet II – (1.0 Mbps Down / 384 Kbps Up)

	Monthly Recurring Charge – 4 months
All WINDSTREAM Locations	$75.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

20.4.9 DSL Access Service Availability (Cont'd)

(C) Service Aggregation Connection

(1) ADSL Service* (Cont'd)

Service Aggregation Connection
Nonrecurring Charge, Per Aggregator

All WINDSTREAM Locations	DS1 Port	DS1 Port/Access
	$250.00	$250.00
	DS3 Port	DS3 Port/Access
	$400.00	$400.00

Service Aggregator Connection,
Monthly Recurring Charge – 1 year

All WINDSTREAM Locations	DS1	DS3
Port/Access Connection	$300.00	$2,250.00
Port Connection	$225.00	$1,350.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.5 Expanded Interconnection Services (EIS)

Regulations concerning Expanded Interconnection Services are set forth in 17.9 preceeding.

20.5.1 Cable Space and Cable Pull

	Monthly Charge Per 12 Fiber Cable Cable Space	Nonrecurring Charge Per 12 Fiber Cable Cable Pull
Texas #1163	22.52	1,058.00

20.5.2 DC Power

	Monthly Charge Per 40 Amps	Nonrecurring Charge Per 40 Amps
Texas #1163	471.88	3,268.00

20.5.3 Site Preparation Charge

	Nonrecurring Charge		
	Per 100 SQ Ft	Per 200 SQ Ft	Per 300 SQ Ft
Texas #1163	14,672.00	18,832.00	23,002.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.5 Expanded Interconnection Services (EIS) (Cont'd)

20.5.3 Site Preparation Charge (Cont'd)

	Nonrecurring Charge	
	Per 400 SQ Ft	Per 500 SQ Ft
Texas #1163	27,172.00	31,332.00

20.6 Virtual Expanded Interconnection Services (EIS)

20.6.1 Equipment Rates and Charges

	Monthly Rate			
Maintenance - Per Base Module				
Texas #1163	198.42			
Engineering/Installation Fee - Per Base Module				
NRC Charge	OC1	90 Mbps	OC3	
Texas #1163	3,710.28	3,710.28	4,315.32	

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.6 Virtual Expanded Interconnection Services (EIS) (Cont'd)

20.6.1 Equipment Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

Engineering/Installation Fee
- Per Base Module (Cont'd)
NRC Charge

	OC12	OC24
Texas #1163	4,920.36	5,639.58

NRC Charge	OC48	NGDLC
Texas #1163	6,358.80	6,358.80

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.6 Virtual Expanded Interconnection Services (EIS)(Cont'd)

20.6.1 Equipment Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

Engineering/Installation Fee
- Per Card Installed
NRC Charge

	OC1/DS1 90 Mbps OC3	DS3
Texas #1163	234.60	484.62

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.6 Virtual Expanded Interconnection Services (EIS)(Cont'd)

20.6.1 Equipment Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

Engineering/Installation Fee (Cont'd)
- Per DSO Blocks Installed

Ranges:	Nonrecurring Charge
144-224	
Texas #1163	3,304.60
225-448	
Texas #1163	4,626.44
449-784	
Texas #1163	6,278.74

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.6 Virtual Expanded Interconnection Services (EIS)(Cont'd)

20.6.1 Equipment Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

Engineering/Installation Fee (Cont'd)
- Per DSO Blocks Installed

Ranges: (Cont'd)	Nonrecurring Charge
785-1232	
Texas #1163	8,261.50
1233-1680	
Texas #1163	10,244.26
1681-2128	
Texas #1163	12,227.02

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.6 Virtual Expanded Interconnection Services (EIS) (Cont'd)

20.6.1 Equipment Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

Engineering/Installation Fee (Cont'd)
- Per DSO Blocks Installed

Ranges: (Cont'd)	Nonrecurring Charge
2129-2576	
Texas #1163	14,209.78
2577-3024	
Texas #1163	16,192.54
DS1	
Texas #1163	234.60

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.6 Virtual Expanded Interconnection Services (EIS)(Cont'd)

20.6.1 Equipment Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

Engineering/Installation Fee (Cont'd)
- Per DSO Blocks Installed

Ranges: (Cont'd)	Nonrecurring Charge
DS3	
Texas #1163	484.62

20.7 Physical Expanded Interconnection Services (EIS)

20.7.1 Engineering Fee

Physical EIS Engineering Fee	Nonrecurring Charge
Texas #1163	5,257.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.7 Physical Expanded Interconnection Services (EIS)(Cont'd)

20.7.2 Overhead Superstructure

	Nonrecurring Charge
Texas #1163	2,820.00

20.7.3 Cage Enclosure

Texas #1163	4,204.00

20.7.4 Partition Space Enclosure

	Monthly Charge
Partition Space Per Square Foot	
Texas #1163	3.57

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.7 Physical Expanded Interconnection Services (EIS)(Cont'd)

20.7.5 BITS Timing Charge

	Monthly Rate Per Port	Nonrecurring Charge Per Port
Texas #1163	11.50	355.00

20.7.6 Cable Material
Per Cable Run

	NRC Charge	
Cable Connectorized 100 Pair	DS0	DS1
Texas #1163	331.00	307.00

20.7.7 Minor Augment Fee

	NRC Charge
Texas #1163	200.00

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20. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

20.7 Physical Expanded Interconnection Services (EIS)(Cont'd)

20.7.8 Access Card Charge	Nonrecurring Charge
Texas #1163	20.00

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