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INTRODUCTION

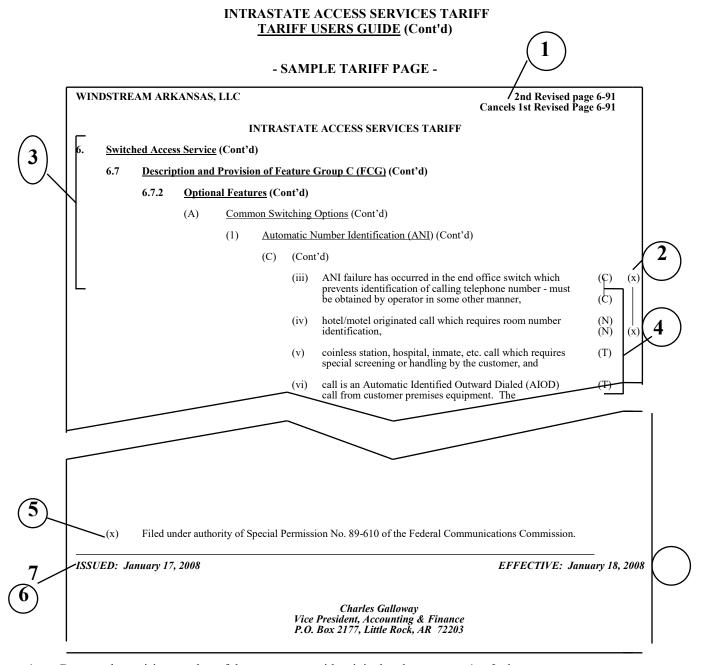
The Tariff Users Guide is meant to assist both experienced and inexperienced users of this tariff in understanding the following:

- tariff content, structure, format and organization,
- effective dates and numbering schemes,
- tariff maintenance procedures,
- symbols and abbreviations, and
- references to other documents/tariffs.

For the experienced user, this Guide contains information which assists in further understanding the tariff and explains procedures related to tariff filings. For the inexperienced user, this Guide should be the starting point of tariff familiarization. It acts as a "road map" to the tariff and should be reviewed first, followed by an examination of the Table of Contents and other administrative documents supplied by the Issuing Carrier.

Immediately preceding this Introduction is a Table of Contents relating strictly to this Guide. This Table of Contents exists in order to provide an overview of the entire Tariff Users Guide, and to assist in quickly finding topics of interest.

Following this Introduction are sample tariff pages that are for illustrative purposes only. They depict and explain tariff methodologies. This guide is for user benefit only and, in case of conflict, Commission Rules and actual tariff pages take precedence over this Guide.



- 1. Denotes the revision number of the page, starts with original and progresses 1st, 2nd, etc.
- 2. Marginal code directing the reader to a footnote.
- 3. Alpha-numeric numbering plan.
- 4. Symbolization required by FCC Rules designating various types of changes made to the tariff.
- 5. Footnote to which the reader was referred by 2, preceding.
- 6. The date the page was filed with the PSC.
- 7. The date the tariff page is scheduled to go into effect at the time of its filing. May be superseded by a supplement, or the effective date of certain material may be deferred by a subsequent page containing a footnote. See page 28, following, for example.

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| | 6.7 | Descri | ption and | l Provisi | on of Featu | re Group C (FCG) (Cont'd) | (Z) |
| | | 6.7.2 | Option | nal Featu | <u>ures</u> (Cont'o | 1) | |
| | | | (A) | Com | mon Switchi | ng Options (Cont'd) | |
| | | | | (1) | Automat | c Number Identification (ANI) (Cont'd) | |
| | | | | | Co or ex | ith Feature Group C, technical limitations may exist in Telephone ompany switching facilities which require ANI to be provided only a directly trunked basis. ANI will be transmitted on all calls cept those originating from multiparty lines, coin stations d coinless pay telephones, or when an ANI failure has occurred. | (c) (c) |
| | | | | | | nere ANI cannot be provided, e.g., on calls from 4 and 8 party rvices, information digits will be provided to the customer. | |
| | | | | | Tl | e information digits identify: | (T) |
| | | | | | (i) | telephone number is the station billing number - no special treatment required. | |
| | | | | | (ii | 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. | (N) (N) |
| | | | | | | _ | (D) |
| | | | | | | | (D) |

The coding on this page illustrates the following:

- (Z) a correction (typo, misspelling, etc.)
- (C) change in regulation
- (D) deleted material
- (N) new rate or regulation
- (T) change in text but no change in regulation

See page 43 for a complete list of symbols.

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| | | | | 1 | NTRA | STATE ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF | | |
| 6. | . <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd) | | | | | | | |
| | 6.6 | Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB) (Cont'd) | | | | | | |
| | | 6.7.2 | Optional Features (Cont'd) | | | | | |
| | | | (A) | Common Switching Options (Cont'd) | | | | |
| | | | | (1) | Auto | matic Number Identification (ANI) (Cont'd) | | |
| | | | | | (b) | With Feature Group B, 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, coin stations and coinless pay telephones using Feature Group B, or when an ANI failure has occurred. | (C) (x) (C) (x) | |
| | | | | | | ANI is not provided from end offices where the Telephone Company forwards ANI to its recording equipment. | | |
| _ | | | | | (c) | 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. | | |
| | (x) | Filed u | nder auth | ority of S | special l | Permission No. 89-610 of the Federal Communications Commission. | | |
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WINDSTREAM ARKANSAS, LLC 2nd Revised Page 3-12 Cancels 1st Revised Page 3-12 INTRASTATE ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF 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) Access Groups - Non Equal Access Offices Only (Cont'd) The adjustments as set forth here and in (E) and (F) (S) (x) following will be computed separately for each (S) access group. When all the usage on an access group originates (S) (y) 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 17.1.1 following will apply. the minutes billed Carrier Common Line Access Service charges will be the adjusted originating intestate access minutes plus the adjusted terminating interstate access minutes (S) for such access groups. (y) (x) Filed under authority of Special Permission No. 89-610 of the Federal Communications Commission. Material on this page originally filed under Transmittal No 263 and scheduled to become effective October 24, 1989, is deferred until January 7, 1990/ This material was originally filed under Transmittal No. 269 and is scheduled to be effective (y) December 13, 1989. Issued: July 15, 2006 EFFECTIVE: July 30, 2006 4001 Rodney Parham Road Little Rock, AR 72212

In this example, the (x) footnote denotes a change in the effective date of material from a previously filed page. The effective date on this new page will be the same as, or prior to, the original effective date on the previously filed page. The deferred or rescheduled material effective date is included in the footnote. The currently effective page should be retained until the new material goes into effect.

The (y) footnote notifies the user that other material on this page was changed under a different transmittal and indicates the effective date for that material.

Additionally, the (S) coding to the right of the tariff text identifies all material which is being reissued, without change, prior to becoming effective.

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GENERAL

This tariff contains rates and regulations applicable to Access Services.

TARIFF PAGE FORMAT

(Page 25 preceding contains an annotated sample tariff page.)

Page Numbering

Page numbers are located in the upper right corner of each tariff page. Pages for each tariff section are numbered sequentially. The page number shows the tariff section and its location in that section. For example, page 15-2 is the second page of Section 15. When a new page must be added between existing pages, a decimal and number is added to the previous page number, to sequentially number the new page. For example, a new page between existing pages 6-20 and 6-21 would be numbered 6-20.1. A new page added between pages 7-18.1 and 7-18.2 would be numbered 7-18.1.1.

Page Revision Numbering.

Page Revision Numbers are located in the upper right corner of each tariff page. This number is the most recent page revision on file with the Arkansas Public Service Commission. Due to Notice Periods, and changed Effective Dates, the most recent page on file with the PSC may not be in effect. Consult the page Effective Date on a specific page and Tariff Supplements to determine if that page is in effect (see Tariff Supplements, following).

Page Effective Date.

The Page Effective Date in the lower right corner is the date the page is <u>scheduled</u> to go into effect (at 12:01 AM on that date). THIS DATE MAY BE CHANGED ON THE ASSOCIATION'S OWN INITIATIVE OR DUE TO PSC DIRECTIVE. THE PAGE EFFECTIVE DATE MAY THEN BE CHANGED BY EITHER REISSUING THE PAGE, OR BY ISSUING A TARIFF SUPPLEMENT TO CHANGE THE EFFECTIVE DATE WITHOUT REISSUING THE PAGE. A Tariff Supplement is usually used when many tariff pages are involved to avoid the necessity of reprinting and reissuing many pages solely to change the effective date.

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Material Effective Date.

For the most part, the Page Effective Date found in the lower right corner of the tariff page is the date material becomes effective. As described in Page Effective Date immediately preceding, this may not be the case if a Tariff Supplement has been issued in lieu of reprinting and reissuing many pages. The use of Other Marginal Codes also may be employed to modify the Material Effective Date. Such Other Marginal Codes, lower case letters of the alphabet, (e.g., x, y and z) are ordinarily found in the right margin and direct the reader to footnotes which may contain information concerning the effective date of the page or certain material found on the page. See page 27, preceding, for an example of the use of such other marginal codes.

In summary, (1) read footnotes since then may contain Material Effective Dates other than Page Effective Dates and (2) be aware of Tariff Supplements which may have changed Page Effective Dates en mass. Further on in this section, under the heading "Maintaining Your Tariff," is an explanation of how to keep all these dates straight.

Page Issue Date.

The Issue Date in the lower left corner of each tariff page is the date that page was filed with the PSC.

Tariff Section Numbering

An alpha-numeric numbering plan is used to number tariff regulations and rates. Each level is subordinate to and dependent on its next higher level. An example of the numbering sequence follows:

6. 6.19 6.1.1 6.1.1(A) 6.1.1(A)(1) 6.1.1(A)(1)(a) 6.1.1(A)(1)(a)(i)

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Tariff Revision Coding

Revisions to this tariff are coded through the use of symbols. These symbols <u>are upper case letters of the alphabet</u> and appear in the right margin of the page. The symbols and their meanings are set forth on page 43, following. An example of the use of such coding is set forth on page 26, preceding.

Other marginal codes are used to direct the reader to a footnote for specific information. Codes used for this purpose are <u>lower case letters of the alphabet</u>, e.g., x, y and z. These codes may appear beside the page revision number or in the right margin opposite specific text. See page 26, preceding, for an example of the use of such other marginal codes.

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Tariff Supplements

A Supplement may be filed with the PSC to cancel or suspend a tariff, impart other information such as Rate Adjustment Factors (RAFs), or under Special Authority, to change the effective date of tariff pages or tariff material without reissuing or refiling the affected tariff pages.

A Supplement will briefly describe the action taken (e.g., suspension, deferral, effective date change, etc.) as well as indicate what tariff material, sections or pages are effected.

The Supplements in effect are listed by number on the first Check Sheet, in the text at the top of that Check Sheet. When a Supplement is no longer needed, it will be deleted from the Check Sheet.

It is recommended that Supplements be placed in the front of the tariff, preceding the Title Page.

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TARIFF STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION (Cont'd)

Title Pages (Title Pages 1 through 2)

Title Page 1 provides information regarding the PSC name of the tariff, the class of service provided, the geographical application of the tariff, and the type of facilities used to provide service. This page also provides information related to the origination of the tariff.

Title Page 2 lists, in alphabetical order, Concurring Carriers. Concurring Carriers are these exchange telephone companies whose authority to provide and bill for Access Service is this tariff. In the case of this tariff, the carriers listed are those who participate in all National Exchange Carrier Association Tariff Pools and who have not filed their own tariffs for any element of Access Service.

Table of Contents (Pages 2 through 29)

The Table of Contents lists the Sections and paragraphs of the Tariff and provides a page number at which that Section or paragraph begins.

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TARIFF STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION (Cont'd)

Other Carriers (Page 42)

In addition to Issuing Carriers, all Concurring, Connecting and Other Participating Carriers, are listed in the tariff. There are none in this tariff.

Symbols and Abbreviations (Pages 31, 43, and 44)

A listing and explanation of tariff coding symbols and abbreviations used in the tariff are provided.

Technical Publications (Pages 45-49)

The status and availability of technical publications required for the provision of Access Service are provided. These technical publications are referenced throughout the tariff, in many cases in the form of footnotes.

Section 1 - Application of Tariff

States the application of the access service tariff.

Section 2 - General Regulations

States the general regulations that apply to the access services offered by this tariff.

<u>Section 3 - Carrier Common Line Access Service and Section 4 - End User Access</u> Service

States the regulations concerning Carrier Common Line and End User Access Service, respectively.

Section 5 - Ordering Options

States the requirements of and regulations governing Access Orders and also the regulations concerning Access Orders when service is provided by multiple exchange carriers.

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TARIFF STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION (Cont'd)

Section 6 - Switched Access Service

States the regulations governing the provision of Switched Access Service. This section is subdivided into General, Undertaking of the Telephone Company, Obligations of the Customer and Rate Regulations which relate to all Switched Access Services. In addition, this section contains subdivisions for the Description and Provision of each Switched Access Feature Group Service (e.g., FGA, FGB, FGC and FGD).

Section 7 - Special Access Service

States the regulations for Special Access Service. This section is subdivided into General, Rate Regulations and Surcharge For Special Access Service which relate to Special Access Services. In addition, there are subdivisions describing each of the seven Special Access classes of service (e.g., Metallic, Telegraph, Voice Grade, Program Audio, Video, Digital Data, and High Capacity). There is also a subdivision for Individual Case Basis Filings (ICBs).

Section 8 - Reserved for Future Use

Section 9 - Directory Assistance Service

States the regulations governing Directory Assistance (DA) Service. This section is subdivided into General, Undertaking of the Telephone Company, Obligations of the Customer and Rate Regulations. Additionally, it explains and illustrates DA service when it is directly trunked and when provided in combination with Switched Access Service.

Section 10 - Special Federal Government Access Service

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 are included.

Section 11 - Special Facilities Routing of Access Services

This section covers Special Facilities Routing which involves access services which may be routed (1) via diverse routes in order to affect an added margin of protection and reliability in the event of facility outages (2) via routes avoiding specified geographical locations or (3) via cable only facilities.

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TARIFF STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION (Cont'd)

Section 12 - Specialized Service or Arrangements

This section covers service or arrangements not offered under other sections of this tariff. When service or arrangements are furnished via this section, they are provided on an individual case basis (ICB).

<u>Section 13 - Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous</u> Services

This section covers the regulations governing Additional Engineering, Additional Labor, Miscellaneous Services and Presubscription.

Section 14 - Exceptions to Access Service Offerings

This section is provided to identify those Issuing Carriers who do not provide certain categories of Access Service offered by this tariff.

Section 15 - Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications

This section covers the technical specifications and service parameters of Access Services. Explains and lists Network Channel (NC) codes, Network Channel Interface (NCI) codes and Service Designator (SD) codes. Displays the technical specifications packages available with Special Access Service.

Section 16 - Reserved for Future Use

Section 17 - Rates and Charges

This section provides all the rates and charges for the Access Services contained in this tariff. It is organized by Common Line Access Service, Switched Access Service, Special Access Service and Other Services.

Section 18 - Public Packet Data Network

This section provides for Public Packet Data Network services and contains the terms and conditions and rate regulations pertaining to Frame Relay Access Service. The Frame Relay Access Service Section is subdivided into General and Rate Regulations.

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MAINTAINING THE TARIFF

Maintaining a complete and up-to-date tariff can become quite complex, especially when there is a great deal of tariff revision activity underway. This complexity is increased when several revisions are made to the same tariff page (s) in a short period of time. It is also complicated by the use of Tariff Supplements to change dates, defer proposed revisions, et cetera.

A way of dealing with this complexity requires that each Transmittal Letter, and associated tariff pages be dealt with separately and sequentially, preferably as received. If several transmittal letters are received at one time, or several are to be dealt with at one time, it is still best to deal with them sequentially.

Following is an explanation of how filings are made, what they contain, and a suggested procedure for dealing with each Transmittal Letter.

Filings Made with the Public Service Commission (PSC)

Whenever changes are required to any tariffs, a filing containing new or revised tariff pages must be made with the PSC. A copy of this filing, generally referred to as a "filing package," is sent to individuals on a predetermined Issuing Carriers' distribution list.

Unless a given filing has a particular urgency, it usually will not be sent out the same day it is filed with the PSC. Rather, it will be held at Issuing Carrier until a filing requiring quick distribution is made, or several filings accumulate. This is done to reduce the number of mailings sent from the Issuing Carrier.

These filings will be sent to Concurring Carriers with a cover letter summarizing the filings highlighting those of greater importance.

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Filings Made with the Public Service Commission (PSC) (Cont'd)

Each PSC tariff filing package will typically consist of at least three parts:

- <u>A transmittal letter from the Issuing Carrier to the PSC</u>, required with such filings. This is usually a one or two page letter constructed to comply with PSC Rules, summarizing the filings.
- One or more "Check Sheets", which are pages of the tariff, showing the current revision numbers of all pages. On each tariff page, this revision number is located in the upper right hand corner, e.g., "13th Revised Page 6-6".
- One or more revised tariff pages, which carry the revision number listed on the enclosed check sheets, and has an Effective Date in the lower right corner of the page. The Issue Date in the lower left corner is the date the revision was filed with the PSC.

In addition to or in place of revised tariff pages, a Supplement page may be received. This page can be identified by the words "Supplement No. X" in the upper right corner.

(Note: Supplements that are effective are listed by number, on check sheet page 1, in the text, directly under the heading CHECK SHEET.)

Check sheets, other tariff pages and supplements are part of the tariff and must be filed in the tariff to keep it current. Check sheets and other numbered pages should be inserted into the tariff in their appropriate locations. It is recommended that supplement pages be filed in the front of the tariff, preceding the Title Page.

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Keeping The Tariff Current

1. It is recommended that one filing package (transmittal letter, check sheets, tariff pages, or supplement) be handled at a time. If there are two or more filing packages that must be added to the tariff, start with the lowest numbered transmittal first and work up.

For example, if transmittal letters Nos. 19, 20 and 21 are received at the same time, work with 19 first, then 20, then 21.

2. For each filing package, compare the revised Tariff Check Sheets with each enclosed Tariff Page to determine that the revision number on the check sheet (s) coincides with the tariff page. The Page 1 Check Sheet, that is issued with each Transmittal Letter, provides the latest revision number of each check sheet. The check sheets include the latest revision number of all subsequent tariff pages. An asterisk (*), indicating a new or revised page, next to page numbers/revision numbers on the check sheets indicates which tariff pages are included with each transmittal.

For example, if the Check Sheet indicates that Tariff Page No. 6-7 is the 5th Revision, it should be in the package received. Other revisions may exist in the tariff, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, etc., don't discard them yet.

3. Examine the Effective Date in the lower right corner of the most recently revised Tariff Pages. If the date is in the future, the tariff page is pending and not yet effective.

For example, if 5th Revised Page 6-7 has an Effective Date of February 1, 1989, and it is January 15, 1989, that page is not yet effective. This is not the case with check sheets. The check sheet Revision Number is the important thing, since each succeeding check sheet supersedes the previous one, regardless of its effective date.

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4. If the Effective Date of a revised tariff page is in the future, examine the Effective Date of the previously revised tariff page to determine if the tariff page is in effect or is pending. If its Effective Date has passed and notification has not been received to the contrary (see item 6 following), the tariff page is in effect. If this is the case, discard and other previous revisions which may exist since they have been superseded.

For example, if 4th Revised Page 6-6 has an Effective Date of January 1, 1989, and it is January 15, 1989, it is not necessary to retain copies of 3rd, 2nd, 1st revisions of Page 6-6. Recent Supplements should be checked to see if effective dates have been deferred.

If the Effective Date of the 4th Revised Page has not passed, examine the 3rd revised page, and any previously revised pages, until arriving at a page that carries a date that has passed. It is possible to have more than one revised page pending. (For example, 1st Revised Page 7-14 has an Effective Date is January 1, 1989, 2nd Revised is February 1, 1989, 3rd Revised is March 1, 1989, etc.) See Step 6 following regarding the changing of Effective Dates.

5. Pending tariff pages need not be filed in the tariff until they become effective. This will require that an "update file" be established by effective dates, for pending pages.

A way to keep pending (not yet effective) pages segregated but still a part of the tariff, is to punch holes in the right margin and file them in the tariff backwards, facing the effective page to be replaced. Then periodically, or when a new PSC Transmittal is received, replace superseded pages with effective pages. This also provides a convenient way to see what changes are pending.

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Keeping The Tariff Current (Cont'd)

- 6. There are several ways of changing the effective date of a tariff page.
 - If one or a few pages require new effective dates, the pages may be reissued with revised effective dates.
 - When a change in the effective date of multiple tariffs is required a Tariff Supplement is usually issued. Supplements are numbered sequentially. These supplements are an integral part of the tariff and it is suggested that they be filed in the front of the tariff, preceding the Title Page. The status of each Supplement is also given on Page 1, the first Check Sheet. Effective supplement numbers are given in the text near the top of the page, just under the heading "Check Sheet".

The supplement will explain what material or pages are affected by the supplement's action and give the new dates and action involved. To keep track of dates changed by supplement, it is suggested that the effective date printed on the affected tariff pages have a line drawn through it, the new date written just below it. An explanatory note, such as "Supp. #10," written next to the new date.

What To Do When Everything Else Fails

- 1. If a tariff has become outdated and does not contain all of the current effective or pending pages, there is a method to make it current.
- 2. Make sure that you have the latest revision of the first page of the check sheet. <u>Concurring Carriers</u> can determine the number of the latest revision by calling the Issuing Carrier.

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What To Do When Everything Else Fails (Cont'd)

- 3. If you have the latest revision of Check Sheet, Page 1 examine the other check sheets to determine that they are the latest revisions. The latest revision number of all the other check sheets is given on Check Sheet, Page 1. If the latest revision of one or more of the subsequent check sheets is missing, call for them as outlined in Step 2 preceding.
- 4. Working from the latest revision of the check sheets, verify that each page has the same revision number as that given on the check sheets. If several revisions of the same page exist, do not discard.
 - If the latest revision listed can not be found, or if pages are missing, call for them as outlined in Step 2 preceding.
 - If a page in the tariff contains the incorrect revision date, call the Issuing Carrier to receive the latest and any intervening revisions, but do not discard the page.
- 5. If the revision number corresponds with the check sheet, examine the effective date in the lower right corner. Verify that the material has not been deferred or rejected by issuance of a more recent page revision or supplement. If the date has passed, and notification has not been received to the contrary, that page is effective and all previous revisions may be discarded.
 - If the effective date has not been reached, the page is pending a previous revision is in effect. Examine the next previous revision to see if its effective date has passed, or if it is pending. It may be necessary to examine several previously revised pages, since there may be more than one page pending. Upon reaching the currently effective page, all previous revisions may be discarded.

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

(C) - To signify changed regulation

(D) - To signify discontinued rate or regulation

(I) - To signify increase

(M) - To signify matter relocated without change

(N) - To signify new rate or regulation

(R) - To signify reduction to a rate or charge

(S) - To signify reissued matter without change

(T) - To signify a change in text but no change in rate or regulation

(Z) - To signify a correction

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADA - Abbreviated Dialing Arrangement

ADM - Add/Drop Multiplexing AML - Actual Measured Loss

ANI - Automatic Number Identification

AP - Program Audio

AT&T - American Telephone and Telegraph Company

BHMC - Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity
CCS - Common Channel Signaling
CDP - Customer Designated Premises

CI - Channel Interface

CIR - Committed Information Rate
CNP - Charge Number Parameter

CO - Central Office Cont'd - Continued

CPE - Customer Provided Equipment

CPN - Calling Party Number
CSP - Carrier Selection Parameter
DA - Directory Assistance

dB - decibel

dBrnC - Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting dBrnCO - Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighted O

dc - direct current

DDD - Direct Distance Dialing
EAS - Extended Area Service
EDD - Envelope Delay Distortion
EML - Expected Measured Loss

EPL - Echo Path Loss ERL - Echo Return Loss

ESS - Electronic Switching System

ESSX - Electronic Switching System Exchange

f - frequency

FCC - Federal Communications Commission

FRAS - Frame Relay Access Service

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS (Cont'd)

HC - High Capacity

Hz - Hertz

IC - Interexchange Carrier
 ICB - Individual Case Basis
 ICL - Inserted Connection Loss
 kbps - kilobits per second

kHz - kilohertz

LAN - Local Area Network

LATA - Local Access and Transport Area

ma - milliamperes

Mbps - Megabits per second

mcs - Microsecond MHz - Megahertz

MRC - Monthly Recurring Charge

MT - Metallic

MTS - Message Telecommunications Service(s)

NPA - Numbering Plan Area NRC - Nonrecurring Charge

NXX - Three-Digit Central Office Prefix

OC - Optical Carrier

OLT - Optical Line Termination PBX - Private Branch Exchange

PIC - Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier

POT - Point of Termination

PVC - Permanent Virtual Connection

SAC - Service Access Code

SNAL - Signaling Network Access Line SONET - Synchronous Optical Network

SP - Signaling Point

SPOI - Signaling Point of Interface
SRL - Singing Return Loss
SSP - Service Switching Point
SS7 - Signaling System 7
STP - Signal Transfer Point

STS - Synchronous Transport Signal SWC - Serving Wire Center

SWC - Serving Wire Cer TG - Telegraph Grade

TLP - Transmission Level Point

TV - Television VG - Voice Grade

V & H - Vertical & Horizontal

WATS - Wide Area Telecommunications Service(s)

WSC - Wireless Switching Center WSO - WATS Serving Office

REFERENCE TO OTHER TARIFFS

Whenever reference is made to the FCC the PSC should be substituted. Whenever interstate service is referenced, intrastate should be substituted. This tariff has been filed as an intrastate version of an interstate tariff. Should there be discrepancies or minor irregularities, the intent of the tariff shall apply.

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, and to amendments thereto and successive issues thereof.

The following tariff is referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from the Federal Communications Commission's commercial contractor.

National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Special Construction Tariff F.C.C. No. 3 National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Wire Center Information Tariff F.C.C. No. 4

REFERENCE TO TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS

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

Technical Reference:

GR-253-CORE Issue 2 Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) Transport Systems:

Common Generic Criteria Issued: December 1995

GR-1374-CORE Issue 1 SONET Inter-Carrier Interface Physical Layer Generic

Criteria for Carriers Issued: December 1994

Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing (MECAB) Guidelines

Issued: June 1994

Multiple Exchange Carrier Ordering and Design (MECOD) Guidelines

Issued: May 1994

PUB 41004 Data Communications Using Voiceband Private Line Channels

Issued: October, 1973

PUB 62310 (MDP-326-726) Digital Data System Channel Interface Specification

Issued: September, 1983

PUB 62411 High Capacity Digital Service Channel Interface

Issued: September, 1983, Addendum October 1984

REFERENCE TO TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS (Cont'd)

TR-NPL-000258 Compatibility Information for Feature Group D Switched Access Service Issued: October 1985

GR-334-CORE Issue 1 Switched Access Service: Transmission Parameter Limits and Interface Combinations

Issued: June 1994

REFERENCE TO TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS (Cont'd)

TR-TSY-000335, Issue 2 Voice Grade Special Access - Transmission Parameter Limits and Interface Combinations

Issued: May, 1990

TR-NPL-000336 Metallic and Telegraph Grade Special Access Services Transmission Parameter Limits and

interface combinations Issued: October, 1987

TR-NPL-000337 Program Audio Special Access Service and Local Channel Services

Issued: July, 1987

TR-NPL-000338 Television Special Access and Local Channel Services Transmission Parameter Limits and

Interface Combinations Issued: December, 1986

TR-NWT-000341 Digital Data Special Access Service - Transmission Parameter Limits and Interface

Combinations

Issued: Issue 2, February, 1993

TR-INS-000342 High Capacity Digital Special Access Service

Issued: February, 1991

SR-STS-000307 Issue 5 NC/NCI Code Dictionary

Issued: May, 1994

TR-TSY-000506 LATA Switching Systems Generic Requirements (LSSGR) Section 6

Issued: October 1987, Revised December 1988, Revised June 1990

TR-NPL-000054 High Capacity Digital Service (1.544 Mbs) Interface Generic Requirements for End Users

Issued: April 1989 Available: April 1989

TR-TSV-000905 Common Channel Signaling Network Interface Specification Supplement 1

Available: August 1989

TR-TSV-001370 Generic Requirements for Exchange Access

Frame Relay PVC Service Issued: Issue 1, May 1993

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

Telecommunications Transmission Engineering

Volume 3 - Networks and Services (Chapters 6 and 7)

Second Edition, 1980 Issued: June, 1980

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REFERENCE TO TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS (Cont'd)

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

PUB AS No. 1, Issue II Access Service

Issued: May 1984 Addendum: March 1987

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

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

Issued: July 1990 Available: August 1990

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

Issued: July 1990 Available: August 1990

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

Integrated Network Corporation Document CB-INC-100 Available: June 1990

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

AT&T PUB 62310 (and its Addendum 2 and Addendum 3) Available: October 1989

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REFERENCE TO TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS (Cont'd)

The following technical publications are referenced in this tariff and may be obtained from American National Standards Institute, 1430 Broadway, New York, New York 10018.

ANSI T1.102-1993, Digital Hierarchy - Electrical Interfaces.

ANSI T1.105-1995, Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) - Basic Description including Multiplex Structure, Rates and Formats.

ANSI T1. 602-1989, Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) - Data-Link Layer Signaling Specification for Application at the User-Network Interface.

ANSI T1. 606-1990, Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) - Architectural Framework and Service Description for Frame-Relaying Bearer Service.

ANSI T1. 606a-1992, Supplement to ANSI T1.606-1990 Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) - Architectural Framework and Service Description for Frame-Relaying Bearer Service (Congestion Management and Frame Size).

ANSI T1. 606b-1993, Supplement to ANSI T1. 606-1990 Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) - Architectural Framework and Service Description for Frame-Relaying Bearer Service (Network-to-Network Interface Requirements).

ANSI T1. 617-1991, Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) - Signaling Specification for Frame Relay Bearer Service for Digital Subscriber Signaling System Number 1 (DSS1).

ANSI T1. 617a-1994, Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) - Signaling Specification for Frame Relay Bearer Service for Digital Subscriber Signaling System Number 1 (DSS1) Protocal Encapsulation and PICS.

ANSI T1. 618-1991, Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) - Core Aspects of Frame Protocol for Use with Frame Relay Bearer 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, 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 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.

2. General Regulations

2.1 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u>

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 <u>Limitations</u>

(A) <u>Assignment or Transfer of Services</u>

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

(1) another customer, whether an individual, partnership, association or corporation, provided the assignee or transferee assumes all outstanding indebtedness for such services, and the unexpired portion of the minimum period and the termination liability applicable to such services, if any; or

2. <u>General Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

2.1 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Cont'd)

2.1.2 <u>Limitations</u> (Cont'd)

- (A) Assignment or Transfer of Services (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. This acknowledgement shall be made within 15 days from the receipt of notification. All regulations and conditions contained in this tariff shall apply to such assignee or transferee.

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

(B) <u>Use and Restoration of Services</u>

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

2. <u>General Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

2.1 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Cont'd)

2.1.2 <u>Limitations</u> (Cont'd)

(C) Sequence of Provisioning (Cont'd)

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.

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

2.1.3 <u>Liability</u>

(A) <u>Limits of Liability</u>

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, termination, maintenance, repair or restoration of service, and subject to the provisions of (B) through (G) 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.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.1 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Cont'd)

2.1.3 <u>Liability</u> (Cont'd)

(B) Acts or Omissions

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) <u>Damages to Customer Premises</u>

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) <u>Indemnification of Telephone Company</u>

(1) By the End User

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

(A) Claims for libel, slander, invasion of privacy, or infringement of copyright arising from the end user's own communications;

2. <u>General Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

2.1 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Cont'd)

2.1.3 <u>Liability</u> (Cont'd)

(D) Indemnification of Telephone Company (Cont'd)

(1) <u>By the End User</u> (Cont'd)

- (B) Claims for patent infringement arising from the end user's acts combining or using the service furnished by the Telephone Company in connection with facilities or equipment furnished by the end users or customer or;
- (C) All other claims arising out of any act or omission of the end user in the course of using services provided pursuant to this tariff.

(2) By the Customer

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 tariff, involving:

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

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2. <u>General Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

2.1 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Cont'd)

2.1.3 <u>Liability</u> (Cont'd)

(E) Explosive Atmospheres

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 Granted

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. The Telephone Company will defend the customer against claims of patent infringement arising solely from the use by the customer of services offered under this tariff and will indemnify such customer for any damages awarded based solely on such claims.

(G) <u>Circumstances Beyond the Telephone Company's Control</u>

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.

2. <u>General Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

2.1 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Cont'd)

2.1.4 Provision of Services

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

2.1.5 <u>Facility Terminations</u>

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

2.1.6 Service Maintenance

The services provided under this tariff shall be maintained by the 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.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.1 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Cont'd)

2.1.7 Changes and Substitutions

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

- substitution of different metallic facilities,
- substitution of carrier or derived facilities for metallic facilities used to provide other than metallic facilities
- substitution of metallic facilities for carrier or derived facilities used to provide other than metallic facilities.
- substitution of fiber or optical facilities,
- change of minimum protection criteria,
- change of operating or maintenance characteristics of facilities, or
- change of 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 Section 15. 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.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.1 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Cont'd)

2.1.8 Refusal and Discontinuance of Service

- (A) If a customer fails to comply with 2.1.6 preceding (Service Maintenance) or 2.3.1, 2.3.4, 2.3.6, 2.3.11(D), 2.4 1 or 2.5 following (respectively, Damages, Availability for Testing, Balance, Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements, Payment Arrangements, Connection) including any customers failure to make payments on the date and times therein specified, the Telephone Company may, on (30) days written notice to the customer by Certified U.S. Mail, take the following actions:
 - refuse additional applications for service and/or refuse to complete any pending orders for service, and/or
 - discontinue the provision of service to the customer.

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

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

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.1 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Cont'd)

2.1.8 Refusal and Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd)

- (C) Except as provided for equipment or systems subject to the FCC Part 68 Rules in 47 C.F.R. Section 68.108, if the customer fails to comply with 2.2.1 following (Interference or Impairment), the 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, the Telephone Company may temporarily discontinue service forthwith if such action is reasonable in the circumstances. In case of such temporary discontinuance, the customer will be notified promptly and afforded the opportunity to correct the condition which gave rise to the temporary discontinuance. During such period of temporary discontinuance, credit allowance for service interruptions as set forth in 2.4.4 following is not applicable.
- (D) When access service is provided by more than one Telephone Company, the companies involved in providing the joint service may individually or collectively deny service to a customer for nonpayment. Where the Telephone Company(s) affected by the nonpayment is incapable of effecting discontinuance of service without cooperation from the other joint providers of Switched Access Service, such other Telephone Company(s) will, if technically feasible, assist in denying the joint service to the customer. Service denial for such joint service will only include calls originating or terminating within, or transiting, the operating territory of the Telephone Companies initiating the service denial for nonpayment. When more than one of the joint providers must deny service to effectuate termination for nonpayment, in cases where a conflict exists in the applicable tariff provisions, the tariff regulations of the end office Telephone Company shall apply for joint service discontinuance.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.1 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Cont'd)

2.1.8 Refusal and Discontinuance of Service (Cont'd)

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.1 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Cont'd)

2.1.9 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 the following:

- 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, but may affect many customer services. No specific advance notification period is applicable to all service activities. The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to determine the reasonable notification requirements.

2.1.10 <u>Coordination with Respect to Network Contingencies</u>

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 manmade disasters which affect telecommunications services.

2.1.11 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).

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.2 <u>Use</u>

2.2.1 <u>Interference or Impairment</u>

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

- interfere with or impair service over any facilities of the 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.

2.2.2 Unlawful and Abusive Use

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

Abusive use includes:

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

2. 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. The equipment shall be returned in as good condition as reasonable wear will permit.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.3 **Equipment Space and Power**

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 facilities used to provide services.

2.3.4 Availability for Testing

Access to facilities used to provide services 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. As set forth in 2.4.4(C)4 following no credit will be allowed for any interruptions involved during such tests and adjustments.

2.3.5 Limitation of Use of Metallic Facilities

Signals applied to a metallic facility shall conform to the limitations set forth in Technical Reference Publication AS No. 1. In the case of application of dc telegraph signaling systems, the customer shall be responsible, at its expense, for the provision of current limiting devices to protect the 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. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.6 Balance

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

2.3.7 <u>Design of Customer Services</u>

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

2.3.8 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. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 <u>Obligations of the Customer</u> (Cont'd)

2.3.9 Claims and Demands for Damages

- (A) With respect to claims of patent infringement made by third persons, the customer shall defend, indemnify, protect and save harmless the 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.
- (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 the tortuous conduct of the customer, its officers, agents or employees.
- (C) 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 course of using services provided under this tariff.\

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.10 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 disasters which affect telecommunications services.

2.3.11 <u>Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements</u>

(A) <u>Certification Requirements - Special Access and Public Packet Data Network</u>
When the customer orders Special Access Service, and Public Packet Data Network, and the customer certifies to the Telephone Company in writing that more than ten percent of the traffic is interstate, the service is considered to be interstate.

Following initial certification, should the jurisdictional nature of the customer's Special Access or Public Packet Data Network Service change, the customer should inform the Telephone Company in writing of the change. The effective date of the change will be the date the Telephone Company receives the customer's notice of change. No charge applies for the jurisdictional change.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements (Cont'd)

(B) <u>Disputes Involving Jurisdictional Certification - Special Access and</u> Public Packet Data Network

If a dispute arises concerning the certification of projected interstate traffic as described above, the Telephone Company will ask the customer to provide the data the customer used to determine that more than ten percent of the traffic is interstate. The customer shall supply the data within thirty (30) days of the Telephone Company request. If the reply results in a jurisdictional change of a Special Access Service Public Packet Data Network, the effective date of the change will be the date the Telephone Company receives the customer's reply. There is no charge when the customer's reply results in a jurisdictional change in the Special Access or Public Packet Data Network services. No changes will be made to existing intrastate percentages until the requested detail has been provided to warrant such change.

(C) <u>Jurisdictional Reports - Switched Access</u>

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

(1) General

When a customer initially orders Switched Access Service, the customer shall state in its order the Percent Interstate Usage (PIU) and Percent IntraLATA Usage (PLU) on a state wide, LATA or billing account number level (at the option of the customer) on a local exchange company specific basis, separately for each of the following:

- Feature Group A (FGA)
- Feature Group B (FGB)
- Feature Group D (FGD)
- 500 Service Access
- 700 Service Access
- 800/888/877 Service Access
- 900 Service Access
- Switched Entrance Facilities
- Switched Direct Trunk Transport
- Switched Transport Multiplexing Equipment
- Carrier Identification Parameter (CIP)

2. <u>General Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.11 <u>Jurisdictional Report Requirements</u> (Cont'd)

(C) <u>Jurisdictional Reports - Switched Access</u> (Cont'd)

(1) <u>General</u> (Cont'd)

The PIU factor provided for each of the foregoing facilities categories (Switched Entrance Facilities, Switched Direct Trunk Transport, Switched Transport Multiplexing Equipment and CIP) shall reflect the combination of all traffic types which traverse such facility category.

Additionally, upon employing to 700 Service Access Code over Feature Group D Switched Access Services, the customer must provide the Company the PIU for the 700 calls. A PIU of less than one-hundred percent is not allowed in those LATA's where the service is not available as an intrastate access service. The customer shall report the PIU on a statewide, LATA or billing account number level (at the option of the customer) on a local exchange company specific basis.

The customer shall furnish to the Company annually a report of the actual PIU on a statewide, LATA or billing account number level (at the option of the customer) on a local exchange company specific basis, separately for each of the services listed previously in 2.3.11 (C)(1). The customer, at its own option, may report revised PIU's more frequently if a change warrants an update before the annual period. These updates should be made to the Telephone Company on the first day of the next available guarter (January, July or October). The annual report of revised PIU's should be received by the first of March of each year. The report should show revised interstate percentages of use representing interstate usage for the past calendar year period, for each interstate service. The revised percentage will be implemented July 1, and will serve as the interstate percentage for the next twelve months billing. If the customer does not supply the report, the Telephone Company will assume the percentages to be the same as those provided in the last report. For those cases in which a report has never been received from the customer, the Telephone Company will assume the percentages to be the same as those provided in the order for service as set forth in (2) following.

The customer shall compute the PIU using the following formula (rounded to a whole percentage).

<u>Interstate Minutes</u>
Total Minutes

Percent Interstate
Usage Factor

1.0 minus Interstate factor equals Intrastate factor.

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2. <u>General Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.11 <u>Jurisdictional Report Requirements</u> (Cont'd)

- (C) <u>Jurisdictional Reports Switched Access</u> (Cont'd)
 - (1) <u>General</u> (Cont'd)

The PIUs described in (2) through (3) following are applied to associated usage rated elements and services, e.g., Information Surcharge, Local Switching, Tandem Switched Transport, Tandem Switching and Transport Interconnection charges. The PIUs are also used to develop the carrier charges. Separate PIUs are required for flat rated Entrance Facilities, Direct Trunked Transport and Mulitplexers.

- (a) There may be some portion of terminating minutes where it is not possible to know and therefore to send, the needed originating number information. A "floor" of 7.00 percent (%) will be set for terminating minutes lacking originating numbers for all switched access customers.
 - (1) When the percentage of terminating traffic without sufficient call detail to determine jurisdiction does not exceed the sum of the floor plus a 2.00 percent (%) grace threshold or 9.00 percent (%), the Telephone Company will apply the PIU factor, either provided by the customer or as set forth in section (C)(1).
 - (2) When the percentage is greater than 9.00 percent (%), the Telephone Company will assess rates from this tariff on all minutes exceeding the floor. For example, if 30 percent (%) of a customer's terminating minutes sent to the Telephone Company do not contain sufficient originating information to allow the Telephone Company to determine the originating location, then the Telephone Company would apply the provisions of this tariff to those minutes exceeding the floor, or 23 percent (%) in this example.

In the event that the Telephone Company applies rates to terminating calls without originating number information as provided in this tariff, customers will have the opportunity to request backup documentation of the Telephone Company's basis for such application, and further request that the Telephone Company change the application of the intrastate access rate upon a showing by the customer of why the intrastate rate should not be applied.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.11 <u>Jurisdictional Report Requirements</u> (Cont'd)

- (C) <u>Jurisdictional Reports Switched Access</u> (Cont'd)
 - (1) <u>General</u> (Cont'd)

When Special Access service is provided on a Switched Access Facility, e.g., Special Access DS1 on a Switched Access DS3, the facility will be apportioned between Switched Access and Special Access. The jurisdiction of the Special Access service shall reflect the composite of the jurisdiction of the lower capacity services, if any, of which it is comprised.

(2) <u>Feature Groups A and B</u>

(a) Pursuant to Arkansas Public Service Commission Order adopted December, 1985, intrastate usage of Feature Group A and/or B is to be developed as though every point within the same state as that in which the called station (as designated by the called station telephone number) is the event of ambiguity regarding the point of customer network entry, e.g., in local calling or EAS areas that cross jurisdictional boundaries, the point of entry shall be consistent with the entry/exit procedures approved by the FCC. For those services originating over in-WATS (800) or in-WATS-like services, a reasonable surrogate or sample shall be used to determine the jurisdictional nature of the completed long distance transmissions. The customer's network includes all facilities owned or leased by the customer and all transmission and switching capability purchased from any and all suppliers of transmission and switching capability.

- 2. General Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)
 - 2.3.11 <u>Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements</u> (Cont'd)
 - (C) <u>Jurisdictional Reports Switched Access</u> (Cont'd)
 - (2) Feature Groups A and B (Cont'd)
 - (a) (Cont'd)

Pursuant to Arkansas Public Service Commission order adopted December 1985, intraLATA usage of Feature Groups A and/or B is to be developed as though every call that enters the customer's network at a point located in one LATA and exits the customer's network at a point located in the same LATA and is an intraLATA communication. In the event of ambiguity regarding the point of customer network entry, e.g., in local calling or EAS areas that cross jurisdictional boundaries, the point of entry shall be consistent with the entry/exit procedures approved by the FCC. For those originating over in-WATS (800) or in-WATS-like services, a reasonable surrogate or sample shall be used to determine the jurisdictional nature of the completed long distance transmissions. The customer's network includes all facilities owned or leased by the customer and all transmission and switching capability purchased from any and all suppliers of transmission and switching capability.

The projected intrastate percentages will be used by the Telephone Company to apportion the usage between interstate and intrastate until a revised report is received as set forth in 2.3.11(C)(2)(d) following.

- 2. General Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)
 - 2.3.11 <u>Jurisdictional Report and Certification Requirements</u> (Cont'd)
 - (C) <u>Jurisdictional Reports Switched Access</u> (Cont'd)
 - (2) Feature Groups A and B (Cont'd)
 - (a) (Cont'd)

The projected intrastate intraLATA percentage of use will be used by the Telephone Company to apportion the usage between intrastate intraLATA and intrastate interLATA until a revised report is received as set forth in 2.3.11(C)(2)(d) following.

All single Feature Group A and B Switched Access Service usage and charges will be apportioned by the Telephone Company between interstate and intrastate, and between intrastate intraLATA and intrastate interLATA. The projected intrastate percentage and intrastate intraLATA percentage reported as set forth in 1(a) preceding and 1(b) following will be used to make such apportionment.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.11 <u>Jurisdictional Report Requirements</u> (Cont'd)

- (C) <u>Jurisdictional Reports Switched Access</u> (Cont'd)
 - (2) Feature Groups A and B (Cont'd)
 - (b) When a customer orders Feature Group A and/or Feature Group B Switched Access Service the customer shall, in its order, state the projected intrastate percentage for intrastate usage for each Feature Group A and/or Feature Group B Switched Access Service group ordered. The term group shall be construed to mean single lines or trunks as well. In addition, the customer shall also state in its order the projected intrastate intraLATA percentages of use (i.e., the customer projects the intrastate usage as 30%, and projects that 50% of the intrastate usage is intraLATA). If the customer adds or discontinues some but not all of the Feature Group A and/or Feature Group B Switched Access Services in a group, it shall provide a revised projected intrastate and intrastate intraLATA percentage for the overall services provided. The revised reports will serve as the basis for future billing and will be effective on the next bill date.
 - (c) For multiline hunt group or trunk group arrangements where either the interstate or the intrastate charges are based on measured usage, the intrastate and intrastate intraLATA Feature Group A and/or Feature Group B Switched Access Service(s) information reported as set forth in (a) and (b) preceding will be used to determine the charges.

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

- 2. General Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)
 - 2.3.11 <u>Jurisdictional Report Requirements</u> (Cont'd)
 - (C) <u>Jurisdictional Reports Switched Access</u> (Cont'd)

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.11 <u>Jurisdictional Report Requirements</u> (Cont'd)

- (C) <u>Jurisdictional Reports Switched Access</u> (Cont'd)
 - (3) Feature Groups C and D

When a customer orders Feature Group C or Feature Group D Switched Access Service(s) the customer may provide the projected intrastate usage for each end office in its order. Alternatively the Telephone company, where the jurisdiction can be determined from the call detail, will determine the projected intrastate usage for each end office in its order. Alternatively the Telephone Company, where the jurisdiction can be determined from the call detail, will determine the projected intrastate percentage as follows.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report Requirements (Cont'd)

- (C) <u>Jurisdictional Reports Switched Access</u> (Cont'd)
 - (3) Feature Groups C and D (Cont'd)
 - For originating access minutes, the projected intrastate percentage will be developed on a monthly basis by end office where the Feature Group C or Feature Group D Switched Access Service access minutes are measured by dividing the measured intrastate originating access minutes by the total originating access minutes, when the call detail is adequate to determine the appropriate jurisdiction.

The Telephone Company, where the jurisdiction can not be determined from the call detail, will determine the projected interstate percentage as follows:

- When originating call details are insufficient to determine the jurisdiction for the call (e.g. 800/888/877 Access Service), the customer must supply the projected interstate percentage.
- For terminating access minutes, the customer may supply the interstate percentage or the customer may allow the originating access minute percentage as listed above to be used to develop the projected interstate percentage for such terminating access minutes. Customers choosing not to supply a PIU for terminating Feature Group C or D Switched Access service may continue to allow the Company to develop this PIU based upon the percentage for originating access minutes. This percentage shall be used by the Company as the interstate percentage for such call detail.
- For Switched Entrance Facilities, Switched Direct Trunk Transport, Switched Transport Multiplexing and CIP the customer may allow the originating access minute percentage as listed above to be used to develop the projected interstate percentage for such dedicated switched transport service.
- When a customer employs the use of 700 or 900 Service Access Codes over Feature Group D Switched Access, the customer must provide the Company with the projected percentage of interstate use for the 700 or 900 calls made. The remaining percentage will be assumed intrastate percentage.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.11 Jurisdictional Report Requirements (Cont'd)

(D) <u>Billing Disputes Involving Jurisdictional Reports</u> -Switched Access

For Switched Access, if a billing dispute arises or the Arkansas Public Service Commission questions the projected intrastate and/or intraLATA percentages, the Telephone Company will ask the customer to provide the data the customer used to determine the projected intrastate and intraLATA percentages. The customer shall supply the data within thirty (30) days of the Telephone Company request. The customer shall keep, for a minimum of 12 months, records of call detail from which the percentages of intrastate and intraLATA use can be ascertained and upon request of the Telephone Company make the records available for inspection as reasonably necessary for purposes of verification of the percentages. At a minimum for annual PIU revisions, the information used by the Customer to support the revised PIU must reflect usage (either actual or a representative sample) for each quarter of the prior calendar year. No change will be made to existing PIU's until the detail has been provided to warrant such change. If the Customer refuses to provide supporting information, a default PIU of 50% will be used.

Pursuant to Arkansas Public Service Commission order adopted December 1985, annual audits shall be conducted to verify the accuracy of customer jurisdictional reports. The terms of the audits, including cost reimbursement and penalty provisions are specified in the Commission order.

2. <u>General Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.12 <u>Determination of Intrastate Charges for Mixed Interstate and Intrastate Switched Access Service</u>

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

(A) Monthly and Nonrecurring Charges

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

(B) <u>Usage Sensitive Charges</u>

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

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

2.3.13 <u>Determination of IntraLATA Charges for Mixed InterLATA and IntraLATA Switched Access Service</u>

When mixed interLATA and intraLATA Switched Access Service is provided, all charges (i.e., nonrecurring, monthly, and usage) including optional feature charges, will be prorated between interLATA and intraLATA in the same manner as described in 2.3.11 preceding.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.14 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic

(A) Scope

- (1) VoIP-PSTN traffic is defined as traffic exchanged over the public switched telephone network ("PSTN") facilities that originates and/or terminates in Internet protocol ("IP") format. This section governs the identification of toll VoIP-PSTN ("toll VoIP") traffic that in the absence of an interconnection agreement will be subject to interstate switched access rates in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission Report and Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc., FCC Release No. 11-161 (Nov. 18, 2011) ("FCC Order") as it may hereinafter be amended or clarified. Specifically, this section establishes the method of distinguishing toll VoIP traffic from the customer's total intrastate access traffic, so that toll VoIP traffic will be billed in accordance with the FCC Order.
- (2) This section will be applied to the billing of switched access charges to a customer that is a local exchange carrier only to the extent that the customer has also implemented billing of interstate access charges for VoIP-PSTN Traffic in accordance with the FCC Order.

(B) Rating of toll VoIP-PSTN traffic

The Telephone Company will bill toll VoIP-PSTN traffic which it identifies in accordance with this tariff section at rates equal to the Telephone Company's applicable tariffed interstate switched access rates.

(C) Calculation and Application of Percent-VoIP-Usage Factor

The Telephone Company will determine the number of toll VoIP traffic minutes of use ("MOU") to which it will apply its interstate rates under subsection (B), above, by applying an originating Percent VoIP Usage ("OPVU") factor to the total intrastate access MOU originated by a Telephone Company end user and delivered to the customer and by applying a terminating PVU ("TPVU") factor to the total intrastate access MOU terminated by a customer to the Telephone Company's end user. The OPVU and TPVU will be derived and applied as follows:

(1) The customer will calculate and furnish to the Telephone Company an OPVU factor, along with supporting documentation, representing the whole number percentage of the customer's total originating intrastate access MOU that the customer receives from the Telephone Company in the State that is originated by the Telephone Company in IP format.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.14 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cond't)

- (C) Calculation and Application of Percent-VoIP-Usage Factor (Cond't)
 - (2) The customer will calculate and furnish to the Telephone Company a TPVU factor, along with supporting documentation, representing the whole number percentage of the customer's total terminating intrastate access MOU that the customer exchanges with the Telephone Company in the State that is sent to the Telephone Company and originated in IP format.
 - (3) The OPVU, TPVU and supporting documentation shall be based on information that is verifiable by the Telephone Company including but not limited to the number of the customer's retail VoIP subscriptions in the state (e.g., as reported on FCC Form 477), traffic studies, actual call detail, or other relevant and verifiable information. The customer shall not modify its reported PIU factor to account for VoIP-PSTN traffic.
 - (4) After the Telephone Company verifies the OPVU and TPVU provided by the customer the Telephone Company will apply the OPVU and TPVU factors to the associated intrastate access MOU as indicated in Sections (D) and/or (E) below.

In the event that the Telephone Company can not verify the customer's OPVU and/or TPVU, the Telephone Company will request additional information to support the OPVU and/or TPVU, during this time no changes will be made to the existing OPVU and /or TPVU. The customer shall supply the requested additional information within 15 days of the Telephone Company's request or no changes will be made to the existing OPVU and/or TPVU. If after review of the additional information, the customer and Telephone Company establish a revised and mutually agreed upon OPVU and/or TPVU factor, the Telephone Company will begin using the new factor with the next bill period.

If the dispute is unresolved the customer may request that verification audits be conducted by an independent auditor, at customer's sole expense. During the audit, the most recent undisputed OPVU and/or TPVU factor will be used by the Telephone Company.

(5) In the absence of an interconnection agreement, at no time will the Telephone Company allow an OPVU or TPVU factor greater than the applicable State percentage as identified in Paragraph 963 of the FCC Order.

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

2.3.14 Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic (Cond't)

(D) Initial OPVU and TPVU Factor

In calculating the initial OPVU and TPVU factor(s), the Telephone Company will take the factor(s) provided by the customer into account retroactively to January 1, 2012, provided that the customer provides the factor(s) and supporting documentation, as specified in subsection (C) above to the Telephone Company no later than 15 days after the effective date of this tariff. If the customer does not furnish the Telephone Company with an OPVU and/or TPVU factor pursuant to the preceding subsection (C), the initial factor will be zero.

(E) OPVU and TPVU Factor Updates

The customer may update the OPVU and/or TPVU factor(s) semi-annually using the method set forth in subsection (C), above. If the customer chooses to submit such updates, it shall forward to the Telephone Company, no later than 15 days after the first day of January and/or July of each year, a revised OPVU and/or TPVU factor and supporting documentation based on data for the prior three months, ending the last day of December and/or June, respectively. Once verified by the Telephone Company the revised OPVU and/or TPVU factor will apply prospectively and serve as the basis for billing until superseded by a new verified factor.

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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 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. 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 will not exceed the actual or estimated rates and charges for the service for a two month period. The fact that a deposit has been made in no way relieves the customer from complying with the 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 interest at the same percentage rate as that set forth in (C)(2)(a) or in (C)(2)(b) following, whichever is lower.

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

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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) Bill Dates

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) End User Access Service and Presubscription

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

2. 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) <u>Bill Dates</u> (Cont'd)
 - (2) <u>Access Services Other than End User and Presubscription</u>

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

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

- 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)
 - (C) Payment Dates and Late Payment Penalties
 - (1) All bills dated as set forth in (B)(2) preceding for service, other than End User Service and Presubscription Service, provided to the customer by the Telephone Company are due 31 days (payment date) after the bill day or by the next bill date (i.e., same date in the following month as the bill date), whichever is the shortest interval, except as provided herein, and are payable in immediately available funds. If the customer does not receive a bill at least 20 days prior to the 31 day payment due date, then the bill shall be considered delayed. When the bill has been delayed, upon request of the customer the due date will be extended by the number of days the bill was delayed. Such request of the customer must be accompanied with proof of late bill receipt.

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)

(C) Payment Dates and Late Payment Penalties

(1) (Cont'd)

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

If the payment date falls on a Sunday or on a Legal Holiday which is observed on a Monday, the payment date shall be the first non-Holiday day following such Sunday or Legal Holiday.

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

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)

(C) Payment Dates and Late Payment Penalties (Cont'd)

- (2) Further, if no payment is received by the payment date or if a payment or any portion of a payment is received by the Telephone Company after the payment date as set forth in (1) preceding, or if a payment or any portion of a payment is received by the Telephone Company in funds which are not immediately available to the Telephone Company, then a late payment penalty shall be due to the Telephone Company. The late payment penalty shall be the payment or the portion of the payment not received by the payment date times a late factor. The late factor shall be the lesser of:
 - (a) the highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transactions, compounded daily for the number of days from the payment date to and including the date that the customer actually makes the payment to the Telephone Company, or
 - (b) 0.000590 per day, compounded daily for the number of days from the payment date to and including the date that the customer actually makes the payment to the Telephone Company.

(D) Valid Billing Dispute

A valid billing dispute consists of written documentation specifically listing the total dollar amount of the dispute, specific rate elements being disputed and their dollar amounts. The dispute must be received in writing within 30 days after the due date of the bill. At least one of the seven following reasons must be given for the dispute to be considered valid.

- 1. Incorrect rate
- 2. Error in quantity (i.e., minutes or quantity of circuits incorrect.)
- 3. Service no longer exists.
- 4. Invalid factors
- 5. Incorrect customer being billed.
- 6. Invalid Purchase Order Number (PON)
- 7. Backbilling

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) <u>Valid Billing Disputes</u> (Cont'd)

Refusal to pay an entire bill or any portion thereof without written supporting documentation, will not be considered a valid dispute and will be handled as a non payment in accordance with Section 2.4.1(C) above.

(E) <u>Billing Disputes Resolved in Favor of the Telephone Company</u>

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

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) <u>Billing Disputes Resolved in Favor of the Customer</u>

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

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

- (1) the highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transactions, compounded daily for the number of days from the first date to and including the last date of the period involved, or
- (2) 0.000590 per day, compounded daily for the number of days from the first date to and including the last date of the period involved.

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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)

(G) Rounding of Charges

(T)

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).

2.4.2 Minimum Periods

The minimum period for which services are provided and for which rates and charges are applicable is one month except for those usage rated services set forth in Section 6. (Switched Access Service) and 9. (Directory Assistance Service) and those services set forth in 6.1.3 (Switched Access High Capacity DS3 Entrance Facility and High Capacity DS3 Direct Trunked Transport), 7.2.4, (Part-time Video and Program Audio), and 7.2.8 (High Capacity DS1 and DS3 Service, Synchronous Optical Channel Service and Frame Relay and Frame Relay Access Service 1.544 Mbps Port), or as otherwise specified.

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

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

- (A) When a service with a one month minimum period is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, a one month charge will apply at the rate level in effect at the time service is discontinued.
- (B) When a service with a minimum period greater than one month is discontinued prior to the expiration of the minimum period, except for DS3 monthly service and DS1, DS3 and Synchronous Optical Channel Service Optional Rate Plans as provided for in Sec. 5.5.1 and 7.2.8 following, 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. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.3 Cancellation of an Order for Service

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

2.4.4 Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions

(A) General

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

(B) When a Credit Allowance Applies

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

For Digital Data Access, SD Codes D1 through D4 and High Capacity, HC1, Special Access Services, any period during which the error performance is below that specified for the service will be considered as an interruption.

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

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) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)

Credit allowances are computed as follows:

(1) <u>Special Access Service other than Program Audio and Video and flat rated</u> Switched Access Service rate elements

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

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

(a) Two-point Services

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

(b) Multipoint Services

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 <u>Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions</u> (Cont'd)

- (B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)
 - (1) <u>Special Access Service other than Program Audio and Video and flat rated Switched Access Service rate elements,</u> (Cont'd)

(c) <u>Multiplexed Services</u>

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

(d) Flat rated Switched Access rate elements

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 <u>Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions</u> (Cont'd)

- (B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)
 - (1) <u>Special Access Service other than Program Audio and Video and flat rated Switched Access Service rate elements,</u> (Cont'd)
 - (e) Public Packet Data Network Services

For Public Packet Data Network Service rate elements, the monthly charge shall be the total of all monthly rate element charges associated with the service (i.e., End User Port, Access Customer Port, and Permanent Virtual Connections).

(f) Synchronous Optical Channel Service

For Synchronous Optical Channel Service the monthly charge shall be the total of all monthly rate element charges associated with that portion of the service which is inoperative, (i.e., Channel Termination, Channel Mileage, Customer Node and Customer Premises Port). When the facility provided via an Add/Drop Multiplexer is inoperative, the monthly charge shall be the total of all monthly charges associated with that portion of the service (i.e., Channel Terminations, Channel Mileage and Central Office Port).

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 <u>Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions</u> (Cont'd)

- (B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)
 - (2) Program Audio and Video Special Access Services

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 seconds or more as follows:

- (a) 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.
- (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 channel termination, channel mileage and optional features and functions that are inoperative for each period of 5 minutes or major fraction thereof that the interruption continues.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 <u>Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions</u> (Cont'd)

- (B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)
 - (2) Program Audio and Video Special Access Services (Cont'd)
 - (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 channel termination, channel mileage and optional features and functions that are 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.
 - (3) Switched Access and Directory Assistance Service Usage Rated Elements

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 <u>Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions</u> (Cont'd)

- (B) When a Credit Allowance Applies (Cont'd)
 - (4) Credit Allowances Cannot Exceed Monthly Rate

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

(C) 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 a service during any period in which the Telephone Company is not afforded access to the premises where the service is terminated.
- (4) Interruptions of a service when the customer has released that service to the 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.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 <u>Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions</u> (Cont'd)

- (C) When a Credit Allowance Does Not Apply (Cont'd)
 - (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 NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 3 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 for 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, that would result in credit in an amount less than one dollar.

(D) <u>Use of an Alternative Service Provided by the Telephone Company</u>

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.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.4 Payment Arrangements and Credit Allowances (Cont'd)

2.4.4 <u>Credit Allowance for Service Interruptions</u> (Cont'd)

(E) Temporary Surrender of a Service (Cont'd)

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 1/1440 of the monthly rate for each period of 30 minutes or fraction thereof that the service is surrendered. In no case will the credit allowance exceed the monthly rate for the service surrendered in any one monthly billing period.

2.4.5 Re-establishment of Service Following Fire, Flood or Other Occurrence

(A) Nonrecurring Charges Do Not Apply

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

- (1) The service is of the same type as was provided prior to the fire, flood or other occurrence.
- (2) The service is for the same customer.
- (3) The service is at the same location on the same premises.
- (4) The re-establishment of service begins within 60 days after 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).

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.

2.4.7 Access Services Provided By More Than One Telephone Company

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

(A) Non Meet Point Billing/Feature Group A

Non Meet Point Billing under a Revenue Sharing Agreement is the generally accepted billing method for Feature Group A Switched Access Service. At the agreement of the participating Telephone Companies, Meet Point Billing may apply to jointly provided Feature Group A services as set forth in (B) following.

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)

(A) Non Meet Point Billing/Feature Group A (Cont'd)

(1) <u>Single Company Billing/Revenue Sharing</u>

All Telephone Companies jointly providing Feature Group A service will receive an order or a copy of the order, from the customer, as specified in 5.3.1(A) following. The telephone company that provides the dial tone 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 as provided for under a Feature Group A Revenue Sharing Agreement.

(B) Meet Point Billing

Meet Point Billing is required when an access service is provided by multiple Telephone Companies for Feature Group B, C, and D Switched Access Services, Directory Assistance and Special Access. It is optional for Feature Group A Switched Access Service.

Each Telephone Company jointly providing the access service will receive an order or copy of the order from the customer as specified in 5.3.2 following and arrange to provide the service.

For usage rated access services the access minutes of use will generally be determined by the recording company. Where the recording company is not the Bill Rendering Company, the recording company will provide detailed usage records to the Bill Rendering Company to develop the access minutes.

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) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)

The Bill Rendering Company in a single bill arrangement for Feature Groups B, C, and D Switched Access Services, is normally the end user's end office, for WATS usage the Bill Rendering Company is normally the WATS Serving Office, for Directory Assistance, the Bill Rendering Company is normally the Directory Assistance Location. The name of the Bill Rendering Company will be included in the meet point billing notification provided to the customer by all the telephone companies on all meet point billed services.

The non Bill Rendering Company(s) is any Telephone Company(s) in whose territory a segment of the Local Transport or Channel Mileage is provided and/or where the customer's Point of Termination is located.

There are two Meet Point Billing Options, Single Bill and Multiple Bill. These billing options are explained in (1) and (2) following. The Single Bill option is the preferred method. However, when a single bill option can not be agreed to by all telephone companies providing service, the multiple bill option is the default.

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

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) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)
 - The Meet Point Billing Option that will be used,
 - The Telephone Company(s) that will render the bill(s),
 - The Telephone Company(s) to whom payment(s) should be remitted, and
 - The Telephone Company(s) that will provide the bill inquiry function.

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

(1) Single Bill Option

The single bill option allows the customer to receive one bill for access services that are provided by more than one company. The single bill option provides the following three billing alternatives:

- Single Bill/Multiple Tariff
- Single Bill/Pass Through Billing, and
- Single Bill/Single Tariff

These options are described following in (a), (b) and (c) respectively.

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) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)
 - (1) Single Bill Option (Cont'd)
 - (a) Single Bill/Multiple Tariff

The single bill/multiple tariff bill is prepared by the Bill Rendering Company but reflects all rates and charges for each connecting company's part of the service based on each company's access tariff.

The Bill Rendering Company will:

- determine and include all recurring and nonrecurring rates and charges for each involved Telephone Company;
- identify each involved Telephone Company's rates and charges separately on the bill;
- forward the bill to the customer and provide a copy of the bill or other substantiation of the charges to the connecting Telephone Companies; and
- advise the customer how to remit the payment, either directly to each Telephone Company involved in the provision of this meet point billed service, or, as a single payment made to the Bill Rendering Company. If payments are to be sent directly to the Bill Rendering Company, the non Bill Rendering Company(s) will provide the customer with written authorization for the payment arrangement.

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) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)
 - (1) Single Bill Option (Cont'd)
 - (b) Single Bill/Pass-Through Billing

The single bill/pass-through bill is compiled by the Bill Rendering Company. Each Telephone Company will prepare a bill for its portion of the access service and forward it to the Bill Rendering Company. Normally, these connecting telephone company bills are forwarded to the Bill Rendering Company without usage to eliminate possible delays.

Each non Bill Rendering Company will:

- prepare its own bill;
- determine its rates and charges for Local Transport, Directory Transport and/or Channel Mileage as set forth in (3) following;
- determine and include all applicable recurring and nonrecurring rates and charges of its access tariff; and
- forward the bill to the Bill Rendering Company for the meet point access service.

- 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) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)
 - (1) <u>Single Bill Option</u> (Cont'd)
 - (b) <u>Single Bill/Pass-Through Billing</u> (Cont'd)

The Bill Rendering Company will:

- apply usage data, when needed, to the bills and calculate the charges;
- combine all the bills of the involved Telephone Companies providing the meet point access service;
- forward the bill to the customer; and
- advise the customer how to remit the payment, either directly to each Telephone Company involved in the provision of this meet point billed service; or, as a single payment made to the Bill Rendering Company. If payments are to be sent directly to the Bill Rendering Company, the non Bill Rendering Company(s) will provide the customer with written authorization for the payment arrangement.

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) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)
 - (1) Single Bill Option (Cont'd)
 - (c) Single Bill/Single Tariff

The single bill/single tariff bill provides a meet point bill that is billed completely at the Billing Rendering Company's tariff rates and regulations.

The Bill Rendering Company will:

- determine and include on the access bill all usage data and all other recurring and nonrecurring rates and charges per its access tariff; and
- forward the bill to the customer

The customer will remit the payment to the Bill Rendering Company.

(2) Multiple Bill Option

Under the Multiple Bill Option each company providing the access service will render an access bill to the customer for its portion of the service based on its access tariff rates and regulations. For switched access Multiple bills, the end office company is generally the Initial Billing Company (IBC). The IBC is the company that calculates the access minutes to be billed to the customer and provides this data to each connecting company providing service, i.e., the Subsequent Billing Company(s). Each company, IBC and SBC, will:

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) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)
 - (2) <u>Multiple Bill Option</u> (Cont'd)
 - prepare its own bill;
 - determine its charge(s) for Local Transport, Directory Transport, and/or Channel Mileage as set forth in (3) following;
 - determine and include all recurring and nonrecurring rates and charges of its access tariff;
 - reflect its Billing Account Reference (BAR) and all connection company Billing Account Reference (BACR) code(s);
 - forward its bill to the customer.

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

(3) <u>Determination of Meet Point Billed Local Transport, Directory Transport and Channel Mileage Charges</u>

Each Telephone Company's portion of the Local Transport, Directory Transport and Channel Mileage will be developed as follows:

(a) Determine the appropriate Local Transport or Channel Mileage by computing the number of airline miles between the Telephone Company premises (end office, access tandem or serving wire centers for

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) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Determination of Meet Point Billed Local Transport, Directory Transport and Channel Mileage Charges</u>
 - (a) (Cont'd)
 Switched Access or serving wire centers for Special Access) using the V&H method set forth respectively in 6.4.6 and 7.2.5 following.
 - (b) Determine the billing percentage (BP), as set forth in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, which represents the portion of the service provided by each Telephone Company.
 - (c) For Feature Groups A, B, C and D Tandem Switched Transport
 - multiply the number of originating and terminating access minutes of use routed over the facility times the number of airline miles, as set forth in (a) preceding, times the BP for each Telephone Company, as set forth in (b) preceding, times the Tandem Switched Facility or Local Transport Facility rate;
 - multiply the Tandem Switched Termination or Local Transport Termination rate times the number of originating and terminating access minutes routed over the facility.
 - When a tandem office is located within the operating territory of a Telephone Company participating in NECA's Traffic Sensitive Pool, multiply the Tandem Switching rate times the number of originating and terminating access minutes that are switched at the tandem.

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) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Determination of Meet Point Billed Local Transport, Directory Transport and Channel Mileage Charges</u> (Cont'd)
 - (c) (Cont'd)
 The Tandem Switched Termination rate is applied as set forth in 6.1.3(A) following. The Switched Access Nonrecurring Charges are applied as set forth in 6.4.1(B) following. (Note: The BP is not applied to the Switched Access Tandem Switched Termination rate or any Nonrecurring Charge.)
 - (d) For Feature Groups A, B, C, and D Direct Trunked Transport:
 - multiply the number of airline miles, as set forth in (a) preceding, times the BP for each Telephone Company, as set forth in (b) preceding, times the Direct Trunked Facility rate.
 - The Direct Trunked Termination rate is applied as set forth in 6.1.3(A) following. The Switched Access Nonrecurring Charges are applied as set forth in 6.4.1(B) following. (Note: The BP is not applied to either the Switched Access Direct Trunked Termination rate or any Nonrecurring Charge.)

- 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) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Determination of Meet Point Billed Local Transport, Directory Transport and Channel Mileage Charges,</u> (Cont'd)
 - (e) For Feature Groups A, B, C, and D.
 - When the end office (which may be a Remote Switching Module or WATS Serving Office) is located within the operating territory of a Telephone Company participating in NECA's Traffic Sensitive Pool, if applicable multiply the Residual Interconnection Charge rate times the number of originating and terminating access minutes that are switched at the end office.
 - When the Entrance Facility and/or Multiplexing equipment is located within the operating territory of a Telephone Company participating in NECA's Traffic Sensitive Pool, the Entrance Facility and/or Multiplexing charge will apply.
 - The Billing Percentage (BP) is not applicable to the Residual Interconnection charge, Entrance Facility or Multiplexer.
 - (f) For Special Access, multiply the number of airline miles, as set forth in (a) preceding, times the BP for each Telephone Company, as set forth in (b) preceding, times the Channel Mileage Facility rate and add the Channel Mileage Termination rate.

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) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Determination of Meet Point Billed Local Transport, Directory Transport and Channel Mileage Charges (Cont'd)</u>
 - (f) (Cont'd)
 The Special Access Channel Mileage Termination rate and nonrecurring charges are applied as set forth in 7.2.1(B)(2) and 7.2.2(C) following. (Note: The BP is not applied to either the Channel Mileage Termination Recurring Rate or any Nonrecurring Charge.)
 - (g) For Directory Assistance Service, multiply the Directory Transport rate times the number of directory assistance calls times the BP for each Telephone Company, as set forth in (b) preceding.
 - The Directory Assistance Nonrecurring charge is applied as set forth in 9.4.1(B) following. (Note: The BP is not applied to any Nonrecurring Charge.)
 - (h) When three or more Telephone Companies are involved in providing an Access Service, the intermediate Telephone Company(s) will determine the appropriate charges as set forth in (c) through (g) preceding. Additionally, when a segment of the Tandem Switched Facility, Direct Trunked Facility or Channel Mileage Facility is measured to the intermediate office(s), the Tandem Switched Termination, Direct Trunked Termination or Channel Mileage Termination rates are also applied at the intermediate Telephone Company(s) office(s).

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)

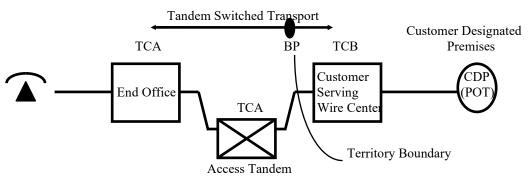
- (B) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Determination of Meet Point Billed Local Transport, Directory Transport and Channel Mileage Charges</u> (Cont'd)
 - (i) Example Switched Access

Layout

- Feature Group D Switched Access is ordered to End Office A.
- End Office A is in operating territory of Telephone Company A (TC-A) participating in NECA's Traffic Sensitive Pool.
- Customer designated premises is in operating territory of a Telephone Company (TC-B) not participating in NECA's Traffic Sensitive Pool.

Telephone Company A
(TC A)
Operating Territory

Telephone Company B (TC B) (Non-NECA)
Operating Territory



BP = Billing Percentage

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) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Determination of Meet Point Billed Local Transport, Directory Transport and Channel Mileage Charges (Cont'd)</u>
 - (i) Example Switched Access (Cont'd)

The following example reflects the rate calculations for TC-A, a Telephone Company participating in NECA's Traffic Sensitive Pool. Rates for a Non-Traffic Sensitive Pool member company would appear in that company's access tariff.

Assume:

Airline miles (ALM) TC A premises to TC B Serving Wire Center = 22.1, rounded = 23.

Billing Percentage (BP) TC A = 80% TC B = 20%

Access Minutes (AM) = 9000

Tandem Switched Facility Rates = TSF

Tandem Switched Termination Rate = TST

Tandem Switching Rate = TS

Residual Interconnection Charge = RIC

Carrier Common Line Charge = CCL

End Office Charges = EO

- 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) Meet Point Billing (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Determination of Meet Point Billed Local Transport, Directory Transport and Channel Mileage Charges</u> (Cont'd)
 - (i) Example Switched Access (Cont'd)
 - Telephone Company A charges are:

Tandem Switched Facility charge = 9,000 min. x 23 mi. x 80% x TSF rate

Tandem Switched Termination charge = 9,000 min. x TST rate

Tandem Switching charge = 9,000 min. x TS rate

Residual Interconnection Charge = 9,000 min. x RIC rate

Carrier Common Line charge = 9,000 min. x CCL rate

End Office Charges = 9,000 min. x EO rates

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.5 Connections

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u>

Certain terms used herein are defined as follows:

800 Data Base Access Service

The term "800 Data Base Access Service" denotes a service which uses a data base system to identify 800 access customers on a 10-digit basis. For purposes of administering the rules and regulations set forth in this tariff regarding the provision of 800 Database Access,by the Telephone Company to an individual customer. The Carrier Access Code (CAC) has the form 101XXXX and the Carrier Identification Code (CIC) has the form 950-XXXX. Access codes for FGB with an ADA are explained in 6.9.2 following.

Access Minutes

For the purpose of calculating chargeable usage, the term "Access Minutes" denotes customer usage of exchange facilities in intrastate or foreign service. On the originating end of an intrastate 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 intrastate 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 intrastate or foreign call shall terminate when the calling or called party disconnects, whichever event is recognized first in the originating and terminating and exchanges, as applicable.

Access Tandem

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

Add/Drop Multiplexing

The term "Add/Drop Multiplexing" denotes a multiplexing function offered in connection with SONET that allows lower level signals to be added or dropped from a high speed optical carrier channel in a wire center. The connection to the add/drop multiplexer is via a channel to a Central Office Port at a specific digital speed (i.e., DS3, DS1, etc.).

Aggregator

The term "Aggregator" denotes any entity 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/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.

<u>Bit</u>

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, that company should be contacted at the address shown under the Issuing Carrier's name listed on Title Page 2.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (BHMC)

The term "Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (BHMC)" denotes the customer specified maximum amount of Switched Access Service and/or Directory Assistance 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 Feature Group and/or Directory Assistance Service ordered. This customer specified BHMC quantity is the input data the Telephone Company uses to determine the number of transmission paths for the Feature Group and/or Directory Assistance Service ordered.

Call

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

Carrier or Common Carrier

See Interexchange Carrier.

CCS

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

Central Office

See End Office.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

Central Office Maintenance Technician

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

Central Office Prefix

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

Channel(s)

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

Channel Service Unit

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

Channelize

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

Clear Channel Capability

The term "Clear Channel Capability" denotes the ability to transport twenty-four 64 Kbps over a DS1 Mbps High Capacity service via a B8ZS line code format.

C-Message Noise

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

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.

Committed Information Rate

The term "Committed Information Rate" denotes the transmission speed specified by the customer at which the Frame Relay Access Service Network commits to transfer data between two ports.

Common Channel Signaling

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

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.

Current Rate

The rate currently charged to customers for specified services.

Customer(s)

(C)

The term "Customer(s)" denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, corporation, or governmental entity or other entity which subscribes to the services offered under this tariff, including but not limited to Interexchange Carriers (ICs), End Users and other telecommunications carriers or providers originating or terminating toll VoIP-PSTN traffic. (C)

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Customer Designated Premises

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

Customer Node

The term "Customer Node" denotes the equipment located at a customer designated premises that terminates a high speed optical channel and converts the signal from an optical to an electrical format. Each electrical signal requires a discrete Customer Premises Port connection (i.e., DS1, DS3, STS-1) that allows for the provision of lower level digital signals.

Data Transmission (107 Type) Test Line

The term "Data Transmission (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 difference in power, usually between acoustic or electric signals, equal to ten (10) times the common logarithm of the ratio of two signal powers.

Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting

The term "Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Weighting" denotes noise power measurements with C-Message Weighting in decibels relative to a reference 1000 Hz tone of 90 dB below 1 milliwatt.

<u>Decibel Reference Noise C-Message Referenced to O</u>

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

Detail Billing

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

<u>Digital Switched 56 Service</u>

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

Direct-Trunked Transport

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

Directory Assistance

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

Directory Assistance Location

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

Dual Tone Multifrequency Address Signaling

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

Effective 2-Wire

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

Effective 4-Wire

The term "Effective 4-Wire" denotes a condition which permits the simultaneous independent transmission of information in both directions over a channel. The method of implementing effective 4-wire transmission is at the discretion of the 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

The term "End 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. This term includes Remote Switching Modules/Systems served by a Host Central Office in a different wire center.

End User

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

Enhanced Service

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

Entrance Facility

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

Entry Switch

See First Point of Switching

Envelope Delay Distortion

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

Equal Level Echo Path Loss

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

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 that area. The exchange includes any Extended Area Service area that is an enlargement of a Telephone Company's exchange area to include nearby exchanges. One or more designated exchanges comprise a given local access and transport area.

Exit Message

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

Expected Measured Loss

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

Extended Area Service

See Exchange.

Extended PVC

The term "Extended PVC" denotes the interconnection of a port on a NECA telephone company's frame relay switch with a port on another NECA or non-NECA interconnected telephone company's frame relay switch.

First Point of Switching

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

Frame

The term "Frame" denotes a group of data bits in a specific format, which enables network equipment to recognize the meaning and purpose of the specific bits.

Frame Relay Access Customer Port

The term "Frame Relay Access Customer Port" denotes the physical location in the telephone company switching offices where the access customer's special access facility connects to the telephone company's Frame Relay Access Service network. It specifies how a frame relay switch sends and receives data from a frame relay access customer's network.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

Frame Relay Access Service

The term "Frame Relay Access Service" denotes a medium-speed, connection-oriented packet-switched data service that allows for the interconnection of Local Area Networks or other compatible end user customer premises equipment for the purpose of connecting to an access customer's intrastate network.

Frame Relay End User Port

The term "Frame Relay End User Port" denotes the physical location in the telephone company switching office where the special access facility of the customer connects to the Frame Relay Access Service Network. It receives the data frame from the end user customer's Local Area Network or other compatible CPE devices and verifies that the end user connection and the corresponding access customer connection are valid before relaying the frame to the destination end point.

Frequency Shift

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

Grandfathered

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

Host Central Office

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

Hub

The term "Hub" denotes a wire center at which bridging or multiplexing functions are performed for customers served out of any wire center.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

Immediately Available Funds

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

Impedance Balance

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

Impulse Noise

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

Individual Case Basis

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

Initial Address Message

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

<u>Inserted Connection Loss</u>

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

Installation and Repair Technician

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

Interexchange Carrier (IC) or Interexchange Common Carrier

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

Intermediate Hub

The term "Intermediate Hub" denotes a wire center at which bridging or multiplexing functions are performed only for customers served by that wire center and wire centers that subtend the hub, as specified in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

Intermodulation Distortion

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

Interstate Communications

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

Intrastate Communications

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

Legal Holiday

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

Line Side Connection

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

Local Access and Transport Area (LATA)

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

Local Area Network

The term "Local Area Network" denotes a network permitting the interconnection and intercommunication of a group of computers.

Loss Deviation

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

Major Fraction Thereof

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

Message

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

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.

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.

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 code (Numbering Plan Area - NPA) and a seven-digit telephone number made up of a three-digit Central Office prefix plus a four-digit station number.

Off-hook

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

On-hook

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

Open Circuit Test Line

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

Optical Carrier Channel

The term "Optical Carrier Channel" denotes the high speed optical communications path for transporting information utilizing a Synchronous Optical Channel platform. The channel is provided at transmission rates of 155.52 Mbps. (OC3) and 622.08 Mbps. (OC12).

Optical Carrier Rate (OC-N)

The term "Optical Carrier Rate" denotes the line rate being transmitted on an optical carrier channel. A SONET transmission rate is equivalent to "N" times the OC1 line rate of 51.84 Mbps.

Optical Line Termination

The term "Optical Line Termination" denotes the network interface on the customer designated premises equipment that provides for an optical handoff.

Originating Direction

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

Pay Telephone

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

Payphone Service Provider

The term "Payphone Service Provider" denotes an entity that provides pay telephone service, which is the provision of public, semi-public or inmate pay telephone service.

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

Permanent Virtual Connection (PVC)

The term "PVC" denotes a software defined communications path between two port connections within the Frame Relay Access Service network.

Phase Jitter

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

Point of Termination

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

Rate Cap

The maximum rate allowable pursuant to Section 7 of Act 77 and in accordance with WINDSTREAM ARKANSAS, LLC's election of Alternative Regulation. The current rate cap is effective as of February 19, 2000, and applies only to Switched Access Services.

Release Message

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

Remote Switching Modules/Systems

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

Return Loss

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

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

Service Access Code

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

Service Switching Point (SSP)

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

Serving Wire Center

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

Seven Digit Manual Test Line

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

Shortage of Facilities or Equipment

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (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 (SP)

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

Signaling Point of Interface (SPOI)

The term "Signaling Point of Interface (SPOI)" denotes the customer designated location where the SS7 signaling information is exchanged between the Telephone Company and the customer.

Signaling Return Loss

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

Signaling System 7 (SS7)

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

Signal Transfer Point (STP)

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

Signal Transfer Point (STP) Port

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

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

Special Order

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

Standard PVC

The term "Standard PVC" denotes the interconnection of ports on the same frame relay switch.

Subtending End Office of an Access Tandem

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

Super Intermediate Hub

The term "Super Intermediate Hub" denotes a wire center at which bridging or multiplexing functions are performed for Customers served by all wire centers in the LATA. A Super Intermediate Hub can be restricted to one or more designated NPAs within a LATA and/or to wire centers that are owned by the same telephone company as the hub. Super Intermediate Hubs and the wire centers they serve are identified in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

Synchronous Optical Network (SONET

The term "SONET" denotes a North American Standard for high speed synchronous optical channels having minimum transmission rates of 51.84 Mbps. The standard SONET optical carrier rate of 51.84 Mbps. is called OC1; the equivalent electrical signal rate is called STS-1. SONET standardizes higher transmission bit rates, "OCN", as exact multiples of OC1 (N X 51.84 Mbps). For example, OC3 equals 3 X 51.84 Mbps.

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.

Synchronous Transport Signal (STS)

The term "Synchronous Transport Signal" denotes a 51.84 Mbps. electrical signal used within the SONET optical carrier network. The signal consists of the information content and the overhead used by SONET. The overhead is used for controlling, framing and maintaining the STS signal so it can be directly connected to other SONET carrier channels. STS signals are in exact multiples of 51.84 Mbps. (STS-1 is 51.84 Mbps., STS-3 is 155.52 Mbps., etc.).

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

Tandem Switched Transport

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

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.

Terminus Hub

The term "Terminus Hub" denotes a wire center at which bridging or multiplexing functions are performed only for Customers served directly by the same wire center.

Throughput

The term "Throughput" denotes the number of data bits successfully transferred in one direction per unit of time.

Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic (N)

The term "Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic" denotes a customer's interexchange voice traffic exchanged with the Telephone Company in Time Division Multiplexing format over PSTN facilities, which originates and/or terminates in Internet Protocol (IP) format. "Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic" originates and/or terminates in IP format when it originates from and/or terminates to an end user customer of a service that requires IP-compatible customer premises equipment. (N)

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

Transmission Measuring (105 Type) Test Line/Responder

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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. (M)

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2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 <u>Definitions</u> (Cont'd)

Trunk Group

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

Trunk Side Connection

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

Two-Wire to Four-Wire 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 in a two-wire entity (e.g., a central office switch).

V and H Coordinates Method

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

WATS Serving Office

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

Wireless Switching Center

The term "Wireless Switching Center" (WSC) denotes a Wireless Service Provider (WSP) switching system that is used to terminate wireless stations for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks interfacing with the public switched network.

Wire Center

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

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 Intrastate Communications.

Carrier Common Line Access is provided where a customer obtains Telephone Company Switched Access Service under this tariff.

Premium Access is (1) Switched Access Service provided to ICs under this tariff which furnish intrastate 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 intrastate MTS/WATS.

A Special Access Surcharge, as set forth in 17.3.1 following, will apply to intrastate special access service provided by the Telephone Company to a customer, in accordance with regulations as set forth in 7.3 following. This charge does not apply to the closed end of WATS/800 service.

The provision of Carrier Common Line Access Service shall be pursuant to the Arkansas Public Service Commission Order No. 12, dated June 12, 1990, in Docket 88-091-U. Definitions, rules, procedures and other specifications as contained in the order shall be utilized in the administration of this section.

3. <u>Carrier Common Line Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

3.2 <u>Limitations</u>

3.2.1 <u>Exclusions</u>

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

3.2.2 Access Groups

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

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

3.2.3 WATS Access Lines

Where Switched Access Services are connected with Special Access Services at Telephone Company Designated WATS Serving Offices for the provision of WATS-type Services, Switched Access Service minutes which are carried on that end of the service (i.e., originating minutes for outward WATS-type services and terminating minutes for inward 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. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.3 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u>

3.3.1 Provision of Service

Where the customer is provided with Switched Access Service under other sections of this tariff, the Telephone Company will provide the use of Telephone Company common lines by the customer for access to end users at charges as set forth in 17.1.1 following.

3.3.2 <u>Interstate and Intrastate Use</u>

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 charges as set forth in 17.1.1 following apply in accordance with the regulations as set forth in 3.8.4 following.

3.4 Obligations of the Customer

3.4.1 <u>Switched Access Service Requirement</u>

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 ordering customer shall provide the necessary on-hook and off-hook supervision.

3. <u>Carrier Common Line Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

3.5 <u>Determination of Usage Subject to Carrier Common Line Access Charges</u>

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 <u>Determination of Jurisdiction</u>

When the customer reports intrastate use of Switched Access Service, the associated Carrier Common Line Access used by the customer for intrastate will be determined as set forth in 3.8.4 following.

3.5.2 <u>Cases Involving Usage Recording By the Customer</u>

3. <u>Carrier Common Line Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

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

3.5.3 Local Exchange Access and Enhanced Service Exemption

When access to the local exchange is required to provide a customer service (e.g., MTS/WATS-type, telex, Data, etc.) that uses a resold Special Access service, Switched Access Service Rates and Regulations, as set forth in Section 6. following will apply, except when such access to the local exchange is required for the provision of an enhanced service. Carrier Common Line Access charges as set forth in 17.1.1 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-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 the Intrastate Carrier Common Line Service Pool Tariff in accordance with the resale rate regulations set forth in 3.6.4. following. For purposes of administering this provision:

Resold intrastate intraLATA terminating 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 interstate minutes of use.

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

3. <u>Carrier Common Line Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)

3.6.2 <u>Customer Obligations Concerning the Resale of MTS-type Services</u>

When the customer is reselling 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-type 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-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. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)

3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)

3.6.3 Resale Documentation Provided By the Customer

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

3. <u>Carrier Common Line Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)

3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of MTS-Type Services

When the customer is provided an access group to be used in conjunction with the resale of 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-type services, the resold minutes of use will be apportioned as follows:

(1) <u>Originating Services</u>

The Telephone Company will apportion the resold originating 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:

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

3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)

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

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

(1) Originating Services (Cont'd)

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

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

(2) <u>Terminating Services</u>

The Telephone Company will apportion the resold terminating 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-type services minutes shall be only those attributable to intrastate intraLATA terminating MTS-type (i.e., collect calls, third number calls, and credit card calls) and shall not include interstate minutes of use or MTS-type minutes of use paid for by another party.

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

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

3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)

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

(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-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.

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

3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)

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

(C) <u>Direct and Indirect Connections</u>

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

Indirect terminating connections are those arrangements where the access groups and resold terminating 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-type services to access groups.

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

3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)

3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of 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 the Intrastate Carrier Common Line Service Pool Tariff will apply.

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

3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)

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

(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 the Intrastate Carrier Common Line Service Pool Tariff will apply.

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

3.6 Resold Services (Cont'd)

3.6.4 Rate Regulations Concerning the Resale of 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 the Intrastate Carrier Common Line Service Pool Tariff will apply.

- 3. Carrier Common Line Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 3.7 Reserved for Future Use

3. <u>Carrier Common Line Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

3.8 Rate Regulations

3.8.1 Billing of Charges

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

3.8.2 Measuring and Recording of Call Detail

When access minutes are used to determine the usage sensitive Carrier Common Line Access Service Charges, they will be accumulated using call detail recorded by Telephone Company equipment except as set forth in 3.8.3 following (Unmeasured FGA and B Usage). The Telephone Company measuring and recording equipment, except as set forth in 3.8.3 following (Unmeasured FGA and B Usage), will be associated with end office or local tandem switching equipment and will record each originating and terminating access 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.

3. <u>Carrier Common Line Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

3.8 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

3.8.3 <u>Unmeasured Feature Group A and B Usage</u>

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 intrastate access minutes will be used to determine the usage sensitive Carrier Common Line Access Service Charges. These assumed access minutes are as set forth in the exchange carriers' access tariffs.

3.8.4 Percent Intrastate Use (PIU)

When the customer reports intrastate use of in-service Switched Access Service, the usage sensitive Carrier Common Line Access Charges will be billed based on the data reported by the customer as set forth in 2.3.11 preceding. The intrastate Switched Access Service access minutes will, after adjustment as set forth in 3.6.4 preceding (Resale), when necessary, be used to determine the Carrier Common Line Charges as set forth in 3.8.5 following.

3. <u>Carrier Common Line Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

3.8 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

3.8.5 Determination of Premium and Non-Premium Charges

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

- (A) Access minutes for all premium rated Switched Access Service will be subject to Carrier Common Line charges as set forth in 17.1.1 following.
- (B) Access minutes for all non-premium rated Switched Access Service will be subject to Carrier Common Line charges as set forth in 17.1.1 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 17.1.1 following. In non-equal end offices, the result is then multiplied by the ADA rate factor as set forth in 17.2.4 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.
- (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).

3. <u>Carrier Common Line Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

3.8 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

3.8.5 <u>Determination of Premium and Non-Premium Charges</u> (Cont'd)

(E) (Cont'd)

- 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)

3.8 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

3.8.5 <u>Determination of Premium and Non-Premium Charges</u> (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 terminating 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.

ACCESS SERVICE

4. Reserved for Future Use

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 NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 3 and are in addition to the regulations, rates and charges specified in this section.

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

The customer shall provide to the 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.

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 17.4.3(A) following.

When the Telephone Company has identified in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 4, Wire Center Information that it has not received a bona fide request for Direct Trunked Transport and a customer subsequently orders Direct Trunked Transport, the Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer to provide Direct Trunked Transport within 90 days of receipt of an order.

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 17.4.3(A) 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 NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 3 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 NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 3.

When the request for expediting occurs subsequent to the issuance of the Access Order, a Service Date Change Charge as set forth in 17.4.1(B) following also applies.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.1 General (Cont'd)

5.1.3 <u>Selection of Facilities for Access Orders</u>

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.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements

5.2.1 Switched Access Service

When ordering Switched Access service, the customer must specify whether the service is to be provided as (1) Direct Trunked Transport to the end office, (2) Direct Trunked Transport to a tandem which connects with Tandem Switched Transport from the tandem to the end office or (3) Tandem Switched Transport 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 or High Capacity DS1 or DS3).

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

Direct Trunked Transport is available 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 888 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.

A customer's Local Transport may be connected to the Entrance Facility of another customer, provided the other customer submits a Letter of Authorization for this connection and assumes full responsibility for the cost of the Entrance Facility.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements

5.2.1 <u>Switched Access Service</u>

(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 Intrastate 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 LATA.
- A certificate of convenience and necessity from the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

5.2.1 <u>Switched Access Service</u> (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 intrastate 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.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

5.2.1 <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

(C) <u>Feature Group C, Feature Group D and Interim NXX Translation and Operator Transfer</u> 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 Intrastate 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

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

5.2.1 <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

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

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.

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 17.2.1(C) following.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

5.2.1 <u>Switched Access Service</u> (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) <u>Directory Assistance</u>

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) <u>SS7 Optional Feature</u>

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.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

5.2.1 <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

(E) <u>SS7 Optional Feature</u> (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 that can accommodate direct trunking of originating 800 calls are designated in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF FCC NO. 4, WIRE CENTER INFORMATION. Certain SSP equipped end offices that cannot accommodate direct trunking of originating 888 calls are designated in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF FCC 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 888 calls, require routing via an access tandem where SSP functionality is available.

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 less 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 (e.g., Digital Data, High Capacity Multiplexing, etc.) and 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.

There are two Special Access Optional Rate Plans: a High Capacity Optional Rate Plan and a Synchronous Optical Channel Service Optional Rate Plan. The High Capacity Optional Rate Plan consists of a Term Discount Plan and a Capacity Discount Plan.

The Capacity Discount Plan applies to DS3 High Capacity Services and is only available to those customers that had this plan in place prior to February 1, 1997. Any DS3 Capacity Discount plan not associated with a Term Discount Plan will expire no later than February 1, 2002. Telephone companies offering the Capacity Discount Optional Rate Plan as of this date are listed in 17.3.10(A)(2) following.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

5.2.2 <u>Special Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

Customers that subscribe to the DS3 Capacity Discount Plan may convert to Synchronous Optical Channel Service. Discontinuance charges specified in 7.2.8(A)(2) following, and nonrecurring charges specified in 7.11.1 following, will not apply if the conditions set forth in 7.2.8(A)(2) are met and the customer provides the following ordering information:

- The customer's order for the disconnect of the current DS3 Service and order for the installation of Synchronous Optical Channel Service are received by the telephone company at the same time.
- The customer's disconnect order for the existing DS3 Service must reference the new Synchronous Optical Channel Service order.

When ordering High Capacity Term Discount Optional Rate plan or upgrades to the plan, discontinuance charges, as specified in 7.2.8 (A)(1) following, will not apply if the conditions set forth in 7.2.8 (A)(1) following are met and the customer provides the following ordering information:

The High Capacity Term Discount Optional Rate Plan is only available from those Telephone Companies listed in 17.3.10 (A)(1) following.

Term Discounts-Upgrades in Capacity (DS1 to DS3)

- The customer's order for the disconnect of the existing DS1 Service and the installation of the new DS3 Service are received at the same time and specifically reference the application of upgrade in capacity.
- The customer's disconnect order for the existing DS1 Service must reference the DS3 Service installation order.

Customer orders to install and disconnect DS1 or DS3 services provided under a Term Discount plan where the number of DS1s or DS3s remains constant and the customer wishes to maintain the existing Term Discount period and minimum service period must:

- Be received at the same time.
- Reference continuation of the existing Term Discount period and the minimum service period on both the installation and disconnect orders.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.2 Ordering Requirements (Cont'd)

5.2.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

The Synchronous Optical Channel Service Optional Rate Plan is a Term Discount plan. When ordering a Synchronous Optical Channel Service Term Discount Optional Rate Plan or an upgrade to the plan, discontinuance charges, as specified in 7.2.8(B) following are met and the customer provides the following ordering information:

The Synchronous Optical Channel Service Term Discount Optional Rate Plan is only available from those Telephone Companies listed in 17.3.10(B) following.

Term Discounts - Upgrades in Capacity (OC3 to OC12)

- The customer's order for the disconnect of the existing OC3 Service and the installation of the new OC12 Service are received at the same time and specifically reference the application of upgrade in capacity.
- The customer's disconnect order for the existing OC3 Service must reference the OC12 Service installation order.

Customer orders to install and disconnect OC3 or OC12 services provided under a Term Discount plan where the number of OC3s or OC12s remians constant and the customer wishes to maintain the existing Term Discount period and minimum service period must:

- Be received at the same time.
- Reference continuation of the existing Term Discount period and the minimum service period on both the installation and disconnect orders.

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 <u>Mixed Use Facilities - Switched and Special Access</u>

Mixed use is the provision of both Switched and Special Access Services over the same High Capacity facilities. Mixed use facilities to a hub will be ordered and provided as Special Access Service. Where mixed use is employed, individual services utilizing these facilities must be ordered either as Switched Access Service or Special Access Service as further elaborated and set forth in 6.4.7 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.

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 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 17.4.1(A) following will apply. When miscellaneous services are added to a pending order, charges for a design change as set forth in 17.4.1(C) 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 17. of this tariff, will apply in addition to the ordering charges set forth in Section 17. 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. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

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 number of Permanent Virtual Connections (PVCs) required;
- the location of the ports for each PVC;
- the Committed Information Rates (CIRs) that will be associated with each PVC;
- that the traffic consists of more than 89% intrastate to be classified as intrastate service.

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.

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 - FGA

(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 Services 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.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

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

5.3.2 <u>Meet Point Billing Ordering</u>

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.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

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

5.3.2 <u>Meet Point Billing Ordering</u> (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 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.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering

5.4.1 <u>Access Order Charge</u>

The Access Order Charge is applied to all customer requests for new Special Access, Public Packet Data Network, Switched Access, and Directory Assistance Service. In addition, the Access Order Charge is applicable to customer requests for additions, changes or rearrangements to existing Special Access, Public Data Network, Switched Access, and Directory Assistance Service 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) and 7.2.2(C)(3) following.
- When a change to a pending order does not result in the cancellation of the pending order and the issuance of a new order.
- When 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 an non-ICB tariff rate prior to the expiration of the ICB.
- When a Billing Name and Address charge is applicable.
- When a 900 Blocking Service charge is applicable.
- When a customer with a DS3 Capacity Discount converts to Synchronous Optical Channel Service.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4.1 Access Order Charge (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.

- When a customer requests a change of trunks from Tandem Switched Transport to Direct Trunked Transport or from Direct Trunked Transport to Tandem Switched Transport, or requests to rearrange Switched Access services between lower capacity and higher capacity facilities, (e.g., Voice Grade to/from DS1 or DS1 to/from DS3), providing:
 - the change is ordered anytime between July 1, 1994, and December 31, 1994 and
 - the change is completed no later than March 31, 1995, and
 - the orders to disconnect existing trunks and to connect the new trunks are placed at the same time, and
 - the number of installed trunks does not exceed the number of trunks disconnected. If the number of installed trunks exceeds the number of trunks disconnected, the Access Order Charge will apply unless the customer provides justification based upon standard engineering methods to show that the additional capacity is required to maintain the same level of service.

The Access Order Charge will be applied on a per order basis to each order received by the Telephone Company or copy of an order received by the Telephone Company pursuant to 5.3.1(B), 5.3.2, 5.3.2(B) and 5.3.2(G) 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.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4.2 <u>Miscellaneous Service Order Charge</u>

A Miscellaneous Service Order Charge, as set forth in 17.4.1(D) 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), Billing Name and Address Service (13.9) and 900 Blocking Service (13.8) which does 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).
- Originating Line Screening (OLS) Service (13.10).

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)].

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4.2 <u>Miscellaneous Service Order Charge</u> (Cont'd)

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

- Additional Engineering (13.1),
- Overtime Installation (13.2.1),
- Standby Acceptance Testing (13.2.3),
- Testing and Maintenance with Other Telephone Companies when in conjunction with Acceptance Testing (13.2.4),
- Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing [13.3.1(A)(1) and 13.3.1(B)(1)].
- Coin Supervision Additive Service (13.12).

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 17.4.1(B) and (C) will apply on a per occurrence basis.

Any increase in the number of Special Access Service channels or Switched Access Service lines, trunks, busy hour minutes of capacity or Frame Relay Ports 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.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4.3 <u>Access Order Change Charges</u> (Cont'd)

(A) <u>Service Date Change</u>

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 17.4.1(B) 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.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4 Charges Associated with Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.4.3 Access Order Change Charges (Cont'd)

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 Charge Will not apply, however, the Access Order Charge will apply to the new order.

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

(B) Design Change

The customer may request a design change to the service ordered prior to the requested service date. A design change is any change to an Access Order which requires engineering review. An engineering review is a review by 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 of PVC, speed of PVC, or speed of the end user port. Design changes do not include a change of customer designated premises, first point of switching, Feature Group type or Special Access Service channel type. Changes of this nature will require the issuance of a new order and the cancellation of the original order with appropriate cancellation charges applied.

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 17.4.1(C) following will apply in addition to the charge for Additional Engineering as set forth in 17.4.2 following. If a change of service date is required, the Service Date Change Charge as set forth in 17.4.1(B) following will also apply. The Access Order Charge as specified in 17.4.1 following does not apply.

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 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 Entrance Facilities and Direct Trunked Transport is as set forth in 6.1.3 following. The minimum period for High Capacity DS1, DS3 and Synchronous Optical Channel Special Access Services and the Frame Relay) Access Service 1.544 Mbps Port is set forth in 7.2.8 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.

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The minimum period for which all other Access Service is provided and for which charges are applicable is one month.

5.5.2 <u>Development of Minimum Period Charges</u>

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

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.5 <u>Minimum Periods and Cancellations</u> (Cont'd)

5.5.2 <u>Development of Minimum Period Charges</u> (Cont'd)

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.

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 31st day beyond the original service date of the Access Order.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.5 Minimum Periods and Cancellations (Cont'd)

5.5.3 <u>Cancellation of an Access Order</u> (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, <u>whichever is lower</u>, 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.

5. Access Ordering (Cont'd)

5.5 Minimum Periods and Cancellations (Cont'd)

5.5.3 <u>Cancellation of an Access Order</u> (Cont'd)

(D) 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, busy hour minutes of capacity or Frame Relay Ports 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.

6. Switched Access Service

6.1 General

Switched Access Service is available to all customers, who have obtained a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity from the Arkansas Public Service Commission, for their use in furnishing their services to end users. Switched Access Service 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. WATS access billing is considered to be Switched Access, per Arkansas PSC Docket No. 83-042-U. 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 17.2 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.1 <u>Description and Provision of Switched Access Service Arrangements</u>

(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 where required, and the appropriate End Office functions. In addition, Special Access Service may, at the option of the customer, be connected with Feature Groups A, B, 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 and High Capacity 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.1 <u>Description and Provision of Switched Access Service</u> <u>Arrangements</u> (Cont'd)

(A) <u>Description</u> (Cont'd)

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.

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 feature is 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.1 <u>Description and Provision of Switched Access Service Arrangements</u> (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 basis and 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.1 <u>Description and Provision of Switched Access Service</u> <u>Arrangements</u> (Cont'd)

(B) Manner of Provision (Cont'd)

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 capability 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.

6.1.2 Ordering Options and Conditions

Switched Access Service is ordered under the Access Order provisions set forth in 5.2 preceding. Also, included in that section are regulations concerning miscellaneous service order charges which may be associated with Switched Access 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 Sections 3. preceding)

All switched access rates have a rate cap, pursuant to Section 7 of Act 77. Current rates may not be increased above this rate cap.

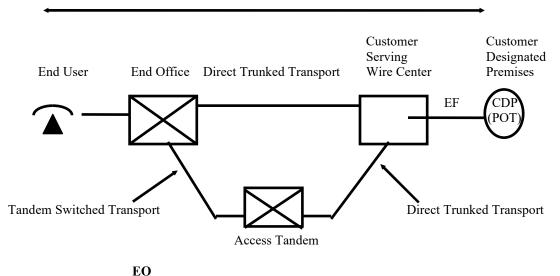
6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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.

SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE



LOCAL TRANSPORT

CL - Common Line

EO - End Office

CL*

EF - Entrance Facility

RIC - Residual Interconnection Charge

RIC

Direct Trunked Transport

-Direct Trunked Facility

-Direct Trunked Termination

Tandem Switched Transport

- -Tandem Switched Facility
- -Tandem Switched Termination
- -Tandem Switching
- -Local Transport Facility
- -Local Transport Termination

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

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 or High Capacity DS1 or DS3) to be used in the provision of the Direct Trunked Transport or Entrance Facility. Direct Trunked Transport and Entrance Facility Service are only available in conjunction with facilities transporting originating Feature Group D usage.

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

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport

Additionally, when service is to be routed through an Windstream access tandem switch, the customer must order the facility between the serving wire center and the tandem as Direct Trunked Transport.

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

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 888 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, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

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 17.2.2 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) Residual 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.

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)

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

One charge applies for each Entrance Facility that is terminated at a customer designated premises. This charge specified in 17.2.2 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) <u>Direct Trunked Transport</u>

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

Direct Trunked Transport is required at all tandems and is available 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(2) <u>Direct Trunked Transport</u> (Cont'd)

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 (N) of the 888 service access code. These end offices are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE F.C.C. NO. 4. Additionally, certain non-SSP equipped end officescan 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.

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

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. 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 are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4, WIRE CENTER INFORMATION.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(2) <u>Direct Trunked Transport</u> (Cont'd)

Direct Trunked Transport rates consist of a Direct Trunked Facility rate specified in 17.2.2 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, hub, tandem, and serving wire center). When the Direct Trunked Facility mileage is zero, neither the Direct Trunked Facility rate nor the Direct Trunked Termination rate will apply.

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

The Direct Trunked Termination rate specified in 17.2.2 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.

(3) <u>Tandem Switched Transport</u>

The Tandem Switched Transport rate elements recover a portion of the costs associated with a communications path between the tandem and the end office on circuits that are switched at a tandem switch. Tandem Switched Transport consists of circuits used in common by multiple customers from the tandem to the end office.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

- (A) Local Transport (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Tandem Switched Transport</u> (Cont'd)

Tandem Switched Transport rates consist of a Tandem Switching rate, a Tandem Switched Facility rate, and a Tandem Switched Termination rate. When the Telephone company has identified in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 4, Wire Center Information that it has not received a bona fide request for Direct Trunked Transport, Local Transport Facility and Local Transport Termination rates and charges will apply instead of Tandem Switched Facility, Tandem Switched Termination, and Tandem Switching rates and charges.

In those instances where an SSP equipped end office is capable of handling 800 traffic on a direct trunked basis but incapable of handling 888 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 888 traffic on a direct trunked basis. Those SSP equipped end offices that cannot accommodate direct trunking of originating 888 traffic are identified in NECA 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 17.2.2 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.
- (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. The Tandem Switched Facility rate specified in 17.2.2 following is applied on a per access minute per mile basis for all originating and terminating minutes of use routed over the facility.

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.1 General (Cont'd)
 - 6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)
 - (A) <u>Local Transport</u> (Cont'd)
 - (3) Tandem Switched Transport (Cont'd)
 - (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 17.2.2 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, tandem, and serving wire center). When the Tandem Switched Facility mileage is zero, neither the Tandem Switched Facility rate nor the Tandem Switched Termination rate will apply.
 - (d) The Local Transport Facility rate recovers a portion of the cost related to the transmission and tandem switching facilities between the customer designated premises and the end office switch(es) when the customer's traffic is switched to originate or terminate the customer's communications. For purposes of determining Local Transport Facility measurement, distance will be measured from the wire center that normally serves the customer designated premises to the end office switch(es), which may be Remote Switching Module(s). Exceptions to the Local Transport Facility measurement rules are as set forth in 6.4.6 following. The Local Transport Facility rate specified in 17.2.2 following is applied on a per access minute per mile basis for all originating and terminating minutes of use routed over the facility.

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.1 General (Cont'd)
 - 6.1.3 <u>Rate Categories</u> (Cont'd)
 - (A) <u>Local Transport</u> (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Tandem Switched Transport</u> (Cont'd)
 - (a) The Local Transport Termination rate provides for the communications frequency transmission path at the Telephone Company switching office and includes a portion of Central Office Switching and Central Office Circuit equipment (e.g. signaling, transmission devices, padding, carrier channels, etc.). The Local Transport Termination rate specified in 17.2.2 following is applied on a per access minute basis (for all originating and terminating minutes of use routed over the facility) at the end of the Local Transport Facility that is most distant from the customer's designated premises (e.g. end office). The Local Transport Termination rate will also apply if the IC serving wire center and the end user serving wire center are collocated.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(4) <u>Residual Interconnection Charge</u>

The Residual Interconnection Charge recovers the costs associated with Local Transport that are not recovered by the Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport, Tandem Switched Transport, Multiplexing, or dedicated signaling (i.e., SS7) rates. The Residual Interconnection Charge specified in 17.2.2 following applies to both Tandem Switched and Direct Trunked access minutes of use.

The Residual Interconnection Charge does not apply when the Telephone Company has identified in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 4, Wire Center Information that it has not received a bona fide request for Direct Trunked Transport and is therefore applying Local Transport Facility and Local Transport Termination rates and charges instead of Tandem Switched Facility, Tandem Switched Termination, and Tandem Switching rates and charges.

(5) <u>Multiplexing</u>

DS3 to DS1 Multiplexing charges specified in 17.2.2 following apply when a High Capacity DS3 Entrance Facility or High Capacity DS3 Direct Trunked Facility is connected with High Capacity DS1 Direct Trunked Transport. The DS3 to DS1 multiplexer will convert a 44.736 Mbps channel to 28 DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

6. <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(5) <u>Multiplexing</u> (Cont'd)

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

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

(6) <u>Interface Groups</u>

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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(A) Local Transport (Cont'd)

(7) <u>Nonchargeable Optional Features</u>

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

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

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 <u>Rate Categories</u> (Cont'd)

(A) <u>Local Transport</u> (Cont'd)

(8) 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 6.10.5 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 17.2.2 (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 necessaryfor 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).

(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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(B) End Office (Cont'd)

(1) <u>Local Switching</u>

The Local Switching rate element establishes the charges related to the use of end office switching equipment, the terminations in the end office of end user lines, and the terminations of calls at Telephone Company Intercept Operators or recordings. The premium charge is divided into two distinct categories, i.e., Local Switching 1 and Local Switching 2. The first category, Local Switching 1, is applicable to Feature Groups A and B. It also applies to Feature Group B with an Abbreviated Dialing Arrangement which is multiplied by the ADA rate factor listed in 17.2.4 following. Local Switching 1 does not apply to:

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

The second category, Local Switching 2, is applicable to:

- Feature Groups C and D, and
- Feature Groups A and B when utilized to provide MTS/WATS service.
- Feature Group B when routed over Feature Group D facilities at an office or access tandem.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(B) End Office (Cont'd)

(1) <u>Local Switching</u> (Cont'd)

- Feature Groups A and B used for terminating inward WATS and WATS-type service at an equal access WATS Serving Office.

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 2 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 1 and Local Switching 2 are set forth in 17.2.3 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(B) End Office (Cont'd)

(1) <u>Local Switching</u> (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) <u>Transport Termination</u>

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.

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.1 General (Cont'd)
 - 6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)
 - (B) End Office (Cont'd)
 - (1) <u>Local Switching</u> (Cont'd)
 - (c) <u>Line Termination</u>

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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(B) End Office (Cont'd)

(1) <u>Local Switching</u> (Cont'd)

(d) <u>Intercept</u>

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.

(2) <u>Information Surcharge</u>

Information Surcharge rates are assessed to a customer based on the total number of access minutes. Information Surcharge rates are as set forth in 17.2.3(B) 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 <u>Rate Categories</u> (Cont'd)

(C) <u>Chargeable Optional Features</u>

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

(1) <u>Interim NXX Translation</u>

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 Bellcore 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(C) <u>Chargeable Optional Features</u> (Cont'd)

(1) <u>Interim NXX Translation</u> (Cont'd)

A nonrecurring charge, as set forth in 17.2.1 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 17.4.1(A) 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.

(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 charges 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 6.4.1(B)(1) and 6.4.1(C) following and Carrier Common Line Charges set forth in 3.8.5 preceding 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 <u>Rate Categories</u> (Cont'd)

(C) <u>Chargeable Optional Features</u> (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 17.2.2(B) 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)).

6. <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

6.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

- (C) <u>Chargeable Optional Features</u> (Cont'd)
 - (3) 800 Data Base Access Service (Cont'd)

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.

(4) Flexible Automatic Number Identification (Flex ANI)

The Flex ANI rate element provides for the addition of Flex ANI capability to Feature Group D (FGD) trunk groups equipped with Automatic Number Identification (ANI). Flex ANI is a Common Switching Optional Feature that enhances the existing ANI optional feature (described in 6.10.1(F) following) by allowing 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 will be used to identify additional call types, e.g., calls originating from LEC payphones, competitive payphones and private virtual networks. Flex ANI can be used to provide Originating Line Screening (OLS). OLS is described in 13.10 following.

Flex ANI is available in suitably equipped end offices as identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

A nonrecurring charge, as set forth in 17.2.1(G) following, is associated with this optional feature. This nonrecurring charge is assessed by the Telephone Company on a per end office, per Carrier Identification Code (CIC) basis and is applied in conjunction with the Access Order Charge specified in 17.4.1(A) following. The application of this charge with respect to FGD is set forth in 6.4.1(B)(4) and a description of this feature is set forth in 6.10.3(E).

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.1 General (Cont'd)

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 <u>Design Layout Report</u>

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. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.2 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u>

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 called 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.2 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (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 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.2 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company (Cont'd)</u>

6.2.3 <u>Provision of Service Performance Data</u>

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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.2 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Cont'd)

6.2.4 Testing (Cont'd)

(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 1004Hz 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 17.4.4 following.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.2 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Cont'd)

6.5.5 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 or 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 end office switches only, or (3) the use of tandem switches only.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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 as set forth in 2.3.11 preceding. Charges will be apportioned in accordance with those reports. The method to be used for determining the intrastate charges is set forth in 2.3.12 preceding.

(B) <u>Code Screening Reports</u>

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. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

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, were 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 <u>Supervisory Signaling</u>

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

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, as 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. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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 minute basis 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) <u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>

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 and Flexible Automatic Number Identification optional feature. These charges, with the exception of the Interim NXX Translation optional feature, are in addition to the Access Order Charge as specified in 17.4.1(A) following.

(1) <u>Installation of Service</u>

When the Telephone Company has identified in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 4, Wire Center Information that it has not received a bona fide request for Direct Trunked Transport, a nonrecurring Installation per Line or Trunk Charge as set forth in 17.2.1(F) following applies to each Switched Access Service installed. For FGA, which is ordered on a per line basis, and for FGB, FBC and FGD, which is ordered on a per trunk

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 <u>Description and Application of Rates and Charges</u> (Cont'd)

(B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(1) Installation of Service (Cont'd)

basis, the charge is applied on a per line or trunk basis respectively. For FGC and FGD, which are ordered on a busy hour minutes of capacity basis, the charge is also applied on a per trunk basis but the charge applies only when the capacity ordered requires the installation or activation of an additional trunk(s) which is uniquely identified for the sole use of the ordering customer.

For Entrance Facilities, a Local Transport nonrecurring installation charge, as set forth in 17.2.1(A) following, will be applied at the serving wire center for each Entrance Facility installed. This charge is not applied when the Telephone Company has identified in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 Wire Center Information that it has not received a bona fide request for Direct Trunked Transport.

For Direct Trunked Transport ordered to the end office, a Local Transport nonrecurring trunk activation charge, as set forth in 17.2.1 (E) 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 17.2.1(E) 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.

For Tandem Switched Transport, a Local Transport nonrecurring trunk activation charge, as set forth in 17.2.1(E) following, will be applied at the access tandem on a per order basis for each group of 24 dedicated trunks or fraction thereof that is activated at the access tandem.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 <u>Description and Application of Rates and Charges</u> (Cont'd)

(B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(1) <u>Installation of Service</u> (Cont'd)

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 17.4.1(A) following.

(2) <u>Interim NXX Translation Optional Feature</u>

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.

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 6.4.1 <u>Description and Application of Rates and Charges</u> (Cont'd)
 - (B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)
 - (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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 <u>Description and Application of Rates and Charges</u> (Cont'd)

- (B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Service Rearrangements</u> (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 charges to the customers 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 <u>Description and Application of Rates and Charges</u> (Cont'd)

(B) <u>Nonrecurring Charges</u> (Cont'd)

(3) <u>Service Rearrangements</u> (Cont'd)

When a customer requests a change of trunks from Tandem-Switched Transport to Direct-Trunked Transport or from Direct-Trunked Transport to Tandem-Switched Transport, or requests to rearrange Switched Access services between lower and higher capacity facilities, (e.g., Voice Grade to/from DS1 or DS1 to/from DS3), the nonrecurring charges set forth in (1) preceding do not apply providing:

- the change is ordered anytime between July 1, 1994, December 31, 1994 and
- the change is completed no later than March 31, 1994, and
- the orders to disconnect existing trunks and to connect the new trunks are placed at the same time, and
- the number of installed trunks does not exceed the number of trunks disconnected. If the number of installed trunks exceeds the number of trunks disconnected, all nonrecurring charges will apply to the excess trunks unless the customer provides justification based upon standard engineering methods to show that the additional capacity is required to maintain the same level of service.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 <u>Description and Application of Rates and Charges</u> (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 17.4.1(A) 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 17.4.1(A) 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 17.2.1(D).

6. <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 <u>Description and Application of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)</u>

(B) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(4) Flexible Automatic Number Identification (Flex ANI) Optional Features

This nonrecurring charge, as set forth in 17.2.1(G) following, applies to each order for the installation of the Flex ANI optional feature with Feature Group D (FGD) Switched Access Service equipped with Automatic Number Identification (ANI). This charge applies whether this optional feature is installed coincident with or at any time subsequent to the installation of FGD Switched Access Service.

(C) Application of Rates

Rates are applied either as premium rates 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) <u>Premium Rates</u>

Premium rates apply to all FGC access minutes when the service is provided to customers which furnish intrastate MTS/WATS, to all access minutes that originate or terminate at end offices equipped with equal access (i.e., FGD) capabilities, and to Direct Transport Services. 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 or when routed over FGD facilities at an end office or access tandem.

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

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 <u>Description and Application of Rates and Charges</u> (Cont'd)

(C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)

(2) <u>Non-premium Rates</u> (Cont'd)

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 minute (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 intrastate MTS/WATS.

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

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 <u>Description and Application of Rates and Charges</u> (Cont'd)

- (C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Abbreviated Dialing Arrangement</u> (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 17.2.4 following apply to the following FGB rate elements:
 - Local Switching
 - Information Surcharge
 - Residual Interconnection Charge
 - Local Transport Facility and Local Transport Termination, (when the Telephone Company has identified in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 Wire Center Information that it has not received a <u>bona fide</u> request for Direct Trunked Transport).
- 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

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 6.4.1 <u>Description and Application of Rates and Charges</u> (Cont'd)
 - (C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)
 - (4) <u>Transition Billing Arrangement</u>

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 transitional 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.

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 6.4.1 <u>Description and Application of Rates and Charges</u> (Cont'd)
 - (C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)
 - (4) <u>Transition Billing Arrangement</u> (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.

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 6.4.1 <u>Description and Application of Rates and Charges</u> (Cont'd)
 - (C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)
 - (4) <u>Transition Billing Arrangement</u> (Cont'd)
 - (b) (Cont'd)
 - (ii) (Cont'd)

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.

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 6.4.1 <u>Description and Application of Rates and Charges</u> (Cont'd)
 - (C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)
 - (4) <u>Transition Billing Arrangement</u> (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.

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 6.4.1 <u>Description and Application of Rates and Charges</u> (Cont'd)
 - (C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)
 - (4) Transition Billing Arrangement (Cont'd)
 - (b) (Cont'd)
 - Where FGD Switched Access Service is provided to a customer in (iii) 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 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 <u>Description and Application of Rates and Charges</u> (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) <u>Notice of Equal Access Conversion</u>

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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.1 <u>Description and Application of Rates and Charges</u> (Cont'd)

(C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)

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

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 17.2.2(B), 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.

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 6.4.1 <u>Description and Application of Rates and Charges</u> (Cont'd)
 - (C) Application of Rates (Cont'd)
 - (8) <u>800 Data Base Access Service</u> (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 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

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.2 <u>Minimum Monthly Charge</u>

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 17.2.2 and 17.2.3 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 17.2.2 following prorated to the number of days or major fraction of days on a 30 day month.

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 Feature Group D 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.

6. <u>Switched Access Service</u> (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's premises
- The customer's 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 17.4.1(A) 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 17.2 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.6 <u>Mileage Measurement</u>

The mileage to be used to determine the monthly rate for Local Transport is calculated on the airline distance between the end office switch, which may be a Remote Switching Module, where the call carried by Local Transport originates or terminates at the customer's serving wire center. When Tandem Switched Transport or Direct Trunked Transport is ordered between the serving wire center and the end office, mileage is normally measured in one segment from the serving wire center to the end office. When Direct Trunked Transport is ordered between a serving wire center and a tandem and Tandem Switched Transport is ordered between the tandem and the end office, mileage is calculated separately for each segment. Exceptions to those 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 17.2.2 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) Reserved for Future Use

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.6 <u>Mileage Measurement</u> (Cont'd)

(B) 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. This exception does not apply to access minutes originating and/or terminating in an Extended Area Service area as set forth in 6.4.1(C)(7) preceding. Extended Area Service area (PEC/SEC) mileage measurement exceptions are found in (D) following.

Local Transport Facility mileage is calculated in the same manner for FGA when the Telephone Company has identified in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 4, Wire Center Information that it has not received a bona fide request for Direct Trunked Transport and therefore applies Local Transport Facility rates.

(C) 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.6 <u>Mileage Measurement</u> (Cont'd)

(D) 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.

(E) <u>Feature Group C - Multiple CDPs</u>

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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.6 <u>Mileage Measurement</u> (Cont'd)

(F) 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 (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.

(G) 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.

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

When the Telephone Company provides Direct Trunked Transport the 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 directly trunked to a tandem, Direct Trunked Facility will be measured from the Serving Wire Center to the tandem, Tandem Switched Facility will be measured from the tandem to the host, and another segment of Tandem Switched Facility will be measured from the host to the remote. A Tandem Switching charge will be applicable at the tandem.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.6 <u>Mileage Measurement</u> (Cont'd)

(H) Feature Groups B, C, and D - Remote Offices (Cont'd)

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

(I) <u>Use of Telephone Company Hub</u>

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).

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

6.4.7 <u>Mixed Use</u>

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

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.

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 for 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 17.3.4 following will apply.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group A</u>

6.5.1 <u>Description</u>

- (A) FGA Access 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 Intrastate Service or a customer provided intrastate communications capability. Customers must be interexchange carriers or resellers having a certificate of convenience and necessity from the Arkansas Public Service Commission. 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 LATA. 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.
- (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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group A (Cont'd)</u>

6.5.1 <u>Description</u> (Cont'd)

- (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.
- (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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group A (Cont'd)</u>

6.5.1 <u>Description</u> (Cont'd)

- (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

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group A (Cont'd)</u>

6.5.1 <u>Description</u> (Cont'd)

(H) (Cont'd)

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 not apply. Additionally, calls to Directory Assistance are subject to the Directory Assistance Service Call rate set forth in 17.2.5(A) following.

- (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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group A</u> (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) <u>Call Denial on Line or Hunt Group</u>
- (2) Service Code Denial on Line or Hunt Group
- (3) <u>Hunt Group Arrangement</u>
- (4) <u>Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement</u>
- (5) <u>Nonhunting Number for Use with Hunt Group or Uniform Call Distribution</u> <u>Arrangement</u>
- (6) <u>Band Advance Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS-Type Services</u>
- (7) <u>Hunt Group Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS-Type Services</u>
- (8) <u>Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service</u>
 <u>Utilized in the Provision of WATS-Type Services</u>
- (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

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group A</u> (Cont'd)

6.5.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)

(B) <u>Transport Termination</u>

- (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) <u>Local Transport Options</u>

- (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. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA)</u> (Cont'd)

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.

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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA)</u> (Cont'd)

6.5.4 Measuring Access Minutes

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

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, which ever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

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

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

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA)</u> (Cont'd)

6.5.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Assumed minutes are used for FGA 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 A provided to the first point of switching, the number of access minutes will be assumed as set forth in 17.2.6 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 17.2.6 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 17.2.6 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 17.2.6 following. If the total exceeds the assumed minutes set forth in 17.2.6 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 17.2.6 following.

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 17.2.6(B) following, will be assigned for originating calling only lines and assumed terminating access minutes, as set forth in 17.2.6(C) following, will be assigned for terminating calling only lines.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA)</u> (Cont'd)

6.5.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

The following matrix illustrates the application of assumed access minutes for FGA as set forth in 17.2.6(A), (B) and (C) following.

| Service Ordered As | Can Measure Originating | Can't Measure Originating | Can Measure <u>Terminating</u> | 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.5 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group A (FGA)</u> (Cont'd)

6.5.4 <u>Measuring Access Minutes</u> (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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB)

6.6.1 <u>Description</u>

- (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 Intrastate Service or a customer provided intrastate 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 LATA. 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-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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB)</u> (Cont'd)

6.6.1 <u>Description</u> (Cont'd)

- (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.
- (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 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.6.1 <u>Description</u> (Cont'd)

(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 950-XXXX access codes, 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB)</u> (Cont'd)

6.6.1 <u>Description</u> (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) A customer who has FGB access may elect to have their FGB traffic routed over FGD trunks at the end office or access tandem. If the customer elects this option the FGB traffic will be rated at FGD rates.
- (J) The Telephone Companies listed in 17.2.4 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 access end office, the Telephone Company will continue to make FGB with an associated 950-XXXX access code available to customers at non-premium rates.
- (K) 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB)</u> (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 Optional Features

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) <u>Band Advance Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type Services</u>
- (4) <u>Hunt Group Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS- type Services</u>
- (5) <u>Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service utilized in the provision of WATS or WATS-type Services</u>
- (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

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB)</u> (Cont'd)

6.6.2 Optional Features (Cont'd)

- (B) Transport Termination Options
 - (1) Rotary Dial Station Signaling
- (C) Local Transport Options
 - (1) Customer Specification of Local Transport Termination
 - (2) Optional Supervisory Signaling
 - (3) Customer Specified Entry Switch Receive Level

Inasmuch as these options concern transmission levels and signaling they are set forth in 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. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB)</u> (Cont'd)

6.6.3 <u>Design and Traffic Routing</u>

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.

6.6.4 <u>Measuring Access Minutes</u>

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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB)</u> (Cont'd)

6.6.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

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 of 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.

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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB)</u> (Cont'd)

6.6.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

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 17.2.6(D) 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 an assumed usage, as set forth in 17.2.6(D) 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 17.2.6 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 17.2.6(D) following. If the total exceeds the assumed minutes set forth in 17.2.6 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 17.2.6(D) 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 17.2.6(E) following, will be assigned for originating calling only lines and assumed terminating access minutes, as set forth in 17.2.6(F) following, will be assigned for terminating calling only lines.

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 17.2.6(D), (E) and (F) following.

| Service Ordered As | Can Measure Originating | Can't Measure Originating | Can Measure <u>Terminating</u> | 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 | N/A | 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB)</u> (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 capacity 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 calculated 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 a request.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.6 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group B (FGB)</u> (Cont'd)

6.6.5 <u>Testing Capabilities</u>

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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC)

6.7.1 <u>Description</u>

(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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC)</u> (Cont'd)

6.7.1 <u>Description</u> (Cont'd)

- (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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC)</u> (Cont'd)

6.7.1 <u>Description</u> (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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC)</u> (Cont'd)

6.7.1 <u>Description</u> (Cont'd)

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 customers' 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.7.1 <u>Description</u> (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 locations. Operator Transfer Service is provided as set forth in 6.10.4 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 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC)</u> (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) <u>Common Switching Options</u>

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

- (1) <u>Automatic Number Identification (ANI)</u>
- (2) Signaling Options
 - (a) <u>Delay Dial Start-Pulsing Signaling</u>
 - (b) <u>Immediate Dial Pulse Address Signaling</u>
 - (c) Dial Pulse Address Signaling
- (3) Service Class Routing
- (4) Alternate Traffic Routing
- (5) Trunk Access Limitation
- (6) <u>Band Advance Arrangement Associated with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS Service.</u>
- (7) End Office End User Line Service Screening for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS Service
- (8) <u>Hunt Group Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS Service</u>

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC)</u> (Cont'd)

6.7.2 Optional Feature (Cont'd)

- (A) Common Switching Options (Cont'd)
 - (9) <u>Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service</u>
 <u>Utilized in the Provision of WATS Service</u>
 - (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) <u>Digital Switched 56 Service</u>
- (B) <u>Transport Termination Options</u>
 - (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) <u>Local Transport Options</u>
 - (1) <u>Supervisory Signaling</u>

The Supervisory Signaling optional feature, due to its technical nature, is set forth in 15.1.1 following.

(2) <u>Signaling System 7 (SS7)</u>

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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC)</u> (Cont'd)

6.7.2 Optional Feature (Cont'd)

- (C) <u>Local Transport Options</u> (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Multifrequency Address Signaling</u>
 - (4) <u>Calling Party Number (CPN)</u>
 - (5) <u>Charge Number Parameter (CNP)</u>
 - (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) <u>Chargeable Optional Features</u>

(1) <u>Interim NXX Translation</u>

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 6.10.4 following.
- (3) <u>Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 (CCS/SS7) Network Connection</u> Service (CCSNC)

The CCSNC Optional Feature is provided as set forth in 6.10.5 following.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC)</u> (Cont'd)

6.7.3 <u>Design and Traffic Routing</u>

For Feature Group C, the Telephone Company shall design and determine the routing of Switched Access Service. Additionally, for Tandem Switching 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC)</u> (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 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.

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.

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Where: Measured Minutes (M. Min.) = 7,000
Measured Messages (M. Mes.) = 1,000
Completion Ratio (CR) = .75
NCTA per Attempt = .4
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- (1) Total Attempts = $\frac{1,000(M. Mes.)}{.75 (CR)}$ = 1,333.3
- (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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC)</u> (Cont'd)

6.7.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Originating Usage

For originating calls over FGC, 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.

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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC)</u> (Cont'd)

6.7.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Terminating Usage (Cont'd)

For terminating calls over FGC 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC)</u> (Cont'd)

6.7.5 <u>Design Blocking Probability</u>

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 (D) 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 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC)</u> (Cont'd)

6.7.5 <u>Design Blocking Probability</u> (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 | 11-14 | 7-10 | 3-6 |
| | <u>Measurements</u> | <u>Measurements</u> | Measurements | 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:

| | Measured Blocking Thresholds in the Time Consistent Busy Hour | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| | | | | | |
| Number of | for the Number of Measurements | | | | |
| Transmission Paths | Taken Between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. | | | | |
| Per Trunk Group | Per Trunk Group | | | | |
| - | 15-20 | 11-14 | 7-10 | 3-6 | |
| | Measurements | <u>Measurements</u> | <u>Measurements</u> | <u>Measurements</u> | |
| 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% | |

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.7 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group C (FGC)</u> (Cont'd)

6.7.6 <u>Testing Capabilities</u>

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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.8 Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD)

6.8.1 <u>Description</u>

- (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 startpulsing 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.

- 6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.8 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD)</u> (Cont'd)
 - 6.8.1 <u>Description</u> (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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.8 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD)</u> (Cont'd)

6.8.1 <u>Description</u> (Cont'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
- (G) The access code for FGD switching is a uniform access code 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's premises.

Unless otherwise ordered by the F.C.C., when equal access is provided through a centralized equal access arrangement, the 101XXXX access code may not be available in certain equal access offices. Those offices which provide FGD Switched Access Service without the 101XXXX access code are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.8.1 <u>Description</u> (Cont'd)

- (H) FGD switching will be arranged to accept calls from telephone exchange service locations without the need for dialing 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.
- (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 offices subtending the Operator Transfer Service is provided as set forth in 6.10.4 following.
- (M) A customer who has FGB access may elect to have their FGB traffic routed over FGD trunks at the end office or access tandem. If the customer elects this option the FGB traffic will be rated at FGD rates.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

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

6.8.2 **Optional Feature**

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) <u>Service Class Routing</u>
- (3) Alternate Traffic Routing
- (4) Trunk Access Limitation
- (5) <u>Call Gapping Arrangement</u>
- (6) <u>International Carrier Option</u>
- (7) <u>Band Advance Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services</u>
- (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) <u>Hunt Group Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services</u>
- (10) <u>Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized</u> in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services

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)

- (A) Common Switching Options
 - (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) <u>Digital Switched 56 Service</u>
- (B) <u>Transport Termination Options</u>
 - (1) Operator Trunk Full Feature

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

- (C) <u>Local Transport Options</u>
 - (1) <u>Supervisory Signaling</u>

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) <u>Charge Number Parameter (CNP)</u>
- (6) <u>Carrier Selection Parameter (CSP)</u>
- (7) <u>64 Clear Channel Capability</u>

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

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) <u>Chargeable Optional Features</u>

(1) <u>Interim NXX Translation</u>

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 (T)(C) following.

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

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

(4) <u>Flexible Automatic Number Identification (Flex ANI)</u>

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

6.8.3 <u>Design and Traffic Routing</u>

For Feature Group D, the Telephone Company shall design and determine the routing of Tandem Switched Transport Access, 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.8 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD)</u> (Cont'd)

6.8.3 <u>Design and Traffic Routing</u> (Cont'd)

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. If the customer desires routing or directionality different from that determined by the Telephone Company, the Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the customer in determining (1) whether the service is to be routed directly to an end office or through an access tandem switch and (2) the directionality of the 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.

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 switched 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.8 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD)</u> (Cont'd)

6.8.4 Measuring Access Minutes (Cont'd)

Originating Usage (Cont'd)

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 calls 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.

Terminating Usage

For terminating calls over FGD the chargeable access minutes are either measured or derived.

For terminating calls over FGD provided with Multifrequency Signaling where measurement capability exists, the measurement of chargeable access minutes begins when the terminating FGD first point of switching receives answer supervision from the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has answered. This measurement ends when the terminating FGD first point of switching receives disconnect supervision from either the terminating end user's end office, indicating the terminating end user has disconnected, or the customer's point of termination, whichever is recognized first by the first point of switching.

For terminating calls over FGD, 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.8 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD)</u> (Cont'd)

6.8.5 <u>Design Blocking Probability</u>

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 then 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.8 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD)</u> (Cont'd)

6.8.5 <u>Design Blocking Probability</u> (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 | 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 | Per Trunk Group | | | |
| | 15-20 | 11-14 | 7-10 | 3-6 | |
| | <u>Measurements</u> | <u>Measurements</u> | <u>Measurements</u> | <u>Measurements</u> | |
| 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:

| | Measured Blocking Thresholds in the Time Consistent Busy Hour | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | | | | | |
| Number of | for the Number of Measurements | | | | |
| Transmission Paths | Taken Between 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. | | | | |
| Per Trunk Group | Per Trunk Group | | | | |
| * | 15-20 | 11-14 | 7-10 | 3-6 | |
| | Measurements | <u>Measurements</u> | Measurements | 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% | |

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.8 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD)</u> (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 17.2.2 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

| <u>Trunks in Service</u> | | <u>1%</u> | | 1/2% |
|--------------------------|----|-----------|------|------|
| 1-2 | | 7% | | 4.5% |
| 3-4 | | 5% | | 3.5% |
| 5-6 | | 4% | | 2.5% |
| 7 or greater | 3% | | 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.8 <u>Description and Provision of Feature Group D (FGD)</u> (Cont'd)

6.8.7 <u>Testing Capabilities</u>

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. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 6.9 INTERIM ACCESS
 - 6.9.1 (Reserved for Future Use)

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.9 <u>Interim Access</u> (Cont'd)

6.9.2 <u>Abbreviated Dialing Arrangement</u> (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.)

^{*} The abbreviations N and NX when used in the context of FGB ADA denotes the following; N signifies a number between 2 and 9, and X signifies a number between 0 and 9.

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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 <u>Common Switching, Transport Termination and Interim NXX Translation Optional Features</u> (Cont'd)

6.10.1 Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features

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

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|--|----------------|----------|----------|---|
| <u>Option</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>B</u> | <u>C</u> | Ď |
| A) Call Denial on Line or Hunt Group | \overline{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 |
| | | | | |

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)

(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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 <u>Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features</u> (Cont'd)

(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.

(D) <u>Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement</u>

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) <u>Nonhunting Number for Use with Hunt Group or Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement</u>

This option provides an 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.

- 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) <u>Automatic Number Identification (ANI)</u>
 - (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.

- 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)
 - (3) The ten digit ANI telephone number is only available with Feature Group D. The ten digit ANI telephone number consists of the Numbering 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.

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.

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 Chargeable Option of Feature Group D as described in 6.10.3(E) 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.

- 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) <u>Automatic Number Identification (ANI)</u> (Cont'd)
 - (7) Restrictions on Use and Sale of ANI (Cont'd)
 - (b) Interstate access customers of this tariff <u>may not</u> use ANI in the following manner:
 - (i) Reusing or selling the telephone number or billing information without first notifying the originating telephone subscriber <u>and</u> 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.

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)

(G) <u>Up to 7 Digit Outpulsing of Access Digits to Customer</u>

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. It is available with Feature Group B.

(H) <u>Delay Dial Start-Pulsing Signaling</u>

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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 <u>Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features</u> (Cont'd)

(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) <u>Dial Pulse Address Signaling</u>

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) <u>Service Class Routing</u>

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.

6. <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 <u>Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features</u> (Cont'd)

(L) <u>Alternate Traffic Routing</u>

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.

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)

(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.

(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 with Feature Group D.

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)

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

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.

(R) <u>Hunt Group Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in the Provision of WATS or WATS-Type Services</u>

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 Access Serving Offices. It is available with Feature Groups A, B, C and D.

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)

(S) <u>Uniform Call Distribution Arrangement for Use with Special Access Service Utilized in</u> 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 Lines 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.

(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.

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)

(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) <u>Signaling System 7 (SS7) Signaling</u>

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)(8) 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.

(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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 <u>Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features</u> (Cont'd)

- (X) <u>Calling Party Number (CPN)</u> (Cont'd)
 - (1) Restrictions on Use and Sale of CPN
 - (a) Intrastate 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) Intrastate access customers of this tariff <u>may not</u> use CPN in the following manner:
 - (i) Reusing or selling the telephone number or billing information without first notifying the originating telephone subscriber <u>and</u> 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.

(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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.1 <u>Common Switching Nonchargeable Optional Features</u> (Cont'd)

- (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) Intrastate 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.

- (b) Intrastate access customers of this tariff <u>may not</u> use CNP in the following manner:
 - (i) Reusing or selling the telephone number or billing information without first notifying the originating telephone subscriber <u>and</u> 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 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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.2 <u>Transport Termination Nonchargeable Optional Features</u>

(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.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.2 Transport Termination Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(B) Operator Trunk - Coin, Non-Coin, or Combined Coin and Non-Coin (Cont'd)

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.

(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. <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

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 from coin telephones, 0+, 0-, 101XXXX, Inmate Service, Hotel/Motel Service and calling card calls 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 17.2.1(C) following.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.3 <u>Chargeable Optional Features</u> (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.

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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)

The list of available Operator Transfer Service customers will be updated monthly. The order in which customer 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., 3rd to 2nd, 2nd to first, etc. New Operator Transfer Service customers will initially be placed at the bottom of the list of customers.

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 17.2.7 following, is assessed the customer per 0 minus call transferred.

(C) <u>Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 Network Connection Service (CCSNC)</u>

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 FCC 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.

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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) <u>Common Channel Signaling/Signaling System 7 Network Connection Service (CCSNC)</u> (Cont'd)

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 Kpbs out-of-band signaling connection between the customer's SPOI and the STP Port on the STP.

The CCS/SS7 Network Connection Service is provisioned by a mated pair of STPs as described in Technical Reference TR-TSV 000905 in order to ensure network availability and reliability. The 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 17.2.2 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.

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 888 calls, the 888 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 17.2.2 following are in addition to those charges applicable for the Feature Group C or Feature Group D switched access service.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.3 Chargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(E) 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., calls originating from LEC payphones, competitive payphones, and private virtual networks. Flex ANI can be used to provide Originating Line Screening (OLS) service. OLS service is described in 13.10 following.

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 offices 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.

A nonrecurring charge, as set forth in 17.2.1(G) following, is associated with this optional feature. This nonrecurring charge is assessed by the Telephone Company on a per end office, per Carrier Identification Code (CIC) basis and is applied in conjunction with the Access Order Charge specified in 17.4.1(A) following.

6. Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

6.10 Chargeable and Nonchargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

6.10.3 Chargeable Optional Features (Cont'd)

(F) <u>Carrier Identification Parameter (CIP)</u>

This feature enables customers to consolidate trunk groups to provide Equal Access connections for the carrier and its reseller carriers over one trunk group. The Carrier Identification Parameter (CIP) software delivers the Carrier Identification Code (CIC) in the initial address message (IAM) from an originating local exchange network on Feature Group D (FGD), SS7-supported calls. These calls include CIP for FGD, 700, 900+NXX & 800/888/877 Database type calls. Presubscribed carrier information in CIP will be used for normal 1+ presubscribed calls. This enables the information to be sent in the forward direction to the transit network indicating the transit network selected by the originating subscriber. This feature is offered on a per-carrier basis, see Section 17.2 for rates.

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 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 or digital. Analog connections are differentiated by spectrum and bandwidth. Digital 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 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. Each type of Special Access Service is specifically listed on the following page and identifies the specific bandwidth and speed being offered. The customer must select the appropriate service that provides the speed and bandwidth desired.

^{*} 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.

7. Special Access Services (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.1 <u>Channel Types</u> (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. This channel type will be grandfathered for customers of record as of December 9, 1999. It will not be available to new customers after December 9, 1999.

Telegraph Grade - a channel for the transmission of binary signals at rates of 0 to 75 baud or 0 to 150 baud. This channel type will be grandfathered for customers of record as of December 9, 1999. It will not be available to new customers after December 9, 1999.

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.

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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.1 <u>Channel Types</u> (Cont'd)

Detailed descriptions of each of the channel types are provided in 7.4 through 7.10 following.

The customer also has the option of ordering Voice Grade and High Capacity facilities (i.e., 1.544 Mbps, 3.152 Mbps, 6.312 Mbps, 44.736 Mbps and 274.176 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 following.

For example, a customer may order a 3.152 Mbps High Capacity channel from a customer designated premises to a Telephone Company hub for multiplexing to two 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.

Synchronous Optical Channel Service provides the customer with the option of ordering Add/Drop Multiplexing at a suitably equipped wire center. This allows lower level signals to be added or dropped from a high speed optical carrier channel for delivery to a customer premises. A description of Add/Drop Multiplexing is set forth in 7.11.3(B) following.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.2 Service Descriptions

Metallic

For the purposes of ordering, there are seven categories of Special Access Service. These are:

| MT |
|----|
| TG |

Service Designator Codes

Telegraph Grade TG
Voice VG
Program Audio AP
Video TV
Digital Data DA
High Capacity HC
Synchronous Optical HO

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 7.10 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, or between a customer designated premises and a WATS Serving Office.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.2 <u>Service Descriptions</u> (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 inter- faces 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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.2 <u>Service Descriptions</u> (Cont'd)

- (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.
- (F) All services installed after April 1, 1985 will conform to the transmission specification 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 TR-NPL-000337

associated Addendum

 Video
 TR-NPL-000338

 Digital Data
 TR-NWT-000341

 For 2.4, 4.8, 9.6 & 56.0 Kpbs
 BellCore Pub 62310 (MDP-326-726)

For 19.2 Kpbs INC Bulletin CB-INC-100
For 64.0 Kpbs AT&T PUB 62310
High Capacity TR-INS-000342
TR-NPL-000054

PUB 62411

Synchronous Optical GR-253-CORE For OC3 and OC12 GR-1374-CORE ANSI T1.105

ANSI T1.103

7.1.3 <u>Service Configurations</u>

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 wire center equipped for Frame Relay Access Service, or a customer designated premises and a WATS Serving Office (WSO).

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.3 <u>Service Configurations</u> (Cont'd)

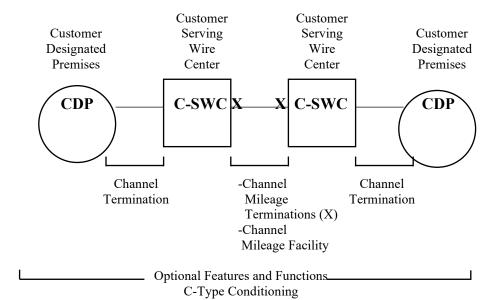
(A) <u>Two-Point Service</u> (Cont'd)

Applicable rate elements are:

- Channel Terminations
- Channel Mileage (as applicable)
- Optional Features and Functions (when applicable)

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

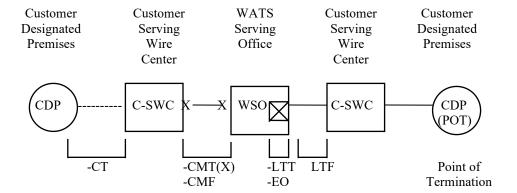
7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.3 <u>Service Configurations</u> (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

Switched Access

CT - Channel Termination
CMT - Channel Mileage Termination
CMF - Channel Mileage Facility

LTT - Local Transport Termination
EO - End Office elements
LTF - Local Transport 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 certificate is provided.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.3 <u>Service Configurations</u> (Cont'd)

(B) <u>Multipoint Service</u>

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 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).

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

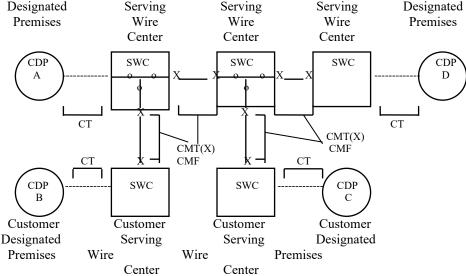
7.1.3 **Service Configurations (Cont'd)**

(B) Multipoint Service (Cont'd)

The Special Access Surcharge, as set forth in 7.3 following may be applicable.

Voice Grade multipoint service connecting four customer designated Example: premises (CDP) via two customer specified bridging hubs.

Customer Customer Hub Customer Customer Designated Serving Serving Serving Designated Wire Wire Wire Premises Center Center Center



CT- Channel Termination

- Channel Mileage Termination **CMT CMF** - Channel Mileage Facility

o - Bridging Port

Applicable rate elements are:

- Channel Terminations (4 applicable)
- Channel Mileage
 - 2 Channel Mileage Terminations per Channel Mileage Facility section for a total of 8, plus
 - 4 sections, Channel Mileage Facility per mile
- Bridging Optional Feature (6 applicable, i.e., each bridge port)

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

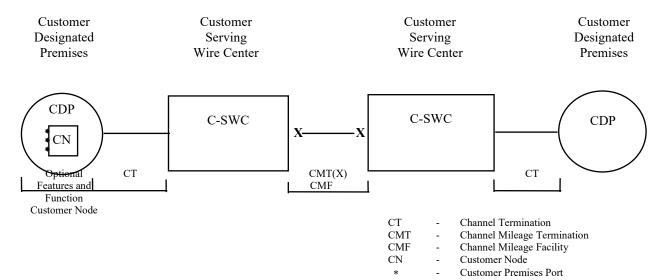
7.1.3 <u>Service Configurations</u> (Cont'd)

(C) Synchronous Optical Channel Service

A Synchronous Optical Channel Service connects two customer designated premises via a high speed optical carrier communications path delivering an optical handoff.

Applicable rate elements are:

- Channel Terminations
- Channel Mileage (as applicable)
- Optional Features and Functions (when applicable)
- (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 (applicable one (1) per CDP)
- Channel Mileage
 - * 2 Channel Mileage Terminations plus
 - * 1 Section, Channel Mileage Facility per mile
- Customer Node Optional Feature

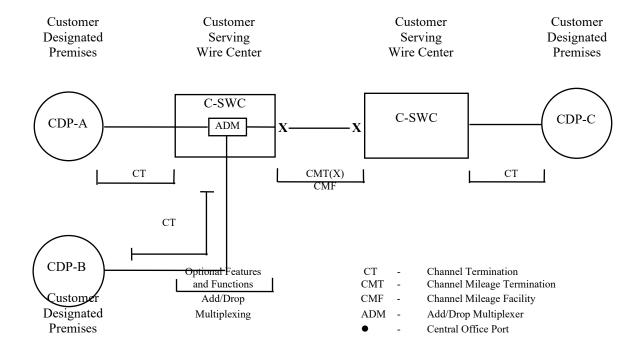
(1 Customer Node applicable and 3 Customer Premises Ports applicable, i.e., each port)

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.3 <u>Service Configurations</u> (Cont'd)

- (C) Synchronous Optical Channel Service
 - (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 17.3.8 and 17.3.11 following.



Applicable rate elements are:

- Channel Terminations (applicable one (1) per CDP)
- Channel Mileage
 - * 2 Channel Mileage Terminations (2 applicable)
 - * 1 Section, Channel Mileage Facility per mile
- Add/Drop Multiplexing Optional Feature
 (1 Central Office Ports 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 private 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 may be specially routed. The regulations, rates and charges for Special Facilities Routing (i.e., Avoidance, Diversity and Cable-Only) are set forth in Section 11. 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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.1 General (Cont'd)

7.1.7 <u>Acceptance Testing</u>

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, 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 Charge Charges, Cancellation Charges, etc.).

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) <u>Channel Terminations</u>:

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 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 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 (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.

* The Channel Termination, Channel Mileage Termination and Channel Mileage Facility Special Access rate elements should not be applied to intrastate WATS and 800 dedicated services. the billing of these dedicated services (WATS and 800) should be in accordance with the rates of the Southwestern Bell WATS tariff. Also, the Special Access Surcharge should not be applied to the intrastate WATS and 800 service.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

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) <u>Channel Mileage Facility</u>

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) <u>Channel Mileage Termination</u>

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 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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.1 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(B) Channel Mileage

(2) <u>Channel Mileage Termination</u> (Cont'd)

If the Channel Mileage is between the serving wire center for a customer designate 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 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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

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 7.10 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.

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 bridging or multiplexing functions available. Additionally, subtending wire centers are identified for Intermediate and Super-Intermediate Hubs.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

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) <u>Daily Rates</u>

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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.2 <u>Types of Rates and Charges</u> (Cont'd)

(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 17.4.1 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) <u>Installation of Optional Features and Functions</u>

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 17.4.1 following will apply per order.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.2 <u>Types of Rates and Charges</u> (Cont'd)

(C) <u>Nonrecurring Charges</u> (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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.2 <u>Types of Rates and Charges</u> (Cont'd)

- (C) <u>Nonrecurring Charges</u> (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Service Rearrangements</u> (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.

All other service rearrangements will be charged for 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 17.4.1 following.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.2 <u>Types of Rates and Charges</u> (Cont'd)

(C) Nonrecurring Charges (Cont'd)

(3) <u>Service Rearrangements</u> (Cont'd)

- 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 17.4.1 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.

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 with 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 17.4.1 following.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.3 <u>Moves</u> (Cont'd)

(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 <u>Minimum Periods</u>

The minimum service period for all services except part-time Video and Program Audio services and 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 service 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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.5 <u>Mileage Measurement</u>

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,
- 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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.5 <u>Mileage Measurement</u> (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 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.

7.2.6 Facility Hubs

A customer has the option of ordering Voice Grade service or High Capacity services (i.e., DS1, DSIC, 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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.6 Facility Hubs (Cont'd)

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.

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 DSI channels and then one of the DSI channels is further de-multiplexed to 24 individual Voice Grade channels.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.6 <u>Facility Hubs</u> (Cont'd)

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 17.3.5 and 17.3.6 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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.7 Mixed Use Analog and Digital High Capacity Services

Mixed use refers to a rate application applicable only when the customer orders High Capacity Special Access facilities between a customer designated premises and a Telephone Company hub where the Telephone Company performs multiplexing/de-multiplexing functions and the same customer then orders the derived channels as Special and Switched Access Services. If the customer has Switched Access Service between a customer designated premises and an end office that is multiplexed at a Telephone Company hub and subsequently orders the derived channels as Special and Switched Access Service, rates and charges will apply as if the service were ordered as mixed use.

Except as noted above, the High Capacity facility will be ordered, provided and rated as Special Access Service (i.e., Channel Termination, Channel Mileage, as appropriate, and Multiplexing Arrangement). 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 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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.7 <u>Mixed Use Analog and Digital High Capacity Services</u> (Cont'd)

As each individual channel is activated for Switched Access Service, the High Capacity Special Access Channel Termination, Channel Mileage, and Multiplexing rates will be reduced accordingly (e.g., 1/24th for a DS1 service, 1/672nd for a DS3 service, etc.).

Switched Access Service rates and charges, as set forth in 17.2 following, will apply for each channel that is used to provide a Switched Access Service. The Switched Access Service Entrance Facility charge, if applicable, will be reduced by multiplying its rate by 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 and Multiplexing Charges will be reduced by multiplying their respective rates by the ratio of derived Direct Trunked Transport channels to the total number of channels that can be derived.

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.

7.2.8 Optional Rate Plans

There are two Optional Rate Plans: a High Capacity Optional Rate Plan and a Synchronous Optical Channel Service Optional Rate Plan.

(A) High Capacity Optional Rate Plans

There are two High Capacity Optional Rate plans: a Term Discount plan and a Capacity Discount plan.

The Term Discount plan applies to Special Access DS1 and DS3 High Capacity Service Channel Termination, Channel Mileage Facility and Channel Mileage Termination monthly rates, as set forth following. The current monthly rates for such services are reduced by a fixed percentage. The amount of the discount percentage differs based on the length of the service commitment period selected by the customer. The Term Discount percentages for High Capacity Service are as set forth in 17.3.8 following.

Discounts for the Term Discount plan are only applied to High Capacity Service provided to a customer within the same state and LATA by the same Telephone Company.

Discounts for the Capacity Discount plan are only applied to Special Access DS3 High Capacity Service Channel Termination monthly rates as set forth in 17.3.8 following.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.8 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)

(A) <u>High Capacity Optional Rate Plans</u> (Cont'd)

The Term Discount Optional Rate Plan is only available from those Telephone Companies listed in 17.3.10 (A)(1) following.

The DS3 Capacity Discount is only available to customers that had this plan in place prior to February 1, 1997. Telephone Companies offering the Capacity Discount Optional Rate Plan as of this date are listed in 17.3.10(A)(2) following.

The minimum service period on a monthly rate basis is one month for DS1 service and twelve months for DS3 service.

(1) <u>Term Discounts</u>

DS1 and DS3 High Capacity Special Access Service may be ordered at the customer's option on a monthly rate basis or for Term Discount periods of 36 months (3 years) or 60 months (5 years).

The minimum service period for all Term Discount plans is twelve months. The customer must specify the length of the service commitment period at the time the service is ordered.

For customers that subscribe to the Term Discount plan for 36 or 60 months, the Term Discount percentage as set forth in 17.3.8 following will be frozen from Company initiated decreases, for the entire discount period at the percent in effect at the beginning of the Term Discount period.

If a Term Discount Percentage increase occurs during the term of an existing Term Discount plan, the increased percentage will be applied automatically to the remainder of the current Term Discount period.

At the end of the Term Discount period, the customer may convert to month-tomonth service or subscribe to a new Term Discount Plan. If the customer does not make a choice by the end of the discount period, the rates will automatically convert to month-to-month service rates.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.8 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)

- (A) <u>High Capacity Optional Rate Plans</u> (Cont'd)
 - (1) <u>Term Discounts</u> (Cont'd)

To be included in a Term Discount plan, all eligible High Capacity rate elements must be ordered for the same commitment term (i.e., all 36 months or all 60 months) and with the same service date. When additional capacity is subsequently added, it will be available only on a month-to-month basis unless the discount period of the entire service is upgraded.

Eligible DS1 or DS3 High Capacity rate elements are those Channel Terminations, Channel Mileage Facility and Channel Mileage Terminations provided to a customer within the same state and LATA by the same Telephone Company. As long as the number of DS1s or DS3s included in a Term Discount plan remains constant, customer requests to install and disconnect DS1 or DS3 services, including changes affecting different wire centers and/or customer designated premises, will not change the current Term Discount period or the minimum service period, and Discontinuance of Service charges as set forth in (3) following will not apply.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.8 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)

(A) High Capacity Optiona Rate Plans (Cont'd)

(1) <u>Term Discounts</u>

(a) <u>Upgrades in Term Discount</u>

Services provided under monthly rates or Term Discount rates may be upgraded to a Term Discount plan at any time without incurring Channel Termination nonrecurring charges or discontinuance charges for existing services. The new Term Discount plan must meet or exceed the service term of the plan being upgraded. For example, a service with a 36 month commitment period may be upgraded to a new 36 month, or 60 month service period. The monthly rates will be those that are in effect at the time the service is upgraded. A new minimum service period applies to all High Capacity Service that is upgraded.

(b) <u>Upgrades in Capacity (DS1 to DS3)</u>

If the customer chooses to upgrade a service under the Term Discount rate plan to a higher capacity (i.e., DS1 to DS3), discontinuance charges will not apply, provided all the following conditions are met:

- the customer's order for the disconnect of the existing DS1 Service and the installation of the new DS3 Service are received at the same time and specifically reference the application of upgrade in capacity,
- the customer's disconnect order for the existing DS1 Service must reference the DS3 Service installation order,
- the new service has a total voice equivalent channel capacity greater than the total voice equivalent channel capacity of the service being discontinued and,
- the new Term Discount period meets or exceeds the Term Discount period being discontinued.

- 7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)
 - 7.2.8 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)
 - (A) <u>High Capacity Optional Rate Plans</u> (Cont'd)
 - (1) <u>Term Discounts</u> (Cont'd)
 - (b) <u>Upgrades in Capacity (DS1 to DS3)</u> (Cont'd)

A new minimum service period applies to all upgrades. Channel Termination nonrecurring charges for an equivalent channel capacity of the existing services being upgraded to the higher speed service will not be assessed. For example, 30 DS1 Services are being upgraded to DS3 Service. A capacity of 3 is installed at the customer's request. A total of 2 DS3 Channel rate elements will be installed without Channel Termination nonrecurring charges being assessed, as it will require 2 DS3 Channel rate elements to provide the equivalent channel capacity of the existing services. Channel Termination nonrecurring charges will not apply to the higher speed service if requested at the same time as the upgrade request. Channel Termination nonrecurring charges will apply for capacity that exceeds the existing equivalent channel capacity.

Should the customer choose to upgrade either a portion of, or the entire DS1 Service under the Term Discount plan to a DS3 Service and move the service to a new customer location(s) within the same state and LATA, and when service is provided by the same telephone company, discontinuance charges will not apply.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.8 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)

- (A) <u>High Capacity Optional Rate Plans</u> (Cont'd)
 - (1) <u>Term Discounts</u> (Cont'd)
 - (c) <u>Discontinuance of Service</u>

If the customer chooses to disconnect all or a portion of the service prior to the expiration of the Term Discount period, discontinuance charges will apply to the portion of the service being discontinued.

Should the customer choose to discontinue a Term Discount plan prior to the completion of the minimum service period, discontinuance charges will apply. Discontinuance charges equal to one-hundred percent of the total undiscounted monthly rates, less any amounts previously paid, will apply for the minimum service period. Additionally, discontinuance charges of fifteen percent for DS1 service, and fifty percent for DS3 service, of the total undiscounted monthly charges will apply to the remaining portion of the discount service term.

Should the customer choose to discontinue service ordered under a Term Discount plan after the minimum service period but before the completion of the discount period, discontinuance charges will apply. Discontinuance charges of fifteen percent for DS1 Service, and fifty percent for DS3 Service, of the total discounted monthly charges will apply to the remaining portion of the discount period. For example, a customer has a DS1 Service which it chooses to discontinue after 33 months into a 60-month service term. The discontinuance charge would be 0.15 times 27 months times the undiscounted monthly rates for that service.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.8 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)

(A) <u>High Capacity Optional Rate Plans</u> (Cont'd)

(2) DS3 Capacity Discounts

The DS3 Capacity Discount Plan offers discounted rates for capacities of 3, 6, and 12 High Capacity Systems. The DS3 Capacity Discount is only available to those customers that had this plan in place prior to February 1, 1997. Existing customers subscribing to this option may continue their current service for the duration of their term discount period. Any DS3 Capacity Discount Plan not associated with a Term Discount Plan will expire no later than February 1, 2002.

This plan is not available to customers requesting this option after February 1, 1997.

Capacity Discounts apply only to DS3 Channel Terminations (i.e., DS3 Capacity Interfaces and DS3 Channels Installed). DS3 Capacity Discounts are available as part of, or separate from Term Discount plans. When a DS3 Capacity Discount Plan exists in conjunction with a Term Discount plan, the DS3 Channel Terminations must all be under the same month-to-month rate or Term Discount plan with the same service period and service date.

The Capacity Interface cannot be disconnected until all of the DS3 Channels installed are disconnected.

High Capacity Channel Mileage Facility and Channel Mileage Termination charges will apply as required Per DS3 Channel Installed. Capacity Discounts will not apply to these rate elements.

Capacity Discounts will only apply on DS3 Channel Terminations ordered between a serving wire center and customer location, over the same route. Channel Terminations associated with facilities provided between the same serving wire center and customer location via a second or alternate route will not be included as part of the same Capacity Discount plan as the primary route.

The minimum service period for all Capacity Discount plans is twelve months.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.8 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)

- (A) <u>High Capacity Optional Rate Plans</u> (Cont'd)
 - (2) <u>DS3 Capacity Discounts</u> (Cont'd)
 - (a) <u>Conversion from DS3 Capacity Discounts to Synchronous Optical</u> Channel Services

Customers that subscribe to the DS3 Capacity Discount plan may convert to Synchronous Optical Channel Service (SOCS). Discontinuance charges will not apply if all the following conditions are met:

- the customer's order for the disconnect of the current DS3 service and order for the installation of SOCS are received by the telephone company at the same time and,
- the customer's disconnect order for the existing DS3 Service must reference the new SOCS order,
- the new service is provided between the same customer locations as the discontinued service,
- the new service has a DS3 Capacity no larger than the Capacity Interface of the discount plan or plans being discontinued and,
- 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 the conversion to
 SOCS.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.8 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)

(B) Synchronous Optical Channel Service Optional Rate Plan

The Synchronous Optical Channel Service Optional Rate Plan offers a Term Discount. The Term Discount applies to Channel Terminations, Channel Mileage and Optional Features and Functions monthly rates, as set forth following. The Term Discount percentages for the Synchronous Optical Channel Service Term Discount are as set forth in 17.3.11(D) following.

Discounts for the Synchronous Optical Channel Service Optional Rate Plan are only applied to Synchronous Optical Channel Service provided to a customer within the same state and LATA by the same Telephone Company.

The Synchronous Optical Channel Service Term Discount Optional Rate Plan is only available from those Telephone Companies listed in 17.3.10(B) following.

OC3 and OC12 Synchronous Optical Channel Service may be ordered at the customer's option on a monthly rate basis or for Term Discount periods of 36 months (3 years) or 60 months (5 years).

The minimum service period for all term discount plans is twelve months. The customer must specify the length of the service commitment period at the time the service is ordered.

For customers that subscribe to the Term Discount plan for 36 or 60 months, the Term Discount percentage as set forth in 17.3.11(D) following will be frozen from Company initiated decreases, for the entire discount period at the percent in effect at the beginning of the Term Discount period.

If a Term Discount percentage increase occurs during the term of an existing Term Discount plan, the increased percentage will be applied automatically to the remainder of the current Term Discount period.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.8 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)

(B) Synchronous Optical Channel Service Optional Rate Plan (Cont'd)

At the end of the Term Discount period, the customer may convert to month-to-month service or subscribe to a new Term Discount plan. If the customer does not make a choice by the end of the discount period, the rates will automatically convert to month-to-month service rates. The minimum service period on a monthly rate basis is twelve months for Synchronous Optical Channel Service.

To be included in a Term Discount plan, all eligible Synchronous Optical Channel Service rate elements must be ordered for the same commitment term (i.e., all 36 months or all 60 months) and with the same service date. When additional capacity is subsequently added, it will be available only on a month-to-month basis unless the discount period of the entire service is upgraded.

Eligible OC3 and OC12 Synchronous Optical Channel Service rate elements are those Channel Terminations, Channel Mileage Facility, Channel Mileage Terminations, Customer Nodes, Customer Premises Ports and Central Office Ports provided to a customer within the same state and LATA by the same Telephone Company. As long as the number of OC3s or OC12s included in a term Discount plan remains constant, customer requests to install and disconnect OC3 or OC12 services, including changes affecting different wire centers and/or customer designated premises, will not change the current Term Discount period of the minimum service period, and Discontinuance of service charges as set forth in (3) following will not apply.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.8 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)

(B) <u>Synchronous Optical Channel Service Optional Rate Plan</u> (Cont'd)

(1) <u>Upgrades in Term Discounts</u>

Services provided under monthly rates or Term Discount rates may be upgraded to a Term Discount plan at any time without incurring nonrecurring charges or discontinuance charges for existing services. The new Term Discount plan must meet or exceed the service term of the plan being upgraded. For example, a service with a 36 month commitment period may be upgraded to a new 36 month, or 60 month service period. The monthly rates will be those that are in effect at the time the service is upgraded. A new minimum service period applies to all Synchronous Optical Channel Service that is upgraded.

(2) Upgrades in Capacity (OC3 to OC12)

If the customer chooses to upgrade a service under the Term Discount rate plan to a higher capacity (i.e., OC3 to OC12), discontinuance charges will not apply, provided all the following conditions are met:

- the customer's order for the disconnect of the existing OC3 Service and the installation of the new OC12 Service are received at the same time and specifically reference the application of upgrade in capacity,
- the customer's disconnect order for the existing OC3 Service must reference the OC12 Service installation order,
- the new service has a total channel capacity greater than the total channel capacity of the service being discontinued and,
- the new Term Discount period meets or exceeds the Term Discount period being discontinued.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.8 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)

- (B) <u>Synchronous Optical Channel Service Optional Rate Plan</u> (Cont'd)
 - (2) <u>Upgrades in Capacity (OC3 to OC12)</u> (Cont'd)

A new minimum service period applies to all upgrades. Nonrecurring charges will not be assessed when an existing OC3 service is upgraded to an equivalent channel capacity at a higher speed.

Should the customer choose to upgrade either a portion of, or the entire OC3 Service under the Term Discount plan to an OC12 Service and move the service to a new customer location(s) within the same state and LATA, and when service is provided by the same telephone company, discontinuance charges will not apply.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

7.2.8 Optional Rate Plans (Cont'd)

(B) <u>Synchronous Optical Channel Service Optional Rate Plan</u> (Cont'd)

(3) <u>Discontinuance of Service</u>

If the customer chooses to disconnect all or a portion of the service prior to the expiration of the Term Discount period, discontinuance charges will apply to the portion of the service being discontinued.

Should the customer choose to discontinue a Term Discount plan prior to the completion of the minimum service period, discontinuance charges will apply. Discontinuance charges equal to one-hundred percent of the total undiscounted monthly rates, less any amounts previously paid, will apply for the minimum service period. Additionally, discontinuance charges of fifteen percent for OC3 service, and fifty percent for OC12 service, of the total undiscounted monthly charges will apply to the remaining portion of the discount service term.

Should the customer choose to discontinue service ordered under a Term Discount plan after the minimum service period but before the completion of the discount period, discontinuance charges will apply. Discontinuance charges of fifteen percent for OC3 Service, and fifty percent for OC12 Service, of the total undiscounted monthly charges will apply to the remaining portion of the discount period. For example, a customer has an OC3 Service which it chooses to discontinue after 33 months into a 60-month service term. The discontinuance charge would be 0.15 times 27 months times the undiscounted monthly rates for that service.

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 intrastate 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:
 - 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

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.3 Surcharge for Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.3.2 <u>Application</u> (Cont'd)

- (B) (Cont'd)
 - (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 (intermachine 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.

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 reterminated to a device which does not interconnect to 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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.3 Surcharge for Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.3.3 <u>Exemption of Special Access Services</u> (Cont'd)

- (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 reterminated 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.

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 <u>Equivalent</u> | 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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.3 Surcharge for Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.3.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

- (B) The Telephone Company will bill the appropriate Special Access Surcharge to the ordering customer for each intrastate 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 pre- ceding, 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.

(E) The Special Access Surcharge should not be applied to intrastate WATS and 800 services.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.4 Metallic Service

7.4.1 <u>Basic Channel Description</u>

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 17.3.2 following.

7.4.2 <u>Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel</u> <u>Interfaces</u>

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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.5 <u>Telegraph Grade Service</u>

7.5.1 <u>Basic Channel Description</u>

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 17.3.3 following.

7.5.2 <u>Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel Interfaces</u>

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.

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 17.3.4 following.

7.6.2 <u>Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel Interfaces</u>

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

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.6 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

7.6.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(A) <u>Central Office Bridging Capability</u> (Cont'd)

(5) Telemetry and Alarm Bridging

Split Band, Active Bridging Passive Bridging Summation, Active Bridging

The rates for these options are set forth in 17.3.4(C)(1)(e) following.

(B) <u>Central Office Multiplexing</u>

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 17.3.4(C)(5) following.

(C) Conditioning

Conditioning provides more specific transmission characteristics for Voice Grade services. The rates for these options are set forth in 17.3.4(C) 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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.6 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

7.6.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(C) <u>Conditioning</u> (Cont'd)

(1) <u>C-Type Conditioning</u>

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) <u>Improved Attenuation Distortion*</u>

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) <u>Improved Envelope Delay Distortion*</u>

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.

^{*} Improved Attenuation Distortion and Improved Envelope Delay Distortion will continue to be provided to all customers who were provided with either or both of these optional features in conjunction with C-Type Conditioning prior to May 4, 1988.

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) <u>Data Capability (D Conditioning)</u>

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 17.3.4(C)(2) following.

When a service equipped with Data Capability is used for voice communications, the quality of the voice transmission may not be satisfactory.

(5) <u>Telephoto Capability</u>

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 17.3.4(C)(2) following.

(6) Sealing Current Conditioning

Sealing Current Conditioning is providing to help maintain continuity on dry metallic loops. It is usually associated with four-wire DA or NO type network channel interfaces.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.6 <u>Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)</u>

7.6.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(D) <u>Customer Specified Premises Receive Level</u>

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 17.3.4(C)(4) following.

(E) <u>Improved Return Loss</u>

- (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 17.3.4(C)(3) following.
- 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 17.3.4(C)(3) following.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.6 <u>Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)</u>

7.6.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(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 17.3.4(C)(6) 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.

(G) <u>Selective Signaling Arrangement</u>

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 17.3.4(C)(7) following.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.6 <u>Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)</u>

7.6.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(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 17.3.4(C)(8) 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 17.3.4(C)(9) following.

(J) <u>Four-Wire/Two-Wire Conversions</u>

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 17.3.4(A) 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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.6 <u>Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)</u>

7.6.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(K) Improved Two-Wire Voice Transmission

(1) <u>Loss Deviation</u>

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) <u>Attenuation Distortion</u>

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) <u>C-Message Noise</u>

The maximum C-Message Noise for the transmission path at the route miles listed is less than:

| Route Miles | <u>C-Message Noise</u> |
|--------------|------------------------|
| 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) <u>Return Loss</u>

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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.7 Program Audio Service

7.7.1 <u>Basic Channel Description</u>

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 17.3.5 following.

7.7.2 <u>Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel Interfaces</u>

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) <u>Central Office Bridging Capability</u>

Distribution Amplifier

(B) <u>Gain Conditioning</u>

Control of 1004 Hz AML at initiation of service to 0dB \pm 0.5 dB.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.7 Program Audio Service (Cont'd)

7.7.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.8 Video Service

7.8.1 <u>Basic Channel Description</u>

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 17.3.6 following.

7.8.2 <u>Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel Interfaces</u>

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:

| | Audio | |
|------------|------------------|----------------------|
| <u>NCI</u> | <u>Bandwidth</u> | <u>Provision</u> |
| | | |
| 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 |

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.9 <u>Digital Data Service</u>

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 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 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.

Rate and charges for Special Access Digital Data Service are as set forth in 17.3.7 following.

(*) When 64.0 Kbps service is multiplexed on a DS1 High Capacity service, the DS1 must be equipped to provide Clear Channel Capability.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.9 <u>Digital Data Service</u>

7.9.2 <u>Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel Interfaces</u>

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.

The following network channel interfaces (NCIs) define the bit rates that are available for a Digital Data channel:

| <u>NCI</u> | 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. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.9 <u>Digital Data Service</u> (Cont'd)

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) <u>Central Office Bridging Capability</u>

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.

(C) <u>Public Packet Switching Network (PPSN) Interface Arrangement</u>

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 Serv ice 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.

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.

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 continuos 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 17.3.8 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.
- (x) Transcribed from 15.2.1(G) following.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.10 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

7.10.2 <u>Technical Specifications Packages and Network Channel Interfaces</u>

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:

| <u>NCI</u> | 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) |
| | |

^{*} A 64.0 Kbps channel is available as a channel(s) of a 1.544 Mbps channel to a Telephone Company hub.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.10 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

7.10.3 Optional Features and Functions

(A) <u>Automatic Loop Transfer</u>

The Automatic Loop Transfer provides protection on a lxN 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.

(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.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.10 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

7.10.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(C) <u>Central Office Multiplexing</u>

(1) <u>DS4 to DS1</u>

An arrangement that converts a 274.176 Mbps channel to 168 DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

(2) <u>DS3 to DS1</u>

An arrangement that converts a 44.736 Mbps channel to 28 DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

(3) <u>DS2 to DS1</u>

An arrangement that converts a 6.312 Mbps channel to four DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

(4) <u>DS1C to DS1</u>

An arrangement that converts a 3.152 Mbps channel to two DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

(5) <u>DS1 to Voice</u>

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) <u>DS1 to DSO</u>

An arrangement that converts a 1.544 Mbps channel to 23 64.0 Kbps channels utilizing digital time division multiplexing.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.10 <u>High Capacity Service</u> (Cont'd)

7.10.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(C) <u>Central Office Multiplexing</u> (Cont'd)

(7) <u>DSO to Subrate</u>

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.

(D) 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., WIRE CENTER INFORMATION, TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

^{*} Available only on a DS1-to-Digital multiplexed configuration.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.10 <u>High Capacity Service</u> (Cont'd)

7.10.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

- (D) <u>Clear Channel Capability (CCC)</u> (Cont'd)
 - (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.

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. 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 premises.

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.

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 17.3.10(B) following. Section 7.2.8(B) preceding specifies the conditions under which a term discount is applicable.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.11 <u>Individual Case Filings</u> (Cont'd)

7.11.1 <u>Basic Channel Description</u> (Cont'd)

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 17.3.11 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 <u>Network Channel Interfaces</u>

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:

| <u>NCI</u> | Bit Rate |
|------------|---------------------|
| FC-B | 155.52 Mbps. (OC3) |
| FC-D | 622.08 Mbps. (OC12) |

7.11.3 Optional Features and Functions

(A) <u>Customer Node</u>

The Customer Node, located at the customer designated premises, terminates a high speed optical channel (OC3 or OC12) and converts the signal from an optical to electrical format.

The Customer Node may be configured in the following ways:

- OC3 one to three DS3 channels or one to three STS-1 channels or up to 28 DS1 channels per DS3 or any combination of the three.
- OC12 up to four OC3 channels or up to twelve DS3 channels or up to 28 DS1 channels per DS3 or any combination of the three.

Rates and charges for the Customer Node are as set forth in 17.3.11(E)(1) following.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.11 <u>Individual Case Filings</u> (Cont'd)

7.11.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(A) <u>Customer Node</u> (Cont'd)

A Customer Node must be configured with one or more Customer Premises Ports to provide for the DS1, DS3, STS-1 and/or OC3 channelization that must take place at the customer premises. The OC3 port is only available with an OC12 Customer Node. The quantity of ports is determined based on the number of DS1, DS3, STS-1 and/or OC3 channels ordered by the customer. The available speeds of the Customer Premises Port are as follows:

| <u>Customer Premises Port</u> | <u>Speed</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| OC3 | 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 17.3.11(E)(2) following.

(B) Add/Drop Multiplexing

Add/Drop Mutliplexing allows lower level signals to be added or dropped from an optical carrier channel at a wire center equipped for Add/Drop Multiplexing.

Add/Drop Multiplexing may be configured with central office Ports in the following ways:

| OC3 | - | one to two DS3 ports or one to two groups of up to 28 DS1 |
|-----|---|---|
| | | ports or any combination of the two. |

OC12 - one to three OC3 ports.

The Central Office Port is the rate element that provides the connection from a High Capacity or Synchronous Optical Channel Service Channel Termination to an Add/Drop Multiplexer at a wire center. There are three Central Office Ports available. They are:

| Central Office Port | <u>Speed</u> |
|---------------------|--------------|
| OC3 | 155.52 Mbps |
| DS3 | 44.736 Mbps |
| DS1 | 1.544 Mbps |

The OC3 Central Office Port is only available with an Add/Drop Multiplexer operating at OC12.

7. Special Access Service (Cont'd)

7.11 <u>Individual Case Filings</u> (Cont'd)

7.11.3 Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

(B) Add/Drop Multiplexing (Cont'd)

When an OC3 port is derived from an OC12 and is further demultiplexed to DS3, an additional DS3 port charge will apply. When a DS3 port is demultiplexed to DS1, or a DS1 port is demultiplexed to a lower level signal, rates and charges as set forth in 17.3.8(D)(1) will apply

Rates and charges for the Central Office Port are as set forth in 17.3.11(E)(2) following.

7.12 <u>Individual Case Filings</u>

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 17.3.9 following.

8. THIS SECTION RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE.

9. <u>Directory Assistance Service</u>

The Telephone Company will provide Directory Assistance (DA) Service to a customer from Directory Assistance Service locations (DA location). DA locations are either primary or subtending. Primary DA locations are those to which terminating DA calls for the NPA first complete. Primary DA location either process the telephone number request or, if necessary, forward the call to a subtending DA location for processing. DA service rates are assessed by the primary DA location only. Subtending DA locations are compensated by contractual arrangements between Telephone Companies.

9.1 General Description

Telephone Company provided DA Service is available to customers for their use in furnishing DA services to end users. It provides for the use of Directory Access Service between the premises of the ordering customer and the DA location(s), use of DA access equipment, and use of DA operators to provide telephone numbers.

Directory Access Service will be provided between the customer designated premises and the DA location by the Telephone Company. Rates and charges for Directory Assistance Service are set forth in 17.2.4 following.

9. <u>Directory Assistance Service</u> (Cont'd)

9.1 General Description (Cont'd)

9.1.1 <u>Description and Provision of Directory Assistance Service</u>

A Telephone Company DA operator, when furnished a name and locality, will provide or attempt to provide the telephone number listed in the Telephone Company DA records associated with the name given, at the rates and charges as set forth in 17.2.5 following. The Telephone Company's contact with the customer's end user shall be limited to that effort necessary to process a customer's end user's request for a telephone number; and the Telephone Company will not transfer, forward or redial a customer's end user call to any other location for any purpose other than provision of DA Service.

Each Directory Access Service will consist of the following:

- An Interface Group equipped with an available Premises Interface as set forth in 15.3.1 following at the customer's designated premises.
- Directory Transport between the premises of the ordering customer and the DA location.

When required by the Telephone Company, a separate Directory Access Service trunk group will be provided for DA Service for each NPA. Separate trunk groups will be required when the Telephone Company notifies the customer that the mechanized search of its data base and its mechanized operator practices require a mechanized identification of the NPA code for which the customer's end user desires DA information.

Further, when an access tandem is available and is provided, the Directory Access Service will be provided, at customer choice:

- as a separate Directory Access Service trunk group, or
- in combination with Feature Group B, C or D Switched Access Service.

9. <u>Directory Assistance Service</u> (Cont'd)

9.1 General Description (Cont'd)

9.1.2 Ordering Options and Conditions

(A) Ordering

Except as set forth following, Directory Assistance Service provided under a Special Order is subject to the ordering conditions as set forth in Section 5. preceding. The customer shall determine and order the busy hour minutes of capacity and interface type of Directory Access Services it needs for DA Service.

When DA Service is initially ordered, the customer shall order the service for at least six months. Thereafter, additional service may be ordered for a minimum of six months. Not later than three months prior to the end of the six month period, the customer shall notify the Telephone Company if the service is to be discontinued at the end of the six month period. If no notice is received from the customer, the Telephone Company will automatically extend the service for another six months and all appropriate charges as set forth in 17.2.5 following will apply for another six months.

9. <u>Directory Assistance Service</u> (Cont'd)

9.1 General Description (Cont'd)

9.1.2 Ordering Options and Conditions (Cont'd)

(B) <u>Cancellation of a Special Order</u>

A customer may cancel a Special Order for DA Service on any date prior to the service date. The cancellation date is the date the Telephone Company receives written or verbal notice from the customer that the Special Order is to be cancelled. The verbal notice must be followed by written confirmation within 10 days.

When a customer cancels a Special Order for DA Service after the order date but prior to the start of service, the appropriate application of charges as set forth in Section 5. preceding apply for the Directory Access Service cancelled. In addition, a charge equal to any unrecoverable capital costs incurred by the Telephone Company will apply to the customer.

(C) <u>Changes to Special Orders</u>

When a customer requests changes to a pending order for DA Service, such changes will be undertaken if they can be accommodated by the Telephone Company. The appropriate application of charges as set forth in Section 5. preceding apply for the Directory Access Service changed. In addition, a charge equal to any other costs incurred by the Telephone Company because of the change will apply.

9. <u>Directory Assistance Service</u> (Cont'd)

9.1 General Description (Cont'd)

9.1.3 Rate Categories

There are two rate categories which apply to Directory Assistance Service:

- Directory Assistance Service Call
- Directory Transport Service

(A) <u>Directory Assistance Service Call</u>

The Directory Assistance Service Call rate category provides for the use of general DA Services such as operators and DA access equipment necessary to provide DA Service to a customer.

(B) <u>Directory Transport Service</u>

Directory Transport Service provides the transmission facilities and transport termination between the premises of the ordering customer and the DA location. For purposes of determining Directory Transport Mileage, distance will be measured from the wire center that normally serves the customer premises to the DA location(s).

Directory Transport is a two-way voice frequency transmission path composed of Switched Access Local Transport facilities as set forth in 6.1.3 preceding. The two-way voice frequency path transports calls in the terminating direction (from the premises of the ordering customer to the DA location). The following rate elements, which are more fully described in 6.1.3(A) preceding, are applicable.

9. <u>Directory Assistance Service</u> (Cont'd)

9.1 General Description (Cont'd)

9.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

- (B) <u>Directory Transport Service</u> (Cont'd)
 - <u>Entrance Facility</u> for the transport of the DA call from the customer's premises to the serving wire center of that premises.
 - <u>Direct Trunked Transport</u> (i.e., Direct Trunked Facility and Direct Trunked Termination) for the transport of the DA call from the customer's serving wire center to the DA location without switching at a tandem or from the serving wire center to the tandem.
 - <u>Tandem Switched Transport</u> (i.e., Tandem Switched Facility, Tandem Switched Termination, and Tandem Switching) for the transport of the DA call from the customer's serving wire center to the DA location with switching at a tandem, or from the tandem to the DA location.
 - Residual Interconnection Charge for the Local Transport costs that are not recovered by the Entrance Facility, Direct Trunked Transport, Tandem Switched Transport, Multiplexing, or dedicated signaling (i.e., SS7) rates.
 - <u>Multiplexing</u> DS3 to DS1 Multiplexing charges apply when a High Capacity DS3 Entrance Facility or Direct Trunked Facility is connected with High Capacity DS1 Direct Trunked Transport. The DS3 to DS1 multiplexer will convert a 44.736 Mbps channel to 28 DS1 channels using digital time division multiplexing.

9. <u>Directory Assistance Service</u> (Cont'd)

9.1 General Description (Cont'd)

9.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(B) <u>Directory Transport Service</u> (Cont'd)

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

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

The customer will specify whether the Directory Access Service is to be routed directly to a DA location or through an access tandem switch appropriately equipped for DA measurement and served by DA trunks to the DA location when such an access tandem switch is available. The combination of Feature Group B, C or D Switched Access Service with DA Service will only be provided at such available and appropriately equipped access tandem switches.

9. <u>Directory Assistance Service</u> (Cont'd)

9.1 General Description (Cont'd)

9.1.3 Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(B) <u>Directory Transport Service</u> (Cont'd)

When Directory Transport is provided using a Direct Trunked Transport to the DA location, no address signaling is provided. When Directory Transport is provided with the use of an access tandem switch, wink start-start pulsing signaling is provided at the access tandem switch. When access tandem routing is provided, the customer shall address each call to the DA location using NPA + 555 + 1212 or when required by the Telephone Company, 555-1212. Only NPA codes handled by the DA location served by the access tandem switch will be processed.

Directory Transport is provided with one of the Local Transport Interface Groups as set forth in 15.1.1 following.

9.1.4 **Special Facilities Routing**

A customer may request that Directory Access Service be provided via Special Facilities Routing. The regulations, rates and charges for Special Facility Routing (Avoidance, Diversity and Cable Only) are as set forth in 11. following.

9. <u>Directory Assistance Service</u> (Cont'd)

9.1 General Description (Cont'd)

9.1.5 Design Layout Report

The Telephone Company will provide to the customer the makeup of the facilities and services provided under this section as Directory Access Service. This information will be provided in the form of a Design Layout Report similar to that set forth in 6.1.5 preceding. Design Layout Reports for Directory Access Service will be provided only when specifically requested by the customer. The Design Layout Report will be provided to the customer at no charge, and will be reissued or updated whenever the facilities provided for the customer's use are materially changed.

9.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

9.2.1 Number of Telephone Number Requests

A maximum of two (2) requests for telephone numbers will be accepted per call to Directory Assistance and DA operators will not transfer, forward or redial the call to another location for any purpose other than the provision of DA Service.

9.2.2 <u>Telephone Number Availability</u>

A telephone number which is not listed in DA records will not be available to the customer's end user.

9. <u>Directory Assistance Service</u> (Cont'd)

9.2 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Cont'd)

9.2.3 Selection of DA Locations

The Telephone Company will specify the DA location which provides the DA Service for each numbering plan area code (NPA). The DA locations are as shown in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC., TARIFF F.C.C. No. 4.

When it becomes necessary to change a DA location, as determined by the Telephone Company, the Telephone Company will notify the involved customers six months prior to the change. For such changes, the regulations as set forth in 2.1.7 preceding apply.

9.2.4 Transmission Specifications

Each Directory Assistance Service transmission path is provided with standard transmission specifications, either Type A or B, as set forth respectively in 15.1.2(E) and (F) following. The specifications associated with the parameters are guaranteed to the DA location. The standard for a particular transmission path is dependent upon the following:

- Whether Directory Access Service is provided in combination with Feature Group B, C or D Switched Access Service, or
- When not provided in combination with Switched Access Service, whether routed direct or via an access tandem switch.

The available transmission specifications are set forth in 15.3.2 following.

9. <u>Directory Assistance Service</u> (Cont'd)

9.2 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Cont'd)

9.2.5 Testing

(A) Acceptance Testing

The acceptance testing capabilities for Directory Access Service traffic routed through an access tandem are the same as those for the associated Feature Group C or D end office switching. The acceptance testing for Directory Access Service traffic routed directly, or routed in separate trunk groups through an access tandem to the DA location will be the same as that for Switched Access Service as set forth in 6.2.4 preceding.

(B) Routine Testing

Routine testing capabilities for Directory Access Service traffic routed through an access tandem are the same as those for the associated Feature Group C or D end office switching. Routine testing capabilities for Directory Access Service traffic routed directly, or routed in a separate trunk group through an access tandem, to the DA location, will be as set forth in 13.3.1(A)(3) following (Additional Manual Testing).

9.2.6 <u>Determination of Number of Transmission Paths</u>

The number of Directory Transport transmission paths provided is based on the customer's order and is determined by the Telephone Company in a manner similar to Switched Access Service transmission paths as set forth in 6.2.5 preceding.

9.2.7 <u>Supervisory Signaling</u>

Trunk side switching is provided at the DA Service access location. The DA Service access location will provide trunk answer and disconnect supervisory signaling.

9. <u>Directory Assistance Service</u> (Cont'd)

9.3 Obligations of the Customer

In addition to the obligations of the customer as set forth in Section 2. preceding, the customer has certain specific obligations concerning the use of Directory Assistance Service. These obligations are as follows:

9.3.1 <u>Jurisdictional Reports</u>

Directory Transport may, at the option of the customer, be provided for both interstate and intrastate communications. When the customer requests such mixed access, the intrastate Directory Transport charges will be determined by the Telephone Company using the data furnished by the customer as set forth in 2.3.11 preceding.

9.3.2 **Supervisory Signaling**

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

9. <u>Directory Assistance Service</u> (Cont'd)

9.3 Obligations of the Customer (Cont'd)

9.3.3 Ordering of Separate Trunk Groups

When requested by the Telephone Company, the customer shall order a separate trunk group for DA Service for each NPA. The conditions when the customer will be requested to order separate trunk groups for each NPA are set forth in 9.1.1 preceding.

9.3.4 Notice of Discontinuance of Service

DA Service is ordered and renewed for a minimum period of six months at a time, as set forth in 9.1.2(A) preceding. Not later than three months prior to the end of any six month period, the customer shall notify the Telephone Company if the service is to be discontinued at the end of that period.

9. <u>Directory Assistance Service</u> (Cont'd)

9.4 Rate Regulations

This section contains the specific regulations governing rates and charges that apply for Directory Assistance Service.

9.4.1 Nonrecurring Charges

Nonrecurring charges for DA Service are one-time charges that apply for a specific work activity (i.e., installation, change to an existing service and DA Service rearrangements).

(A) <u>Installation of Service</u>

Nonrecurring Local Transport Installation and Direct Trunked Transport Activation charges as set forth in 17.2.1(A) and (E) following are applied as set forth in 6.4.1(B)(1) preceding to each Directory Access Service installed.

(B) DA Service Rearrangements

All changes to existing services other than changes involving administrative activities will be treated as a discontinuance of the existing service and an installation of a new service.

9. <u>Directory Assistance Service</u> (Cont'd)

9.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

9.4.2 <u>Directory Assistance Service Call Charge</u>

The Directory Assistance service call charge, as set forth in 17.2.5(A) following, applies for each call to DA Service. A call is a call which has been answered by a DA operator. The charge applies whether or not the DA operator provides the requested telephone number. The number of calls answered by DA operators will be accumulated by Telephone Company measuring equipment. A credit for the provision of an incorrect telephone number will be applied as set forth in 9.4.8 following.

9.4.3 <u>Directory Transport Service</u>

The premium Local Transport charges set forth in 17.2 following are also applicable to Directory Transport Service and will be assessed on the same basis as the Switched Access Local Transport rate elements set forth in 6.1.3(A) preceding:

- Entrance Facility
- Direct Trunked Transport
- Tandem Switched Transport
- Multiplexing
- Residual Interconnection Charge

9. <u>Directory Assistance Service</u> (Cont'd)

9.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

9.4.4 Minimum Periods

The minimum period for which DA 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.

If DA Service is discontinued prior to the end of each six month period, the charges that apply for the remaining months are the non-recoverable costs. Such costs include the non-recoverable cost of equipment and material ordered, provided or used, plus the non-recoverable cost of installation and removal including the costs of engineering, labor supervision, transportation, rights-of-way and other associated costs less estimated net salvage.

The minimum period for which High Capacity DS3 Entrance Facilities or High Capacity DS3 Direct Trunked Transport is provided is twelve months.

9.4.5 <u>Minimum Monthly Charge</u>

DA service is subject to a minimum monthly charge. The minimum monthly charge is calculated as follows:

The minimum monthly charge for Directory Assistance Service calls is the charge as set forth in 17.2.5(A) following for the actual usage for the month.

For the Directory Transport rate element, the minimum monthly charge the customer will be assessed will be the usage charges based on actual usage. For flat rated Directory Transport rate elements, the minimum monthly charge is the sum of the recurring charges prorated to the number of days or major fraction of days based on a 30 day month. Rates for Directory Transport are set forth in 17.2.2 following.

9. <u>Directory Assistance Service</u> (Cont'd)

9.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

9.4.6 DA Service Rearrangements

Nonrecurring charges apply for service rearrangements. Service rearrangements and the regulations concerning the application of associated nonrecurring charges are as set forth in 6.4.1(B)(3) preceding.

9.4.7 <u>Moves</u>

A move involves a change in the physical location of the point of termination at the customer designated premises or of the customer designated premises. Moves will be treated as set forth in 6.4.4 preceding and all associated nonrecurring charges will apply. Minimum period requirements will be established at the new location as set forth in 6.4.4 preceding. The customer will also remain responsible for satisfying all outstanding minimum period charges for the discontinued service.

9.4.8 <u>Credit Allowance for Service Outages and Incorrect Numbers</u>

(A) When the DA location or DA operator equipment or terminals are out of service due to a Telephone Company equipment failure a credit allowance is provided. When an incorrect number is provided and a customer DA call has been answered by a DA operator, a credit allowance is provided. The credit allowance provided is equal to the rate for a Directory Assistance Service Call as set forth in 17.2.5(A) following. The credit will be applied to the customer's charges.

9. <u>Directory Assistance Service</u> (Cont'd)

9.4 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

9.4.8 <u>Credit Allowances for Service Outages and Incorrect Numbers</u> (Cont'd)

- (B) In addition to the credit as set forth in (A) preceding, when a DA operator or DA equipment provides an incorrect number for a call and the customer reports such occurrences to the Telephone Company, a credit allowance for the Switched Access portion of the call in the originating LATA of such DA call will apply. The credit will be as set forth in (C) following. When the customer reports such a call and the number requested, the number provided and the reason the number provided is incorrect, the number of calls for which a credit will apply will be developed by the Telephone Company in cooperation with the customer.
- (C) When a DA call is not completed due to the failure of Directory Access Service to DA locations, DA access equipment or DA operator activities, a credit allowance for the Switched Access Service portion in the originating LATA of such DA call will apply. When the customer reports such a call and DA number dialed, time of the call and the date of the call, the number of calls for which a credit will apply will be developed by the Telephone Company in cooperation with the customer. The credit will be as set forth in 17.2.5(C) following. Credit allowances for other services interruptions will be provided as set forth in 2.4.4 preceding.

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.

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.

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 other sections of this tariff.

10.5.1 Type and Description

(A) Voice Grade Special Access Services

(1) <u>Voice Grade Secure Communications Type I</u>

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)

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)
 - (1) <u>Voice Grade Secure Communications Type I</u> (Cont'd)

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.

(2) <u>Voice Grade Secure Communications Type II</u>

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.

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) <u>Voice Grade Special Access Services</u> (Cont'd)

(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) <u>Voice Grade Secure Communications Type IV</u>

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.

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) <u>Wideband Digital Special Access Service</u>

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) <u>Wideband Secure Communications Type III</u>

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.

10. Special Federal Government Access Services (Cont'd)

10.6 Rates and Charges

10.6.1 General

The rates and charges for special offerings to the Federal Government, such as set forth in 10.5 preceding, are developed on an individual cases basis and are set forth in 17.4.5 following.

10.6.2 <u>Voice Grade Special Access</u>

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 17.4.5 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 17.4.5 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.

10. Special Federal Government Access Services (Cont'd)

10.6 Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

10.6.3 Move Charges (Cont'd)

(B) (Cont'd)

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.

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 <u>Diversity</u>

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 <u>Cable-Only Facilities</u>

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 17.4.6 following and are in addition to all other rates and charges that may be applicable for services provided under other sections of this tariff.

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.

Rates and charges and additional regulations if applicable, for Specialized Service or Arrangements are provided on an individual case basis and are as set forth in 17.4.7 following.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services

13.1 addresses Additional Engineering. 13.2 addresses Additional Labor (which is comprised of Overtime Installation, Overtime Repair, Standby, Testing and Maintenance with Other Telephone Companies, and Other Labor). 13.3 addresses Miscellaneous Services (which are comprised of Testing Services, Maintenance of Service and Telecommunications Service Priority). 13.4 addresses Presubscription.

In this section, normally scheduled working hours are an employee's scheduled work period in any given calendar day (e.g., 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) for the application of rates based on working hours.

A Miscellaneous Service Order Charge as described in 5.4.2 preceding may be applicable to services ordered from this section.

13.1 Additional Engineering

Additional Engineering, including engineering reviews as set forth in 5.4.3 preceding, will be undertaken only after the Telephone Company has notified the customer that additional engineering charges apply as set forth in 17.4.2 following, and the customer agrees to such charges.

Additional Engineering will be provided by the Telephone Company at the request of the customer only when:

- (A) A customer requests additional technical information after the Telephone Company has already provided the technical information normally included on the Design Layout Report (DLR) as set forth in 6.1.5 and 7.1.6 preceding.
- (B) Additional Engineering time is incurred by the Telephone Company to engineer a customer's request for a customized service as set forth in 7.1.2 preceding.
- (C) A customer requested Design Change requires the expenditure of Additional Engineering time. Such additional engineering time is incurred by the Telephone Company for the engineering review as set forth in 5.4.3 preceding. The charge for additional engineering time relating to the engineering review, which is undertaken to determine if a design change is indeed required, will apply whether or not the customer authorizes the Telephone Company to proceed with the Design Change. In this case the Design Change charge, as set forth in 17.4.1(B) following, does not apply unless the customer authorizes the Telephone Company to proceed with the Design Change.

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13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.2 Additional Labor

Additional Labor is that labor requested 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 17.4.3 following will apply before any additional labor is undertaken. 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. When provisioning or restoring Telecommunications Service Priority services, the Telephone Company will, when possible, notify the customer of the applicability of these Additional Labor charges.

13.2.1 Overtime Installation

Overtime installation is that Telephone Company installation effort outside of normally scheduled working hours.

13.2.2 Overtime Repair

Overtime repair is that Telephone Company effort performed outside of normally scheduled working hours.

13.2.3 Standby

Standby includes all time in excess of one-half (1/2) hour during which Telephone Company personnel standby to make installation acceptance tests or cooperative tests with a customer to verify facility repair on a given service.

13.2.4 Testing and Maintenance with Other Telephone Companies

Additional testing, maintenance or repair of facilities which connect other telephone companies is that which is in addition to the normal effort required to test, maintain or repair facilities provided solely by the Telephone Company.

13.2.5 Other Labor

Other labor is that additional labor not included in 13.2.1 through 13.2.4 preceding and labor incurred to accommodate a specific customer request that involves only labor which is not covered by any other section of this tariff.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u>

13.3.1 Testing Services

Testing Services offered under this section of the tariff are optional and subject to rates and charges as set forth in 17.4.4 following. 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. Other testing services, as described in 6.2.4 and 7.1.7 preceding, are provided by the Telephone Company in association with Access Services and are furnished at no additional charge.

Testing Services are normally provided by Telephone Company personnel at Telephone Company locations; however, provisions are made in (B) (2) following for a customer to request Telephone Company personnel to perform Testing Services at the customer designated premises.

The offering of Testing Services under this section of the tariff is made subject to the availability of the necessary qualified personnel and test equipment at the various test locations mentioned in (A) and (B) following.

(A) Switched Access Service

Testing Services for Switched Access are comprised of (a) tests which are performed during the installation of a Switched Access Service, (i.e., Acceptance Tests), (b) tests which are performed after customer acceptance of such access services and which are without charge (i.e., routine testing) and (c) additional tests which are performed during or after customer acceptance of such access services and for which additional charges apply, (i.e., Additional Cooperative Acceptance Tests and in-service tests).

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd')

13.3.1 <u>Testing Services</u> (Cont'd)

(A) Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

Routine tests are those tests performed by the Telephone Company on a regular basis, as set forth in 6.2.4 preceding which are required to maintain Switched Access Service. Additional in-service tests may be done on an automatic basis (no Telephone Company or customer technicians involved), on a manual basis [Telephone Company technician(s) involved at Telephone Company office(s) and Telephone Company or customer technician(s) involved at the customer designated premises].

Testing services are ordered to the Dial Tone Office for FGA, to the access tandem or end office for FGB (wherever the FGB service is ordered) and to the end office for FG's C and D. Testing Services for Directory Assistance Service not routed through an access tandem is ordered to a Directory Assistance Location for each NPA.

(1) Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing

Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing of Switched Access Service involves the Telephone Company provision of a technician at its office(s) and the customer provision of a technician at its premises, with suitable test equipment to perform the required tests.

Additional Cooperative Acceptance Tests may, for example, consist of the following tests:

- . Impulse Noise
- . Phase Jitter
- . Signal to C-Notched Noise Ratio
- . Intermodulation (Nonlinear) Distortion
- . Frequency Shift (Offset)
- . Envelope Delay Distortion
- . Dial Pulse Percent Break

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)

13.3.1 <u>Testing Services</u> (Cont'd)

(A) Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

(2) Additional Automatic Testing

Additional Automatic Testing (AAT) of Switched Access Services (Feature Groups B, C and D), is a service where the customer provides remote office test lines and 105 test lines with associated responders or their functional equivalent. The customer may order, at additional charges, gain-slope and C-notched noise testing and may order the routine tests (1004 Hz loss, C-Message Noise and Balance) on an as-needed or more than routine schedule.

The Telephone Company will provide an AAT report that lists the test results for each trunk tested. Trunk test failures requiring customer participation for trouble resolution will be provided to the customer on an as-occurs basis.

The Additional Tests, (i.e., gain slope, C-notched noise, 1004 Hz loss, C-message noise and balance) may be ordered by the customer at additional charges, 60 days prior to the start of the customer prescribed schedule. The rates for Additional Automatic Tests are as set forth in 17.4.4(B) following.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3.1 <u>Testing Services</u> (Cont'd)

(A) Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

(3) Additional Manual Testing

Additional Manual Testing (AMT) of Switched Access Services (Feature Groups A, B, C, and D and Directory Access Service not routed through an access tandem), is a service where the Telephone Company provides a technician at its office(s) and the Telephone Company or customer provides a technician at the customer designated premises, with suitable test equipment to perform the required tests. Such additional tests will normally consist of gain-slope and C-notched noise testing. However, the Telephone Company will conduct any additional tests which the IC may request.

The Telephone Company will provide an AMT report listing the test results for each trunk tested. Trunk test failures requiring customer participation for trouble resolution will be provided to the customer on a per occurrence basis.

The Additional Manual Tests may be ordered by the customer at additional charges, 60 days prior to the start of the testing schedule as mutually agreed to by the customer and the Telephone Company.

The rates for Additional Manual Testing are as set forth in 17.4.4(C) following.

- 13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)
 - 13.3 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)
 - 13.3.1 <u>Testing Services</u> (Cont'd)
 - (A) Switched Access Service (Cont'd)
 - (4) Obligations of the Customer
 - (A) The customer shall provide the Remote Office Test Line priming data to the Telephone Company, as appropriate, to support routine testing as set forth in 6.2.4(B) preceding or AAT as set forth in 13.3.1(A)(2) preceding.
 - (B) The customer shall make the facilities to be tested available to the Telephone Company at times mutually agreed upon.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)

13.3.1 <u>Testing Services</u> (Cont'd)

(B) Special Access Service

The Telephone Company will provide assistance in performing specific tests requested by the customer.

(1) Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing

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 will provide a technician at its office for the purpose of conducting Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing on Voice Grade Services. At the customers' request, the Telephone Company will provide a technician at the customer's premises or at the end user premises. These tests may, for example, 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

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)

13.3.1 <u>Testing Services</u> (Cont'd)

(B) Special Access Service (Cont'd)

(2) Additional Manual Testing

The Telephone Company will provide a technician at its premises, and the Telephone Company or customer will provide a technician at the customer's designated premises with suitable test equipment to perform the requested tests.

(3) Obligation of the Customer

When the customer subscribes to Testing Service as set forth in this section, the customer shall make the facilities to be tested available to the Telephone Company at times mutually agreed upon.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)

13.3.2 Maintenance of Service

- (A) 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 as set forth in 17.4.4(F) following for the period of time from when Telephone Company personnel are dispatched, at the request of the customer, to the customer designated 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 discovered at the time.
- (B) The customer shall be responsible for payment of a Maintenance of Service charge when the Telephone Company dispatches personnel to the customer designated 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 involved if the Maintenance of Service Charge applies.

13.3.3 Telecommunications Service Priority - TSP

(A) Priority installation and/or restoration of National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) telecommunications services shall be provided in accordance with Part 64.401, Appendix A, of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) Rules and Regulations.

In addition, TSP System service shall be provided in accordance with the guidelines set forth in "Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System for National Security Emergency Preparedness (NSEP) Service Vendor Handbook" (NCSH 3-1-2) dated July 9, 1990, and "Telecommunications Service Priority System for National Security Emergency Preparedness Service User Manual" (NCSM 3-1-1).

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13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3.3 <u>Telecommunications Service Priority - TSP</u> (Cont'd)

(A) (Cont'd)

The TSP System is a service, developed to meet the requirements of the Federal Government, as specified in the Service Vendor's Handbook and Service User's Manual which provides the regulatory, administrative and operational framework for the priority installation and/or restoration of NSEP telecommunications services. 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 providing such services.

For Switched Access Service, the TSP System's applicability is limited to those services which the Telephone Company can discreetly identify for priority provisioning and/or restoration.

(B) A Telecommunications Service Priority charge applies as set forth in 17.4.4 when a request to provide or change a Telecommunications Service Priority is received subsequent to the issuance of an Access Order to install the service.

Additionally, a Miscellaneous Service Order Charge as set forth in 17.4.1 will apply to Telecommunications Service Priority requests that are ordered subsequent to the initial installation of the associated access service.

A Telecommunications Service Priority charge does not apply when a Telecommunications Service Priority is discontinued or when ordered coincident with an Access Order to install or change service.

In addition, Additional Labor rates as set forth in 17.4.3 may be applicable when provisioning or restoring Switched or Special Access Services with Telecommunications Service Priority.

When the customer requests an audit or a reconciliation of the Telephone Company's Telecommunications Service Priority records, a Miscellaneous Service Order Charge as set forth in 17.4.1 (D) and Additional Labor rates as set forth in 17.4.3 are applicable.

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13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.3 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)

13.3.4 <u>Miscellaneous Equipment</u>

(A) Controller Arrangement

This arrangement enables the customer to control up to 48 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 a 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.

Charges for the Controller Arrangement are set forth in 17.4.4(H) following.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.4 <u>InterLATA Presubscription</u>

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Memorandum Opinion and Order, CC Docket No. 83-1145, Phase I, adopted May 31, 1985, and released June 12, 1985, the Allocation Plan, outlined in the Appendix B of this Order, will be available for inspection in the Public Reference Room of the Tariff Division at the Federal Communications Commission's Washington D.C., location or may be obtained from the Commission's commercial contractor.

- (A) Presubscription is the process by which end user customers may select and designate to the Telephone Company an IC to access, without an access code, for interLATA, intrastate calls. This IC is referred to as the end user's predesignated IC.
- (B) On the effective date of this tariff, all existing end users have access to intrastate MTS/WATS. No later than 85 days prior to conversion to Feature Group D in a serving end office, the Telephone Company will notify end users of the availability of equal access in their particular area. The notification will include the names of all ICs wishing to participate in the presubscription process. This notification will be sent via U.S. Mail to each end user of record served by the end office to be converted.
- (C) End users may select one of the following options at no charge:
 - indicate a primary IC for all of its lines,
 - indicate a different IC for each of its lines.

Only one IC may be selected for each line or lines terminating in the same hunt group.

End users may designate that they do not want to presubscribe to any IC. The end user must arrange this designation by directly notifying the Telephone Company's business office. This choice will require the end user to dial an access code (10XXX or 101XXXX) for all intrastate calls.

After the end user's initial selection of a predesignated IC or the designation that they do not want to presubscribe to any IC, for any change in selection after conversion to Equal Access in the serving end office, a nonrecurring charge, as set forth in 17.4.4(I) following applies.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.4 <u>InterLATA Presubscription</u> (Cont'd)

(D) End users not responding to the initial notification will be sent a second notification for the selection of a predesignated IC no earlier than 40 days prior to or no later than 90 days after the conversion to Equal Access in a serving end office. This second notification will indicate the primary IC that has been assigned to them if they fail to respond to the second notification.

After the allocation process has been completed, end users assigned to an IC via the allocation process may change their IC one time within six months after conversion to Equal Access in the serving end office at no charge.

Following the six month period after conversion to Equal Access for any change in selection, a nonrecurring charge as set forth in 17.4.4(I) following, applies.

When an end user indicates more than one IC selection on the return notification or returns an illegible return notification, the Telephone Company will contact the end user for clarification. If the end user indicates an IC selection on the return notification that does not match with information provided by an IC and both notifications indicate the same authorization date, the end user's notification takes precedence and the Telephone Company will process the end user's selection. In the event that two or more ICs provide to the Telephone Company notifications with the same authorization date and neither notification has been processed, the Telephone Company will contact the end user for clarification. A list of these end users in conflict must be sent to the affected IC by the Telephone Company.

In the event that two or more ICs have provided to the Telephone Company notifications with the same authorization date(s), and one IC notification has already been processed by the Telephone Company, those IC notifications not yet processed would be returned to the ICs.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.4 <u>InterLATA Presubscription</u> (Cont'd)

- (F) New end users who are served by end offices equipped with Feature Group D will be asked to presubscribe to an IC at the time they place an order with the Telephone Company for Telephone Exchange Service. They may select either of the following options. There will be no charge for this initial selection.
 - designate a primary IC for all of its lines,
 - designate a different IC for each of its lines.

Only one IC may be selected for each individual line, or lines terminating in the same hunt group. Subsequent to the installation of Telephone Exchange Service and after the end user's initial selection of a predesignated IC, for any change in selection, a nonrecurring charge, as set forth in 17.4.4(I) following, applies.

(G) If the new end user fails to designate an IC as its predesignated IC prior to the date of installation of Telephone Exchange Service, the Telephone Company will (1) allocate the end user to an IC based upon current IC presubscription ratios, (2) require the end user to dial an access code (10XXX or 101XXXX) for all intrastate calls, or (3) block the end user from intrastate calling. The end user will be notified which option will be applied if they fail to presubscribe to an IC. An allocated or blocked end user may designate another, or initial, IC as its predesignated IC one time at no charge, if it is requested within six months after the installation of Telephone Exchange Service.

For any change in selection after 6 months from the installation of Telephone Exchange Service, a nonrecurring charge, as set forth in 17.4.4(I) following applies.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.4 <u>InterLATA Presubscription</u> (Cont'd)

- (H) If an IC elects to discontinue its Feature Group D service offering prior to or within 2 years of the conversion, the IC will notify the Telephone Company of the cancellation. The IC will also notify all end users which selected them that they are cancelling their service and that they should contact the Telephone Company to select a new primary IC. The IC will also inform the end user that it will pay the presubscription change charge. The cancelling IC will then be billed by the Telephone Company the appropriate charge for each end user for a period of two years from the discontinuance of Feature Group D service.
- (I) If an IC elects to change or discontinue use of a Carrier Identification Code (CIC) for any reasons other than those set forth in (H) above, the IC will identify to the Telephone Company any affected end users and advise the Telephone Company of the new CIC to be assigned to these end users. If the CIC change involves a change of carrier for any end users, the IC will notify the affected end users of the change. The Telephone Company will change the predesignated carrier code of each end user identified by the IC to the new CIC and bill the IC the nonrecurring charge set forth in 17.4.4(I) following for each end user line or trunk that is changed.

13.5 Verification of Orders for Long Distance Telemarketing

No IC shall submit to the Telephone Company a Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) change order generated by telemarketing unless and until the order has first been confirmed in accordance with one of the following procedures:

- (A) The IC obtains the billed party's (e.g., an end user or the designator of the PIC for a pay telephone) written authorization to submit the PIC change order. The written authorization shall take the form of a letter of agency which:
 - shall be a separate document whose sole purpose is to authorize an interexchange carrier to initiate a primary interexchange carrier change.
 - shall be signed and dated by the billed party of the telephone line(s) requesting the primary interexchange carrier change.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.5 <u>Verification of Orders for Long Distance Telemarketing</u> (Cont'd)

- (A) (Cont'd)
 - shall not be combined with inducements of any kind on the same document.
 - shall not suggest or require that the billed party take some action in order to retain the billed party's current interexchange carrier.
 - shall have all portions translated into another language if any portion of the letter of agency is translated into another language.
 - may be combined with checks that contain only the required letter of agency language that follows and the necessary information to make the check a negotiable instrument. At a minimum, the letter of agency should be printed with a type of sufficient size and readable type to be clearly legible and must contain clear and unambiguous language that confirms:
 - -- The billed party's billing name and address and each telephone number to be covered by the PIC change order; and
 - -- The billed party's decision to change the PIC to the IC; and
 - -- The billed party's intention to designate the interexchange carrier to act as it's agent for the PIC change; and
 - The billed party's understanding that only one interexchange carrier may be designated as the billed party's intrastate interLATA primary interexchange carrier for any one telephone number. To the extent that a jurisdiction allows the selection of additional primary interexchange carriers, the letter of agency must contain separate statements regarding these choices. Any carrier designated as a primary interexchange carrier must be the carrier directly setting the rates for the billed party. One interexchange carrier can be both the billed party's interstate primary interexchange carrier and a billed party's intrastate primary interexchange carrier; and

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.5 <u>Verification of Orders for Long Distance Telemarketing</u> (Cont'd)

- (A) (Cont'd)
 - -- The billed party's understanding that they may incur a charge for changing the primary interexchange carrier; or
- (B) The IC obtains the billed party's electronic authorization to submit the PIC change order. The billed party will place a call, from the telephone number(s) on which the PIC is to be changed, to a toll free telephone number that is dedicated to the IC's PIC verification process. The verification number will connect the billed party to a voice response unit that records the originating ANI and the required information described in (A) preceding; or
- (C) An appropriately qualified and independent third party, operating in a location physically separate from the telemarketing representative, obtains the billed party's oral authorization to submit the PIC change order. This authorization must confirm the order and include appropriate verification data (e.g., the billed party's date of birth or social security number); or
- (D) Within three business days of the billed party's request for a PIC change, the IC must send them an information package by first class mail which includes:
 - a statement that the enclosed information is being sent to confirm a telemarketing order placed by the billed party within the previous week,
 - the name of the current and soliciting ICs,
 - the terms, conditions or charges for the PIC change,
 - the name of the person who ordered the change,
 - the name, address and telephone number of both the customer and the soliciting IC,

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.5 <u>Verification of Orders for Long Distance Telemarketing</u> (Cont'd)

- (D) (Cont'd)
 - a statement advising the billed party that, absent their response, the change will be implemented 14 days from the date the information package was mailed to them,
 - the name, address and telephone number of a contact point at the FCC for consumer complaints.

The IC must provide a postpaid postcard which the billed party can use to deny, cancel or confirm the order. The IC must wait 14 days after the information package is mailed to the billed party before submitting the PIC change order to the Telephone Company.

13.6 Unauthorized PIC Change

If an IC requests a Primary Interexchange Carrier (PIC) change on behalf of a billed party (e.g., an end user or the designator of the PIC for a pay telephone), and the billed party subsequently denies requesting the change, and the IC is unable to substaniate the change with a letter of authorization signed by the billed party; then:

- The billed party will be reassigned to its previously selected IC. No charge will apply to the billed party for this reassignment.
- The Unauthorized Presubscription Change Charge as set forth in 17.4.4(J) will apply to the IC that requested the unauthorized PIC change. This charge is applied in addition to the \$5.00 PIC change charge.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.7 <u>IntraLATA Presubscription</u>

- (A) Presubscription is an arrangement whereby an end user may select and designate to the Telephone Company an interexchange Carrier (IC) to access, without an access code, for intraLATA intrastate toll calls. This IC is referred to as the end user's predesignated IC.
- (B) New end users who subscribe to service after the ILP implementation date will be asked to select a predesignated IC when they place an order for Telephone Company Exchange Service. If a customer cannot decide upon an intraLATA IC, the customer will be assigned a 'No-PIC' and will have to dial an access code to make intraLATA toll calls.

An existing customer shall default to the serving Telephone Company at the time of implementation. Any changes made 60 days after implementation will be subject to a nonrecurring charge as set forth in Section 17.4.4 (O)

New end users will be able to make their initial intraLATA IC selection at no charge, any changes made after initial selection will be subject to a nonrecurring charge as set forth in Section 17.4.4(O).

- (C) If a customer has selected more than one intraLATA IC, the Telephone Company will process the PIC with the latest customer authorization date.
- (D) IntraLATA Presubscription costs shall be recovered over a one year period from each IC on their monthly intrastate switched access minutes. The monthly charge for cost recovery is set forth in Section 17.4.4(P).

13.8 Blocking Service

13.8.1 Reserved for Future Use

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.8 Blocking Service (Cont'd)

13.8.2 900 Blocking Service

The Telephone Company will provide 900 Blocking Service to customers who obtain local exchange services from the Telephone Company under its general or local exchange tariffs and to customers who obtain Feature Group A Switched Access service under this tariff. This service is only provided at appropriately equipped end offices. Those offices providing 900 Blocking Service are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4.

On each line or trunk for which 900 Blocking Service is ordered, the Telephone Company will block all direct dialed calls placed to a 900 number. When capable, the Telephone Company will route the blocked calls to a recorded message.

A Blocking Service charge as set forth in 17.4.4(K) following is applicable when ordered by the end user customer with the following exceptions:

- Blocking access to 900 Service is offered to all subscribers at no charge at the time telephone service is established at a new number and for 60 days thereafter.

The Blocking Service charge is applied for each line, trunk or Feature Group A Switched Access service to which 900 Blocking Service is added or removed. Requests by subscribers to remove 900 Blocking Service must be in writing. This charge does not apply when blocking is removed from an exchange line or trunk or Feature Group A Switched Access line at the same time that it is disconnected.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.9 <u>Billing Name and Address Service</u>

13.9.1 General Description

- (A) Billing Name and Address (BNA) Service is the provision by the Telephone Company to an intrastate service provider who is a customer of the Telephone Company of the complete billing name, street address, city or town, state and zip code for a telephone number or calling card account number assigned by the Telephone Company. An intrastate service provider is defined as an interexchange carrier, an operator service provider, an enhanced service provider or any other provider of intrastate telecommunications services.
- (B) BNA Service is provided only for the purposes of allowing customers to bill their end users for telephone services provided by the customer, order entry and customer service information, fraud prevention, identification of end users who have moved to a new address, any purpose associated with equal access requirement, and information associated with Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) calling card calls, collect calls and third party calls.

BNA information may not be resold or used for any other purpose including, but not limited to, marketing or merchandising activities.

(C) BNA information associated with listed/published telephone numbers will be provided. Requests for BNA information associated with non-published and unlisted telephone numbers will be provided, unless the subscriber to a nonpublished or unlisted telephone number has affirmatively requested that its BNA not be disclosed.

13.9.2 Undertaking of the Telephone Company

- (A) A standard format for the receipt of BNA requests and the provision of BNA information will be established by the Telephone Company.
- (B) Standard response to BNA requests will be by First Class Mail. Standard format will be on paper. Optional Magnetic Tape formatting will be offered where available.
- (C) Where facilities are available, the customer may request an optional specialized output format required to meet a specific customer need.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.9 <u>Billing Name and Address Service</u> (Cont'd)

13.9.2 <u>Undertaking of the Telephone Company</u> (Cont'd)

- (D) The Telephone Company will make every effort to provide accurate and complete BNA data. The Telephone Company makes no warranties, expressed or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of this information.
- (E) The Telephone Company will not disclose BNA information to parties other than intrastate service providers and their authorized billing agents as defined in 13.9.1(A) preceding. BNA disclosure is limited to those purposes as defined in 13.9.1(B) preceding.
- (F) The Telephone Company reserves the right to request from an intrastate service provider who has placed an order for BNA service, the source data upon which the interexchange carrier has based the order. This request is made to ensure that the BNA information is to be used only for purposes as described in 13.9.1(B) preceding. The Telephone Company will not process the order until such time as the intrastate service provider supplies the requested data.

13.9.3 Obligations of the Customer

- (A) The customer shall order BNA Service on a separate BNA Order. The order must identify both the customer's authorized representative and the address to which the information is to be sent.
- (B) The customer shall treat all BNA information as confidential. The customer shall insure that BNA information is used only for the purposes as described in 13.9.1(B) preceding.
- (C) The customer shall not publicize or represent to others that the Telephone Company jointly participates with the customer in the development of the customer's end user records it assembles through the use of BNA Service.
- (D) Upon request, the customer will provide to the Telephone Company the source data upon which the customer has based an order for BNA service. The Telephone Company will not process the order until such time as the customer provides the requested data.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.9 <u>Billing Name and Address Service</u> (Cont'd)

13.9.4 Rate Regulations

- (A) For each order for BNA information received by the Telephone Company, a BNA Order charge applies. In addition, a charge applies for each customer specific record provided. The BNA Order Charge and the Per Record Charge are specified in 17.4.4 following.
- (B) Where available, the customer may order the response formatted on Magnetic Tape. The Optional Magnetic Tape Charge is specified in 17.4.4 following and is in addition to the BNA Order Charge and the BNA Record Charge.
- (C) Where available, the customer may order an output format other than a standard paper format in order to meet a customer's specific requirement. This option is subject to an hourly programming charge as specified in 17.4.4 following and is in addition to the BNA Order Charge and the BNA Record Charge.

13.10 Originating Line Screening (OLS) Service

The Telephone Company will provide OLS Service to aggregators and other customers who obtain local exchange service from the Telephone Company under its general or local exchange tariff. OLS service enables customers to determine whether there are billing restrictions on exchange service lines from which a call originates. OLS service delivers codes on operator assisted calls made from aggregator locations to identify, calls originating from privately owned payphones, inmate locations, and hotels/motels, etc.

OLS Service is provided at no charge when ordered with the installation of new local exchange service. However, when an OLS code is added to an existing exchange service line, a charge is applied as set forth in 17.4.4(M). This charge is applied for each exchange service line to which an OLS code is assigned. The customer must specify the number of exchange service lines and each individual telephone number equipped.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.10 Originating Line Screening (OLS) Service (Cont'd)

A miscellaneous Service Order Charge as set forth in 17.4.1(D) will apply to orders adding OLS codes that are placed subsequent to the initial installation of the associated exchange service line. This charge does not apply when OLS codes are removed from an exchange service line at the same time that the exchange service line is disconnected.

OLS codes may be delivered using Line Information Database (LIDB) or Flexible Automatic Number Identification (Flex ANI) technology. Those telephone companies delivering OLS codes using LIDB are identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C NO. 4, as those companies delivering OLS codes using Flex ANI.

13.11 Nonchargeable Confirmation Services

13.11.1 <u>Billed Number Screening (BNS)</u>

At the request of the customer, the Telephone Company business office will confirm BNS codes associated with a line to which a call is to be billed.

13.11.2 Originating Line Screening (OLS)

At the request of the customer, the Telephone company business office will confirm OLS codes associated with an exchange service line from which a call originates.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.12 <u>Coin Supervision Additive Service</u>

The Telephones Company will provide Coin Supervision Additive Service to Payphone Service Providers (PSPs) who order local exchange service lines for the provision of pay telephone service and where the pay telephone equipment connected to the local exchange service lines requires central office coin supervision capability. The local exchange service lines used for the provision of pay telephone service are obtained from and subject to the terms and conditions under the Telephone Company's general and/or local tariffs.

Coin Supervision Additive Service provides the capability of central office line equipment to pass signals and/or tones from a local exchange service line to a trunk terminating at the PSP's operator service provider. These signals enable an operator service provider to recognize coin deposits and return coins to the pay telephone user. Coin Supervision Additive Service also permits a suitably equipped operator service provider to automatically ring back the originating local exchange service line upon completion of a call.

13.13 Access Services Billing

Billing Mediums

The customer shall select the primary medium in which its official access service bills and customer service records are to be provided. This selection shall be on an account level basis, and shall be submitted in writing to the Telephone Company.

(A) Primary Bill

At no charge to the customer, the customer shall select as the primary billing medium one of the following billing formats: standard paper, magnetic tape, or data transmission. The primary billing medium shall serve as the customer's official bill. Should the customer fail to make a selection, the official copy of the customer's access service bills and customer service records will be provided in the standard paper format.

Upon acceptance by the Telephone Company of an order for electronic data transfer, the Telephone Company will determine the period of time to implement the transmission of such material on an individual order basis.

When magnetic tape or data transmission is requested as the primary monthly bill, the customer must sign a Document of Understanding.

When magnetic tape or data transmission is requested as the primary monthly bill, the customer will receive an abbreviated bill in paper format. The abbreviated bill will contain the following sections: All Page, Balance Due, Meet Point Billing Cross Reference, Detail of Payments Applied, Detail of Balance Due, Detail of Late Payment Charges, and Other Charges and Credits.

The Telephone Company will accept a request for change from one form of primary billing medium to another at no charge to the customer.

13. Additional Engineering, Additional Labor and Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

13.13 <u>Access Services Billing (Cont'd)</u>

(B) <u>Secondary/Additional Bills</u>

At the customer's written request, a secondary bill, in addition to the customer's primary bill will be provided on a monthly basis. The customer may choose as the medium for the secondary bill one of the following formats: standard paper, magnetic tape, or data transmission. Charges for the provision of a secondary bill are set forth in 3.3.3(F) following.

Additional copies of a customer's previous monthly access service bills will be provided in paper format, or magnetic tape/data transmission if the original bill was generated in this format. Requests for additional copies of previous monthly bills must be submitted in writing and shall specify the bill dates requested. Such a request, when not the result of a Telephone Company error will be subject to charges as set forth in 17.4.4(N) following. Unless specified otherwise, additional copies of the customer's access service bills and/or magnetic tapes will be sent via U.S. Mail Service.

14. Exceptions to Access Service Offerings

The services 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 14.1 through 14.5 following are reserved for future listings as a result of a subsequent survey. In the meantime, in planning an end-to-end service, the customer should contact the Telephone Company in each customer designated 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.)

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications

15.1 contains Switched Access Service Options (which are comprised of Interface Groups, Supervisory Signaling, Entry Switch Receive Level and Local Transport Termination) and Transmission Specifications. 15.2 describes Special Access Service Network Channel (NC) codes and Network Channel Interface (NCI) codes. 15.3 contains Interface Group, Premises Interface Code and Standard Transmission Specifications applicable to Directory Access Service.

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 or 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 <u>Local Transport Interface Groups</u>

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.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.1 <u>Local Transport Interface Groups</u> (Cont'd)

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.

(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.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.1 <u>Local Transport Interface Groups</u> (Cont'd)

(A) Interface Group 1 (Cont'd)

The transmission path between the point of termination at the customer designated premises and the customer 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.

(B) <u>Interface Group 2</u>

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 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.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.1 <u>Local Transport Interface Groups</u> (Cont'd)

(B) Interface Group 2 (Cont'd)

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) <u>Interface Groups 3 through 5</u>

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.

| | | | Maximum No. of |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Interface Group | Transmission | AnalogChannelize | ed Voice |
| Identification No. | Frequency Bandwidth | Hierarchy Level | Freq. Trans. Paths |
| 3 | 60-108 kHz | Group | 12 |
| 4 | 312-552 kHz | Supergroup | 60 |
| 5 | 564-3084 kHz | Mastergroup | 600 |

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.1 <u>Local Transport Interface Groups</u> (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 illustrated following, with the capability to channelize voice frequency transmission paths. Before the first point of switching, when analog switching utilizing analog terminations is provided, the 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 | Nominal Bit | Digital | Max. No. of Channelized |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Identification No. | Rate (Mbps) | Hierarchy Level | 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 |
| | | | |

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

15.1.1 <u>Local Transport Interface Groups</u> (Cont'd)

(E) <u>Local Transport Optional Features</u>

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 17.4.1(A) 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.

- <u>Customer Specified Entry Switch Receive Level</u>

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 TR-NPL-000334. This feature is available with Interface Groups 2 through 10 for Feature Groups A and B.

- <u>Customer Specification of Local Transport</u> 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.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

15.1.1 <u>Local Transport Interface Groups</u> (Cont'd)

- (E) <u>Local Transport Optional Features</u> (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 Kbps bandwidth of a DS0 channel. It is only available in suitably equipped electronic end offices as identified in NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. 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 (SS7) 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

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.1 <u>Local Transport Interface Groups</u> (Cont'd)

(E) <u>Local Transport Optional Features</u> (Cont'd) available only where the first point of switching provides an analog (i.e., non digital)interface to the transport termination.

These optional Supervisory Signaling arrangements are not available in combination with the SS7 optional feature as described in 6.8.2(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) <u>Available Premises Interface Codes</u>

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 | Telephone Company | Premises | <u>F</u> | eature | Grou | <u>ıp</u> |
|-----------|------------------------------|----------------|----------|--------|------|-----------|
| Group | Switch Supervisory Signaling | Interface Code | <u>A</u> | В | С | D |
| 1 | | 21.02 | 37 | | | |
| 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, EC3 | 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 | | | |
| 2 | | 4SF3 | X | | | |
| | LO, GO | _ | | | | |
| | LO | 4LS2 | X | | | |
| | LO | 4LS3 | X | | | |
| | LO | 6LS2 | X | | | |

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

15.1.1 <u>Local Transport Interface Groups</u> (Cont'd)

(F) <u>Available Premises Interface Codes</u> (Cont'd)

| Interface | Telephone Company | Premises | <u>I</u> | eature | e Grou | <u>ıp</u> |
|------------|------------------------------|----------------|----------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Group | Switch Supervisory Signaling | Interface Code | A | В | С | D |
| | | | | | | |
| 2 (Cont'd) | | 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 | | 7.7 | *** |
| | 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 | |
| | RV | 4RV3-T | | 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 | | | |
| J | RV, EA, EB, EC | 4AH6-D | 11 | X | X | X |
| | SS7 | 4AH6-D | | Λ | X | X |
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15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

15.1.1 <u>Local Transport Interface Groups</u> (Cont'd)

(F) <u>Available Premises Interface Codes</u> (Cont'd)

| Interface | Telephone Company | Premises | <u>F</u> | eature | Grou | <u>p</u> |
|-----------|---|---|----------|--------|-------------|-------------|
| Group | Switch Supervisory Signaling | Interface Code | <u>A</u> | В | C | D |
| 6 | LO, GO LO, GO | 4DS9-15 4DS9-15L | X X | 37 | 37 | 37 |
| | RV, EA, EB, EC RV, EA, EB, EC | 4DS9-15 4DS9-15L | | X X | X X | X X |
| | SS7 | 4DS9-15 | | 11 | X | X |
| 7 | LO, GO LO, GO RV, EA, EB, EC RV, EA, EB, EC | 4DS9-31 4DS9-31L 4DS9-31 4DS9-31L | X X | X X | X X | X X |
| 8 | SS7 LO, GO | 4DS9-31 4DS0-63 | X | | X | X |
| | LO, GO RV, EA, EB, EC RV, EA, EB, EC SS7 | 4DS0-63L 4DS0-63 4DS0-63L 4DS0-63 | X | X X | X X X | X X X |
| 9 | LO, GO LO, GO RV, EA, EB, EC RV, EA, EB, EC SS7 | 4DS6-44 4DS6-44 4DS6-44 4DS6-44L 4DS6-44 | X X | X X | X X X | X X X |
| 10 | LO, GO LO, GO RV, EA, EB, EC RV, EA, EB, EC SS7 | 4DS6-27 4DS6-27L 4DS6-27 4DS6-27L 4DS6-27 | X X | X X | X X X | X X X |

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.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.2 <u>Standard Transmission Specifications</u> (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.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.2 <u>Standard Transmission Specifications</u> (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

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.2 <u>Standard Transmission Specifications</u> (Cont'd)

(E) Type A Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(2) <u>Attenuation Distortion</u>

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.

(3) <u>C-Message Noise</u>

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) <u>C-Notch Noise</u>

The maximum C-Notch Noise, utilizing a -16 dBmO holding tone, is less than or equal to 45 dBrnCO.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.2 <u>Standard Transmission Specifications</u> (Cont'd)

(E) Type A Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(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 POT to End Office | 21 dB | 14 |
| - 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 |

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.2 <u>Standard Transmission Specifications</u> (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 \pm 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) <u>C-Message Noise</u>

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.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.2 <u>Standard Transmission Specifications</u> (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 - Terminated in | 21 dB | 14 dB |
| 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 trans- | | |
| mission path at end office) | 16 dB | 11 dB |
| . For FGC access | 10 u D | 11 dD |
| (Effective | | |
| 2-Wire trans- | | |
| mission path | | |
| at end office) | 13 dB | 6 dB |

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.2 <u>Standard Transmission Specifications</u> (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

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 \pm 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.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.2 <u>Standard Transmission Specifications</u> (Cont'd)

(G) Type C Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

(3) <u>C-Message Noise</u>

The maximum C-Message Noise for the transmission path at the route miles listed is less than or equal to:

| | <u>C-Messag</u> | ge 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) <u>C-Notch Noise</u>

The maximum C-Notch Noise, utilizing a -16 dBm0 holding tone is less than or equal to 47 dBrnCO.

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^{*} 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.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.2 <u>Standard Transmission Specifications</u> (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 - Via Access Tandem (for FGB only) | 13 dB 8 dB | 6 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.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.3 <u>Data Transmission Parameters</u>(Cont'd)

(A) <u>Data Transmission Parameters Type DA</u> (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) <u>Intermodulation Distortion</u>

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

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.3 <u>Data Transmission Parameters</u>(Cont'd)

(A) <u>Data Transmission Parameters Type DA</u> (Cont'd)

(5) Phase Jitter

The Phase Jitter over the 4-300 Hz frequency band is less than or equal to 50 peak-to-peak.

(6) Frequency Shift

The maximum Frequency Shift does not exceed -2 to +2 Hz.

(B) <u>Data Transmission Parameters Type DB</u>

(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 mile 320 microseconds equal to or greater than

50 route miles 500 microseconds

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.1 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

15.1.3 <u>Data Transmission Parameters</u>(Cont'd)

(B) <u>Data Transmission Parameters Type DB</u> (Cont'd)

(3) <u>Impulse Noise Counts</u>

The Impulse Noise Counts exceeding a 67 dBrnCO threshold in 15 minutes is no more than 15 counts.

(4) <u>Intermodulation Distortion</u>

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 70 peak-to-peak.

(6) Frequency Shift

The maximum Frequency Shift does not exceed -2 to +2 Hz.

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 Special Access Service offerings contained in Section 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.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

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.

<u>Example No. 1</u>: 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.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

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:

<u>NC</u> <u>NCI</u> <u>SECNCI</u> 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.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.1 <u>Network Channel (NC) Codes</u>

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 (G) 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 NC Code | MTC* MQ | <u>MT1</u> <u>NT</u> | MT2 NU | MT3 NV | | | |
| <u>Parameter</u> | | | | | | | |
| DC Resistance Between Conductors Loop Resistance Shunt Capacitance | X X X | X | X | X X | | | |
| Optional Features and Functions | | | | | | | |
| Three Premises Bridging Series Bridging | X X | 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.

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)

(B) <u>Technical Specifications Packages Telegraph Grade</u> <u>Service</u>

| | | Package | |
|------------------------------------|------|-----------|-----|
| SD Code | TGC* | TG1 | TG2 |
| NC Code | NQ | <u>NW</u> | NY |
| <u>Parameter</u> | | | |
| Telegraph DistortionX | 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.

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

| | | | | | | |] | Packa | ge VC | j | | | | | |
|------------------|---------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|
| | SD Code | <u>C</u> * | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>12</u> | W |
| | NC Code | <u>LQ</u> | <u>LB</u> | <u>LC</u> | <u>LD</u> | <u>LE</u> | <u>LF</u> | <u>LG</u> | <u>LH</u> | <u>LJ</u> | <u>LK</u> | <u>LN</u> | <u>LP</u> | LR | SE |
| <u>Parameter</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attenuation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Distortion | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| C-Message Noise | e | 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 | 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 | X |
| Loss Deviation | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Phase Hits, Gain | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hits, and Drop | outs | X | | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Phase Jitter | | X | | | | | | 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 (C) 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.

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) <u>Technical Specifications Packages Voice Grade Service</u> (Cont'd)

| | | | | | | | | Packa | ge VC | j | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| | SD Code NC Code | <u>C</u> * <u>LQ</u> | <u>1</u> <u>LB</u> | <u>2</u> <u>LC</u> | <u>3</u> <u>LD</u> | <u>4</u> <u>LE</u> | <u>5</u> <u>LF</u> | <u>6</u> <u>LG</u> | <u>7</u> <u>LH</u> | 8 | <u>9</u> <u>LK</u> | <u>10</u> <u>LN</u> | <u>11</u> <u>LP</u> | <u>12</u> <u>LR</u> | W SE |
| Optional Featur and Functions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Central Office | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bridging Capability | | X | | X | | | X | X | | | | X | X | X | |
| Central Office | | 37 | | | | | | 37 | | | | | | | |
| Multiplexing | | X | | | | | | X | | | | | | | |
| Conditioning: . C-Type | | X | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | |
| . C-1 ype . Improved | | Λ | | | | | Λ | Λ | Λ | Λ | Λ | Λ | | | |
| Attenuation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Distortion | | X | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | |
| . Improved En | velope | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Delay Disto | | X | | | | | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | |
| . Sealing Curr | | X | | | | | | X | | | | | | | |
| . Data Capabil | lity | X | | | | | | X | X | | | X | | | |
| . Telephoto | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capability | | X | | | | | | | | | | | X | | |
| Customer Speci | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Premises Rece | eive | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Level | _ | X | | X | X | | | | X | X | X | | | | |
| Improved Return | n Loss | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| For Effective | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Four-Wire | | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | 37 | |
| Transmission For Effective | 1 | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Two-Wire | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transmission | | X | | X | X | | | | X | | | | | | |
| Improved Two- | | Λ | | Λ | Λ | | | | Λ | | | | | | |
| Voice Transm | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| PPSN Interface | 1331011 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Arrangement | | X | | | | | | | | | X | | | | |
| Selective Signal | ing | 11 | | | | | | | | | 2. | | | | |
| Arrangement | 5 | X | | X | | | X | X | | | | X | X | X | |
| Signaling Capab | oility | X | X | X | X | | | | X | X | X | | | | |
| Transfer Arrang | | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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) <u>Technical Specifications Packages Voice Grade Service</u> (Cont'd)

| | Package | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| | SD Code | APC* | AP1 | AP2 | AP3 | AP4 | | | | |
| | NC Code | <u>PQ</u> | <u>PE</u> | <u>PF</u> | <u>PJ</u> | <u>PK</u> | | | | |
| <u>Parameter</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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.

^{*} The desired parameters are selected by the customer from the list of available parameters.

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) <u>Technical Specifications Packages Video Service</u>

| | P | ackage | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|------------|
| SD Code | TVC* | <u>TV1</u> | <u>TV2</u> |
| NC Code | <u>TQ</u> | $\underline{\text{TV}}$ | <u>TW</u> |
| Video Parameters | | | |
| Insertion Gain | X | X | X |
| Field-Time Distortion | X | X | X |
| Line-Time Distortion | X | 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-Linearity | 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.

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) <u>Technical Specifications Packages Video Service</u> (Cont'd)

| | Pa | ackage | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----|
| SD Code | TVC* | <u>TV1</u> | TV2 |
| NC Code | <u>TQ</u> | <u>TV</u> | 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.

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) <u>Technical Specifications Packages Digital Data</u> Service

| | | Package | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| | SD Code NC Code | D1 XA | D2 XB | D3 XG | D4 XH | D5 XE | D6 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 TR-NPL-000341.

Optional Features and Functions/Non-Hubbed

Public Packet Data Arrangement

Voltages which are compatible with Digital Data Service are delineated in Technical Reference TR-NWT-00341.

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)

(G) <u>Technical Specifications Packages High Capacity</u> <u>Service</u>

| | | | Pac | kage | | |
|---|-----------|-------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| SD Code NC Code | HC0 HS | <u>HC1</u> <u>HC</u> | HC1C HD | C HC2 HE | <u>HC3</u> <u>HF</u> | HC4 HG |
| <u>Parameters</u> | | | | | | |
| Error-Free Seconds | | X | | | | |
| Optional Features and Functions | | | | | | |
| Automatic Loop Transfer | | | X | | | |
| Central Office Multiplexing: DS4 to DS1 DS3 to DS1 DS2 to DS1 DS1C to DS1 DS1 to Voice DS1 to DS0 DS0 to Subrate* Transfer Arrangement Clear Channel Capability | X | X X X X | X | X | X | 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.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

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.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 <u>Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes</u> (Cont'd)

(A) Parameter Codes and Options

<u>Parameter</u>

| Code | <u>Option</u> | <u>Definition</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|---|
| AB - AC - AH - | | accepts 20 Hz ringing signal at customer's point of termination accepts 20 Hz ringing signal at customer's end user's point of termination analog high capacity interface |
| | В | 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) |
| D - | | 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 <u>Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes</u> (Cont'd)

(A) Parameter Codes and Options (Cont'd)

Parameter (Cont'd)

| Code | <u>Option</u> | <u>Definition</u> |
|------|---------------|---|
| DS - | | digital hierarchy interface |
| _ | 15 | 1.544 Mbps (DS1) format per PUB 41451 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 |
| - | В | 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 |

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 <u>Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes</u> (Cont'd)

(A) Parameter Codes and Options (Cont'd)

Parameter (Cont'd)

| <u>Code</u> | <u>Option</u> | <u>Definition</u> |
|-------------|---------------|---|
| EA - | Е | 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. |
| EB - | Е | 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 - | В | tandem channel unit signaling for loop start or ground start and customer supplies closed end (dial pulsing, etc.) functions. |
| 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 |

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)

Parameter (Cont'd)

| Code | <u>Option</u> | <u>Definition</u> |
|------|---------------|--|
| 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 - | O | 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 |
| SF - | | single frequency signaling with VF band at either customer POT or |
| | | customer's end user POT |
| 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.

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 |
| | |

^{*} 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.

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) <u>Telegraph Grade</u>

| Compatible | CIs | Compatible CIs | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 2DB2-10 | 10IA8 2TT2-2 4TT2-2 | 4DB2-10 2TT2-2 4TT2-2 | 10IA8 |
| 2DB2-43* | 10IA8 2TT2-2 2TT2-6 4TT2-2 | 4DB2-43* | 10IA8 2TT2-6 4TT2-2 |
| 2TT2-2 2TT2-3 | 2TT2-2 2TT2-2 4TT2-2 | 4DS8- | 10IA8 2TT2-2 2TT2-6 4TT2-2 4TT2-6 |
| 2TT2-6 | 2TT2-6 4TT2-6 | 4TT2-2 4TT2-6 | 4TT2-2 2TT2-6 |

^{*} Supplemental Channel Assignment information required.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 <u>Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes</u> (Cont'd)

(C) <u>Compatible Network Channel Interfaces</u> (Cont'd)

(3) <u>Voice Grade</u>

| Compatible CIs | | Compatib | Compatible CIs | | Compatible CIs | |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|------|--------------------------|--|
| 2AB2 | 2AC2 | 2DB2 | 2DA2 | 2LR2 | 2LR2 | |
| 2AB3 | 2AC2 | 2DB3 | 2DA2 | 2LR3 | 2LR2 | |
| 2CT3 | 2DY2 4DS8 4DX2 4DX3 4DY2 | 2DX3 | 2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 2LO3 2LS2 | 2LS | 2GS 2LS 4GS 4LS | |
| | 4EA2-E 4EA2-M 4SF2 4SF3 | 2GO2 | 2LS3 2GS2 2GS3 | 2LS2 | 2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 | |
| | 6DX2 6DY2 6DY3 6EA2-E | 2GO3 | 2GS2 2GS3 | 2LS3 | 2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 | |
| | 6EA2-M 6EB2-E 6EB2-M | 2GS | 2GS 2LS 4GS | 2N02 | 2DA2 2N02 | |
| | 6EB3-E 8EB2-E | 21.02 | 4LS | 2N03 | 2N02 2PR2 | |
| | 8EB2-M 8EC2 9DY2 | 2L02 | 2LS2 2LS3 | 2TF3 | 2TF2 | |
| | 9DY3 9EA2 9EA3 | 2L03 | 2LS2 2LS3 | | | |

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 <u>Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes</u> (Cont'd)

- (C) <u>Compatible Network Channel Interfaces</u> (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Voice Grade</u> (Cont'd)

| Compatible CIs | | Compat | ible CIs | Compatible CIs | |
|----------------|--|--------|--|----------------|--|
| 4AB2 | 2AC2 4AB2 4AC2 4SF2 | | | | |
| 4AB3 | 2AC2 4AC2 4SF2 | | | | |
| 4AC2 | 2AC2 4AC2 | 4DS8- | 2AC2 2DA2 2DY2 2GO2 | 4DS8- | 4DG2 4LR2 4LS2 4NO2 |
| 4DA2 | 4DA2 | | 2GO2 2GO3 2GS2 | | 4NO2 4PR2 4RV2-T |
| 4DB2 | 2DA2 2NO2 2PR2 4DA2 4DB2 4NO2 4PR2 6DA2 | | 2GS2 2GS3 2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 2LO2 2LO3 2LR2 2LS2 2LS3 | | 4SF2 4SF3 4TF2 6DA2 6DY2 6DY3 6EA2-E 6EA2-M 6EB2-E |
| 4DD3 | 2DE2 4DE2 | | 2NO2 2PR2 2RV2-T 2TF2 4AC2 4DA2 4DE2 4DX2 4DX3 4DY2 4EA2-E 4EA2-M | | 6EB2-M 6GS2 6LS2 8EB2-E 8EB2-M 9DY2 9DY3 9EA2 9EA3 |

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 <u>Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes</u> (Cont'd)

- (C) <u>Compatible Network Channel Interfaces</u> (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Voice Grade</u> (Cont'd)

| Compatible CIs | | Compatible CIs | | Compatible CIs | |
|----------------|--|----------------|--|----------------|--|
| 4DX2 | 2DY2 2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 2LO3 2LS2 2LS3 | 4DX2 | 8EB2-E 8EB2-M 9DY2 9DY3 9EA2 9EA3 | 4DX3 | 6DY2 6DY3 6EA2-E 6EA2-M 6EB2-E 6EB2-M 6LS2 |
| | 2RV2-T 4DX2 4DY2 4EA2-E 4EA2-M 4LS2 4RV2-T | 4DX3 | 2DY2 2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 2LO3 2LS2 2LS3 | | 9DY2 9DY3 9EA2 9EA3 |
| | 4SF2 4SF3 6DY2 6DY3 6EA2-E 6EA2-M 6EB2-E 6EB2-M 6LS2 | | 2RV2-T 4DX2 4DX3 4DY2 4EA2-E 4EA2-M 4LS2 4RV2-T 4SF2 4SF3 | 4DY2 | 2DY2 4DY2 |

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 <u>Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes</u> (Cont'd)

- (C) <u>Compatible Network Channel Interfaces</u> (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Voice Grade</u> (Cont'd)

| Compatible CIs | | Compatible CIs | | Compat | Compatible CIs | |
|----------------|--|----------------|--|--------|--|--|
| 4EA2-E | 2DY2 4DY2 4EA2-E 4EA2-M 4SF2 6DY2 6DY3 6EB2-E | 4EA3-E | 2DY2 4DY2 4EA2-E 4EA2-M 4SF2 6DY2 6DY3 6EA2-E | 4GO2 | 2GO2 2GO3 2GS2 2GS3 4GS2 4SF2 6GS2 | |
| 4EA2-M | 6EB2-M 8EB2-E 8EB2-M 9DY2 9DY3 9DY2 2DY2 4DY2 | | 6EA2-M 6EB2-E 6EB2-M 8EB2-E 8EB2-M 6GS2 9DY3 9EA2 | 4GO3 | 2GO2 2GS2 2GS3 4GS2 4SF2 | |
| | 4EA2-M 4SF2 6DY2 6DY3 6EB2-E 6EB2-M 8EB2-E 8EB2-M 9DY2 9DY3 | | 9EA3 | 4GS | 2GS 2LS 4GS 4LS | |

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 <u>Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes</u> (Cont'd)

- (C) <u>Compatible Network Channel Interfaces</u> (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Voice Grade</u> (Cont'd)

| Compatible CIs | | Compatib | Compatible CIs | | Compatible CIs | |
|----------------|--|----------|--|------|--|--|
| 4LO2 | 2LS2 2LS3 4LS2 4SF2 6LS2 | 4LS3 | 2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 2LO2 2LO3 4SF2 | 4SF2 | 2LO3 2LR2 2LS2 2LS3 2RV2-T 4AC2 | |
| 4LO3 | 2LS2 2LS3 4LS2 4SF2 6LS2 | 4NO2 | 2DA2 2DE2 2NO2 4DA2 4DE2 | | 4DY2 4LS2 4RV2-T 4SF2 6DY2 6DY3 | |
| 4LR2 | 2LR2 4LR2 4SF2 | | 4NO2 6DA2 | | 6GS2 9DY2 9DY3 | |
| 4LR3 | 2LR2 4LR2 4SF2 | 4RV2-0 | 2RV2-T 4RV2-T 4SF2 | 4SF3 | 2DY2 2GO3 2GS2 2GS3 | |
| 4LS | 2GS 2LS 4GS 4LS | 4SF2 | 2AC2 2DY2 2GS2 2GS3 2LA2 | | 2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 2L03 2LR2 | |
| 4LS2 | 2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 2LC2 2LO2 2LO3 | | 2LB2 2LC2 | | ZLIVZ | |

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 <u>Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes</u> (Cont'd)

(C) <u>Compatible Network Channel Interfaces</u> (Cont'd)

(3) <u>Voice Grade</u> (Cont'd)

| Compatible CIs | | Compatible CIs | | Compatible CIs | |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 4SF3 | 2LS2 2LS3 2RV2-T | 6DA | 4DA2 6DA2 | 6DY3 | 2DY2 4DY2 6DY2 |
| | 4DY2 4EA2-E | 6DX2 | 2DY2 4DY2 | | 6DY3 |
| | 4EA2-M 4GS2 | | 4EA2-E | 6EA2-E | 2AC2 |
| | 4LR2 4LS2 | | 4EA2-M 4SF2 | | 2DY2 2LA2 |
| | 4RV2-T | | 6DY2 | | 2LB2 |
| | 4SF2 4SF3 | | 6DY3 6EA2-E | | 2LC2 2LO3 |
| | 6DY2 6DY3 | | 6EA2-M 6EB2-E | | 2LS2 2LS3 |
| | 6EB2-E | | 6EB2-M | | 2RV2-T |
| | 6EB2-M 6GS2 | | 8EB2-E 8EB2-M | | 4AC2 4DY2 |
| | 6LS2 9DY2 | | 9DY2 9DY3 | | 4EA2-E 4EA2-M |
| | 9DY3 | | 9EA2 | | 4LS2 |
| | 9EA2 9EA3 | | 9EA3 | | 4RV2-T 4SF2 |
| 4TF2 | 2TF2 | 6DY2 | 2DY2 4DY2 | | 4SF3 6DY2 |
| | 4TF2 | | 6DY2 | | 6DY3 6EA2-E 6EA2-M |

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 <u>Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes</u> (Cont'd)

- (C) <u>Compatible Network Channel Interfaces</u> (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Voice Grade</u> (Cont'd)

| Compatib | ole CIs | Compatibl | e CIs | Compatible | CIs |
|----------|--|-----------|--|------------|--|
| 6EA2-E | 6EB2-E 6EB2-M 6LS2 8EB2-E 8EB2-M 9DY2 9DY3 2AC2 2DY2 | 6EA2-M | 6DY2 6DY3 6EA2-M 6EB2-E 6EB2-M 6LS2 8EB2-E 8EB2-M 9DY2 9DY3 | 6EB3-E | 2DY2 4DY2 4EA2-E 4EA2-M 4SF2 6DY2 6DY3 6EA2-E 6EA2-M 8EB2-E |
| | 2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 2LO3 2LS2 2LS3 2RV2-T 4AC2 4DY2 4EA2-E 4EA2-M | 6EB2-E | 2DY2 4DY2 4SF2 6DY2 6DY3 6EB2-E 6EB2-M 9DY2 9DY3 | 6EX2-A | 8EB2-M 9DY2 9DY3 9EA2 9EA3 2GS2 2GS3 2LS2 2LS3 4GS2 |
| | 4LS2 4RV2-T 4SF2 4SF3 | 6EB2-M | 2DY2 4DY2 4SF2 6DY2 6DY3 6EB2-M 9DY2 9DY3 | | 4LS2 4SF2 6GS2 6LS2 |

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 <u>Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes</u> (Cont'd)

- (C) <u>Compatible Network Channel Interfaces</u> (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Voice Grade</u> (Cont'd)

| Compatib | <u>le CIs</u> | Compatible | CIs | Compatible | CIs |
|--------------|--|------------|--|------------|--|
| 6EX2-B | 2GO3 2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 2LO2 2LO3 2LR2 4LR2 4SF2 | 8EB2-E | 2AC2 2DY2 2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 2LO3 2LS2 2LS3 2RV2-T 4AC2 | 8EB2-M | 2AC2 2DY2 2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 2LO3 2LS2 2LS3 2RV2-T 4AC2 |
| 6GO2 6LO2 | 2GO2 2GS2 2GS3 4GS2 4SF2 6GS2 2LS2 2LS3 | | 4DY2 4LS2 4RV2-T 4SF2 4SF3 6DY2 6DY3 6EB2-E 6EB2-M | | 4DY2 4LS2 4RV2-T 4SF2 4SF3 6DY2 6DY3 6EB2-E 6EB2-M |
| 6LS2 | 4LS2 4SF2 6LS2 2LA2 2LB2 2LC2 2LC2 2LO2 2LO3 4SF2 | | 6LS2 8EB2-E 8EB2-M 9DY2 9DY3 | | 6LS2 8EB2-M 9DY2 9DY3 |

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 <u>Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes</u> (Cont'd)

- (C) <u>Compatible Network Channel Interfaces</u> (Cont'd)
 - (3) <u>Voice Grade</u> (Cont'd)

| Compatible CIs | | Compatible CIs | | Compatible CIs | |
|----------------|--|----------------|--|----------------|--|
| 8EC2 | 2DY2 4DY2 4EA2-E 4EA2-M 4SF2 6DY2 | 9DY2 | 2DY2 4DY2 6DY2 6DY3 9DY2 | 9EA3 | 2DY2 4DY2 4EA2-E 4EA2-M 6DY2 6DY3 |
| | 6DY3 6EA2-E 6EA2-M 6EB2-E 6EB2-M 8EB2-E 8EB2-M | 9DY3 | 2DY2 4DY2 6DY2 6DY3 9DY2 9DY3 | | 6EA2-E 6EA2-M 6EB2-E 6EB2-M 8EB2-E 8EB2-M 9DY2 |
| | 9DY2 9DY3 9EA2 9EA3 | 9EA2 | 2DY2 4DY2 4EA2-E 4EA2-M 6DY2 6DY3 6EA2-E 6EA2-M 6EB2-E 6EB2-M 8EB2-E 8EB2-M 9DY2 9DY3 9EA2 9EA3 | | 9DY3 9EA3 |

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 <u>Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes</u> (Cont'd)

(C) <u>Compatible Network Channel Interfaces</u> (Cont'd)

(4) <u>Program Audio</u>

| 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 | |

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 <u>Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes</u> (Cont'd)

(C) <u>Compatible Network Channel Interfaces</u> (Cont'd)

(5) <u>Video</u>

| 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 | |

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 <u>Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes</u> (Cont'd)

(C) <u>Compatible Network Channel Interfaces</u> (Cont'd)

(6) <u>Digital Data</u>

| Compatibl | e CIs | Compatible | e CIs | Compatible | <u>CIs</u> |
|-----------|---------------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| 4DS8-15 | 4DS8-15+ 4DU5-24 | 4DU5-24 | 4DU5-24 6DU5 | 5-24 | 6DU5-24 |
| | 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 | | | | |

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⁺ Available only as a cross connect of two digital channels at appropriate digital speeds at a Telephone Company hub.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.2 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

15.2.2 <u>Network Channel Interface (NCI) Codes</u> (Cont'd)

(C) <u>Compatible Network Channel Interfaces</u> (Cont'd)

(7) High Capacity

| Compatible | e CIs | Compatible CIs | |
|------------|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| 4DS0-63 | 4DS0-63 | 4DS8-15J | 4DU8-A |
| | 4DU8-A,B or C 6DU8-A,B or C | 6DU8-A | |
| | | 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) <u>Synchronous Optical Channel Service</u>

| Compatible CIs | | Compatible | Compatible CIs | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|---|---|--|--|
| 4DS9-1S 4DS9-1K | 4DU9-1S 4DU9-1K | 02S0F-A 02S0F-B 02S0F-C 02S0F-D 02S0F-E | 02S0F-A 02S0F-B 02S0F-C 02S0F-D 02S0F-E | | |
| | | 02S0F-F | 02S0F-F | | |

⁺ Available only as a cross connect of two individual channels of 1.544 Mbps facilities at a Telephone Company hub.

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.3 <u>Directory Access Service</u>

15.3.1 <u>Interface Group and Premise Interface Codes</u>

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(G) 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-O |
|---------|--------|--------|
| 4DS9-31 | 6EA2-M | 4AH5-B |
| 4DS0-63 | 4SF3 | 4AH6-C |
| 4DS6-44 | | 4AH6-D |
| 4DS6-27 | | |

15. Access Service Interfaces and Transmission Specifications (Cont'd)

15.3 <u>Directory Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

15.3.2 <u>Standard Transmission Specifications</u>

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.

| Directory Access Service Provided in Combination with Switched Access Service | Transmis Specifica <u>Type A</u> | 001011 |
|---|--|--------|
| 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 | |

16. Primary Exchange Carrier and Secondary Exchange Carrier Billing Arrangements

16.1 General

This section sets forth information concerning the provision of Access Services by more than one exchange telephone company when providing Feature Group A in an Extended Area Service environment, and the Primary Exchange Carriers do not provide service under this access service tariff. It is an adjunct (D)

to other sections of this tariff such as Ordering (Section 5) and Switched Access Service (Section 6).

16.2 <u>Billing of Switched Access Service Feature Group A in Extended Area Service Environments</u>

Where the customer is provided Switched Access Service Feature Group A, in an Extended Area Service environment as set forth in 6.4.1(C)(7) preceding, the Telephone Company may apply additional Switched Access Service rates. The application of such additional charges depends upon whether or not there exists a revenue sharing arrangement between the Primary Exchange Carrier (PEC) and the Secondary Exchange Carrier (SEC) as set forth in 2.4.7(A)(1)(b) preceding. Listed below, by state, is information concerning which SECs bill the additional Switched Access Service charges and which do not. The Extended Area Service areas are as set forth in the general and/or local exchange service tariffs of the Telephone Company.

(B) <u>State</u> - Arkansas

PEC - Continental Tel. Co. of Arkansas

SECs Applying Add'l Chgs. Secs Not Applying Add'l Chgs. Windstream Arkansas Inc.

PEC - General Tel. Co. of the Southwest

SECs Applying Add'l Chgs. Secs Not Applying Add'l Chgs.
Southwest Arkansas Tel. Co-op.

PEC - Southwestern Bell Tel. Co.

SECs Applying Add'l Chgs. Secs Not Applying Add'l Chgs.
Windstream Arkansas Inc.
Southwest Arkansas Tel. Co-op.
Prairie Grove Tel. Co.

16. Primary Exchange Carrier and Secondary Exchange Carrier Billing Arrangements (Cont'd)

16.3 Billing of Switched Access Service Feature Group B in Access Tandem Environments

(A) Where the customer is provided Switched Access Service Feature Group B in an Access Tandem environment as set forth in 6.4.1(C)(8) preceding, the Telephone Company may apply additional Switched Access Service rates. The application of such additional charges depends upon whether or not there exists a revenue sharing arrangement between the Primary Exchange Carrier and the Secondary Exchange Carrier as set forth in 2.4.7(A)(1)(b) preceding. Listed below, by state, is information concerning which SECs bill the additional Switched Access Service charges and which do not. The Feature Group B Access Tandem serving areas are as set forth in the exchange routing guide of the Telephone Company.

(B) <u>State</u> - Arkansas

PEC - General Tel. Co. of the Southwest

SECs Applying Add'l Chgs. Secs Not Applying Add'l Chgs.

Southwest Arkansas Tel. Co-op.

PEC - Southwestern Bell Tel. Co.

SECs Applying Add'l Chgs. Secs Not Applying Add'l Chgs.

Arkansas Tel. Co.

Central Arkansas Tel. Coop.

Cleveland County Tel. Co.

Decatur Tel. Co.

Lavaca Tel. Co.

Liberty Tel.

Liberty T&C Inc.

Madison County Tel. Co.

Magazine Tel. Co.

Mountain Home

Mountain View Tel. Co.

Northern Arkansas Tel. Co.

Perco Tel. Co.

Prairie Grove Tel. Co.

Redfield Tel.

South Arkansas Tel. Co.

Southwest Arkansas Tel. Co.

Tri-County Tel. Co., Inc.

Union Tel. Co.

Windstream Arkansas, Inc.

Yelcot Tel. Co.

Yell County Tel. Co.

17. Rates and Charges

17.1 Common Line Access Service

17.1.1 Carrier Common Line Access Service

Regulations concerning Carrier Common Line Access are set forth in Section 3 preceding.

| | <u>Rate</u> | |
|---|-------------------------|------------|
| Premium rate, per Originating Access Minute | | |
| Non-8YY Traffic | \$0.016500 | (C) |
| 8YY Traffic | \$0.000000 (R) | (C) |
| Premium rate, per Terminating Access Minute | \$0.00000 | |

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service

| 17.2.1 | | curring Charges | Curre <u>Rat</u> | | Rate <u>Cap</u> | |
|--------|-----|--|--|----------|--|--------------------------|
| | (A) | <u>Local Transport – Installation</u> [6.4.1(B)(1)] Per Entrance Facility | | | | |
| | | Voice Grade Two-Wire Voice Grade Four-Wire High Capacity DS1 High Capacity DS3 | \$215.0 \$215.0 \$303.0 \$333.0 | 00 00 | \$215.00 \$215.00 \$303.00 \$333.00 | (I) (I) (I) (R) |
| | (B) | Reserved for Future Use | | | | |
| | (C) | Interim NXX Translation Per Order [6.4.1 (E | 3) (2)] | | | |
| | | Per LATA or Market Area | \$ 82.0 | 00 | \$ 82.98 | |
| | (D) | FGC and FGD Conversion of Multifrequency Address Signaling to SS7 Signaling or SS7 Signaling to Multifrequency Address Signaling [6.4.1(B)(3)] | <u>Y</u> | | | |
| | | - Per 24 Trunks Converted or Fraction thereof on a Per Order Basis | \$112.0 | 00 | \$112.00 | (R) |
| | (E) | Trunk Activation [6.4.1(B)(1)] | | | | |
| | | - Per 24 Trunks Activated or Fraction thereof, on a Per Order Basis | \$112.0 | 00 | \$112.00 | (R) |
| | (F) | <u>Local Transport – Installation</u> [6.4.1(B)(1)] | | | | |
| | | - Per Line or Trunk | \$112.00 | \$112.00 | (R) | |
| | (G) | Flexible Automatic Number [6.4.1(B)(4)] Identification (Flex ANI) | | | | |
| | | - Per End Office, Per CIC | \$378. | 10 | \$382.63 | |

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2.2

17.2 <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

| Ш | teu Access Service (Cont u) | | | |
|---|--|------------------------|--------------------|--|
| | Local Transport | Current <u>Rate</u> | Rate <u>Cap</u> | |
| | Premium Access | | | |
| | - Entrance Facility [6.1.3(A)(1)] | | | |
| | Per Termination | | | |
| | Voice Grade Two-Wire | \$ 9.58 | \$ 38.71 | |
| | Voice Grade Four-Wire | \$ 15.33 | \$ 61.94 | |
| | - High Capacity DS1 | \$ 76.17 | \$ 201.32 | |
| | - High Capacity DS3 | \$ 789.02 | \$2,335.40 | |
| | - Direct Trunked Transport [6.1.3(A)(2)] | | | |
| | - <u>Direct Trunked Facility</u> | | | |
| | Per Mile | | | |
| | Voice Grade | \$ 0.43 | \$ 2.76 | |
| | - High Capacity DS1 | \$ 5.10 | \$ 25.40 | |
| | - High Capacity DS3 | \$ 42.16 | \$259.10 | |
| | - <u>Direct Trunked Termination</u> | | | |
| | Per Termination | | | |
| | Voice Grade | \$ 5.68 | \$ 27.71 | |
| | - High Capacity DS1 | \$ 7.80 | \$117.73 | |
| | - High Capacity DS3 | \$348.43 | \$612.22 | |
| | - Multiplexing [6.1.3(A)(5)] | | | |
| | Per Arrangement | | | |
| | - DS3 to DS1 | \$302.10 | \$556.59 | |
| | - DS1 to Voice | \$149.70 | \$214.89 | |
| | - Carrier Identification Parameter (CIP) [6.10.3(F)] | | | |
| | - Voice Grade | \$ 4.32 | \$ 4.37 | |
| | - DS1 | \$ 103.68 | \$ 104.92 | |
| | - DS3 | \$2,903.04 | \$2,937.82 | |

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2.2

17.2 <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

| | Current | Rate (M) |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| <u>Local Transport</u> | <u>Rate</u> | <u>Cap</u> |
| - Tandem Switched Transport [6.1.3(A)(3)] - Tandem Switched Facility - Day Origination Assess Minute Par Miles | | |
| Per Originating Access Minute Per Mile Non-8YY Traffic 8YY Traffic | \$.000116 * | \$.000117 (C) |
| Per Terminating Access Minute Per Mile | * | * (C) |
| - Tandem Switched Termination Per Originating Access Minute Per Termination Non-8YY Traffic 8YY Traffic Per Terminating Access Minute Per Termination | \$.000539 * * | \$.000545 (C) * (C) * (C) |
| - Tandem Switching Per Originating Access Minute Per Tandem Non-8YY Traffic 8YY Traffic Per Terminating Access Minute Per Tandem | \$.000937 * * | \$.000948 (C) * (C) * |
| - Residual Interconnection Charge [6.1.3(A)(4)] -Per Originating Access Minute Non-8YY Traffic 8YY Traffic -Per Terminating Access Minute | \$.013635 * \$.000000 | \$.013798 (C) * (C) \$.000000 (M) |
| | | · / |

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2.2

17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

| 2 | | | sport (Cont'd) | Current <u>Rate</u> | Rate <u>Cap</u> | |
|---|------------|--------|--|---|---|--|
| | | | Switched Multiplexing inating Access Minute Per Multiplexer | * | * | |
| | | r Port | Direct Trunk Port | \$14.62 \$ 5.12 | \$14.62 \$ 5.12 | |
| | | | ocking Per Blocked Call [6.8.6] GD only | \$.032000 | \$.032383 | |
| | (A) | Com | nmon Channel Signaling Network Connection | <u>n</u> | | |
| | | (1) | Signaling Network Access Link [6.10.3] | | | |
| | | | - Signaling Mileage Facility per Mile | \$5.45 | \$5.52 | |
| | | | - Signaling Mileage Termination per Termination | \$54.76 | \$55.42 | |
| | | | - Signaling Entrance Facility per Facility | \$70.77 | \$71.62 | |
| | | | Nonrecurring Charge | \$221.00 | \$223.65 | |
| | | (2) | STP Port - per port | \$455.00 | \$460.45 | |
| | (B) | 800 | Data Base Access Service Queries [6.10.3] | | | |
| | | Per (| Completed Query Basic July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 On and after July 1, 2023 Vertical Feature | \$.004248 (R) \$.002224 (R) \$.000200 (R) \$.000000 | \$.004248 (R)(C) \$.002224 (R) \$.000200 (R)(C) \$.000000 | |

^{*} Rates are billed as set forth in the Windstream Telephone System's FCC Tariff No. 6 found at: https://apps.fcc.gov/etfs/public/lecTariffs.action?idLec=154

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Data

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

| | | Current | Rate |
|--------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 17.2.3 | End Office | <u>Rate</u> | <u>Cap</u> |

(A) Local Switching

Premium

- Local Switching 1
 - Per Originating Access Minute

| - | Non-8YY Traffic | \$0.040700 | \$.041188 | (C) |
|-----|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| - | 8YY Traffic | ** | ** | (C) |
| Per | r Terminating Access Minute | ** | ** | ` ′ |

Feature Groups A & B* (except: (1) Feature Group B utilized for the provision of MTS/WATS service (2) Feature Groups A and B when utilized for the provision of terminating inward WATS and WATS-type services at an equal access WATS Serving Office.

- Local Switching 2

Per Originating Access Minute

| - Non-8YY Traffic | \$0.040700 | \$0.041188 | (C) |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|-----|
| - 8YY Traffic | ** | ** | (C) |
| Per Terminating Access Minute | ** | ** | ` , |

Feature Groups C & D (including: (1) Feature

Feature Groups C & D (including: (1) Feature Group B when utilized for the provision of MTS/WATS service, (2) Feature Groups A and B when utilized for the provision of terminating inward WATS and WATS-type services at an equal access WATS Serving Office

* Local Switching 1 when applied to Feature Group B with an ADA is multiplied by the ADA rate factor listed in 17.2 4 following.

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 **Switched Access Service** (Cont'd)

| | 17.2.3 | End O | <u>ffice</u> | Current <u>Rate</u> | Rate <u>Cap</u> | (M) |
|----|--------|------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| | | (B) | Information Surcharge | | | |
| | | | Premium Per 100 Access Minutes Originating Non-8YY Traffic 8YY Traffic Terminating | \$0.016500 ** \$0.000000 | \$0.016698 ** \$0.000000 | (C) (C) |
| | | | Non-Premium Per 100 Access Minutes Originating Non-8YY Traffic 8YY Traffic Terminating | \$0.007400 ** \$0.000000 | | (C) (C) |
| | | (C) | Common Trunk Port | | | |
| | | | - Per Terminating Access Minute and Originating 8YY Minute | ** | ** | (C) (C) |
| | | (D) | Direct Trunk Port | | | |
| | | | Voice Grade, per TrunkDS1, per Trunk | ** | ** ** | |
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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd)

17.2.4 Feature Group B (FGB) with an Abbreviated Dialing Arrangement (ADA) Rate Factor

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

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

- Switched Access premium rates will apply to:
 - Entrance Facility
 - Direct Trunked Termination
 - Directed Trunked Facility
 - Tandem Switched Termination
 - Tandem Switched Facility
 - Tandem Switching
 - Multiplexing
- Switched Access premium rates multiplied by an ADA rate factor of .95 will apply to:
 - Local Switching
 - Information Surcharge
 - Residual Interconnection Charge
 - Local Transport Facility and Local Transport Termination (when the Telephone Company has identified in NECA Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 Wire Center Information that it has not received a <u>bona fide</u> request for Direct Trunked Transport)

The following Telephone Companies provide ADA:

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17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.2 <u>Switched Access Service</u> (Cont'd)

| 17.2.5 | 17.2.5 <u>Directory Assistance Service</u> | | | Current <u>Rate</u> | Rate <u>Cap</u> | |
|--------|--|--|--|------------------------|--------------------|--|
| (A) | | <u>Direc</u> | tory Assistance Service [9.4.2] | \$1.01 | \$1.02 | |
| | | Charg | ge applies for each call to tory Assistance Service. | | | |
| | (B) | Reser | ved for Future Use | | | |
| | (C) | Credi | t Allowance for Uncompleted DA Calls | | | |
| | In addition to the credit allowances for Directory Assistance Service Call and Directory Transport as set forth respectively in 9.4.8(A) and (B) preceding, there is also a credit allowance for the Switched Access Service portion in the originating LATA of such DA call. The credit will be as set forth following: | | | | | |
| | (1) Credit per call [9.4.8] when Switched Access Service is billed using nonpremium per minute rates | | \$.051800 | \$.052421 | | |
| | | (2) Credit per call [9.4.8] when Feature Group A or B Switched Access Service is billed using premium per minute rates | | \$.111700 | \$.113038 | |
| | | (3) | Credit per call [9.4.8] when Feature Group C or D Switched Access Service is billed using premium per minute rates | \$.111700 | \$.113038 | |

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

| 17.2 | 7.2 Switched Access Service (Cont'd) | | | Assumed Minutes | Tariff Section |
|------|--|--|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | 17.2.6 <u>Assumed Minutes of Use</u> | | | Per Month | Reference |
| | (A) Feature Group A, Two Way Calling (1510 Originating, 2685 Terminating) | | 4195 | 6.5.4 | |
| | (B) Feature Group A, Originating Only | | 1510 | 6.5.4 | |
| | (C) Feature Group A, Terminating Only (D) Feature Group B, Two Way Calling (3132 Originating, 5568 Terminating) (E) Feature Group B, Originating Only (F) Feature Group B, Terminating Only 17.2.7 Operator Transfer Service | | 2685 | 6.5.4 | |
| | | | 8700 | 6.6.4 | |
| | | | 3132 | 6.6.4 | |
| | | | 5568 | 6.6.4 | |
| | | | Current Rate | Rate <u>Cap</u> | |
| | Per Call Transferred [6.10] | | | \$.458800 | \$.464296 |

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service

17.3.1 <u>Surcharge for Special Access Service</u>

| | Monthly <u>Rate</u> | Tariff Section <u>Reference</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| - Per Voice Grade Equivalent | \$25.00 | 7.3 |

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.2 Metallic Service

Regulations concerning Metallic Service are set forth in 7.4 preceding.

| | | | | Monthly <u>Rate</u> | Nonrecurring <u>Charge</u> |
|--|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| (A) | Chan | nel Ter | mination Per Termination | \$20.17 | \$108.00 |
| (B) | Chan | nel Mil | eage | | |
| | (1) | (1) Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile | | \$29.03 | |
| (2) Channel Mileage Termination Per Termination | | | \$ 2.02 | | |
| (C) | Optio | nal Fea | atures and Functions | | |
| | (1) Bridging | | ging | | |
| | | (a) | Three Premises Bridging Per Port | \$ 6.15 | |
| | | (b) | Series Bridging Per Port | \$ 6.15 | |

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.3 Telegraph Grade Service

Regulations concerning Telegraph Grade Service are set forth in 7.5 preceding.

| | | | Monthly Rate | Nonrecurring <u>Charge</u> |
|-----|--------|---|--------------|-------------------------------|
| (A) | Chann | el Termination Per Termination | | |
| | - Tv | vo-Wire | \$20.17 | \$108.00 |
| | - Fo | our Wire | \$40.35 | \$108.00 |
| (B) | Chann | el Mileage | | |
| | (1) | Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile | \$ 2.42 | |
| | (2) | Channel Mileage Termination Per Termination | \$24.26 | |
| (C) | Option | nal Features and Functions | | |
| | (1) | Telegraph Bridging Per Port | | |
| | | - Two-Wire | \$ 6.15 | |
| | | - Four-Wire | \$ 6.15 | |

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.4 <u>Voice Grade Service</u>

Regulations concerning Voice Grade Service are set forth in 7.6 preceding.

| | | Monthly <u>Rate</u> | Nonrecurring <u>Charge</u> |
|-----|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (A) | Channel Termination Per Termination | | |
| | - Two-Wire - Four Wire | \$33.89 \$54.23 \$171.00 | \$171.00 |
| (B) | Channel Mileage | | |
| | (1) Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile | \$ 2.42 | |
| | (2) Channel Mileage Termination Per Termination | \$24.26 | |
| (C) | Optional Features and Functions | | |
| | (1) Bridging | | |
| | (a) Voice Bridging Per Port | | |
| | Two-Wire/Four Wire | | |
| | Two-WireFour-Wire | \$ 6.15 \$ 6.15 | |

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.4 <u>Voice Grade Service</u> (Cont'd)

| 17.3 | 3.4 | Voice | Grade So | ervice (Cont'd) | Monthly |
|------|-----|--------------|----------|---|-------------|
| | | (C) | Optiona | l Features and Functions (Cont'd) | <u>Rate</u> |
| | | | (1) Brid | dging (Cont'd) | |
| | | | (b) | Data Bridging per port | |
| | | | | - Two-Wire | \$ 6.15 |
| | | | | - Four-Wire | \$ 6.15 |
| | | | (c) | Telephoto Bridging per port | |
| | | | | - Two-Wire | \$ 6.15 |
| | | | | - Four-Wire | \$ 6.15 |
| | | | (d) | DATAPHONE Select-A-Station Bridging | |
| | | | | Sequential Arrangement, Ports Per channel connected | |
| | | | | - Two-Wire | \$ 22.19 |
| | | | | - Four-Wire | \$117.70 |
| | | | | Addressable Arrangement, Ports Per channel connected | |
| | | | | - Two-Wire | \$ 23.75 |
| | | | | - Four-Wire | \$102.80 |
| | | | (e) | Telemetry and Alarm Bridging | |
| | | | | Active Bridging Channel Connections Per channel connected | |
| | | | | - Split Band | \$ 8.89 |
| | | | | - Summation | \$ 3.47 |
| | | | | Passive Bridging Channel Connections Per channel connected | \$ 0.24 |

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

(C)

17.3.4 <u>Voice Grade Service</u> (Cont'd)

| - | Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd) | | | | |
|---|--|--|---------|--|--|
| | (2) | Conditioning Per Termination | | | |
| | | - C-Type | \$ 7.90 | | |
| | | - Improved Attenuation Distortion* | None | | |
| | | - Improved Envelope Delay Distortion* | None | | |
| | | - Data Capability | \$ 5.30 | | |
| | | - Telephoto Capability | \$ 9.02 | | |
| | | - Sealing Current | None | | |
| | (3) | Improved Return Loss for Effective Two-Wire or Four-Wire Transmission Per Termination | | | |
| | | - Two-Wire | \$13.35 | | |
| | | - Four-Wire | \$13.35 | | |
| | (4) | Customer Specified Receive Level per two-wire termination | \$ 8.80 | | |
| | | | | | |

^{*} Improved Attenuation Distortion and Improved Envelope Delay Distortion will continue to be provided to all customers who were provided with either or both of these optional features in conjunction with C-Type Conditioning prior to May 4, 1988.

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

(C)

17.3.4 Voice Grade Service (Cont'd)

| Option | nal Features and Functions (Cont'd) | Monthly Rate |
|--------|--|-----------------|
| (5) | Multiplexing Per arrangement Voice to Telegraph Grade | \$226.19 |
| (6) | Signaling Capability Per termination | \$ 13.50 |
| (7) | Selective Signaling Arrangement Per arrangement | \$ 6.50 |
| (8) | Transfer Arrangement (key activated* or Dial-Up**) | |
| | - Per four port arrangement including control channel termination*** | \$ 3.13 |
| | - Per five port arrangement including control channel termination*** | \$ 7.14 |
| (9) | Public Packet Switching Network (PPSN) Interface Arrangement Per arrangement | ICB |

ICB rates and charges are filed in 17.3.9 following.

^{*} 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 13.3.8 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.

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.5 **Program Audio Service**

Regulations concerning Program Audio Service are set forth in 7.7 preceding.

| | | | Nonrecurring | | g |
|-----------|---|---|--------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| | | Monthly | Daily | <u>Charge</u> | |
| | | Rate | <u>Rate</u> | <u>Monthly</u> | <u>Daily</u> |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| - 200 to | | | \$3.59 | \$166.00 | \$166.00 |
| - 100 to | 5000 Hz | 39.35 | 3.93 | 166.00 | 166.00 |
| - 50 to | 8000 Hz | 39.35 | 3.93 | 166.00 | 166.00 |
| - 50 to | 15000 Hz | 39.35 | 3.93 | 166.00 | 166.00 |
| Channel M | ileage | | | | |
| | - | cility <u>Monthly Ra</u> | <u>ate</u> | Daily* Ra | <u>ite</u> |
| - 200 to | 3500 Hz | | \$2.42 | \$0.24 | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| - 50 to | 15000 Hz | | 9.66 | 0.97 | |
| | - | rmination | | | |
| - 200 to | 3500 Hz | | \$24.26 | \$2.43 | |
| - 100 to | 5000 Hz | | • | 4.85 | |
| - 50 to | 8000 Hz | | 72.77 | 7.28 | |
| - 50 to | 15000 Hz | | 97.03 | 9.70 | |
| | Per Termin - 200 to - 100 to - 50 to - 50 to Channel M (1) Chann Per Mi - 200 to - 100 to - 50 to - 50 to (2) Chann Per - 200 to - 100 to - 100 to - 50 to - 50 to | - 100 to 5000 Hz - 50 to 8000 Hz - 50 to 15000 Hz Channel Mileage (1) Channel Mileage Fare Mile - 200 to 3500 Hz - 100 to 5000 Hz - 50 to 8000 Hz - 50 to 15000 Hz (2) Channel Mileage Tere Termination - 200 to 3500 Hz - 100 to 5000 Hz - 50 to 8000 Hz | Rate | Rate Rate | Monthly Daily Rate Monthly |

^{*} Daily Rates will be topped and maximum rates derived as set forth in 7.2.2(B) preceding.

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.5 Program Audio Service (Cont'd)

| (C) | Ontional Eastware and Engation | Month <u>Rate</u> | ly Daily* <u>Rate</u> |
|-----|---|----------------------|--------------------------|
| (C) | Optional Features and Functions | | |
| | (1) Bridging, Distribution Amplifier Per Port | \$19.97 | \$2.00 |
| | (2) Gain Conditioning per service | 12.90 | 1.29 |
| | (3) Stereo per service | 22.15 | 2.22 |

^{*} Daily rates will be topped and maximum rates derived as set forth in 7.2.2(B) preceding.

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.6 <u>Video Service</u>

Regulations concerning Video Service are set forth in 7.8 preceding.

| | | Monthly Rate | Daily* <u>Rate</u> | Nonrecur <u>Char</u> g | _ |
|-----|--|--|--|--|--|
| (A) | Channel Termination Per Termination | | | Monthly | Daily* |
| | - TV-1 or 2 - 4TV-5 - 6TV-5 - TV-15 | \$345.02 \$336.54 \$357.56 \$371.11 | \$189.76 \$185.10 \$196.66 \$204.11 | \$310.00 \$310.00 \$310.00 \$310.00 | \$310.00 \$310.00 \$310.00 \$310.00 |
| (B) | Channel Mileage | | Monthly 1 | Rate | Daily Rate* |
| | (1) Channel Mileage Facilit Per Mile | у | | | |
| | - All | | \$315.87 | | \$173.73 |
| | (2) Channel Mileage Termi Per Termination | nation | | | |
| | - All | | \$336.54 | | \$185.10 |

^{*} Daily rates will be topped and maximum rates derived as set forth in 7.2.2(B) preceding.

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.7 <u>Digital Data Service</u>

| | ations concerning Digital Data e are set forth in 7.9 preceding. | Monthly <u>Rate</u> | Nonrecurring <u>Charge</u> |
|-----|--|--|--|
| (A) | Channel Termination Per termination | | |
| (B) | 2.4 kbps 4.8 kbps 9.6 kbps 19.2 kbps 56.0 kbps 64.0 kbps Channel Mileage (1) Channel Mileage Facility | \$62.70 62.70 62.70 62.70 62.70 62.70 | \$221.00 221.00 221.00 221.00 221.00 221.00 |
| | Per Mile - 2.4 kbps - 4.8 kbps - 9.6 kbps - 19.2 kbps - 56.0 kbps - 64.0 kbps (2) Channel Mileage Termination Per Termination | \$2.42 2.42 2.42 2.42 4.83 4.83 | |
| | 2.4 kbps 4.8 kbps 9.6 kbps 19.2 kbps 56.0 kbps 64.0 kbps | \$24.26 24.26 24.26 24.26 48.52 48.52 | |

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.7 Digital Data Service (Cont'd)

| <u>Digit</u> : | Monthly Rate | |
|----------------|--|------------------------------------|
| (C) | Optional Features and Functions | |
| | (1) Bridging Per port | \$7.85 |
| | (2) Loop Transfer Arrangement Per four port arrangement* Key activated** or Dial-Up*** | \$6.21 |
| | (3) Public Packet Switching Network Interface Arrangement | |
| | Per 9.6 kbps arrangementPer 56.0 kbps arrangement | ICB ICB |
| (D) | Channel Service Unit Per Termination**** | |
| | 2.4 kbps4.8 kbps9.6 kbps56.0 kbps | \$31.05 31.05 31.05 31.05 |

ICB Rates and Charges are filed in 17.3.9 following.

^{*} 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.

^{**} 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.

^{****} Channel Service Units will only be provided under tariff if they existed in the Telephone Company's inventory as of November 18, 1983.

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.8 High Capacity Service

Regulations concerning High Capacity Service are set forth 7.10 preceding.

| (A) | Channel Ter | | Monthly <u>Rate</u> | Nonrecurring <u>Charge</u> |
|-----|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | -DS1 | 1.544 Mbps | \$176.25 | \$232.00 |
| | -DS1C | 3.152 Mbps | ICB | ICB |
| | -DS2 | 6.312 Mbps | ICB | ICB |
| | -DS3 | 44.736Mbps | \$2,044.57 | \$507.00 |
| | -DS4 | 274.176 Mbps | ICB | ICB |
| (B) | Channel Mil | leage | <u>M</u> | onthly Rate |
| | (1) Channe | l Mileage Facility-Per Mile | | |
| | - 64 kbp | os* | | \$4.83 |
| | | 4 Mbps | | 19.46 |
| | | 2 Mbps | | ICB |
| | | 2 Mbps | | ICB |
| | - 44.736 | * | | 148.86 |
| | - 274.176 | 6 Mbps | | ICB |

^{*} Applies to through connections of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 56.0 and 64 kbps. ICB rates and charges are filed in 17.3.9 following.

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.8 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

| (B) | Channel Mileage Termination | Monthly Rate |
|-----|---|--|
| | (2) Channel Mileage Termination Per Termination - 64 kbps* - 1.544 Mbps - 3.152 Mbps - 6.312 Mbps - 44.736 Mbps - 274.176 Mbps | \$48.52 101.01 ICB ICB 551.52 ICB |
| (C) | Term Discounts | <u>Percentage</u> |
| | DS 1 and DS3 services 36 months | 10% |
| | 60 months | 20% |
| (D) | Optional Features and Functions | |
| | (1) Multiplexing, per arrangement | |
| | DS4 to DS1 | ICB |
| | DS3 to DS1 | \$474.31 |
| | DS2 to DS1 | ICB |
| | DS1C to DS1 | ICB |
| | DS1 to Voice** | \$183.12 |
| | DS1 to DS0 | \$183.12 |
| | DS0 to Subrates | |
| | Up to 20 Up to 10 Up to 10 4.8 kbps services Up to 5 9.6 kbps services | \$398.30 287.90 251.15 |

^{*} Applies to thorough connections of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 56.0 and 64 kbps. ICB rates and charges are filed in 17.3.9 following.

^{**} A channel of this DS1 to the Hub can be used for Digital Data service. ICB rates and charges are filed in 17.3.9 following.

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.8 High Capacity Service (Cont'd)

| (D) | Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd) | Monthly <u>Rate</u> |
|-----|--|------------------------|
| | (2) Automatic Loop Transfer Per arrangement* | \$202.60 |
| | (3) Transfer Arrangement (key activated** or Dial-Up***) Per four port arrangement including Control channel termination**** | \$172.20 |
| (E) | Network Channel Terminating Equipment (NCTE) Per termination# - 1.544 Mbps - Automatic Loop Transfer | \$89.60 466.45 |
| (F) | Clear Channel Capability - per 1.544 Mbps transmission path | None |

^{*} An additional Channel Termination charge will apply whenever the spare line is provided as a leg to the customer designated premises.

^{**} 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. # NCTE will only be provided under tariff if it existed in the Telephone Company's inventory as of November 18, 1983.

- 17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
 - 17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 17.3.9 Reserved for Future Use
 - 17.3.10 Optional Rate Plan Availability
 - (A) High Capacity Optional Rate Plan Availability
 - (1) The Term Discount Optional Rate Plan as described in 7.2.8 preceding is available only from those Telephone Companies listed below. Additionally, a Term Discount on the Frame Relay Access Service 1.544 Mbps Port is available only from those Telephone Companies identified with an asterisk (*) beside their company name.

<u>Company Code</u> <u>Company Name</u>

- 17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
 - 17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 17.3.10 Optional Rate Plan Availability (Cont'd)
 - (A) <u>High Capacity Optional Rate Plan Availability</u> (Cont'd)
 - (1) The Term Discount Optional Rate Plan as described in 7.2.8 preceding is available only from those Telephone Companies listed below. Additionally, a Term Discount on the Frame Relay Access Service 1.544 Mbps Port is available only from those Telephone Companies identified with an asterisk (*) beside their company name.

<u>Company Code</u> <u>Company Name</u>

- 17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
 - 17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 17.3.10 Optional Rate Plan Availability (Cont'd)
 - (A) <u>High Capacity Optional Rate Plan Availability</u> (Cont'd)
 - (1) The Term Discount Optional Rate Plan as described in 7.2.8 preceding is available only from those Telephone Companies listed below. Additionally, a Term Discount on the Frame Relay Access Service 1.544 Mbps Port is available only from those Telephone Companies identified with an asterisk (*) beside their company name.

<u>Company Code</u> <u>Company Name</u>

- 17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
 - 17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)
 - 17.3.10 Optional Rate Plan Availability (Cont'd)
 - (A) <u>High Capacity Optional Rate Plan Availability</u> (Cont'd)
 - (2) The Capacity Discount Optional Rate Plan as described in 7.2.8(A)(2) preceding is available only from those Telephone Companies listed below. This plan is only available to those customers that ordered the plan prior to February 1, 1997.

<u>Company Code</u> <u>Company Name</u>

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.10 Optional Rate Plan Availability (Cont'd)

(B) Synchronous Optical Channel Service Optional Rate Plan Availability

The Term Discount Optional Rate Plan as described in 7.2.8(B) preceding is available only from those Telephone Companies listed below.

Company Code

Company Name

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.11 Synchronous Optical Channel Service

Regulations concerning Synchronous Optical Channel Service are set forth in 7.11 preceding.

| | | Monthly Rate | Nonrecurring Charge |
|-----|--|--|------------------------------|
| (A) | Channel Termination Per Termination | Rute | Charge |
| | - OC3 155.52 Mbps - OC12 622.68 Mbps | \$1,850.00 3,600.00 | \$786.00 786.00 |
| (B) | Channel Mileage Facility Per Mile | | |
| | - OC3 155.52 Mbps - OC12 622.68 Mbps | \$ 200.00 400.00 | |
| (C) | Channel Mileage Termination Per Termination | | |
| | - OC3 155.52 Mbps - OC12 622.68 Mbps | \$ 700.00 2,600.00 | |
| (D) | Term Discounts OC3 and OC12 Services | <u>Percentage</u> | |
| | 36 months 60 months | 10% 20% | |
| (E) | Optional Features and Functions | | |
| | | Monthly <u>Rate</u> | Nonrecurring <u>Charge</u> |
| | (1) Customer Node Per Node | | |
| | - OC3 155.52 Mbps - OC12 622.68 Mbps Customer Premises Port Per Port | \$ 900.00 2,200.00 | \$197.00 197.00 |
| | - DS1 1.544 Mbps - DS3 44.736 Mbps - STS-1 51-84 Mbps - OC3 155.52 Mbps | \$ 50.00 300.00 300.00 150.00 | \$ 54.00 213.00 213.00 |

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.3 Special Access Service (Cont'd)

17.3.11 Synchronous Optical Channel Service (Cont'd)

(E) Optional Features and Functions (Cont'd)

| Optiona | il Feat | ures and | Functions (Cont'd) | |
|---------|---------|----------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| (2) | | | ultiplexing Central Office Port | Monthly Rate |
| | Per l | Port | | |
| | - | DS1 | 1.544 Mbps | \$ 40.00 |
| | - | DS3 | 44.736 Mbps | 100.00 |
| | - | OC3 | 155.52 Mbps | 150.00 |

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services

17.4.1 Access Ordering

| | | <u>Charge</u> | Tariff Section Reference |
|-----|--|---------------|--------------------------|
| (A) | Access Order Charge | | |
| | Per Order | \$ 82.00 | 5.4.1 |
| (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 17.4.1(A) preceding does not apply. The applicable charge is: | | |
| | Service Date Change Charge, per order | \$35.00 | 5.4.3 |
| (C) | Design Change Charge | | |
| | The Design Change Charge will apply on a per order per occurrence basis, for each order requiring design change. The applicable charge is: | | |
| | Design Change Charge, per order | \$35.00 | 5.4.3 |
| (D) | Miscellaneous Service Order Charge | | |
| | Per Occurrence | \$35.00 | 5.4.2 |

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.2 Additional Engineering

| | tional Labor <u>Periods</u> | | Each Half Hour or Fraction Thereof | Tariff Section <u>Reference</u> |
|-----|---|---------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (A) | Basic Time per engineer normally scheduled working hours | | \$16.75 | 13.1 |
| (B) | Overtime per engineer outside of normally scheduled working hours | \$25.13 | | 13.1 |
| (C) | Premium Time outside of scheduled work day, per engineer | | \$33.50 | 13.1 |

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.3 Additional Labor

| | tional Labor <u>Periods</u> | Each Half Hour or Fraction Thereof | Tariff Section Reference |
|-----|---|---|--------------------------------|
| (A) | Installation or Repair | | |
| | Overtime, outside of normally scheduled working hours on a scheduled work day, per technician | \$27.20* | 13.2.1 & 13.2.2 |
| | - Premium Time, outside of scheduled work day, per technician | \$36.26* | 13.2.1 & 13.2.2 |
| (B) | Stand by | | |
| | - Basic time, normally scheduled working hours, per technician | \$18.50 | 13.2.3 |
| | - Overtime, outside of normally scheduled working hours on a scheduled work day, per technician | \$27.75* | 13.2.3 |
| | - Premium Time, outside of scheduled work day, per technician | \$37.00* | 13.2.3 |

^{*} 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.

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.3 Additional Labor (Cont'd)

| Addi | tional Labor Periods | Each Half | Hour or Fraction T | <u>hereof</u> |
|------|--|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| | | Installation and Repair Technician | Central Office Maintenance Technician | Tariff Section Reference |
| (C) | Testing and Maintenance with other Telephone Companies, or Other Labor | | | |
| | - Basic Time per technician normally scheduled working hours | \$18.13 | \$18.52 | 13.2.4 & 13.2.5 |
| | - Overtime per technician outside of normally scheduled working hours on a scheduled work day, | \$27.20* | \$27.77* | 13.2.4 & 13.2.5 |
| | - Premium Time per technician outside of scheduled work day | \$36.26* | \$37.03* | 13.2.4 & 13.2.5 |

^{*} 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.

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.4 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u>

(A) Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing - Switched Access

| Testing Periods | Each Half Hour or Fraction <u>Thereof</u> | Tariff Section Reference |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| Basic Time, Overtime* and Premium Time* | See the rates for Additional Labor as set forth in 17.4.3(C) preceding. | 13.3.1(A)(1) |

(B) Additional Automatic Testing - Switched Access

To First Point of Switching

Additional Tests

| | Per Test Per Transmission Path | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Gain-Slope Tests | \$2.89 | 13.3.1(A)(2) |
| C-Notched Noise Tests | \$2.89 | 13.3.1(A)(2) |
| 1004 Hz Loss** | \$2.89 | 13.3.1(A)(2) |
| C-Message Noise** | \$2.89 | 13.3.1(A)(2) |
| Balance (return loss)** | \$2.89 | 13.3.1(A)(2) |

^{*} 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.

^{** 1004} Hz Loss, C-Message Noise and Balance are non-chargeable routine tests, however, they may be requested on an as needed or more than routine scheduled basis, in which case the charges herein apply.

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.4 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)

(C) Additional Manual Testing - Switched Access

To First Point of Switching

Additional Tests

Each Half Hour Tariff or Fraction Section Thereof Reference

Gain-Slope,

C-Notched Noise and See the rates 13.3.1(A)(3) any other agreed to for Additional Labor as set

Labor as set forth in 17.4.3(C)

preceding

(D) Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing – Special Access

Each Half

Hour orTariffFractionSectionThereofReference

Basic Time, Overtime*

Testing Periods

and Premium Time* See the rates

for Additional Labor as set forth in 17.4.3(C) preceding.

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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.

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.4 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)

(E) Additional Manual Testing - Special Access

| | Testing Periods | Each Half Hour or Fraction Thereof | Tariff Section Reference |
|-----|---|---|--------------------------|
| | Basic Time, Overtime* and Premium Time* | See the rates for Additional Labor as set forth in 17.4.3(C) preceding. | 13.3.1(B)(2) |
| (F) | Maintenance of Service | | |
| | Testing Periods | Each Half Hour or Fraction Thereof | Tariff Section Reference |
| | Basic Time, Overtime* and Premium Time* | See the rates for | 13.3.2 |

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Additional Labor as set forth in 17.4.3(C) preceding.

^{*} 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.

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.4 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)

| (G) | Telecommunications Service Priority | Nonrecurring Charge | Tariff Section Reference |
|------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Per service arranged | \$54.63 | 13.3.3 |
| (H) | Controller Arrangement | | |
| | | Monthly <u>Rate</u> | |
| | Per Arrangement | \$100.00 | 13.3.4 |
| (I) | InterLATA Presubscription Per Telephone Exchange Service line or trunk* | Nonrecurring Charge \$5.00 | 13.4 |
| (J) | Unauthorized PIC Change | | |
| | - Residence/Business Per Telephone Exchange Service Line or Trunk | \$ 35.65 | 13.6 |
| | - Per Pay Telephone Exchange Service Line or Trunk | \$ 57.57 | 13.6 |

^{*} 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.

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.4 <u>Miscellaneous Services</u> (Cont'd)

(K) Blocking Service*

| (K) | Blocking Service* | | Tariff |
|-----|---|--|--|
| | | Nonrecurring <u>Charge</u> | Section Reference |
| | -Per exchange service line. or trunk and/or per Feature Group A Switched Access Line | \$ 11.20 | 13.8 |
| (L) | Billing Name and Address Service | | |
| | -Per BNA Order -Per BNA Record -Optional Magnetic Tape Charge-Per Magnetic Tape -Optional Format Programming Charge -Per each half hour or fraction thereof | \$50.94 \$ 0.33 \$91.44 \$37.20 | 13.9.4(A) 13.9.4(A) 13.9.4(B) 13.9.4(C) |
| (M) | Originating Line Screening (OLS) Service | | |
| | - Per exchange service line | \$7.95 | 13.10 |

^{*} Blocking access to 900 Service is offered to all subscribers at no charge at the time telephone service is established at a new number and for 60 days thereafter.

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.4 Miscellaneous Services (Cont'd)

(N) Access Services Billing

Regulations concerning Access Services Billing are set forth in 13.13 preceding.

| (1) | Secondary Bill | |
|-----|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| | | Monthly |
| | | Rate |
| | Standard Paper(per page) | \$0.03 |
| | Magnetic Tape(per tape) | \$39.50 |
| | Data Transmission(per transmission) | \$20.25 |
| (2) | Additional Copies | |
| | | Non Recurring |
| | | Charge |
| | | |

(O) <u>IntraLata Presubscription</u>

Line or Trunk *

Standard Paper(per page)

Magnetic Tape(per tape)

- Per Telephone Exchange Service

Data Transmission(per transmission)

| Non Recurring Charge |
|-------------------------|
| \$5.00 |

\$0.06

\$48.00

\$28.00

* 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.

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.5 Special Federal Government Access Services

(A) Voice Grade Secure Monthly Nonrecurring Termination

<u>Communications</u> <u>Rates</u> <u>Charges</u> <u>Charges</u>

Type I, each

T-3 Conditioning, ICB rates and charges apply

Additional Conditioning,

per service termination ICB rates and charges apply

Type II, each

G-1 Conditioning, ICB rates and charges apply

Type III, each

G-2 Conditioning, ICB rates and charges apply

Additional Conditioning,

per service termination ICB rates and charges apply

Type IV, each

G-3 Conditioning, ICB rates and charges apply

Additional Conditioning,

per service termination ICB rates and charges apply

(B) Wideband Digital Special Access Service

Wideband Secure Monthly Nonrecurring Termination

<u>Communications</u> Rates Charges Charges

Type I, each ICB rates and charges apply

Type II, each ICB rates and charges apply

Type III, each ICB rates and charges apply

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.6 Special Facilities Routing of Access Services

(A) <u>Diversity</u>

For each service provided in accordance with 11.1.1 preceding, the rates and charges will be developed on an individual case basis.

(Reserved for future use.)

(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.

(Reserved for future use.)

(C) <u>Diversity and Avoidance Combined</u>

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.

(Reserved for future use.)

(D) <u>Cable-Only Facilities</u>

For each service provided in accordance with 11.1.4 preceding, the rates and charges will be developed on an individual case basis.

(Reserved for future use.)

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.7 **Specialized Service or Arrangements**

Specialized Service or Arrangements are provided on an individual case basis as set forth following:

(Reserved for future use.)

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.8 Public Packet Data Network

17.4.8.1 Frame Relay Access Service

Regulations concerning Frame Relay Access Service are set forth in 18.1 following.

| | Monthly <u>Rate</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Connections | |
| (1) End User Port (per port) | |
| 56.0 kbps 64.0 kbps 1.544 Mbps | \$ 70.00 \$ 70.00 \$163.00 |
| (2) Access Customer Port (per port) | |
| 1.544 Mbps | \$163.00 |

- (3) Permanent Virtual Connections (PVCs)
 - (a) Standard

| <u>CIR</u> | Monthly Rate |
|------------|--------------|
| 8 kbps | \$ 5.00 |
| 16 kbps | \$ 5.00 |
| 28 kbps | \$ 6.00 |
| 32 kbps | \$ 6.00 |
| 56 kbps | \$ 7.00 |
| 64 kbps | \$ 7.00 |
| 128 kbps | \$ 9.00 |
| 192 kbps | \$ 12.00 |
| 256 kbps | \$ 14.00 |
| 384 kbps | \$ 20.00 |
| 512 kbps | \$ 28.00 |
| 768 kbps | \$ 36.00 |

17. Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

17.4 Other Services (Cont'd)

17.4.8 Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

17.4.8.1 Frame Relay Access Service (Cont'd)

(3) <u>Permanent Virtual Connections</u> (PVCs)

(b) Extended

(5) PVC Rearrangement Charge

| <u>CIR</u> | Monthly <u>Rate</u> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 8 kbps | \$ 6.00 |
| 16 kbps | \$ 6.00 |
| 28 kbps | \$ 7.00 |
| 32 kbps | \$ 7.00 |
| 56 kbps | \$ 8.00 |
| 64 kbps | \$ 8.00 |
| 128 kbps | \$ 15.00 |
| 192 kbps | \$ 25.00 |
| 256 kbps | \$ 30.00 |
| 384 kbps | \$ 45.00 |
| 512 kbps | \$ 60.00 |
| 768 kbps | \$ 90.00 |
| | Nonrecurring <u>Charge</u> |
| (4) <u>PVC Installation Charge</u> | \$50.00 |

\$25.00

18. Public Packet Data Network

Public Packet Data Networks utilize separate data networks, comprised of switching and transmission facilities. The networks provide for the transfer of data provided by a customer in a frame format. The data is separated into discrete segments for transmission through the public packet data network.

18.1 Frame Relay Access Service

18.1.1 General

(A) General

Frame Relay Access Service (FRAS) is a medium-speed, connection-oriented packet-switched data service that allows for the interconnection of Local Area Networks (LANs) or other compatible end user customer premises equipment for the purpose of connecting to an access customer's interstate network. The terminal equipment accumulates the customer data and puts it into a frame relay format suitable for transmission over the FRAS network. This terminal equipment must conform to American National Standards Institute and Committee Consultat de International Telegraphique et Telephonique (CCITT) standards.

FRAS permits customers to share network bandwidth for data transmissions.

Rates and charges for FRAS are set forth in 17.4.8.1 preceding. The application of rates for FRAS is described in 18.1.2 following.

In addition to the regulations and charges specified in this section, the general regulations and charges specified in other section of this tariff apply as appropriate.

(B) FAS is a transport service that facilitates the exchange of variable length information units (frames) between customer connections. Frames travel a fixed path through the network with an address that specifies the permanent virtual connection. Addresses are read by the network processor and the frames are relayed to the preassigned destination.

The service includes: the End User Port connection, the Access Customer Port connection, and Permanent Virtual Connections (PVC) which have associated Committed Information Rates (CIRs). A special access facility (ordered out of Section 7 preceding) is used to connect to the frame relay switch.

The End Use Port connection permits FRAS compatible end user customer premises equipment (CPE) to originate or terminate an interstate access service. Connections between end user customer premises equipment and the telephone company frame relay switch are available at speeds of 56.0 kbps, 64.0 kbps, or 1.544 Mbps. Each End User Port connection requires the identification of a corresponding terminating port connection(s).

18. Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

18.1 Frame Relay Access Service

18.1.1 General (Cont'd)

(B) The Access Customer Port connection connects the telephone company frame relay switch and the access customer's network. The facility connecting an access customer network to the telephone company frame relay switch is offered only at 1.544 Mbps.

Connections are provided via Channel Terminations (see Section 7 Special Access Digital Data and High Capacity Services preceding). All regulations, rates and charges as specified in Section 7 will apply in addition to the rates and charges associated with FRAS.

All End User Port connections must be in conformance with American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards T1.606-1990, T1.606 Addendum 1-1991, T1.606a-1992, T1.617, Annex D-1992. All Access Customer Port connections must be in conformance with ANSI standards T1.606b-1993 and Bellcore Technical Reference TR-TXV-001370, Issued: May 1993.

PVCs are software defined, end-to-end, bidirectional communications paths that are established and dis-established via the access service order process. While no physical circuits are dedicated, the two network addresses (one from each port connection) are connected electronically to form a PVC.

There are two types of PVCs available. The standard PVC establishes a communications path between two ports on the same frame relay switch. The extended PVC establishes a communications path between two ports on two interconnected telephone company frame relay switches.

At the time service is ordered the number of PVCs will be identified along with their Committed Information Rates. CIR is the bit rate at which the FRAS network commits to transfer data. Committed Information Rates provide for frame relay switch throughput at designated speeds. (See 18.1.2 (A) (3) following.) This information is required for network routing purposes.

(C) Ordering Options and Conditions

Frame Relay 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 charges which may be associated with ordering FRAS (e.g., Service Date Change Charges, Cancellation Charges, etc.)

A minimum of two FRAS port connections are required for data to be transported between customer designated premises.

18. Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

18.1 Frame Relay Access Service

18.1.1 General (Cont'd)

(C) Ordering Options and Conditions (Cont'd)

When placing an order for FRAS the customer must specify:

- the number of Permanent Virtual Connections (PVCs) required;
- the location of the ports for each PVC;
- 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.

(D) <u>Acceptance Testing</u>

At no additional charge, the Telephone Company will, at the customer's request, cooperatively test at the time of installation.

18. Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

18.1 Frame Relay Access Service

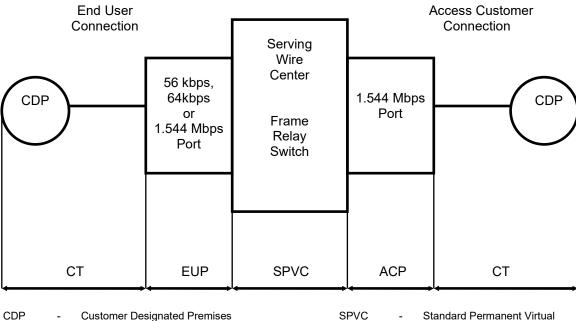
18.1.2 **Rate Regulations**

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

(A) Rate Categories

The following diagrams depict a generic view of the components of FRAS and the manner in which the components are combined to provide Frame Relay Access Service and Interconnected Frame Relay Access Service.

Frame Relay Access Service



Customer Designated Premises

CT **Channel Termination**

EUP **End User Port** **SPVC**

Standard Permanent Virtual

Connection

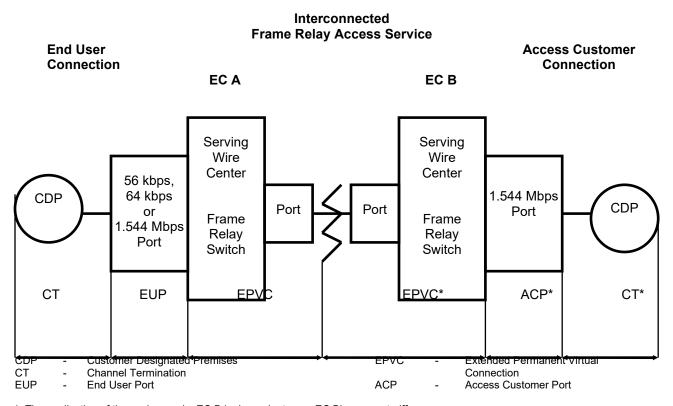
ACP Access Customer Port

18. Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

18.1 Frame Relay Access Service

18.1.2 Rate Regulations (Cont'd)

(A) Rate Categories (Cont'd)



^{*} The application of these charges by EC B is dependent upon EC B's access tariff.

Frame Relay Access Service is available at the wire centers as identified in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4. In the case of Interconnected Frame Relay Access Service, National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4 also identifies the intermediate and super intermediate wire centers.

(1) End User Port

The End User Port is the physical location in the telephone company switching office where the special access facility of the customer connects to the FRAS Network. It receives the data frame from the end user customer's Local Area Network or other compatible CPE device and verifies that the end user connection and the corresponding access customer connection are valid before relaying the frame to the destination end point.

18. Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

18.1 Frame Relay Access Service

18.1.2 <u>Rate Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

(A) Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(1) End User Port (Cont'd)

The End User Port consists of either a 56.0 kbps, 64.0 kbps, or a 1.544 Mbps port interface connection. 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. (See 7.9 and 7.10 preceding.) When a term discount is applied to a special access DS1 facility connecting to a 1.544 port on a frame relay switch, the discount on the port will be equivalent to the discount on the special access DS1 facility. A term discount on the 1.544 Mbps port is only available from those Telephone Companies listed in 17.3.10 preceding. Section 7.2.8(A) preceding specifies the conditions under which a term discount is applicable.

(2) Access Customer Port

The Access Customer Port is the physical location in the telephone company switching offices where the access customer's special access facility connects to the telephone company's FRAS network. It specifies how a frame relay switch sends and receives data from a frame relay access customer's network. The Access Customer Port is offered at a speed of 1.544 Mbps. The port connecting the special frame relay switch must be ordered and provided at the same speed as the special access facility. (See 7.9 and 7.10 preceding.)

A term discount on the 1.544 Mbps port is only available from those Telephone Companies listed in 17.3.10 preceding. Section 7.2.8(A) preceding specifies the conditions under which a term discount is applicable.

18. Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

18.1 Frame Relay Access Service

18.1.2 <u>Rate Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

(A) Rate Categories (Cont'd)

(3) Permanent Virtual Connection (PVC)

A PVC is a software defined communications path between two port connections within the FRAS network.

Each PVC is provisioned with a customer selected Committed Information Rate. The CIR is a transmission speed specified by the customer. CIRs range from 8 kbps to 768 kbps. The telephone company will provide switch capacity to permit the customer to transmit information with guaranteed delivery at the specified CIR. The telephone company will permit customers to attempt to transmit at speeds up to two completion. Attempted transmissions at above two times the CIR will not be permitted.

Customers will be permitted to order multiple PVCs on a given port subject to switch limitations. Customers anticipating non-simultaneous transmission may order CIRs assigned to these multiple PVCs, the sum of which may theoretically exceed the actual throughput of the port. However, when simultaneous transmission of multiple PVCs occurs, the total of the transmission rate (CIRs) may not exceed the actual throughput of the port.

There are two types of PVCs available. The standard PVC establishes a communications path between the End User Port and the Access Customer Port on the same frame relay switch. The extended PVC establishes a communications path between the End User Port on a NECA telephone company's frame relay switch and an Access Customer Port on another interconnected NECA or non-NECA telephone company's frame relay switch.

18. Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

18.1 Frame Relay Access Service

18.1.2 <u>Rate Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

(B) Types of Rates and Charges

There are two types of rates and charges. They are monthly rates and nonrecurring charges. The rates and charges are described as follows:

(1) Monthly Rates

Monthly rates are recurring rates that apply each month or fraction thereof that a FRAS is provided. For billing purposes, each month is considered to have 30 days.

(2) <u>Nonrecurring Charges</u>

Nonrecurring charges are one-time charges that apply for specific work activity that apply for specific work activity (i.e., installation or change to an existing service). The types of nonrecurring charges that apply for FRAS are: installation of service and service rearrangements. These charges are in addition to the Access Order Charge as specified in 17.4.1 following:

(a) Installation of Service

Nonrecurring charges apply for the installation of PVCs.

18. Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

18.1 Frame Relay Access Service

18.1.2 <u>Rate Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

- (B) Types of Rates and Charges (Cont'd)
 - (2) <u>Nonrecurring Charges</u> (Cont'd)
 - (b) <u>Service Rearrangements</u>

Service Rearrangements are changes to existing (installed) services.

A PVC Rearrangement Charge will be applied whenever a change is made to the CIR of an existing PVC after initial port installation and/or a change is made to the terminating port destination of the PVC.

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 or customer's end user contact name or telephone number, and
- Change of jurisdiction.

18. Public Packet Data Network (Cont'd)

18.1 Frame Relay Access Service

18.1.2 <u>Rate Regulations</u> (Cont'd)

(C) Minimum Period

The minimum period for FRAS is one month and the full monthly rate will apply to the first month. Adjustments for quantities of services established or discontinued in any billing period beyond the minimum period are as set forth in 2.4.1(F). The minimum period for the Frame Relay Service 1.544 Mbps port are as set forth in 2.4.2 and 5.5.1.